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Rossi Named Captain In Scotch Plains Police Department

Lieutenant Michael Rossi was named a Captain in the Scotch Plains Police Department by the Township Committee on Tuesday.



MICHAEL ROSSI

became a Sergeant in 1957 and Lieutenant in 1965. Rossi was the recipient of the first Commendation Plaque ever awarded to a local policeman in 1960, the award being made by the Township for Rossi's efforts in thwarting a robbery attempt of a local gas station by three armed men.

Rossi is a Past President and Past Delegate of P.B.A. Local 87, the only officer to have served both positions at the same time.

The new Captain was the first Drunkometer expert in Scotch Plains after completing Union County Drunkometer School, and the first qualified Firearms Instructor and presently the Firearms Training Officer.

He has completed many police-related schools in areas such as fingerprinting, detective school, investigation, narcotics, etc.

A veteran of World War II, Rossi was awarded the Silver Star, attained the rank of Staff Sergeant, and saw action in Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, New Georgia and the Philippines.

Minio, he lives at 2092 Westfield Avenue with his wife and four children, Mrs. Patricia Smith, Linda, Michael, Jr. and Frank and Frank.

Patrolman Ronald Donnelly was named Sergeant. Donnelly has been with the Department since 1961, and has attended schools for fingerprinting, photography, traffic control, narcotics enforcement, and criminal investigation. Donnelly has been president and treasurer of P.B.A. Local 87 and for the past six months has been assigned to the detective bureau. Mr. Donnelly resides at 1620 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains with his wife, the former Josephine DiFrancesco and four sons, Clark, Thomas, Sean and Brian.

Patrolman Thomas Culp, who has served with the Criminal Investigative staff of the Hudson County Prosecutor, was assigned to the detective bureau. Culp has been associated with the local police department since 1962 and has been assigned to the Patrol Division.

During his year's leave of absence to serve with the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, he was responsible for review and

preparation of child battery cases to be presented before the Grand Jury and was a liaison representative to service agencies dealing with child abuse.

He has completed the equivalent of 50 credit hours at Union College, and has taken police courses in many areas - photography, fingerprinting, explosive ordinance reconnaissance, criminal investigation, traffic, narcotics, etc.



RONALD DONNELLY

THOMAS CULP

Culp and his wife, Jean Lorraine, live at 2535 Smith Street and have two children, Lisa and Tommy, Jr.

The Township Committee received the resignation of Rocco V. Ponzio as a member of the Department. Ponzio has served for 32 years, and was praised for his dedication to the job. He has reached mandatory re-

Hearing Date Set For \$40,000 Tennis Courts Ordinance

Scotch Plains would build four new tennis courts under the terms of an ordinance introduced Tuesday, appropriating \$40,000 for the courts, which would be located in Kramer Manor Park in Evelyn Street. Evelyn Street runs off South Martine Avenue.

The public hearing on the ordinance has been scheduled for September 19. In most cases, a public hearing on an ordinance is scheduled for two weeks after introduction. However, Committeeman Walter Grote suggested a delay until September 19, since it is expected that there will be considerable community interest in the ordinance and it might be difficult for some residents to attend a hearing the night after Labor Day.

Another new ordinance amends a previous ordinance, and adds \$10,000 to monies previously appropriated for stream improvements. The hearing is slated for September 5.

There would be no parking in Cedar Street under terms of a third new ordinance introduced at Tuesday's Township Committee meeting.

An emergency appropriation of \$2,500 was approved for construction of an extension of Senger Place. As explained by Mayor Theurer, emergency vehicle access was cut off during construction of the new municipal building, necessitating an unexpected construction of Senger Place through to Front Street.

The move had to be made quickly, therefore requiring an emer-

Committee Named To Study Curriculum In Local School District

Thirty-six Member Committee Will Undertake Broad Study.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education last week approved the creation of a 36-member committee to undertake an in-depth study of the curriculum of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district. The committee will zero in on the elementary level of schooling. According to Dr. Perry Tyson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, the group has the following needs to consider: 1) what are the goals of elementary education here; 2) what experiences give the greatest promise of attaining these goals; and 3) how can the district evaluate the attainment of these goals.

Tyson, who assumed the position recently, said a close look at elementary education had already been established as top priority in the district. Decisions had to be made on how to achieve the best learning experiences for elementary level youngsters, Tyson said, and very fortunately the local district is in an excellent position to make and to implement such decisions since the building expansion program will permit a look at the many alternatives of teaching.

Tyson also emphasized the willingness of the staff to explore the possibilities of elementary level teaching.

Tyson said that in order to determine just how to study elementary instruction, he named a 12-member steering committee with district-wide representation. That committee's recommendations resulted in the creation of a 36-member committee.

The members include 11 teachers representing each school, the 12 directors and coordinators, one elementary and one secondary principal elected by their fellow principals, three members of the office of pupil services staff, one member of the Instructional Council, one member of the Education Association (a teacher group), the PTA Council president, three students, and one member of the Board of Education.

The committee members who are staff will each be granted 10 half-session days in order to serve on the committee.

Although it had originally been planned that the student members would be named by their Student Councils, Board Vice President Richard Bard suggested, and the Board of Education approved, a system whereby the students would be elected by their student bodies to insure a "better sounding board" of student views, according to Bard.

Bard also suggested a new tallying system for staff absences, which the Board approved. Staff absences will now be listed by month and by school on special forms. Although staff absence information is now tallied, it is not readily available to the board in its present form, Bard said.

He feels that the new approach will assist the board in its personnel evaluations and contract negotiations because it will provide a picture of total absences and reasons behind them. The

Listening Post Tonight

The Scotch Plains "Listening Post" will be held tonight in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, beginning at 8:00 p.m. In keeping with the summer schedule established in June, Mayor Albert Theurer and Committeeman William Kitz will be on hand to discuss any and all subjects which residents care to bring to their attention.

During the fall, winter and spring months, the Listening Post is held on one Saturday morning a month, with Committeemen Alan Augustine, Larry Newcomb and Walter Grote in charge.

Ralph DePaolo, Superintendent of Public Properties, will attend the meeting.

Retirement age. He was appointed a special police officer.

In further police-associated activities, three patrolmen, John Kennedy, Ernest Hines and John Barich, were commended for their actions in apprehension of a burglar on August 7.

cost of staff absences is a "major expense" which is "constantly escalating" the Vice President said.

The board is actively recruiting for a replacement for Dr. Frank Velpa, who resigned from the principalship of Park Junior High, it was reported.

There were some questions regarding the curriculum committee from the audience. One resident objected to its size, stating "It sounds more like a convention than a committee to me."

Recycling Drive On Saturday

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees, in cooperation with the Environmental Action Group of Fanwood-Scotch Plains, will hold its seventh monthly recycling drive on Saturday, August 26. This drive, like those in the past, will be held between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Fanwood Railroad Station.

The support and interest given to this project by the Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents has been good. However, in order for the two communities to receive maximum benefit, there must be greater participation by more residents.

COME OUT ON THE 26TH AND BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU!

Revised Zoning Ordinance Is Introduced

The Scotch Plains Township Committee has set September 25 as the date for a special meeting at which the Committee will detail changes and amendments in the new zoning ordinance.

A complete revision of the Scotch Plains zoning ordinance which took several years to complete, was introduced to the public in the spring, followed by a public hearing. The Committee has been reviewing and studying the reactions and comments which resulted from that hearing, and how have completed changes. Details on the latest version of the ordinance will be forthcoming in next week's issue of The Times.