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You P's Elect Hatfield County Chairman

John D. Hatfield of Clark was elected chairman of the Union County Young Republicans at their annual convention held on Sunday, March 31 at the Mountainside Inn, Mountainside.

Mr. Hatfield succeeds Miss Constance A. Heatly of Westfield who served two terms and was constitutionally ineligible to run again this year.

Also elected were Carmel Jordan of Union, first vice chairman; James Andrews of Cranford, second vice chairman; Gerald Sartorius of Summit, third vice chairman; Robert Rooney of Newark State, treasurer; Judy Jamison of Scotch Plains, recording secretary; Ken Spencer and Cass Tiedeman, both of Westfield, state delegates; and Shirley Beck of Elizabeth, and Kathy Fulcomer, of Newark State, alternate state delegates.

Before moving to Clark last year, the new chairman was a member of Fanwood's Republican municipal committee, first vice-president of the Fanwood Republican Club, and served as a Director of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. Mr. Hatfield attended public schools in Fanwood and is a graduate of Blair Academy and Randolph-Macon College.

For the past two years he has been a state delegate for the County YR organization and served as chairman of the Westfield Area Young Republicans in 1966.

A member of the N. J. Secondary School Teachers' Association and the Association of Mathematics teachers of N. J., Mr. Hatfield teaches at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. He is also Treasurer of Spacarb Essex, Inc. in Fanwood.

After his election, Mr. Hatfield stressed that the County organizations' main goals are to increase the membership of the active municipal clubs and to build new YR clubs.

"It is the intent of the Young Republicans," he stated, "to provide as many young people as possible with the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience so that they may become the



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future leaders of the senior party organization. In pursuing these goals we plan to give all assistance possible to our Republican Presidential candidate and to the excellent Republican slate of county and municipal candidates."

Formal Dedication Ceremonies at Library

Formal Dedication of the new Scotch Plains Public Library took place on Saturday, April 6, with municipal officials, the state librarian, library trustees, and residents on hand to mark the opening.

Keys to the new building were presented to Scotch Plains Mayor Thomas J. Santo Salvo by the architect of the building, George McDowell, of McDowell-Goldstein of Madison. The Mayor then turned over the keys to A. Oram Davies, president of the library's Board of Trustees.

Davies gave the welcoming address. Sentiments were also expressed by the Mayor; Roger H. McDonough, State Librarian; and Lynnie A. Moore, Director of the Plainfield Library. Rev. Ralph J. Kievit of the Scotch Plains

Volunteers for McCarthy Plan Program

There will be a meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood group of the Volunteers for McCarthy tonight at the home of Mrs. Ronald Myers, Sky Top Drive, Scotch Plains. The group is planning a telephone and a door to door canvassing of the area. Particular emphasis will be placed on reminding the residents that in order to vote in the June 4th primary, they must be registered by April 25th.

The group is working to elect a slate of delegates who are pledged to Senator McCarthy. For further information contact E. Hochheiser, 889-4673 or J. Myers, 232-4913.

Union County Schools Closed All Day Tuesday

The communities of Scotch Plains and Fanwood mourned the slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King in numerous ways during the tragic April 6th and 7th weekend. In Churches throughout the area, church officials led their congregations in prayers for Dr. King and for the attainment of his hopes for brotherhood among men.

On Sunday, approximately 850 residents participated in a silent march from the Jersey Central Railroad Station in Fanwood to the Scotch Plains War Memorial, where a wreath in memory of Dr. King was placed on the monument.

Dr. George Hunt of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church offered a prayer for brotherhood before the march from the station began. The marchers, led by two children bearing the wreath, walked along Martine Avenue in Fanwood and Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. The group included clergy and members from all the churches within the two towns, Human Rights Council members, local officials, oldsters, and young children.

At the monument, ceremonies were opened with a prayer led by Rev. John Millar, of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church and vice president of the Human Rights Council. Gilbert Ridley, president of the Human Rights Council, introduced the speakers, who included Dr. Kelmo Porter of Saint John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, Mayor Roland Beetham of Fanwood, Dr. Albert Theurer (Scotch Plains Township Committeeman representing absent Scotch Plains Mayor Thomas Santo Salvo).

Human Rights Council President Gilbert Ridley, in a statement concerning the assassination of Dr. King, said:

"The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Human Rights Council wishes to express deep concern about the cowardly assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

His death is a great loss to both black and white people not only in our country but throughout the world. This Council here-with makes a pledge of rededication to the work, ideals, and causes for which Dr. King gave his life. Realizing that it is not possible to fill the great gap left in our society, we urge every American, black or white, rich or poor, to stand up and be counted among those who will make any personal sacrifice to change the system which fosters hate and bigotry within our nation and the world."

Hayward Gipson, Jr., a former football star at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Princeton University, offered excerpts from the speeches and writings of Dr. King. Rabbi Simon Potok of Temple Israel gave the benediction.

On Sunday evening, a large turnout of citizens gathered at a memorial service sponsored by the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. During the evening ceremony, Mayor Roland Beetham of Fanwood read President Johnson's proclamation of a Day of Mourning in honor of Dr. King.

There will be a meeting of the Scotch Plains Republican Club, 8:30 P.M. Monday April 15, at the Stage House Inn.

