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Three Promoted By Fanwood Police

Fanwood Police Sergeant A. J. Parenti, 40, and Charles W. Persson, 45, were promoted last night to the rank of lieutenant, and Patrolman Gory J. DeChellis, Jr. was promoted to sergeant at ceremonies conducted during the Borough Council meeting. The promotions will be effective as of April 1st. The promotions followed examination procedures recommended by Chief Joseph L. Gorsky and conducted by the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police. Westfield Chief James F. Moran was in charge of the examining team of five chiefs. Oral and written examinations were administered by the outside professionals, and a Fanwood Police Board interview was conducted last week.

Lieutenant Parenti has been a member of the department for sixteen years and had been a sergeant since 1970. He has been the Borough Safety Officer. Lieutenant Persson, a twenty-four year veteran of the department had been a sergeant since 1959. He had been designated detective sergeant since after the retirement last fall of Lieutenant Harold Millwater.

Sergeant DeChellis, an eight year veteran of the department, was hired in 1965 and has been a member of the Union County Tactical Strike Force.

Police Commissioner, Van Dyke Pollitt, Mayor Theodore F. Trumpp, and Chief Joseph L. Gorsky participated in the promotion ceremonies.

An "eligibility list" naming Patrolman Jack A. Hildebrand

and Norman L. Fourre, Jr., as number two and number three finishers in the sergeant examination was adopted effective until December 31, 1974. These men will be the next promoted to sergeant occurring during this period.

Commissioner Pollitt was quoted as saying that all sergeants and all six grade A Patrolmen who were eligible to take the promotion examination did so. "We are extremely proud of the entire department, and particularly of these ten men who took part in the promotion process," Pollitt said. "It is a sign of a healthy department."

Parenti will be assigned administrative duties, Persson will head the department detective division, and DeChellis will be a line sergeant.

Businessmen Hit Saturday Parade Plan

Retires



RAYMOND J. CALLAGHAN

The School One PTA and Faculty plan to honor Raymond J. Callaghan, Principal, at a Retirement Dinner on May 17th, at the Tower Steak House in Mountainside, N.J. An open invitation is being extended to friends and acquaintances who wish to attend.

Mr. Callaghan has served the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School System for the past 30 years, first as Varsity Coach in the High School and then as its Vice-Principal. For the last 15 years he has been Principal of School One. Five of these years he also served as Principal of Muir School.

Upon his retirement, he will relocate to the family home in Cape May where he and his wife, Eleanor, will pursue their hobbies of jewelry crafts and antique-collecting.

For further information concerning the dinner, please call School One office 322-7731 by April 18.

that philosophically he could not make the party switch. He's not an independent, either, he noted.

Epstein claimed that the choice of McDonough over himself was a choice made by Governor Cahill. He said Cahill wants to get rid of anyone who won't rubber stamp his programs. The local candidate is concerned that the voices of the electorate are heard, rather than a lone voice - that of the Governor.

Epstein further challenged the explanation of Republican leaders that McDonough is a proven top vote-getter. Epstein said McDonough was offered the chance to run on the Republican ticket for Senator in 1971 and turned it down, running instead for the Assembly. Back then, senators were elected at-large in the county, and Epstein was the "sacrificial lamb" he claimed.

He'll run on his record, he said. Elected to serve all the residents of Union County, he points to his record, having been the most successful freshman senator in getting bills passed. He has had 15 bills passed.

Propose Monday Date As Less Damaging To Business

Every year, for at least 30 years, Memorial Day has been observed in Scotch Plains and Fanwood with a parade. The parades have always been run by the American Legion Community Post #209, and have been extremely popular, with both the residents who form marching units and the spectators by the thousands, who line the curb by 9 a.m. to honor the local war dead, celebrate the holiday, observe the beginning of summer, etc.

For almost the entire parade history, the parades have taken place on the May 30 Memorial Day holiday. However, with the national change in the calendar, which provided that Memorial Day always be observed on a Monday in order to provide a three-day weekend holiday, the parade day began to change.

Two years ago, the Legion held the parade on a Saturday. The local business community wasn't too happy. Then, last year, the parade was scheduled for Sunday morning. That decision brought forth an objection from the Ministerial Conference and from many private citizens who felt the Sunday parade interfered with church attendance.

The 1973 parade date has been set by the Legion for Saturday, May 26. That announcement has once again brought forth comment from some Park Avenue businessmen, who feel that stores would be closed anyway on Monday, since it will be a holiday, and therefore suggest that Monday would be a far more suitable day for the parade. In addition, the businessmen say, they were promised two years ago by the Scotch Plains governing body that the subject of the parade date would be discussed with the businessmen who are affected. Such a discussion did not take place, they claim.

