

# Strathmore

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## Board of Education Attends Special PTO Meeting Feb. 17

The Matawan Regional Board of Education answered questions previously submitted by the Strathmore P.T.O. at a special meeting held at the school on February 17. The questions covered three areas in the capital outlay section of the Budget, passed earlier this month, the hot-lunch program and asphalt paving planned for Strathmore and the location of portable classrooms.

Parents were informed that the hot-lunch program for Strathmore would cost about \$11,000 and would necessitate the use of the All-Purpose Room for the greater part of the day. The P.T.O. had sent a questionnaire home about this program, telling parents what activities the room is now used for since those activities will have to be abandoned for the most part in order to have this hot-lunch program. Mr. Frank Gilbert, the evening's moderator, announced that parents returning the questionnaire voted 398-40 against the program. Mrs. John Skvarla, P.T.O. president, later commented that the P.T.O. had never asked for a hot-lunch program, didn't need it and didn't want it. She said the returned questionnaires indicated that Strathmore parents would prefer to see the \$11,000 used at the school in a different way. Mrs. Skvarla asked that the Board reconsider the program, since Strathmore "doesn't have the facilities to afford the luxury of a hot-lunch program." Mr. John Bradley, Board president, noted that since an architect was already working on the changes necessary to institute the hot-lunch program, some money would be lost if the program were to be cancelled now. However, he refused to state how much.

The paved area, as described by the Board, would be about 30 feet wide, except for one area at the rear of the school, where it would be 50 feet wide, and will go around the rear of the school. It will cost approximately \$7,500. Mr. Herbert Parker, newly-elected Board member, described the paved area as "a very large path." Parents present commented that the P.T.O. had petitioned for a play area since the children have no place to play outdoors and that this "path" hardly seemed adequate to solve that problem.

The 10 portable classrooms ordered by the Board will be divided between Strathmore and the high school, each receiving 5. The Board gave the following enrollment figures for Strathmore: Kindergarten: 320 children, needing 8 classrooms; first grade: 316 children, 12 classrooms; second grade: 237 children, 9 classrooms; third grade: 201 children, 8 classrooms; fourth grade: 194 children, 7 classrooms; fifth grade: 150 children, 5 classrooms; sixth grade: 150 children, 5-6 classrooms. The Board noted that Strathmore has 34 classrooms plus two teaching stations. With the 5 portable classrooms the total becomes 39 (or 41, with the teaching stations) and it is obvious, as one parent commented, that Strathmore will not be holding much more than K-3 next year.

The Board made no comment except that the rest of the Strathmore children would go to Matawan Grammar. Board president, Mr. Bradley, said that plans submitted by the P.T.O. to enlarge its facilities would cost \$1,000,000. Mr. Bradley said it was more important to finish our new schools, since our most vital need is classroom space, before fixing up the older buildings. He pointed to the debt-limit problem and said there was little hope that these facilities could be incorporated in next year's budget unless the income tax is passed and even then we would still be limited since some of the saving would have to go back to the taxpayer.

Mr. Herbert Feder, Board member, commented that the schools we are building are not just rooms, supposedly our most vital need. He claimed the new schools were supplied with expensive frills. Mr. Feder went on to declare that

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## Proposed Changes for Assoc. Constitution

The experience of the officers of the Civic Association has demonstrated the unwieldy system of dividing the responsibility between the chairmen of autonomous standing committees and the officers. Instead, it's proposed that all power be concentrated in the hands of six trustees elected by the members. They, in turn, will elect the officers and act as the Executive Committee with the officers. The trustees may also serve as officers.

It is further recommended that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Strathmore Civic Association be amended as follows:

Article IV of the Constitution shall be amended as follows:

### MEETINGS

This Association shall have its annual meeting during the month of April for the purpose of election of trustees, reading of annual reports and other purposes. Other meetings shall be scheduled by the President upon approval by a majority of the Executive Committee.

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## L. W. V. News

The 1966 "Fact and Engagement Calendar Books" are still available through the League. These are attractive, nominally-priced, slim-line pocketbooks which contain information pertaining to voting, registration, elections, political parties and the New Jersey courts. The names and addresses of our 89 congressional members are also included, as well as the members of the New Jersey Legislature. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Irving Schwartzbach, 25 Northland Lane, Matawan.

The League's "Know Your Town" books are still available. Included in the selling price of \$1.25 is an up-to-date combined map of Matawan Borough and Township. For information regarding quantity orders call Mrs. Robert Berk, 3 North Circle, 566-8286.

### GIRL SCOUTS ANNIVERSARY

March 12 marks the anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouts in this country by Juliette Low in 1912.



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## Letter to Editor

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Dear Sirs:

Comment is offered relative to Mr. George C. Hill's letter of remorse concerning the new Township Council and the Editorial entitled "Were You There."

