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COMMUTER PROBLEMS PLAGUE STRATHMORE BUS ROUTE

The Public Service Coordinated Transport in July of 1965 filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission increased fares on three of its interstate routes including express service from Strathmore to New York City. The increase, amounting to slightly more than seven per cent on a ten-trip ticket, was to become effective on August 6, 1965.

A petition opposing the increase was circulated among commuters and in two days two hundred and forty-seven (247) signatures, approximately 50 per cent of all bus riders, were obtained. The petition maintained that although the Strathmore run operated "at or near the highest load capacity ratio for its (Public Service's) system," its revenues were being combined with those of other less profitable runs, thereby showing an over-all loss. The petition requested that a public hearing be held before the rate increase was allowed to go into effect. As required by ICC regulations, the bus company replied to the petition and apparently bolstered the contention that the increase was based on an over-all loss by giving operating results for its No. 139 line (which includes Carteret, Sayreville and others in addition to Strathmore) rather than the Strathmore run by itself.

On August third, petitioners were notified that the ICC, "by its Board of Suspension, upon consideration of the matters involved, has concluded not to suspend" the proposed fare increase. At this point petitioners were advised by Representative James J. Howard as to the procedure for appealing that decision. He stated that he had been assured by an ICC staff member that such an appeal would undoubtedly be granted. However, by a letter dated August fifth, petitioners were advised that Division Two of the ICC, acting as an appellate board, had voted to uphold the decision of the Board of Suspension. The letter concluded that "the action of the Board of Suspension and of Division Two does not constitute approval of the protested schedules (fare increases)." Never-the-less, the new rates went into effect on August sixth as requested by the bus company.

During the latter part of August a conference was held between two Public Service officials and the originators of the petition, Messrs. Murphy and Fitzgerald of Strathmore, at the bus company's request. Although no specific reason was given by the company officials for the meeting, the main points covered were ways and means of improving the service. One official also promised to obtain a breakdown of the revenues and

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Bayshore Auxiliary Christmas Dinner

The Matawan Borough Auxiliary of the Bayshore Community Hospital announces that tickets for its annual Christmas Dinner-Dance can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Robert Mac Kenzie, 45 Ingram Circle, Matawan, 566-8831 or Mrs. Richard Crane, Ned Drive, Matawan, 566-6619.

The dance will be held Saturday, December 18th, in the Presidential Ballroom of the Molly Pitcher Inn, Red Bank, at eight p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 per person. An anteroom will be available for socializing and Dutch-treat cocktails from 7:30 to 8:00 prior to the dance.

Dress is optional. Door prizes will be awarded. The proceeds of this dance will be donated to the Bayshore Community Hospital.

First Aid Squad Fund Drive Ends

The annual fund drive of the Matawan Township First Aid & Rescue Squad has officially come to a close and the Squad wishes to thank residents for its generous support. Bob Martinek, fund drive chairman, announced that \$8,800 had been collected to date, which is a little short of its goal of \$10,000.

This year's drive shows an increase of \$1,500 over last year. Approximately 85% of the Township donated to the Fund Drive — 4% refused, and the balance were not home when the men canvassed these houses.

Anyone who wishes to can still mail his donation to: Matawan Township First Aid Squad, P. O. Box 412, Cliffwood, N. J.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

December 1 — 8:30 p.m.

"THE INTRICACIES
OF ZONING"

Strathmore Elementary School
ALL-PURPOSE ROOM

Police Ask For Driver Cooperation

While some people look at the fur on muskrats to find out if it's going to be a long, rough winter, Chief of Police Ralph E. Wallace looks at automobiles.

"We've got more car owners and cars in our town than ever before," he observed today, "and it's going to be an interesting winter."

"The people driving those cars are depending on them for safe and efficient transportation all winter long. Yet, in a snow storm, all this traffic will quickly pack the snow down, clutter up plowing operations and tie up traffic if we aren't careful. And heavy traffic will, of course, mean heavy exposure to the danger of accidents on icy streets and highways."

