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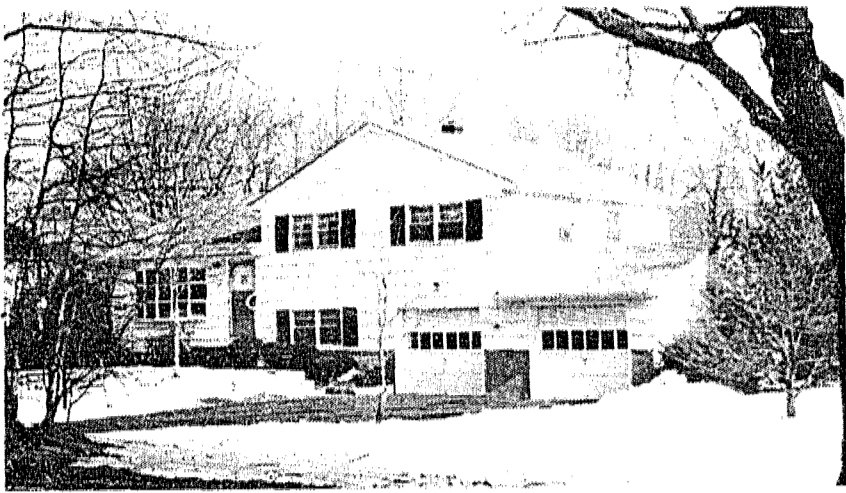
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Money was being made at 1292 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains . . . until local police and secret service agents put an end to the illegal activities in a raid on Friday, February 25. Mrs. Jacqueline Waron, a 35-year old widow, was apprehended in the act of printing counterfeit bills in her home at 5:08 p.m. She was arraigned in federal court on Monday.

Det. Lt. Robert Luce and Det. William Bedson of the Scotch Plains Police Department and secret service agents from Newark combined forces in the raid. They had a search warrant.

Luce noted that the search resulted from information developed by the local police over the past few weeks. The federal agents were called in by Scotch Plains, and the case is now being handled by Federal Authorities.

Confiscated in the raid were between \$400,000 and \$500,000 in partially completed \$20 bills and \$2,000 in completed counterfeit \$20 bills. Mrs. Waron was reported in the act of printing bills when arrested. A spokesman for the office of Herbert Stern, U.S. attorney for New Jersey, said the raid also yielded a printing press, negatives, and the plates used in the manufacture of the bills.

Mrs. Waron, whose husband is deceased, has lived in Scotch Plains since 1968. She has no children. She was formerly a member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and a teacher in Scotch Plains.

School Board To Discuss Freeland Reinstatement

The subject of reinstatement of Alfred W. Freeland as an administrator in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district will be discussed by the Board of Education next week, according to new board president Peter N. Britton. Freeland, who formerly held the post of Assistant Superintendent for Business, was notified by the board last spring that tenure would be denied. The move came at the same time that the board also voted to eliminate four top job titles in the administration; which titles were later reinstated pending a study of the administrative setup.

After the board notified Freeland, he assumed a similar position with the Montgomery public school system in Somerset County, but sued the local district over the tenure issue. Although he had been notified that tenure would not be granted, the 1970-71 Board of Education failed to take advantage of the 60-day clause in the contract with Freeland, which would have permitted termination of his services. Therefore, he worked as an employee of the district for the required three years, until June, 1971. He then brought suit, and last week N.J. Commissioner of Education Carl Marburger upheld Freeland's challenge.

The Board of Education of last year acted on the Freeland question with a split vote. Reportedly, the new president for this year, Peter N. Britton, did not favor denying tenure to Freeland. If the new board should decide to challenge the Marburger decision, it has 30 days in which to appeal the order.

In his decision, Marburger noted that the local board failed to follow the exact steps required in Freeland's contract.

Freeland this week expressed his happiness at Marburger's ruling, claiming that it "vindicates the school administration as a whole" in Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

Police Nab Armed Robbery Suspects

In recent months, police in several surrounding communities and in South Jersey and Staten Island have been plagued by a succession of similar armed robberies. Included in the list of more than 30 robberies in which the method of operation was almost identical was an armed robbery at MacDonald's Drive-In on Route 22.

This week, Clark police apprehended two men from Bayonne, with the arrest leading to their implication in over 30 instances. One of the men apprehended was implicated in the local robbery.

On Sunday, February 27, Clark Police apprehended Michael Bingham, 26, of 443A Kennedy Boulevard, Bayonne and George B. Heichel, 24, of 973A Broadway, Bayonne. Bingham was implicated in the local case, according to Det. Lt. Robert Luce of the Scotch Plains Police Department, but a second suspect is still being sought.