This writer finds both complaints of a very serious nature and does not intend to minimize their essential truthfulness but must, at the same time, dissent from the basic premise. Mr. Hill is justifiably concerned about the blatant, entirely political behaviour of the council in its initial attempts to perpetuate itself in office and to make it pay better. And, of course, the editorial writer is most likely correct that democracy is wasted on a great many citizens of this community. But after this much has been granted, we feel a wider look is required to put these symptoms into proper perspective.

All responsible minded people long for greater participation by the citizen in his local form of government; Mr. Hill seeks to accomplish this by alarming the electorate over the shortcomings of the leadership that they themselves had just put into office; the editorial writer attempts to shame all but one hundred and twenty-five members of our community for their supposed dereliction to citizenship duties. It is entirely possible that these methods, though laudable, are entirely wrong in that they fail to get at the basic issues.

We suggest that a closer look at the situation in the whole of these United States might give some clues. National politicians seem to have made strong marks on the electorate by promising more for less and delivering half-truths or outright lies, which practice seems to be creating a skeptical people who probably feel the effort to find better leaders is useless. The Press, which at one time seemed to be the guardian of truth, today finds it much cheaper to accept government hand-outs rather than ferret

out the real news. Unscrupulous politicians find little trouble in misleading the many citizens whose time is so fully occupied in working and rearing families that none is left for discoveries that should be made by those who are freer and truly concerned. Government grows constantly as an all-pervasive force in our daily life and seems to find more than enough champions among the concerned thinkers. It used to be "My country, right or wrong;" now it is "My party, right or wrong." Political loyalties are stronger than patriotism. Friends must be helped and protected, regardless of their actions. Votes are, of course, the most important fact of life; for them it is perfectly all right to cater to special groups or to throw around taxpayers' hard-earned cash or even to send boys off to war.

It is thus little wonder to find council members elected to office whose first concern is for themselves and their friends. How can one expect to find otherwise in a one-party town? Only to the extent that people choose the best available men for leadership posts, regardless of party affiliation, will we find the right and proper things being accomplished. But for people to make a proper choice, it will be necessary for those who are concerned to come forward honestly and openly to say what they really believe.

To all intents and purposes this is a one-party town. To see the ultimate result of one-party rule one need only observe the situation in New York City. Blind adherence to party loyalties on a national level can be commendable and perhaps essential to responsible operation of our government, but on a local level it could serve as a vehicle for the lesser endowed but more aggressive individual to acquire power and improper influence. One wonders if it is not possible that neighbors can behave honestly in concert for the common good. We expect the national political figure to be full of chicanery and the sort of person whose word is certainly not as good as gold, but must we put up with this nonsense in the name of party regularity on the homefront?

Social mores have been changing quite a bit in recent years. It may be possible to change some more and do away with partisan politics for a time in our Township; perhaps until such time as a two-party local system is possible. A committee of interested citizens might be possible who would search out the best of all candidates, endorse them openly regardless of party affiliation, and actively seek their election to responsible office. Local citizens just might show a little more interest in honest officials; we might even generate a bit of pride in our community. It would be very interesting to see a school budget become a hotly debated issue of importance and this might be possible if people felt they really had a voice in what that budget could do for the children of Matawan.

/s/ Adam H. Gurnicz

Feb. 7, 1966

## Temple Beth Ahm School Has Meeting

Sunday evening, February 6, the Religious School Board of Temple Beth Ahm had a meeting that included an invitation to parents of students and prospective students. Bernie Klein, chairman of the Board of Education of the Temple, was pleased to see the parents. A report was given about Rabbi Witkin, one of the teachers, who had attended the Mid-Year Convention of the Rabbinical Council of America in New Jersey on January 24, 25 and 26.

Rabbi Rubinstein, spiritual leader and principal of the Hebrew School, will attend a meeting of the Northern New Jersey Region Kallah of the Rabbinic Assembly of America on February 9 and 10. Bible class for Wednesday, February 9, was cancelled.

Sunday School Division of the Religious School had an "Open Sunday School Day," this past Sunday and many parents of the children in the three classes attended. The parents remained in the rear of the classroom, while Mrs. Al Alexander, the instructor, continued with the normal lessons.

## TOWNSHIP AIDMEN ANSWER 1,353 CALLS

Captain Frank Bertulis of the Matawan Township First Aid and Rescue Squad today announced that the squad answered 1,353 calls in 1965. The breakdown of calls is as follows: 171 accidents, 606 emergency transports, 252 transports, 168 fires and 156 community service calls. The squad's four ambulances travelled 26,430 miles and members donated 5,356 man-hours to first aid activities.