Official plans are well under-way, he assured, for keeping the streets open and for directing traffic during the difficult winter weather.

But the traffic department has learned from bitter past experience, the chief pointed out, that only one stalled vehicle, or one untimely skidding accident, can tie up rush-hour traffic hopelessly — causing anything from frayed nerves to a serious emergency.

"And believe me it can be an embarrassing experience for the fellow sitting in the bottleneck," he recalled.

Although individual driving skill is important, many winter tie-ups are caused simply by failure or absence of recommended winter driving equipment, according to the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

"Look at it this way," Chief Wallace suggested. "We wouldn't ask our football team to go out there without good equipment — head and face guards and protective padding. Well, winter drivers need good equip-

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Letter to Editor

**RETIRED RESIDENT PROTESTS
HIGH LIBRARY COSTS**

In a letter dated October 15, 1965, Mr. Joe Pipas of 580 Lloyd Rd. protested to the Civic Association what he considers "a tax and spend" policy . . . which he further states, "was never right, especially for an older person, who tries to retire on his savings, like myself."

Mr. Pipas feels that the news stories concerning the library have been hazy and confusing. He agrees that a library is a "useful requirement for the area, but the people in charge have the idea that money is flowing freely in Matawan Creek," to again quote him. He resents what he feels to be a "disregarding of individual rights . . . pushing through high-cost projects without referendums."

Clippings from BROWN'S LETTERS, INC., Architects Building, 101 Park Ave., N.Y.C., Construction Report data was included in this letter. This report cited several libraries in much older and more established communities that were being built at far less cost than the one proposed for the Matawan area: "Free Public Library, Berkeley Heights, N.J." total cost, "\$112,000.00." "Haddon Heights, N.J." total cost, "\$182,000." There were others also mentioned in the report dated September 28th, 1965.

The Civic Association concurs with the opinion that the proposed Library is far too ambitious a project and further that it is a necessary project. Thank you, Mr. Pipas, for your interest in this matter. We understand the problems of a fixed income in a rising tax area and have consistently ask for intelligent spreading of residents' tax dollars.

Civic Association Meeting

First Wednesday Each Month

**Deadline for the January Issue of
The Observer Will Be Dec. 15th**

Editorials

**WHAT DO YOU EXPECT OF
YOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION?**

How can the OBSERVER serve you? Would you give this question some thought? It's your newspaper.

The Civic Association is reaching a crossroads. We must know in what direction you, members of the association, want the Civic Association to take. Don't let your association become the sounding board for only a few. This will most certainly happen when expressions of interest are not forthcoming. We don't want it to happen. Many residents have constructive, intelligent opinions concerning current and pending civic problems.

We may not print every letter to the editor or specifically answer an individual, but every matter brought to the attention of a member of the executive committee is discussed by this committee and further action taken if at all possible. This is how your civic association serves you.

If you're not satisfied with the service, let us know that, too. We can't hope to be aware of all civic problems. We're but a few. We do ask you to help us do a better job.

Drop a line to the Strathmore OBSERVER, Box 100, Matawan, N. J. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Bayshore
Christmas Dinner - Dance
Saturday, Dec. 18
MOLLY PITCHER INN
Benefits to
HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND**

President's Corner

During the past few months I have met the candidates, campaign managers and officers of both parties in Matawan Township and have gained considerable knowledge and insight into an election campaign.

The battle for office is tough — no holds barred. Each candidate's background and views were probed to seek a politically damaging fact, quotation or misquotation. The campaign invaded the private and business lives of the candidates and demanded their time for many planning and briefing sessions, public meetings, coffee klatches, door-to-door visits and political rallies.