Frank Orrico, a member of the American Legion, retired recently as parade chairman. However, he is highly qualified and experienced, having served as parade chairman for 15 years. Why the choice of Saturday, Orrico was asked.

Orrico pointed out that Memorial Day parades are uncommon in this part of the country, with most municipalities scheduling parades for July 4 instead. The local parade is one of the largest in this part of New Jersey. However, Orrico said, many towns do schedule civic observances of the day, in the form of wreath-laying, speeches, etc., and therefore bands and drum and bugle corps from the various towns are often committed to their own municipalities for Monday activities. Therefore, it is easier to sign the 14 or 15 bands which parade, when the parade is slated for a Saturday.

On the local scene, there are hundreds of local residents who parade. They parade with Brownies and Scouts, YMCA and Little League. It is far more convenient for their families to remain on hand for Saturday morn-

ing, then exit for weekends out of town, than to expect the paraders to return for a Monday morning parade.

"We are faced with a number of situations, and we're trying to satisfy everyone," Orrico said. "We figured this hurt the least number." He indicated that the Legion has had complaints from some businessmen who favored the parade and who felt it brought them increased business.

The Legion has a responsibility in this area, to pay tribute to the war dead, Orrico said. The important consideration is to honor men who have given up lives, who are dead and gone, and if a sacrifice must be made, surely a portion of one day will not hurt the businessman, the former parade chairman said.

He indicated that the Legionnaires are quite concerned over a number of complaints about the inconvenience caused by the parade.

Smith, who operates "Smitty's," an appliance store on Park Avenue, said he spoke for the local businessmen's association in voicing objections. Although the parade starts at approximately 9:30 a.m., and ends before noon in Scotch Plains, it takes hours to get all the marching units into buses and on their way home, Smitty says. Meanwhile, businesses such as his, where deliveries and pickups are involved, suffer due to the massive traffic jams which prohibit a truck from gaining access to the rears of Park Avenue stores. Smitty said he hadn't spoken to one businessman who favored the parade date. He pointed out, however, that reaction from the business community would not have been as negative if the businessmen had been consulted or brought into a discussion of problems involved.

William Murry, who owns Village Shoe Shop, said the parade makes it difficult, if not impossible, for customers to get in or out of his store. Saturday is the biggest business day for local retailers, he said, and most open their shops by 9 a.m. on a Saturday morning.

Meyer Freiman, who operates Park Rx Pharmacy, said the logical action on the part of the Council would have been to hold a discussion with those most affected by the date - the local businessmen. The Saturday parade takes dollars out of the pockets of local businessmen, he indicated.

Senator Epstein To Establish Campaign Headquarters Here

"Scotch Plains is my home base, and I plan to wage my campaign for the state Senate nomination from a headquarters here," Senator Jerome M. Epstein said this week. The local Senator plans to enter the June Republican District 22 Senate primary against Assemblyman Peter J. McDonough of Plainfield.

The Union County Republican Policy Committee recently announced endorsement of McDonough for the District 22 Senate race. Legislative redistricting had put McDonough, and two other Republican assemblymen, Herbert Kiehn of Rahway and Arthur Manner of Berkeley Heights, in the same district. There are only two assemblymen elected from a district.

Epstein said he has had literally hundreds of calls from party officials and the public, not only from District 22 but from throughout New Jersey, expressing their displeasure with the Committee for overlooking Epstein and choosing McDonough. It was this support that led Epstein to

the decision to run against McDonough in the primary.

The Senator is well known to local residents. The family lives at 3 Argyle Court, Scotch Plains and the two Epstein girls, Mandy and Lori, are students at Coles School. Before his successful Senatorial campaign, Epstein had headed the local Cancer Crusade for two years and had served on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

He has always found extensive support in his home town, he said on Tuesday night. In fact, Scotch Plains traditionally has delivered the best pluralities for the Republican party.

His decision to open a headquarters in Scotch Plains was made because of his close identity with the community, he said. The location of the headquarters will be announced within a day or two, the Senator said, and he will be putting together a campaign staff of approximately 10 people, whose names should be announced within 10 days.

After the Policy Committee decided to endorse McDonough, Epstein had been approached by Union County Democratic Chairman Christopher Dietz to run in the district as a Democrat. While he felt "extremely humble" over the offer, Epstein said

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