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## School Improvement Board Chooses Three Candidates

The unanimous choice of the Executive Committee of the School Improvement Council for candidates for the Board of Education is a slate of what the Executive Committee considers an outstanding slate of the three following candidates: John Mahar, 575 West Court, Scotch Plains; Herb Thompson, 2311 Longfellow Avenue, Scotch Plains; Owen Lynch, 100 Willoughby Road, Fanwood.

The Council for the Improvement of Schools has evolved for very basic reasons. The problems facing residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood have become increasingly complex so that by necessity more time and consideration will have to be given to the quality of men and women who will sit on the Board of Education and formulate plans that will meet the educational needs of our two communities with soundness and saneness in expenditure. The other aspect pertains to the unhealthy condition of having such a small nucleus select the candidates that will and have served on the Board of Education. In presenting a full slate of candidates with sound ideas and interest in our Educational System, the School Improvement Council feels it is better meeting the needs of our present educational problems and

providing a healthier climate that is long over-due.

The areas that are of mutual concern are:

1. the existing quality and depth of educational objectives.
2. the need for greater involvement of the experience, knowledge, resources of the citizens located in our two communities.
3. the degree of professionalism and dedication of instructional and administrative staff in our school system.
4. the seeming lack of desire of professional people, both men and women, to seek elected positions on our Board
5. the relative standing of our system compared with others in our County and State (educationally, financially, administratively).

The president of the School Improvement Council is George Slage Mrs. Virginia Dekle serves as secretary.

## From Our Postmasters

Postmasters Schettino and Cardozo with the employees of Fanwood and Scotch Plains post offices today expressed sincere appreciation to the citizens of this area who helped assure on time delivery of holiday mail by cooperating with the post office.

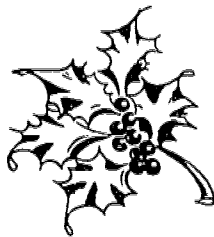
Without the help of our customers, by mailing early and using ZIP Code, we never could have done as good a job as we did, the postmasters said.

This year, a record breaking number of items were delivered nationwide and locally.

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Joint Civic Committee Endorses Three For Board Of Ed. Vacancies

The Joint Civic Committee of Fanwood and Scotch Plains has endorsed three candidates for the Board of Education. As an incumbent Dr. Herbert Soffer, of Fanwood, will seek reelection for a second three-year term. Mrs. Muriel Ramsden, from Scotch Plains, will also run for a second term. For the other vacant Scotch Plains seat, Mr. Herbert O. Thompson is the choice of the Joint Civic Committee.



## Popular Candidate!

Slates of candidates were received by the Scotch Plains Times from the Joint Civic Committee and School Improvement Council. The information contained was confidential and was marked for release as public information with the issuance of this copy of the paper.

Mr. Herbert Thompson has been endorsed as a candidate by both the Joint Civic Committee and the School Improvement Council.

Mr. Herbert O. Thompson and his wife reside at 2311 Longfellow Avenue, Scotch Plains. Mr. Thompson was educated in the Chicago Public School System and attended Illinois Institute of Technology. He is a Licensed Professional Engineer and is a member of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers.

Mr. Thompson is employed by Westinghouse Electric Corp. Elevator Division in Jersey City as a Senior Industrial Engineer. He participates in all phases of the company's industrial engineering

problems as well as the formal training of all industrial personnel. Herbert Thompson has also been a part time instructor



HERBERT O. THOMPSON

for New York University School of Commerce and the Graduate School of Business Administration.

In the sixteen years Mr. Thompson has resided in Scotch

The J.C.C. is made up of representatives from seventeen civic and service organizations from both communities. Names of many prospective candidates were received from individuals belonging to member groups as well as the general public. Qualifications of these prospective candidates, including the incumbents, were scrutinized by the membership and then voted on in an attempt to find the most highly qualified candidates to run for election to the Board of Education.

Plains he has participated in many community activities, including the Boy Scouts, the American Cancer Society and the Scotch Plains Public Library, serving as its president. He is also active in the First Methodist Church of Scotch Plains where he has been a church school teacher and Superintendent, Treasurer of Trustees, youth group advisor, etc., and where he is now serving as the Lay Leader and on several church commissions, including finance.

The Thompsons have grown children who graduated from Scotch Plains - Fanwood High School.

## More Contenders For School Board Posts

Owen P. Lynch, of 100 Willoughby Road, Fanwood, has been a resident of Fanwood for five years.

Lynch graduated from Fordham in 1954, and attended graduate school at the University of Louisville and Saint John's University.

Lynch is the president of The Owen P. Lynch Co. - manufacturers Representative and Consultant to the plastics industry. He is a member of the Society of Plastics Industry, and a member of the Society of Plastics Engineers.

Mr. Lynch has served as a Captain of the United Fund Campaign, and as Secretary of the Fanwood Taxpayers Association. He attends Saint Bartholomew's Church, where he is a Commentator and Lector and Instructor in Christian Doctrine at the grade level.