They had to explain and defend their positions on issues innumerable times and answer hundreds of serious, curious and inane questions. Each nominee knew that the office they sought had some local prestige and would pay a modest salary, but in return would require a great deal of time. It would subject them to local pressures and many special requests. Each de-

CLEAN-UP DAYS FOR TOWNSHIP

The clean-up days for Matawan Township will be December 6th through December 11th. During this period the scavengers will take any items left at the curb on regular collection days.

Residents are also reminded that after Christmas the scavengers will remove any Christmas trees that are left at the curb on regular collection days. If residents put them out at this time, the number of trees burned in the streets will be reduced.

Police Ask For

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ment, too — from headlights to tailpipe."

"Some may think a little anti-freeze and a change to winter-weight oil is all the winterizing a car needs, but they usually find out their mistake — sometime between November and March."

Every family car in town needs a good battery and a tuned-up engine for sure starting in wet, cold weather, the chief continued, plus a tight exhaust system to minimize carbon monoxide danger, and dependable, well-aimed lights to penetrate the dark winter nights ahead.

A driver's face guard is his windshield, the chief remarked, and it must be equipped with strong-armed wipers pushing fresh and efficient rubber blades — or there'll be unseen trouble ahead.

For traction on the field a football team needs cleated shoes, and for traction on pavement slicked with freezing rain or falling snow, drivers need their own traction aids: deep tread on regular tires or special winter tires, perhaps, and dependable reinforced tire chains for really bad weather, or when hills must be climbed surely, and descended safely.

It seems that without total preparation it could indeed be a long, "furry" winter, and probably nobody realizes this more than Chief Wallace.

cision they make will be reviewed by the Monday morning quarterbacks.

Despite all this, fourteen residents of our Township did announce their candidacy for the seven seats on the Township Council. They energetically campaigned for office. The generally high calibre and qualifications of the candidates promises that our Township will have competent officials in the council and in other offices.

Each candidate deserves our admiration and appreciation for their time, dedication and courage in undergoing the ordeal of the campaign and each one deserved to be successful. To the councilmen-elect we offer the sincere congratulations of the association. We stand ready to assist them wherever possible. The candidates who did not attain a seat on the council deserve credit for their fine efforts. Their knowledge of the Township and its many problems qualifies them to serve as the loyal opposition to offering help and criticism where needed.

ATTENTION!!! BUS COMMUTERS

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If a public hearing is held, I WOULD WOULD NOT be available to testify.

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Courses Added to Children's Workshop

"Exploring Band and Orchestral Instruments" has been added to the curriculum of the Children's Cultural Workshop, which is beginning its second season at the Strathmore Elementary School. The course is designed to give children in grades two through six an experience in performing, listening, creating and engaging in rhythmic activities. Piano, guitar, flute and violin are some of the instruments that will be introduced and used by the children.

Mrs. Inge Moreau, the instructor of the course, has taught music in Europe as well as in Monmouth County. Another new addition to the staff is Mrs. Norma Kent, formerly of the Newark Museum, who will offer art courses designed for fun, exploration and self-expression through a variety of art media. Art courses are offered to pre-kindergartners (those who will be five by September 30, 1966) through grade 6.

Rhythmics for pre-kindergarten through grade 2 will again be taught by Mrs. Evelyn Bieber, specialist in music for young children. Use of rhythmic instruments, body movement and celodic improvisation will be stressed. Modern Dance will be offered for all children in Grades 3-6, taught by Mrs. Barbara Wolfson, who has a Master's degree in Dance Instruction.

Ten Saturday morning classes will be held for each course, beginning November 20th.

The Children's Cultural Workshop is a cooperative, non-sectarian undertaking administered by interested parents with a staff of professional teachers. Its primary aim is to provide children with the opportunity to discover, explore and enjoy the various arts through active participation and self-expression. The emphasis of the program is on creative growth and not on a final product.

For further information, please call Mrs. Lester Marks at 566-7546 or Mrs. Barrf Kurtz, 566-7994.