President Ralph Haspel announced that among the other activities of the Squad for the past year included the completion of a first aid building serving the Strathmore area of the township, and the reconstruction of the Cliffwood building. The Cliffwood building when completed will boast a completely enlarged wood-panelled and air-conditioned main hall, separate garage and squad room and modern kitchen.

## BLUE-GOLD DINNER

Some 265 guests attended the Blue and Gold Dinner of Pack 73, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church, in the church hall, Mrs. Donald Orr, chairman, announced.

John Ginste, assistant cubmaster, gave the invocation. Sal Milazzo, cubmaster, presented awards to Eric Ewing, John Lyle, Barry Wiggins, Frank Banafato, Martin Godly, William Tomer, Derek Frazier, Kenneth Miller, Barry Orr, Stewart Larkin and James Longo.

One-year pins were awarded to William Tomer, John Cahill, Richard Delmas, William Hensley and Richard Fiorino.

Douglas Day received his den chief cord.

Mrs. Donald Day, den mother, presented a gift to Mr. Milazzo from the troop.

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## Temple Celebrates Its 3rd Anniversary

Temple Beth Ahm, on its third anniversary of being the "wandering, nomadic" Congregation has finally made its most momentous decision — at the last general meeting the membership of the Conservative Congregation voted to appropriate almost \$200,000 to proceed with the final plans for the erection of a building to bring the Bayshore Area ample facilities for religious, educational and social functions.

This, in itself, is an astonishing accomplishment for a Congregation which had its beginning three years ago, this January, with a mere 38 dedicated families, who were anxious to build a Conservative Temple for the Bayshore Area. Temple Beth Ahm now has a membership nearing 200 families, with a bright and expanding future due to the increasing population of the North Shore.

The struggling, ever-growing Congregation has had many hurdles to jump in its short existence. For three years, the Temple and community held High Holy Day worship in a huge tent erected at the site of Lloyd Road and Church Street in Matawan. Last September, the attendance for these services was well over six hundred people. Finding appropriate places for religious, educational and social facilities has become an increasing burden on the Congregation.

Last year there was a great deal of excitement about the possibility of the Congregation securing an Army Chapel from Fort Monmouth for \$25. The Chapel could not be taken apart and moved because of construction difficulties and prohibitive expense. The only other method available was to use military helicopters to fly the "Chapel in the Sky" from Fort Monmouth to Matawan. Unfortunately, the Department of the Army in Washington, D.C., found it necessary to deny permission to use their helicopters.

Disappointed, but not defeated, the leadership of the Congregation set out to satisfy the urgent needs of their members and after careful consideration chose to retain prominent architect Karl B. Philipp. Since that time, Mr. Philipp has worked closely with President Gerald J. Ritz, Rabbi Morris L. Rubinstein, spiritual leader of the Congregation and the building committee, under the chairmanship of William Schwartz and now, Stanley Lanes and other Temple committees to ascertain requirements for future Temple needs. The primary objective being to satisfy all requirements using multi-purpose space.

Prior to the summer, Temple Beth Ahm started to investigate professional help in the area of fund-raising. SKLAG and Company, acknowledged to be one of the finest organizations in the entire country was retained. The summer saw the members busily engaged in a campaign, which has so far received pledges in excess of \$200,000 and is still to be completed.

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## Presbyterian Choir Presents "Messiah"

The Lenten and Easter portions (Parts II and III' of George Frederick Handel's 225-year-old "Messiah" — including the renowned "Hallelujah" chorus — will be performed by the Chancel Choir of the First Presbyterian Church, Matawan, on Palm Sunday, April 3, at 8:00 p.m. A chorus of 42 voices, including four featured soloists, will be under the direction of Mrs. Nancy K. Wright, Minister of Music.

Handel's "Messiah" is unquestionably one of the greatest works of its kind ever conceived by the minds of men. In its pages will be found music of both the simplest and most complex nature, but all of it is on the highest plane of inspirational beauty. This massive oratorio requires approximately two and one-half hours for its complete performance, yet it was composed by this 56-year-old man in the incredibly short span of twenty-four days.

G. F. Handel's old patron, King George II, attended the 1743 London premier and, legend has it, was so moved by the "Hallelujah" chorus that he rose and remained standing until its conclusion. Naturally, when the King stood up, everyone was obliged to rise. Since that time, it has been the custom for the audience to stand during the singing of this inspiring chorus. It was this portion of the oratorio to which Handel referred when he said that, while composing it, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God himself."

Guest soloists for this hour-long program are Claire Ingram of Matawan and bass Clyde Tipton from Lawrenceville. Soloists participating from the Chancel Choir are soprano Sandra Johnen and tenor John Dill who reside in Strathmore. Joan Dill will accompany Mr. Tipton on the trumpet.

