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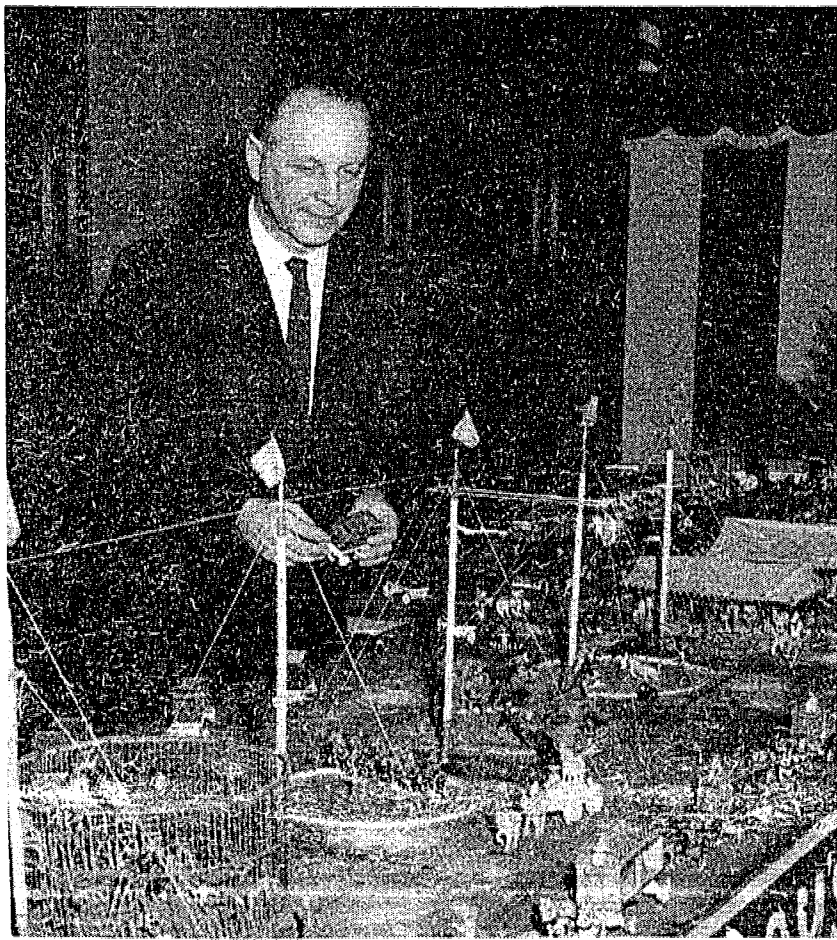
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## Mini Circus Displayed in Realtor's Window

John Mackay of 11 Kempshall Terrace, Fanwood has his scale model circus on display in the window of H. Clay Friedrichs, Inc. Gallery of Homes, 256 South Avenue, Fanwood.



Mackay's Mighty Small Circus is mighty in concept, including every possible detail of a circus, and small, being scaled to 1/4-inch to a foot in height. Each of the 1300 individual pieces of the circus is handcarved.

Mackay, a senior supervisor in the drafting department of Bell Telephone Laboratories in Holmdel, came upon his hobby quite naturally. He is a wood-carving enthusiast and a circus buff.

He grew up on his grandfather's farm in Cazenovia, N.Y. and was especially fond of horses, which are his favorite pieces to carve.

He has carved various breeds from pine, mahogany and walnut. First, he consults his reference material to determine the bone and muscle structure of a particular horse, and then makes a preliminary sketch.

The circus represents a typical American circus between 1900 and 1920. Mackay works from pictures of circuses, which he finds in old books and magazines and which people who see his exhibit give him.

He is a national vice president of the Circus Model Builders and Owners Association and the Circus Historical Society, where members exchange pictures, books and information about circuses.

The groups meet about every two years, and Mackay and his wife, Julia, have attended meetings within a 1,000 miles radius of New Jersey. "We don't compete for prizes, we just exchange ideas," he explained.

He adapts all sorts of household items to create the props

necessary for an accurate miniature circus. Toothpaste tubes become elephant ears; his wife's old pocketbook upholsters a carriage seat; parakeet feathers are used for plumed headpieces, and toothpicks make excellent wagon wheel spokes.

The entire circus takes several hours to assemble, and is 30 feet long and four feet wide when completely set up. It features a side show, menagerie, and six-ring circus with acrobats and a Wild West Section. His authentic backyard scenes include a horse tent, a blacksmith in action and an area that depicts preparations for a street parade.

Mackay's favorite piece is a canvas wagon stuck in the mud. The horses are straining at the shafts and an elephant is lending his strength.

The railroad scene shows the unloading of work wagons. Running down the entire length of the front is the street parade, an institution long since gone from modern circuses.

Mackay, who has been working on his hobby for 23 years, varies the time spent on different carvings, depending on the complexity of the piece.

"I give attention to details such as a handkerchief in a pocket, a luxuriant moustache, a cigar, blankets on horses," Mackay said. "I carry my tools with me at all times in case of a long red light," he added.

Mackay and his wife exhibit the circus at hospitals, schools, PTA's, Boy Scout jamborees, in banks and store windows, all for fun and on a non-profit basis.

The circus will be displayed through the Holidays.