Luce noted that area police have been staking out drive-in restaurants in recent weeks. The rash of armed robberies had been occurring at locations

More Than 200 Changes Recommended By Tax Policy Committee

Listening Post

The regular monthly Listening Post session conducted by Scotch Plains Committeemen Alan Augustine, Walter Grote and B. Lawrence Newcomb has been set for Saturday, from 10 to 12 noon. The sessions have been planned by the two committeemen in order to provide for Scotch Plains residents an opportunity to present their views, seek information, and inform themselves on questions of concern. The public is invited to the informal meeting, which is held on the first Saturday morning of each month in the Committee Chambers, Municipal Building, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Announce Hours For Voter Registration

Borough Hall in Fanwood and the Municipal Building in Scotch Plains will both offer additional hours of service in forthcoming weeks, to enable new voters to register at their convenience. The registration deadline for those who wish to vote in the spring primaries is April 27. The elections will be especially important in Scotch Plains this year, since a completely new governing body will be elected next November. Last year, the Scotch Plains electorate authorized a change of government from the existing Township Committee to a Mayor-Council form.

The Fanwood Borough offices will be open evenings (for a 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. day) on the following dates: March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 18, 20, 24, 25, 26, and 27. In Scotch Plains, voters may register on March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 18, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27.

such as MacDonald's, Burger Chef, Carroll's, etc. In most cases, the robberies occurred between 9 and 11 a.m., just before the restaurants opened for lunch, but when personnel were on duty. Restaurants in North Plainfield, Clark, Rahway, Linden, and Scotch Plains were victimized.

The method of operation later changed to the late evening hours, just as the drive-ins were closing. Luce said the armed robbers would wait until main doors were locked, when personnel were cleaning, usually with a back door open for access.

The two men apprehended were narcotics addicts, according to Luce. They had a .38 caliber revolver and an attache case filled with cheap handcuffs which they had been using to handcuff restaurant employees.

Would Replace Outmoded Local Property Tax With Equitable State Income Levy

Since February 23, when the Tax Policy Committee made known its recommendations for over 200 changes affecting New Jersey's revenue raising approaches, citizens of the state have begun to digest portions of the lengthy report, which encompasses six volumes. It represents two years of work on the part of the Committee -- one of whom is Van Dyke Pollitt, a member of the Fanwood Borough Council.

In very basic terms, the Committee has recommended to the Legislature extensive reductions in property taxes, with the state instead instituting an income tax to raise necessary funds. If the Committee's report were to be adopted, the state would collect funds for education, and distribute the monies back to the communities on an equitable basis. This approach to educational funding would replace the present method, in which municipalities raise the money for their own school buildings and programs.

This week, The Times has approached Pollitt for answers to a few questions which may be of concern to Scotch Plains-Fanwood residents. Pollitt has not only provided the answers, but has also offered his services to Times readers in the future. If there are any questions regarding the tax package recommended to the Legislature, such questions may be referred to The Times, and will in turn be answered by Pollitt.

Q. What happens to the New York commuter with regard to the New Jersey income tax?

A. The New York commuter has been paying taxes on all income he has earned in New York. He will continue to do so. He shall compute his tax on his entire income, and will be allowed a credit against his New Jersey income tax liability in the amount of income tax paid to other states, provided that the tax credit may not exceed the New Jersey tax, multiplied by the ratio which the out-of-state income bears to the taxpayer's total adjusted gross income. In simpler terms: the resident commuter takes his total adjusted gross income plus the proper rate of New Jersey taxation, minuses his present New York state taxes, and, in Pollitt's opinion, would come up with a minus. Commuters, who have long been accustomed to paying New York state income taxes already, would find a reduction in their property taxes . . . but no corresponding jump in their total income taxes, provided the bulk of their income is earned out-of-state.

Q. New Jersey has not had an income tax to date. How many other states have state income taxes?

A. New Jersey would become the 39th state to institute a state income tax.

Q. Explain how the new property taxing suggested by the

Committee would work.

A. First of all, all property assessments would have to be equalized throughout the state. This step is currently being pursued within Union County, with the recently institution of 100 percent assessments. Property owners would pay municipal taxes just as they do now, to cover such municipal services as police and fire protection, roads, recreation programs, etc. However, education, which forms the bulk of the tax total in municipalities, would no longer be paid on a community basis. The state would take over the funding of education. To raise the necessary money, the state would assess every New Jersey property owner \$1 per \$100 of assessed valuation toward education costs. This would generate \$555,000,000. The graduated state income tax would generate another \$550,000,000, and extensions to the sales tax would raise \$237,500,000.

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Any Questions On The Tax Proposals?

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood community is fortunate in having an expert-in-residence on the recently completed study of taxation in the state. Van Dyke Pollitt, President of the Fanwood Borough Council, has been among the 38 people named by Governor Cahill two years ago to study the overall taxation picture and come up with recommendations. The finale of the two year effort -- a six-volume report including more than 200 recommended changes, including state financing of education and a graduated state income tax -- was presented to state legislators for their study last week.

The report has already occasioned some question from the general public, and will undoubtedly continue to do so, since it is very extensive and detailed. Pollitt has offered his services to the Scotch Plains Times to answer questions regarding the tax study. Readers may direct their questions to The Times Office, 1600 East Second Street, and answers will be sought from Councilman Pollitt.