An open invitation to attend is extended to all.

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## Uniforms for Softball League

The Strathmore Men's Softball League is organizing for the 1966 season.

This year the league will be sponsored by local merchants and all teams will be uniformed.

The league welcomes all men interested in playing ball. Please contact: George Moran, 566-8524; John Piesen, 566-4256; Al Grubow, 566-8853; Moti Gidumal, 566-4413.

## Proposed Changes

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Article VI of the Constitution shall be amended as follows:

### OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be a President, at least one Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such officers as may be provided in the By-Laws of this Association. The Executive Committee shall have the general administrative powers of the Association and shall consist of the above-named officers, the Board of Trustees and the immediate Past President.

The Officers and Board of Trustees shall be selected as provided in the By-Laws of the Association.

Article III of the By-Laws shall be amended as follows:

### MEETINGS

Section 1—deleted. (This refers to the time and place of meetings and is covered by Article IV of the Constitution.)

Section 2—to be Section 1.

Section 4—to be deleted. (This refers to the meetings of the Standing Committees.)

Section 5—to be Section 2.

Article IV of the By-Laws shall be amended as follows:

Section 3—The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members of the Association appointed by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section 5—The President, upon approval of a majority of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the Chairmen and members of the standing committees. The Committee Chairmen shall meet with the Executive Committee, but shall have no votes except if they are also Trustees.

Section 6—The Trustees of the Association shall consist of six members of the Association elected for overlapping terms of three years each. After the first election, they shall determine by lot the length of their respective terms. At each annual election at least two shall be newly elected. Should a position of Trustee become vacant the remaining Trustees shall select a member to fill the position until the next annual meeting. At that time the position shall be filled by election for the remainder of the original term.

The Trustees shall elect by majority vote the officers of the Association and shall serve as members of the Executive Committee.

Article VI of the By-Laws shall be amended as follows:

### COMMITTEES

Section 2—deleted.

Section 3—to become Section 2.

Section 4—to become Section 3.

Section 5—to be deleted.

Section 6—to be Section 4.

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Monday

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<p><b>6</b></p> <p>GIRL SCOUT SABBATH Various Churches</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY St. Benedict's, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>ST. CLEMENT'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY Broad St. School, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>TOWNSHIP COUNCIL Municipal Building, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Church House, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>AMERICAN ASS'N. OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN Presbyterian Church House, Shrewsbury, 8.15</p> <p>V. F. W., Post House, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>8</b></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>MAT. BRIDGE CLUB MASTERS POINT GAME American Legion Hall, Mat., 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 Oak Shades Firehouse, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>SHADE TREE AD Municipal Buil ORDER OF THE Masonic Temp STRATHMORE ELEMEN Strathmore Elementa</p>
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<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></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>TOWNSHIP COUNCIL Municipal Bldg., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>V. F. W., Post House, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS J.F.K. CENTEN. LODGE Oak Shades Firehouse, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>MUNICIPAL COURT Municipal Building, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BOY SCOUTS, CHINGARORA DIST. COMM. 127 Ravine Dr., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Magnolia Inn, 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>TEMPLE BETH AHM SISTERHOOD Strathmore Elementary School, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>ZONING Municipal Bldg BOY SCOUTS First Presbyterian C ORDER OF THE Masonic Templ B'NAI B'RITH Oak Shades Fireh STRATHMORE DEM Strathmore Lan TEMPLE BETH AH Strathmore First Aid</p>
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>BOARD OF REC. COMMISSIONERS Municipal Bldg., 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>B'NAI B'RITH MEN Mat. Reg. H. S., 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>TEMPLE SHALOM YOUTH GROUP Strathmore Elementary School, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>NAT'L. COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN "HOUSE &amp; GARDEN SALE" Strathmore First Aid Bldg., 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BD. OF DEACONS Church House, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ITARY SCHOOL P.T.O. School, 8:15 p.m. AR SCHOOL P.T.A. School, 8:00 p.m. OMMISSION ing, 8:00 p.m. COLUMBUS /MAN COUNCIL es, 8:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>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. ST. CLEMENT'S ROSARY - ALTAR SOCIETY Strathmore Lanes, 8:00 p.m. TEMPLE BETH AHM U.S.Y. Strathmore First Aid Bldg., 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>GIRL SCOUT SABBATH Various Churches</p>
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	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>TEMPLE BETH AHM U.S.Y. Strathmore First Aid Bldg., 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>BOARD OF EDUCATION ATTENDS MEETING</b> [ Continued from Page 1 ] Phase 2 of the building program must include something for the Strathmore school. Mr. Feder's remarks met enthusiastic applause. Mr. Parker added that Strathmore could not be considered an old school, as Mr. Bradley seemed to imply, and that it should have facilities equal to the other new schools and not have to wait until all the other schools are equipped. Parents present at the meeting felt that there were key words provided in the Budget, such as "cafeteria" and "asphalt paving," but that in truth the Strathmore P.T.O. petition, signed by over 1,000 parents, had been given short shrift by the Board of Education. Mr. Bradley commented that 3 years ago Strathmore was supporting the school budget by a ratio of 4 - 1 and that this year the ratio dropped to 2 - 1. Mr. Bradley said he felt this drop was due to rising taxes. Parents at the meeting held another opinion — they were being short-changed.</p>	