University Women to Hold Covered Dish Luncheon

The next meeting of the Northern Monmouth County Branch of the American Association of University Women will be a covered dish luncheon held at the Presbyterian Church House on Sycamore Ave., Shrewsbury, on Monday, Dec. 6, 1965, at 11:45 a.m. The topic of guest speaker Dr. William Van Til will be, "For What Do We Educate?"

Women in the Matawan-Keyport area interested in applying for membership in the Branch are invited to call Mrs. John Hillman, local member representative, at 566-5260.

Auxiliary Suspends Meetings

The Women's Auxiliary of the Matawan Township Little League will suspend all meetings until next spring. Watch this paper for announcements of future meeting dates.

Cub Scouts Get Awards

Cub Scout Pack 73 held their October meeting in the Presbyterian Church. Den 1 served as honor guard during the Peledge of Allegiance. Mr. Donald Day presented the awards: Bobcat Pins — Barry Wiggins, Frank Banafato, Steward Larkin, Eric Ewing and Dick Colot; One-Year Pins — Pete Koelsch, David Drake and Matthew Feldman; Lion Badge — Richard Fiorino. Donald Walsh advanced from Webelos to Scouting.

The parade of costumes was judged by the Girl Scouts. Winners were: Donald Day, scariest; John Sigmund, funniest; Ronald Baulier, most original.

The Girl Scouts donated the cakes for their bake-off for the refreshments.

Matawan Women at ORT Convention

When the 18th biennial convention of Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) convened recently at the Pittsburgh Hilton, two delegates from Matawan represented one of the newest, fastest-growing chapters in the New Jersey area.

Mrs. Robert Bottari, President, and Mrs. Arnold Rudley, Program Vice President of the Matawan Chapter of ORT, attended the first convention held since the local chapter was founded, slightly over one year ago. Although both were familiar with the goals, aims and purposes of ORT, they came back to report to their membership floods of new ideas and information they had acquired at the national meeting.

"Every speaker was inspiring," reported Mrs. Bottari, "because the subject he represented is so vital and important. The purpose of ORT is to build and rebuild human lives and human dignity through vocational education. Through the 85-year history of our organization, we have been guided by the belief that we aid a man best not by charity, but by helping him to help himself.

When a man learns a vocation at an ORT school, he is not a charity case; he is a man, capable of supporting himself and his family. He is an asset to his community. He knows the joy of skill and accomplishment. He is free, independent, economically secure, and proudly capable of building his own future."

Mr. David Gottlieb, director of program development and evaluation for the Job Corp, spoke at a luncheon meeting during the convention and noted the similarity between the ORT program and the U. S. Government Job Corps.

Right now, the need for accommodations is greatest. For every boy or girl accepted at vocational schools around the world, 3 or 4 are turned away because of lack of space.

For this reason, Mrs. Max M. Rosenberg, national president, urged an acceleration of the 10-year ORT objectives, to fulfillment in eight years, and urged greater action to achieve this goal.

Since the last biennial in 1963, a net increase of 6,000 members and nearly 80 new chapters was reported.

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MEETING FEATURES MUSIC - RHYTHM

A workshop in music and rhythmics for children highlighted the October meeting of the Red Oak Cooperative Nursery School. The program was conducted by Evelyn Bieber and Mickey Pearl, specialists in music education for early childhood. Both women are Strathmore residents.

The two teachers emphasized the importance of freedom of expression and of encouraging the creativity of children. "There is music in children," Mrs. Bieber said; "let it come out in the way they choose — don't squelch them."

"Let them experiment at an early age with movement, rhythms, sounds. Formal lessons can come later," she went on.

After the talk, the Red Oak parents participated in a "creative session" of their own. They made musical instruments for their youngsters' classroom use — and the results were exciting. Children in class the next morning were delighted with the drums, tambourines, wood blocks and other instruments decorated with bells, barley, ribbons, bangles and other imaginative materials.