## Thompson Sees No Conflict in Rival Group Endorsements

### Dr. Britton In Board Race

Dr. Peter N. Britton, Jr. of 1133 S. Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains filed a petition for candidacy for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

Britton will run as an independent candidate.

Dr. Britton is supervisor of chemical research in the research division of Chicopee Manufacturing Company in Milltown. Chicopee is a textile affiliate of Johnson and Johnson. Britton has been in the division for seven years, and was formerly a project director.

Britton holds a doctorate from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken. He was formerly a resident of Westfield. He holds membership in several professional organizations and serves as a deacon in the Shiloh Baptist Church in Scotch Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Britton are the parents of two children.

Herbert Thompson, endorsed by two rival groups as a candidate for a seat on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, has indicated that, although he finds the situation a little embarrassing, he does not see any conflict.

The endorsement of Thompson to fill one of three vacancies on the nine-man board came last week from both the Joint Civic Committee and the School Improvement Council.

The Joint Civic Committee, operative for the past several years in naming candidates for the Board, lists members from 17 organizations in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The School Improvement Council is a new organization, formed this year, with an announced intention of providing a "healthier climate" by furnishing more choice in candidates.

Speaking of the dual selection of Thompson, Virginia Dekle, the secretary of the School Improvement Council, said that Thompson is definitely "our man". Mrs. Dekle said careful consideration had been given to his thinking on local education and that the School Improvement

Council felt that he represents their thinking.

Thompson said he had made no decision concerning which slate he would run on and that he might run as an independent.

December 26 was the final filing date for petitions of prospective candidates, and the election is scheduled for February 4.

The Joint Civic Committee also announced their endorsement of incumbents Dr. Muriel Ramsden of Scotch Plains and Dr. Herbert Soffer of Fanwood. The School Improvement Council, in addition to Thompson, is endorsing John H. Mahar of Scotch Plains and Owen P. Lynch of Fanwood.

Three seats will be available on the school board: those of the two incumbents and that of Dr. Earl Chamberlin, currently the president of the Board of Education, who has announced that he will not seek reelection.

## Eight Elected to Area Chamber Board

The board of directors of the Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce today elected Osmon Fort, president of Interstate Printing Corporation, as the new president of the 600 member organization. Fort, who has served nearly twenty years in various leadership roles with the Chamber, will succeed Max Bussel whose term expires on December 31.

Elected to office in addition to Fort were an executive vice president, four department vice presidents, three division vice presidents and a treasurer. Max Bussel will remain in office as immediate past-president.

The departmental vice presidents elected are as follows: Vice President of Organization Affairs: Lennard J. Wissow of the J & H Berge Company, South Plainfield. Wissow, formerly vice president of the organization's South Plainfield Division, has also been active with the Chamber's Industrial Council. His new responsibilities as vice president of organization affairs will include activities in the areas of membership, meetings, publicity and public relations, program of work development and internal operations of the organization.

Vice President of Community and Area Development: Paterson Bond of Orvis Brothers, Plainfield. Bond formerly served a term as treasurer of the Chamber. As vice president of community and area development he will take charge of the chamber's efforts in the areas of longrange planning, housing, transportation and business development.

Vice President of Civic Development: Louis L. Rizzi of the Public Service Electric and Gas

Company. Rizzi has served for the past two years as chairman of the chamber's business development committee. As vice president of civic development Rizzi will oversee the Chamber's activities in the areas of education, beautification, solicitations and culture and recreation. Vice President of Governmental Affairs: Ralph Smalley, Jr. Attorney in Plainfield. Smalley has served for the past two years as chairman of the chamber's Congressional Action/State Legislative Committee and as a member of the Bylaws Revision Committee. As vice president of governmental affairs, Smalley's responsibilities will include the organization's local, state and national governmental action programs.

The division vice presidents, who also serve as chairmen of the various membership divisions within the chamber structure, elected are as follows:

Vice President - Industrial Council: Wallace K. Grubman of National Starch and Chemical Company. Long active in Chamber affairs, Grubman's responsibilities involve the maintenance growth and development of the area's diversified industrial base through the cooperative efforts of industry in council programs.

Vice President - Retail Division:

John Goldstein of Walten's in Plainfield. Goldstein has just completed a term as treasurer of the retail division. As vice president of the retail division, he will assume responsibility for the activities of the segment of the chamber membership which has as its goal the direct promotion of retailing in the core-city of Plainfield. The retail division raises and administers a promotion budget separate and apart from chamber dues to achieve its goals.

Vice President - South Plainfield Division: Joseph DeAndrea, Realtor in South Plainfield. De has served as a member of the board of directors of the chamber and as vice president of the South Plainfield Division will coordinate the chamber's efforts with its South Plainfield membership and advise the chamber board on matters effecting the community's contribution to the area economy.

Elected Treasurer of the Chamber was Kenneth W. Turnbull of the Plainfield Trust State National Bank. Turnbull, who begins a second term in that post, has as his responsibility the entire fiscal operations of the organization.

Re-elected to another term as the organization's executive vice president was Harold E. Vogt. Vogt, who joined the chamber staff two years ago, is the chief administrative officer and secretary of the corporation.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the organization's annual meeting at Wally's Tavern on the Hill on Tuesday, January 28, 1968. All will serve for a one year term or until their successors have been qualified and elected.