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## Rep. Dwyer Sees End of 7 Year Fight For Watchdog Program

A seven-year fight by Rep. Florence P. Dwyer (R-12th Dist., N.J.) to force Congress to 'watchdog' Federal grant programs more effectively and to enable States and localities to work more smoothly with the Federal government was won on Friday when the Senate followed the House in approving the Inter-governmental Cooperation Act of 1968.

The little known bill, Congresswoman Dwyer said, is expected to be signed into law shortly by the President and will have "a significant impact for the better on the way Federal, State and local governments work together to solve public problems."

She added: "Congress' ability to make certain that Federal programs are functioning effectively and efficiently will be greatly strengthened, and improved consistency and coordination in the management of Federal programs will enable States and cities to make more productive use of Federal assistance."

An original sponsor of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, Mrs. Dwyer also authored the compromise provision which requires Congressional committees, at least every four years, to conduct thorough studies of every Federal grant-in-aid program for which no specific expiration date has been provided by law.

Congressional committees she explained, will for the first time be required to report their findings to the House and Senate

as to whether grant programs have served their purpose and can be eliminated, whether the original programs require changes in purpose, direction or administration, or whether such programs are adequate to meet the needs they were designed to support.

"This new legislation," Congresswoman Dwyer said, "will finally bring a large area of Federal spending programs under more effective surveillance by Congress and bring to an end the unfortunate practice of allowing such programs to be perpetuated regardless of changing needs, duplication, and administrative deficiencies."

"By doing so, it will enable Congress both to do some intelligent economizing and to bring added attention and support to those programs serving the priority needs of our people."

Congressional action on the bill was completed on Friday when the Senate approved a House-Senate conference report on the bill, following similar action by the House on Tuesday. The bill now goes to the President to be signed into law.

## Laberge Expresses Concern Over Tree Removal Hassle

### Cites Board's Past Conservation Efforts

The removal of a grove of trees on the Evergreen School property was undertaken for purposes other than the provision of empty land for the erection of construction shanties and the parking of heavy building equipment, Superintendent of Schools Fred J. Laberge said this week. The felling of the trees, which brought forth expressions of chagrin from Democratic candidates and residents from homes adjoining the high school and Evergreen School, who protested at Board of Adjustment and Township Committee meetings, would have been forthcoming in the near future regardless of final decisions on parking areas and/or the construction of the high school addition.

### League of Women Voters Plans 4 Meetings

Four unit meetings have been planned by the League of Women Voters of Westfield for next week. The meetings will deal with legislative procedures as well as the legislative question to be voted on in the General Election.

The Monday meeting on October 14th will start at 12:45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Michael Sweeney, 23 Cornwall Drive. The discussion leader will be Mrs. Bernard Brown.

There will be an afternoon meeting on Tuesday October 15th at 12:45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Brooke Gardiner, 1364 Stony Brook Lane, Mountainside. Discussion leader will be Mrs. Peter Taussig.

An evening meeting will also be held on October 15th at the home of Mrs. Dwight Berreman, 549 Edgar Road at 8:15 p.m. Discussion leader will be Mrs. Kenneth D. Smith.

A morning unit meeting will be held on Thursday October 17th at 9:15 a.m. at the home of Mrs. N. R. Wickersham, Jr., 519 Birch Avenue. Discussion leader will be Mrs. Samuel Milstein.

Mrs. Carl Addinall, unit chairman has made arrangements for the units and assigned league members to units of their choice. Anyone wishing to attend the meetings is requested to contact Mrs. Addinall at 746 Belvidere Avenue.

### Board of Ed. Meets Oct. 17

The regular October meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will be held in the Administration Building, 1800 East Second Street, at 8:00 P.M. on October 17th. This meeting is open to the public and attendance is urged so that citizens may become aware of problems facing the Board.

Following the business meeting a presentation will be given on the topic, "Instructional Materials Centers and Educational Media." Charles H. Bihler, of the Terrill Junior High faculty will have charge of this program which will highlight technological trends including closed circuit TV.

Laberge said the area in question included an open ditch which ran between the properties of the two schools. The ditch rendered the land unusable and causes a health hazard, nuisance, and danger for children playing in the area. Plans have already been formulated for the complete piping in of the ditch, with accompanying grading of the land on either side of the ditch. Such grading would automatically entail new top soil, and architects had assured him, Laberge said, that such grading would necessarily include at least 12 inches of new soil around the trees there. The trees would eventually die off following the raising of the land level, he said, and the dead trees would eventually have to be removed in a separate contract, at approximately \$50 per tree.

If the land in question is not ultimately used for parking, as was originally planned in the proposal submitted by the Board of Education to the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment and denied, it will provide, in its improved state, valuable physical education and play areas for students in both schools.

Laberge said the inclusion of the tree removal in the present contract for the high school addition would result in a definite saving to taxpayers ultimately, since the job would not have to be done under separate contract.

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## Leaf Pick-Up

The fall leaf pick up has started. Weather and leaf drop permitting, the equipment will try to cover the town each eight days.

This equipment is designed to pick up and chop leaves only. Grass and branches will not be picked up. Stones hidden under leaves can ruin the machines and cause serious injury to our personnel and to passersby.

Please rake leaves only into the gutter and help us to avoid damage and injury and speed up this sizeable task.

## Kicks Off Annual Fire Marshall Program



L. to R. Fireman Arrowsmith, Chief Harry Messemer, Bruce Dickerson, Secretary & Treasurer Insurance Agents Assn.; Edward Evans, President of Insurance Agents Assn.; Arthur Meyer, Lieutenant; and Richard Kodatt, Captain. In cooperation with the Scotch Plains & Fanwood Fire Departments the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Independent Insurance Agents Association supports National Fire Prevention Week from October 6th to October 12th. The combined Fire Departments distributed literature, home fire check lists and over 2,000 Junior Fire helmets to the local school children. All of these items were donated by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Insurance Agents Association as a public service to help stress Fire Prevention and prevent needless loss. The Joint Fire Departments and the Insurance Agents Association ask that you support and cooperate with the Junior Fire Marshalls to eliminate fire hazards in your home and business.