The school is currently in need of one qualified teacher — for just Thursday and Friday mornings — due to the departure of Mrs. James Clarity to Paris with her newspaperman husband. For information, call Mrs. Steven David, 566-7505.

Tuesday morning, the four-year-old class visited a pumpkin farm in New Shrewsbury where they wandered through the field and picked pumpkins. They were encouraged to select their own and some youngsters even found cucumbers in a field nearby.

Education Comm. News

The training of children with learning disabilities will be the subject of the next meeting of the Education Committee, to be held at the Strathmore School on December 14 at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Daniel Kostrinsky is in charge of speaker arrangements for this meeting. The public is invited.

SUPPORT YOUR BAYSHORE
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>ATTENTION — ORGANIZATIONS</p> <p>If you have not been included in this month's calendar; if the time or place of your regular meeting has been changed, or if you have a special event coming up in January, please notify The OBSERVER</p> <p>BEFORE DECEMBER 15</p> <p>Call 566 - 3165 (Barbara Fitzgerald)</p>			<p>1</p> <p>CIVIC ASS "ZON Strathmore All-Purpo</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>AMERICAN ASS'N. OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN LUNCHEON, Presbyterian Church House Sycamore Ave., Shrewsbury, 11:45 a.m.</p> <p>TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE Municipal Bldg., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Church House, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOMEN OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH Church, 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>TEMPLE SHALOM PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER Chun King, Red Bank, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>FIRST AID & RESCUE SQUAD Cliffwood First Aid Bldg., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>MASONIC LODGE Masonic Temple, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>TOASTMASTERS Magnolia Inn, 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>BAYSHORE HOSP. MAT. TWP. AUX. Strathmore Elementary School, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>BAYSHORE HOSP. "GOURMET LUNCHEON, STRATHMORE ELEMEN EXECUTIVE BOARD ORDER OF THE Masonic Temp</p>
<p>12</p> <p>KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS J.F.K. CENTEN. LODGE "CHRISTMAS THEATER PARTY" Airport Plaza Theater, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>ST. CLEMENTS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Broad St. Fire House</p>	<p>13</p> <p>HOLY NAME SOCIETY St. Benedict's, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>BOARD OF HEALTH Municipal Bldg., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD Municipal Bldg., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>BOY SCOUTS, CHINGARORA DIST. ROUNDTABLE Mat. Reg. H. S., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>TEMPLE SHALOM YOUTH GROUP Strathmore Elementary School, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>MAT. NGHBD. ASS'N. OF GIRL SCOUTS Boro Rec. Bldg., Jackson St., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LADIES' AID Church House, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>CIVIC ASSOC. EDUCATION COMM. Strathmore Elementary School, 8:15 p.m.</p> <p>O. R. T., Strathmore Lanes, 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>MAT. TWP. REPUBLICAN CLUB "ELECTION OF OFFICERS" Oak Shades Firehouse, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>PLANNIN Municipal Bl STRATHMORE ELEMEN Strathmore Element KNIGHTS O CARDINAL NEV Strathmore La FIRST BAPTIST CHUR Church Hou DEBORAH "CHRISTMAS Mindy's Restau</p>
<p>19</p> <p>TEMPLE BETH AHM CHANUKKAH PARTY & PRESCHOOL STORY TIME Mat. Reg. H. S., 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>TEMPLE SHALOM CHILDREN'S PARTY "GULLIVER'S TRAVELS" Airport Plaza Theater, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>CHRISTMAS CANTATA, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Route 34, Matawan, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>CUB SCOUTS PACK 74 Strathmore Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>BOARD OF EDUCATION Mat. Grammar School Library, 7:55 p.m.</p> <p>V. F. W., Post House, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE Municipal Bldg., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS J.F.K. CENTEN. LODGE Oak Shades Firehouse, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>MASONIC LODGE Masonic Temple, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>CROSS OF GLORY LUTH. CHURCH WOMEN Strathmore Elementary School, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>TOASTMASTERS, Magnolia Inn, 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>TEMPLE SHALOM SISTERHOOD Strathmore Elementary School, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>BOY SCOU First Presbyterian MAT. TWP. U 30 Nople Pl ZONING Municipal Bl ORDER OF TH Masonic Tem B'NAI B'R Oak Shades Fir STRATHMORE D Strathmore L</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>BOARD OF REC. COMMISSIONERS Municipal Bldg., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST AID & RESCUE SQUAD AUX. Cliffwood First Aid Bldg., 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>B'NAI B'RITH MEN Mat. Reg. H. S., 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>NAT'L. COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN Strathmore First Aid Bldg., 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>MUNICIPAL COURT Municipal Bldg., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>BOY SCOUTS, CHINGARORA DIST. COMMISSIONERS 127 Ravine Dr., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Magnolia Inn, 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>TEMPLE SHALOM BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>TEMPLE BETH AHM PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP SHOW, "WINE, WOMEN & WISDOM" Oak Shades Firehouse, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>OCIATION ING" se Room, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH "CHRISTMAS SALE" Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. AMERICAN LEGION POST 176 Post House, 8:00 p.m. V. F. W. AUXILIARY Post House, 8:00 p.m. GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP Middlesex Rd. Rec. Center, 8:00 p.m. UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH Gold Cue, Middletown, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH "CHRISTMAS SALE" Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>MAT. TWP. AUX. Poet's Inn, 11:30 a.m. TARY SCHOOL P.T.O. School, 8:15 p.m. EASTERN STAR le, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>SHADE TREE COMMISSION Municipal Bldg., 8:00 p.m. JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Magnolia Inn, 8:30 p.m. CROSS OF GLORY LUTH. CHURCH COUNCIL 136 Deerfield Lane, 8:30 p.m. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS GENERAL METING Mat. Reg. H. S., Cafeteria, 8:30 p.m. ST. CLEMENTS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Broad St. Fire House</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>TEMPLE SHALOM NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER - DANCE River House Inn, Rumson, 8:30 p.m. KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS J.F.K. CENTEN. LODGE NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE Poet's Inn, 8:30 p.m.</p>		