## "Scouting in Matawan"

The "Thinking Day" meeting of the Matawan Neighborhood Association of Girl Scouts revealed many plans and activities in progress of the troops individually and of the combined Neighborhood Group for the balance of February and through March.

Mrs. Leon Christinay, Neighborhood Chairman for the March 26 Hao-Down at Convention Hall, Asbury Park, announced that in addition to the medium-sized booth reserved by the Neighborhood for several small displays by troops, individual booths had been reserved by Cadette Troop 403, who will prepare marmalade, and Cadette Troop 24 for a camp site exhibit. She further reported that Brownie Troops 495 and 475 had entered as performing troops to a square dance. Senior Troop 312 and Brownie Troop 440 had requested exhibit space at the Neighborhood Booth. Additional troops may still apply for space at the Neighborhood Booth by contacting Mrs. Christinat.

Mrs. Richard Getshall, Neighborhood Chairman, announced that "Light on the Mountain," the film recorded at Scout Roundup last summer, as well as a film made by a Mariner group while cruising last summer, would be shown at Hao-Down.

Mrs. Kenneth Daniels, troop organizer, reminded the group that orientation for new leaders, which the Neighborhood Service Team conducts and is a prerequisite for anyone wishing to take Council Training, was scheduled for February 24.

The eight delegates and two alternates elected for the next year are: Mrs. Kenneth Daniels, Mrs. John Conlon, Mrs. Robert Simons, Mrs. Walter Sheridan, Mrs. Charles MacPhee, Mrs. Walter J. Zinnmeister, Mrs. Charles Lubow, and Mrs. Gordon Godly, delegates; with Mrs. Joseph Kohrman and Mrs. Joseph Polity, alternates. Mrs. William Quinn was named by the Nominating Committee as nominee for Neighborhood Chairman for next year.

Troop Leaders were urged to report their Arbor Day projects as soon as possible.

Juliette Low Teas, the social bridge from one level to another in Scouting, will continue through March.

Mrs. Robert Simons announced that arrangements had been made with the Mat-Key Roller Drome for Scouts to receive a series of ten lessons in order to work toward their skater badge. Further information and arrangements may be made through Mrs. Simons.

Mrs. Paul Mertz is in charge of Girl Scout Sabbath and Girl Scout Sunday arrangements, March 5 and March 6. Council has church bulletins available for both days and a supply may be obtained for any of the churches by contacting Mrs. Mertz.

Brownies will have their Cookie Sale

during Girl Scouts Week, March 5 through March 12, March 12 marking the birthday anniversary of Girl Scouting in this country, started by Juliette Low in 1912.

"International Friendship" being the theme, Junior Girl Scout Troop 659 hosted Brownie Troop 495. Wearing "Daisies" for the founder of Girl Scouting, the girls were each presented with their year and world association pins. Each girl planted a trefoil with the seal of a country into a styrofoam centerpiece as a highlight of the friendship theme.

Mrs. Lester Marks is leader of the Junior Group and Mrs. Charles Lubow heads the Brownie Group, both groups sponsored by the Strathmore Elementary School P.T.O.

"A Girl Scout in Action" was the theme of the tea at which Junior Troop 529 hosted Brownie Troop 214 in this traditional bridging from one level to another in Girl Scouting.

Donna Jean Brown, a Canadian Girl Guide, now a member of Troop 529, was rededicated in a ceremony led by Leader Mrs. John McCarthy and Leader Mrs. Harry Mankin.

Entertainment was provided by Kim O'Donnell, Amy-Sue Grubow, Diana Noga, Michele Quinn, Janet Kalfman and Joy Beecher, Juniors from Troop 529, and members who served on the refreshment committee were Carolyn Fry, Susan O'Donnell, Jane Weisberg, Caroline Mankin, Barbara Hellstrom, Jill Zibulsky and Denise Farley.

Daisy name tags were also worn to highlight Juliette Low's nickname, Daisy.

Both of these troops are also sponsored by the Strathmore School P.T.O.

### TRANSPORTATION IS THEME

At a recent meeting of Cub Pack 237, at Strathmore Elementary School, transportation was the theme and each den exhibited projects depicting a phase of the subject.