Because of lack of time, members will not receive the usual notification by mail.

Gilbert Ridley, president of the Human Rights Council, read Old Testament Lessons from the Psalms and Dr. Hunt read New Testament Lessons.

Four people read excerpts from the writings of Martin Luther King. They included Rev. Richard Garcia of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains; Darrell Brownell, Chairman of the Church and Society Committee at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church; Dr. Kelmo Porter of St. John's Baptist Church, and Rev. John Millar of Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

The Church Choir sang hymns, with the congregation joining in for The Battle Hymn of the Republic. In conclusion, Dr. Hunt urged each person in attendance to greet and speak with another whom he'd never met before.

Dr. Hunt stated that "they greeted and greeted and greeted. It continued for a long time."

Emotional reaction to the tragedy and to the many activities ran high within the community.

According to Mrs. Gilbert Ridley, it was "a thrilling and beautiful day." William Hock, a Human Rights Council member, expressed a hope that the community could "hold the spirit" evident in the march and church service.

Following Mr. Gipson's readings at the monument, a man approached Mr. Ridley with tears in his eyes, asking what he could do to help. Many at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church service were deeply touched, and expressed a hope for greater evidence of brotherhood within the community.

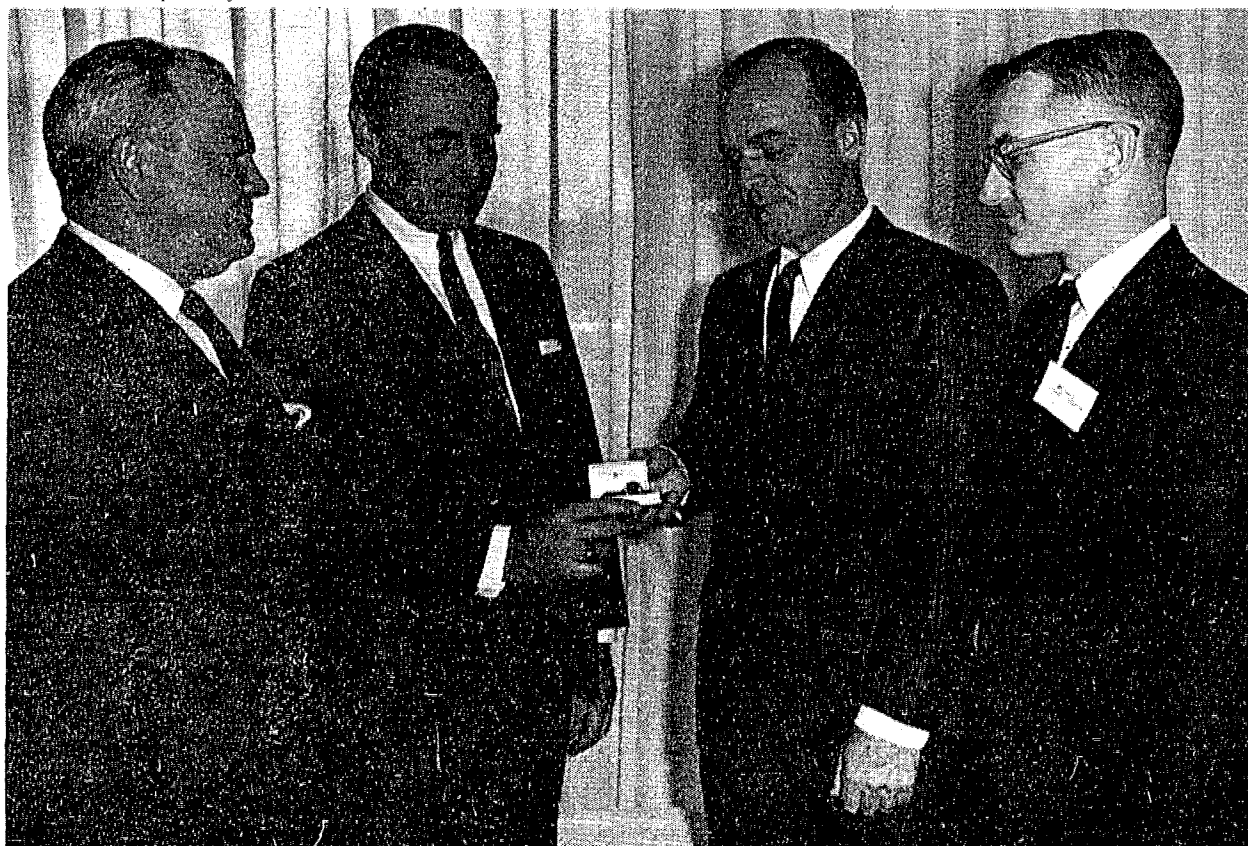
Schools in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood system were closed on Tuesday, the day of Dr. King's funeral, as were all public schools throughout Union County. A statement from Superintendent of Schools Fred J. Laberge read:

"Employees and students are encouraged to make use of this opportunity to reflect upon the life and works of this great American who has lived in support of peace and brotherhood for all mankind."

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All Republicans

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George McDowell gives key for the new Scotch Plains Public Library to Scotch Plains Mayor Thomas J. Santo Salvo as Board President Oram Davies and Library Director Abram L. Urban look on.