Matawan Gallery Starts Art Classes

Because of interest and inquiries about art instruction during the first month of opening, Matawan Art Gallery, Broad St. and Route 34, Matawan, has started its fall schedule of art classes.

A wide range of media will be offered including sketching, pastels, watercolors and oils. The classes will be made up according to the ability of the student.

Vernon Steffen, Strathmore, will be instructor. Mr. Steffen has studied at the University of Oklahoma, Washington School of Art, University of Florence, Italy, Art Students League, New York City, and has had a long career as an art director for major advertising agencies in New York City.

Classes also are being formed for children and high school students which will be held Saturday afternoons. Further information may be obtained from the Matawan Art Gallery.

SCHOOL OFFERS TOY RUMMAGE

An all-day rummage sale, featuring new and nearly-new toys for holiday giving, will be conducted December 3 at St. Mary's Annex, Front St., Keyport, by Red Oak Cooperative Nursery School. This is the second annual rummage event being run by the Red Oak School, which regularly holds its daily classes for three- and four-year-olds in the Old First Church, Middletown.

An interesting assortment of household items, never used or slightly used by previous owners, is being offered in addition to the toys. Children's clothing, ladies' sportswear, men's apparel and jewelry will also be on sale and a special selection of maternity clothes is available. Opening is set for 9 a.m.

In charge of arrangements and contributions are Strathmore co-chairmen Mrs. Gerald Marquess and Mrs. Sheldon Leffer.

SEE HOW MATAWAN TICKETS ATTEND A TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING — HELD EVERY FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Area Girl Scouts Have Full Program

Members of Girl Scout Cadette Troop 347, under the leadership of Mrs. James Bentz, recently conducted a Rededication Ceremony. On Saturday, Nov. 6, a "Purty" Baby Party was held.