Achievement awards were presented to Robert Galvin, David Angle, Robert Carmel, Thomas Froelich, Ian Carrus, Craig Schultz, Daniel Shapiro, Paul Jetter, George LaPaloo. Denner and assistant denner stripes were presented.

To celebrate the 56th anniversary of Scouting, the pack went on a trip recently to the Boy Scout Museum, New Brunswick.

Thomas Galvin, packmaster, reported that the next meeting will be the Blue and Gold Dessert, which was held Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. at the school.

### CIVIC ASSOCIATION APRIL MEETING

#### I CONSTITUTION CHANGES

#### II ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### III GUEST SPEAKERS:

#### "SPRING PLANTING"

## Membership Grows In J.F.K. Lodge 100

Aaron Lane, Chancellor Commander of John F. Kennedy Centennial Lodge #100, Knights of Pythias, told the membership at a recent meeting that he expects a 50% increase in the membership of J.F.K. Lodge for the year 1966.

He based this on the many families that would be moving into the Lakeridge and Raritan Valley U.S.A. developments this year. Among these families will be men who already are members of the Knights of Pythias and will transfer over to J.F.K. as well as those seeking to join their first fraternal order.

Stated Mr. Lane: "We welcome those who have never enjoyed the benefits of fraternal membership, and those who, at their former homes were Pythians, Masons, Oddfellows, Elks, or members of any of the great fraternal orders within our country.

As a young and growing lodge, we wish to have as active participants not only men who are Pythians, experienced in our fraternal, benevolent and charitable works, but also neophytes to the fraternal world, and members of other orders, who wish to share the satisfaction and pride to be derived from our work. With the assistance of such men, we can build the foundation for not only the greatest Pythian Lodge within the State of New Jersey, but an organization which will be a great and positive factor for good in the Bayshore Community."

As the recently elected Chancellor Commander, Mr. Lane reviewed his plans for the year 1966, and announced his Committee Chairmen. These included: Norman Posner, membership; Saul Rosenstock, retention; Martin Anzalone, Irv Levin and Arnold Christie, newspaper; Stan Glugover, visitation; Dick Schulman and Jim Gallager, ritual; Ed Sheren, youth program; Mort Levine, publicity; Donald Teres, community benefits; Jerry Tantleff, entertainment; Phil Seidenberg and Jack Glickman, collation.

One of the early highlights of the year will be J.F.K.'s Third Anniversary Dinner-Dance, which will honor their two past Chancellor Commanders, Al Grubow and Walt Alpren. This will be held on Saturday evening, March 26, at the Cobblestones Restaurant on Route 35, Middletown.

### GUILD EXHIBITS

#### LUCILLE CHAYT'S OILS

Exhibiting member Lucille Chayt brings to the Guild of Creative Art a striking show of recent oil paintings — about 25 of them — that attest to her skill as an abstract interpreter. Informed art lovers in the area have long admired the work of this New York-born artist, and many of them have Lucille Chayt paintings in their private collections.

The one-woman show of abstract and non-objective oils opened on Feb. 26.

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# STRATHMORE IN MATAWAN

Strathmore is the newest community in the Township of Matawan and just one of many. Others include Cliffwood, Cliffwood Beach, Oak Shades, River Gardens, Genoa, Storyland, Woodfield, Lakeside and others. It's difficult to assess the position and impact of Strathmore upon the Township, but it is necessary to try in order to understand the feelings of the other areas of the Township. The figures and statistics that are available provide a good starting point in the assessment process.

### LAND AREAS

	acres
Total area of Township .....	3,488
Total developed area .....	1,995
Total streets .....	349
Total residential .....	955
Total area of Strathmore (including streets) .....	769

### POPULATION GROWTH

1940 .....	2,633
1950 .....	3,888
1960 .....	7,359
1965 .....	15,473

### PROPERTY VALUES

1957 .....	18,278,000
1960 .....	20,325,000
1962 .....	23,812,000
1965 .....	73,106,000

From these figures it is apparent that Strathmore 1) has about half the residential land; 2) has about half the population; 3) has about two-thirds of the property value, and 4) pays about two-

thirds of the taxes in Matawan Township. Of the remaining taxes, commercial and industrial properties pay about 10%, miscellaneous 3% and other residential areas of the township about 22%.

It is readily apparent that despite the many painful cries over increasing taxes that Strathmore more than pays their share of taxes. The Strathmore community was provided with excellent paved streets, sidewalks, street lights, a water supply system and sewerage system. All of these were either included in the purchase price of the house or are being paid by sewerage and water fees. None were supplied by the township.