John Mahar, 34, resides with his wife and four children at 575 West Court, in Scotch Plains. A native of Syracuse, New York, he holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts, a M.S. in Chemical Engineering from the Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania, and is currently registered as a part-time graduate student in the MBA program at Rutgers, in Newark.

Mahar served with the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant, stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

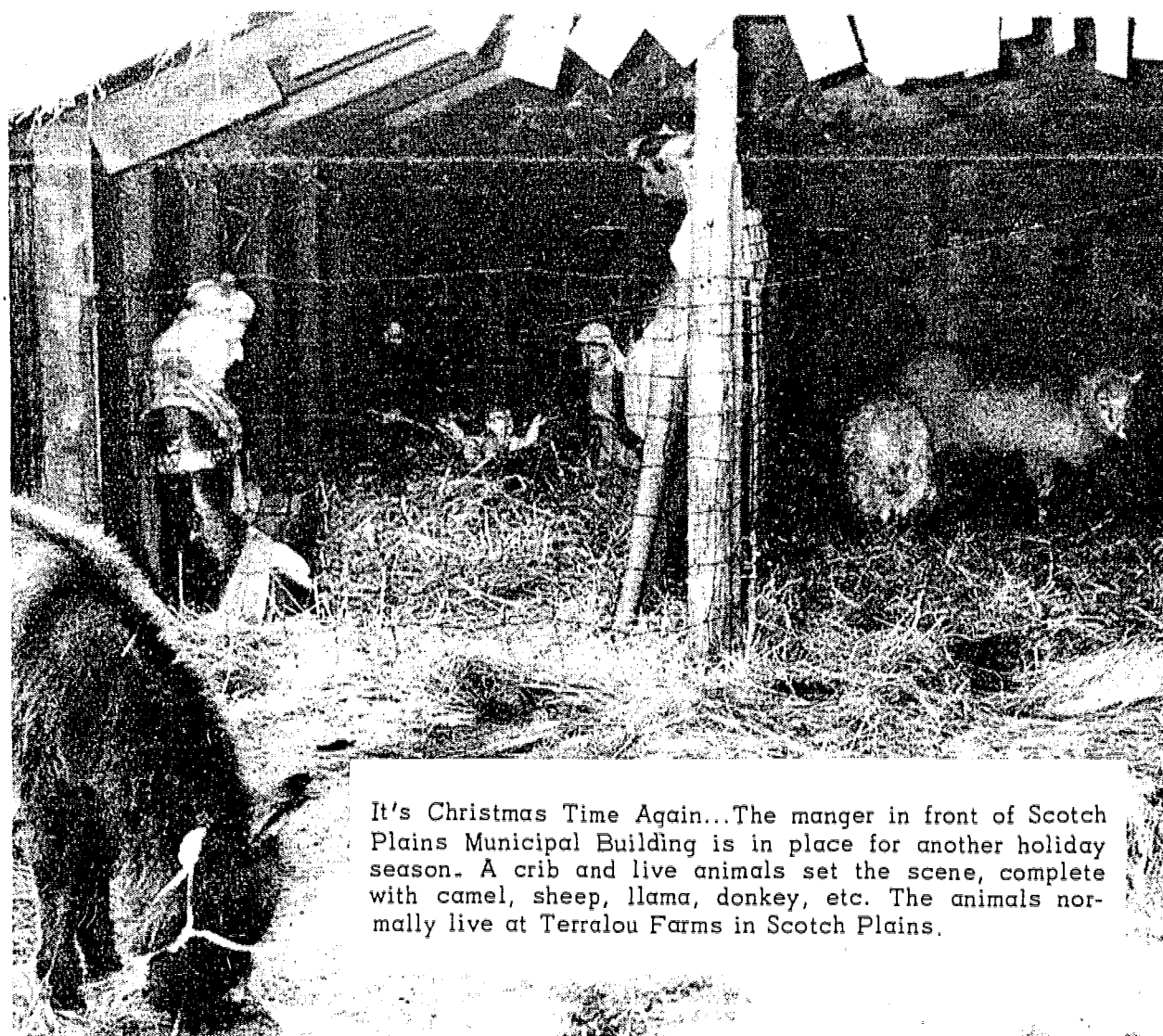
he is presently an engineering associate with Esso Research and Engineering Co., Linden, N.J. In the past, he is head of a technical group conducting a world-wide market development program in a new investments area.

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### DEADLINE CHANGE

Our  
New Year's Week  
Issue  
Will Be Published  
Monday Dec. 30

CLOSING TIME  
WILL BE  
Noon, Thurs., Dec. 26



It's Christmas Time Again...The manger in front of Scotch Plains Municipal Building is in place for another holiday season. A crib and live animals set the scene, complete with camel, sheep, llama, donkey, etc. The animals normally live at Terralou Farms in Scotch Plains.