Plans for the year include working as a troop on one of the Cadette Challenges and two badges. Girls individually will be encouraged to work on at least one or two other badges. The program is geared to enable the Cadette years to prepare for the Senior Scouts with a First Class Rank.

Other parties are in the offing and a Court of Awards Ceremony will be held in December.

Nineteen members of Brownie Troop 495, under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Lubow and Mrs. Raymond Sinsheimer, Co-Leader, visited the Monmouth County Park in Holmdel and were conducted over the woodland nature trail by Naturalist William Canning of the county park system. They reported a particular fascination in the Evergreen Forest. Some parents accompanied the group. After the tour they lunched in the park picnic area.

This park, opened to the public on Memorial Day last year, is 174 acres and was acquired by the county under the Green Acres Program.

New Members for ORT

A Membership Tea was held recently at the home of Mrs. Richard Katz, 67 Cypress Lane, Matawan, for the Matawan Chapter of Women's ORT (Organization of Rehabilitation through Training).

Four new members who joined at the tea were: Mrs. Blabolil, Mrs. Heit, Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. Farren, all of Strathmore.

7th Graders Win Tickets

All of the students in Mrs. Rita Balkin's Matawan Regional High School Seventh Grade Home Room No. 41 received tickets to the football game between the Huskies and Freehold Regional. These tickets were the prize awarded to them with the compliments and thanks of the Matawan Regional High School PTA for being the homeroom with the greatest number of PTA memberships this season.

Observer Deadlines

PUBLICITY CHAIRMEN PLEASE NOTE

The 15th of every month is the deadline for The OBSERVER. We ask that organizations please observe this deadline.

We would also ask that material submitted be typed if at all possible. It is extremely difficult to read hand-writing and be assured of accuracy.

We strive to print every article submitted that is of interest to the majority of Strathmore residents. If your article was not printed, the reason most likely is a lack of space. Thank you for your cooperation.

LEAGUE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The League of Women Voters of Matawan is participating with other Leagues, nationally and on the state level, on the study of the reapportionment of the state legislatures. To date, the local league has had two unit meetings on re-apportionment and hopes to conclude its study and discussion of this subject at its next general meeting on December 9.

At this meeting there will be a debate followed by membership discussion, after which it is hoped that a consensus will be reached on the subject of national re-apportionment. Consensus will also be reached on questions such as "Should population be the only basis for representation?" "Do you think a constitutional amendment is necessary?" "If there should be no change in the Constitution, give your reasons." Mrs. James Baker, president, urges all members to attend and participate since this consensus will represent the position of our local League.

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all women of voting age. Although the league is a non-partisan organization, women who are actively interested or involved in politics are encouraged to become members. Through working and studying in the L.W.V., women can gain knowledge of all phases of our government and work toward effecting legislation.

Anyone interested in learning more about the L.W.V. of Matawan may contact Mrs. Peter J. Koelsch, membership chairman, at 566-0658. General meeting, Dec. 9, 1965; time, 8:30 p.m.; place, Matawan Regional High School Cafeteria.