Many areas of the township lack these facilities and constant pressure is brought to Town Hall that all these facilities be supplied at Township expense. The road program of 1965 was financed by a \$400,000 bond issue to be repaid by taxes. Of this money only a minor percentage was used to repave Van Brackle Road and Reids Hill Road. The remainder was used in other areas of the Township. Similarly, the Levitt organization negotiated a 19-point program for the Township costing \$300,000 in return for permission to build additional homes. Almost all this money was spent outside of Strathmore.

Many public improvements are needed in Matawan Township, all of them outside of the Strathmore Community. This includes paved streets, sidewalks, water systems, sewerage systems and even shade

trees. Those who benefit from these improvements should pay a portion of the cost and it should not all be assumed by one area. The tax rate in the Township is increasing steadily. The improvements in any area will increase the value of the land in that area and it is only equitable that the major portion of the costs be borne by those who benefit.

Those living in the Strathmore area are also in need of improvements — to name but one, sidewalks, so their children may walk in safety. The current program all but ignores this need of those paying the bulk of taxes. There is no doubt an inequity in the current budgeting of tax money.

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### U.S.Y. Representatives Attend "Israeli Convention"

Temple Beth Ahm U.S.Y.ers sent two representatives to one of the four Northern New Jersey Regional U.S.Y. Conventions. President Barbara Rappaport, 39 Ardmore Lane, Matawan, and Publicity Chairman, Anne Himelfarb, 11 Galewood Drive, Hazlet, attended the weekend convention held January 28, 29, 30 in Temple Neve Shalom, Cranford, New Jersey.

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# KEYPORT CONCRETE PLANT

On Monday, January 24, 1966, several residents of our township, including Mayor Walter Gehricke, Mr. Hans Froehlich and the Civic Association President, Ted Endersen, appeared at the council meeting of the Borough of Keyport to protest the construction of a ready-mixed concrete plant off Clark Street near the Parkway entrance road. This plant would be just a short distance from the Matawan Township line and would result in heavy truck traffic along Lloyd Road.

The Mayor and Council allowed us to state our objections, but advised us that the matter was not before the council at that time. The construction of the plant had been approved by the Planning Board and the application for a variance was to be reviewed by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, after which it would be passed on by the Borough Council. The probable date for the hearing was to be February 14.

On the appointed day residents of our Township, including Mrs. Brenner, representing the Township Council, Mr. Froehlich and Mr. Endersen again met in the Keyport Council Chambers. Let-

ters from the Township Councils of Raritan and Matawan protesting the concrete plant were read at the opening of the meeting. Those present were then advised by the Mayor that no hearing would be held on the concrete plant as it had been approved by the Board of Adjustment at a recent hearing as being within the zoning ordinance and that no variance was needed. The action of the Board of Adjustment was therefore final and no further action could be or would be taken by the Borough Council. The only condition on the approval was a requirement that the builder improve the present "paper street" leading from Clark Street to standards approved by the Borough Engineer.

It was the consensus of opinion that this plant, being located in a remote corner of Keyport, will have little effect on the residents of that Borough, but will have a negative effect on the properties in Raritan and Matawan Townships that are near this plant.

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## A.A.U.W. Forum

The Northern Monmouth County Branch of the University Women will hold its regular meeting on March 7 at 8:15 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church House, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury.

Perplexing Choices in Contemporary Life will be the theme of the forum. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

The AAUW has planned many activities for women in the various study groups on art, literature, music, French, Spanish, education, county community college, science, a creative discipline, contemporary China, creative writing, community life and family, etc.

For further information in regard to membership and transportation, call Mrs. Julian Livingston, membership chairman 536-9722, or Mrs. John Hillman, chairman of the Matawan-Keyport area, 566-5260.

## BAYSHORE WEATHER REPORT

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## STRATHMORE P.T.O. TO HEAR PHILOSOPHY

A panel composed of members of the Philosophy Committee will present the proposed Philosophy for the Strathmore School at the next meeting of the Strathmore Elementary School P.T.O. Wednesday, March 9, in the All-Purpose Room of the school at 8:15.

The Philosophy is the first step in the school's self-evaluation program. Teachers and members of the lay community worked together for almost a year in its preparation. An outline of the Philosophy was sent home on February 21 to give parents an opportunity to prepare and return to the committee any questions they might have.

Members of the committee who will serve as panel members are Mrs. Jack Naimer, chairman, Mrs. Walter Hanford, Constance Pearson, Josephine Klein, Mrs. William Phelan, Mrs. Edward Lewis, Mrs. Howard Arnheimer, and Mrs. Richard Nye. Mrs. Naimer will serve as moderator and questions will be accepted from the floor.

On Thursday, February 24, a Fabric Bazaar was held at the First Aid Building. Sponsored by the P.T.O., new fabric was offered at substantial savings. Mrs. Daniel Kostrinsky, Mrs. Thomas Slater and Mrs. Howard Falick were in charge of the arrangements.