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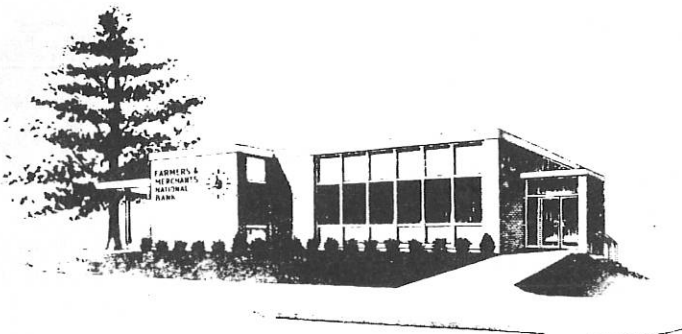
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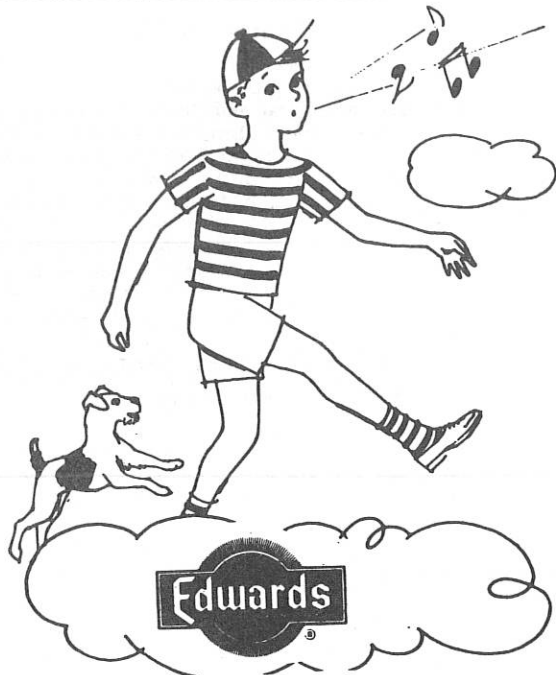
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COMMUTER PROBLEMS (Continued from Page 1)

expenses for the Strathmore run alone. As of November 16 these figures have not been forthcoming.

In October, with the assistance of Mr. Joseph Rettagliata, a meeting was arranged by Senator Richard Stout with Mr. Herbert Harper, President of Public Service, and his assistant. Messrs. Paul Fitzgerald, George Hill and Edward Murphy, members of a special bus transportation committee appointed by Mayor Henry Traphagen, discussed with Mr. Harper various problems in connection with the service and made certain specific recommendations for improvement.

These included: 1. The Rotation of "straight-backs" so that the same people were not affected all the time and the gradual phasing out of the "straight-backs" from long distance commuter runs; 2. The placing of a starter at the beginning of the morning run to eliminate the long waits only to have two or three buses come at the same time; 3. The possible addition of one express bus later in the morning, about eight-thirty a.m., and one at night to eliminate the long waits between the six-thirty-five p.m., seven-forty-five p.m. and nine-forty-five p.m. buses; 4. A request for more flexibility in the movement of buses in the Port Authority, and 5. The institution of express service to Newark with a direct connection to the PATH tubes to downtown New York.

The company petitioned the State Public Utilities Commission in 1962 for such a route but was turned down because it supposedly would draw riders away from the railroad. It was claimed that this would forestall the building of a mass transit center then proposed for the Matawan - Hazlet area. Since it is now three years since that petition, and the mass transit center is still in the planning stage and the overwhelming majority of people who would use the new Newark route are presently using the bus anyway, Mr. Harper agreed to a new petition for the route.

On page three of this issue of The OBSERVER you will find a form to be filled out by those interested in such a route.

Christmas Bazaar

The women of the First Presbyterian Church will sponsor a Christmas Bazaar on December 2nd and 3rd in the church fellowship hall. Browsers will be welcome from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Refreshments and luncheon will be served.

Many hand-made specialty items will be on sale and there will be an Ole Country Shop featuring home-made jellies, jams and baked goods. One section will be devoted to attic treasures found in members' homes.

Students to Present Musical Program

The next meeting of the Strathmore Elementary School PTO will be held on Wednesday, December 15, in the All-Purpose Room of the Strathmore School at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Caffrey, music teacher at the school, will present a music program entitled "Let There Be Music." Children in the second through fifth grades will participate in music of a holiday, patriotic and folk background.

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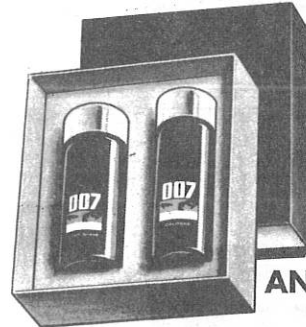
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