A Cake Sale will be held on March 17 in the All-Purpose Room of the school. The sale will be open from nine until four and children will be allowed to buy cupcakes for their lunch and cake to bring home. Parents can drop in at any time to buy whatever they may wish. This has always been a profitable event for the P.T.O. and they hope to make it so again this year.

# President's Corner

The new Township Council has enacted a new Administrative Code and little criticism was expressed at the open hearing. Most of these items that were noted are in the process of correction. The only major unresolved objection refers to the Code of Ethics which has been referred to Councilman Kaye for investigation and recommendation.

A Code of Ethics should strictly prohibit any conflict between the duties and responsibilities of any Township official or employee and should include enforcement procedures and penalties.

The usual penalties are suspension without pay for a period of time or dismissal. The Code of Ethics as included in the present administration has no enforcement procedure or penalties and has been emasculated by adjectives. Article 6, Paragraph 203 of the Code of Ethics reads as follows:

"A Conflict of Interest. No elected or appointed official, officer or employee of the Township of Matawan shall engage in any business transaction, professional activity or have a financial or other private interest which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his official duties unless full disclosure is made as to such interest in writing to the manager and township council."

The word "substantial" negates this section of the Code and should be removed. In addition to writing the council, the Code should require full and public disclosure and shall require the official or employee to secure the permission, by resolution at a public meeting of the Township Council, to engage in the activity.

Section C states: "Representation of Private Interests before Township Agencies, Departments or Magistrates Court. No elected . . . of Matawan shall represent any private interests to the detriment of the township or for the purpose of unwarranted personal gain before any township agency . . . or in any litigation to which the Township is a party."

The bold face words should be deleted to give this section meaning.

Section C states: "Improper use of official position. No elected . . . of the Township shall improperly use his official position in order to obtain a personal discount or other benefit from any person or persons whatever." Again the word "improper" should be removed.

It is readily apparent that the Code of Ethics as now included in the Administrative Code has no meaning and condones or permits all but the most flagrant conflicts of interest. Should an official or employee engage in any activity that is a flagrant violation of his duties in the township, there is no enforcement procedure or penalties that can be applied.

A non-existent or weak Code of Ethics destroys the confidence of the public in the government of the Township, while a strong Code that is enforced strengthens the confidence of the public.

I personally do not believe that any member of the present Township Council has or intends to hide behind a weak Code of Ethics and I believe that they should strengthen the Code to justify the confidence the voters of the township expressed when they were elected.



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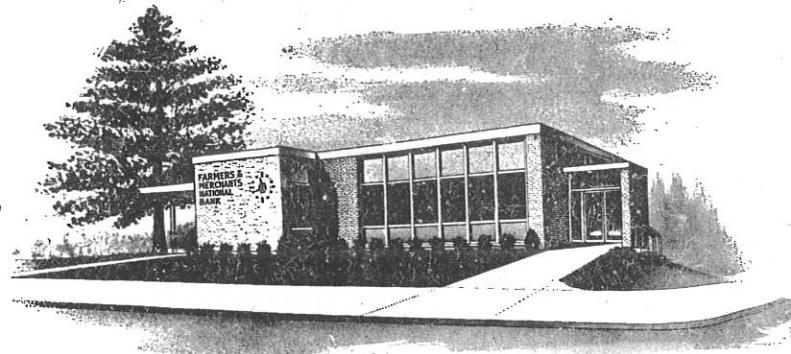
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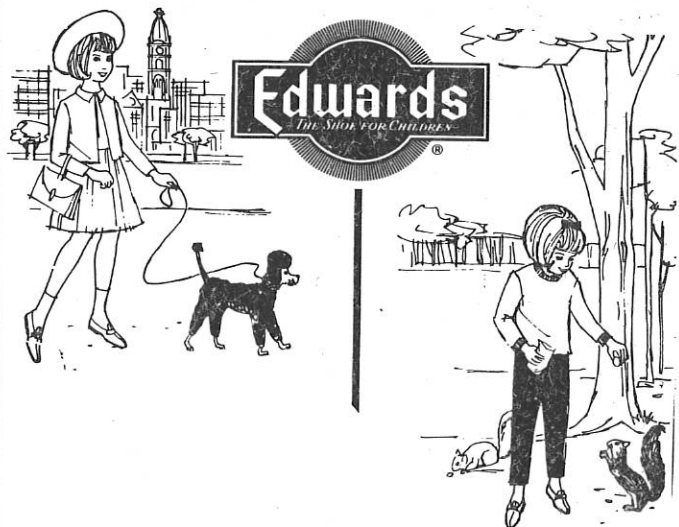
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