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APRIL, 1965

## LEVITT DONATES LAND TO CHURCH

The Cross of Glory Lutheran Church of Matawan-Marlboro has accepted a church site on the north side of Cambridge Drive between Clover Way and Courtland Lane offered by Levitt & Sons. At the same time, the congregation voted to dispose of the present church site on Route 79 in Marlboro.

This is the first of two parcels offered by Levitt for religious purposes to be accepted by a church. The parcel is 4.4 acres. The deed will be turned over on May 10 at 10:30 a.m. in a ceremony to be held at the site.

Ground-breaking is expected in August or in early autumn. The church has retained the Elizabeth architectural firm of Finne-Lyman-Finne to develop a master site plan. The firm has been retained by the Regional Board of Education for the Lloyd Road School, now under construction, and the Regional High School.

Members of the building committee are: Chairman, Kurt Carlson, 56 Avalon; Richard Palla, 168 Deerfield; Willis Hines, 24 Ambler; Carlton Schultz, 69 Andover; Fred Haese, Colts Neck; Carl Moebis, Keyport; George Harrington, 8 Ayrmont.

## Endresen Elected

Theodore Endresen, 13 Idol Place, was elected president of the Strathmore Civic Association at the April meeting.

Mr. Endresen is an engineer and maintenance supervisor of Marine Terminals for New York Port Authority. He is a graduate aeronautical engineer from Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute and was employed by Curtiss Propellers and California Technical Institute. He is a past president of St. George Association, Port of New York Authority Chapter; a Mason; member of John F. Kennedy Lodge 100, Knights of Pythias; and trustee of the Strathmore Bath and Tennis Club.

Edward J. Murphy was elected to the Vice Presidency. Mr. Murphy is a civil engineer graduate of Manhattan College and is employed as a senior hydraulic engineer for New York Public Service Commission. He resides with his wife, Barbara, and two children at 141 Warren Drive.

Mrs. James Ewing, 123 Warren Drive, was elected secretary. Mrs. Ewing is a graduate of Penn. College for Women. She has taught Sunday School; is a member of her church choir, and has been a secretary for Schenley Corp., and the American Can Co.

Gerard Fitzpatrick was elected treasurer. Mr. Fitzpatrick is an accountant with Esso Metropolitan Services, an affiliate of Esso. He has traveled widely overseas as an auditor for Esso-Standard. A Holy Cross College graduate and former Navy supply officer, he lives at 55 Chilton Lane with his wife Irene.

stop at corners. The Committee has referred the recommendations to the Township Attorney for codification into ordinance form.

Under the recommendations, New York bound buses would stop along Lloyd Road at the southeast corner of Route 34, Cambridge Drive at the Strathmore Bath and Tennis Club, the southwest corners of Idlewild Lane, Church Street, Drexel Lane and Andover Lane and the south side of Noble Place, and Northland Lane.

Buses from New York would stop on the northwest corners of Northland Lane, Noble Place, Dawn Way, Drexel Lane, Church Street, Cypress Lane, Cambridge Drive, and Route 34.

Other stops would be added when Marlboro Township completes projected plans to widen Lloyd Road. These stops are: Oxford Lane, Warren Drive, and Fordham Drive.

Excerpt from the N. Y. Times, Friday, April 16, 1965

## LEVITT USED MAFIA FIRM

A new investigation of the dealings of Carlo (Don Carlos) Gambino, head of a major Mafia group here, has found that some industrial and business companies are clients of a labor relations firm of which Gambino owns a third.

The other partners in S.G.S. Associates, Inc., which operates out of a small office at 141 East 44th Street, are: Henry H. Saltzstein, a convicted burglar and bookmaker, and George Schiller, about whom little is known.

Among the clients and former clients are Wellington Associates, owners of the Chrysler Building and the largest acquirers of real estate in the metropolitan area in recent years; William J. Levitt, most of whose massive building operations have been with non-union labor; Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, Howard Clothes, Bond Clothes and the Concord Hotel at Lake Kiamasha, N.Y.

Several S.G.S. clients, who confirmed that they had been questioned by F.B.I. agents recently, said they had been unaware that the "G" in the firm name stood for Gambino. They said they had ended their contracts, or were about to do so, after learning of the Mafia connection.

Most of those interviewed said they had dealt with Saltzstein. Some described his role as "advisor on labor policy," and said he had negotiated with unions when strikes occurred or were imminent.

Mr. Morgenthau, asked about the new inquiry, said only that he was "continuing to explore all phases of Mafia ac-

tivity and of labor racketeering by management or unions." He declined to comment on the specifics of the S.G.S. investigation.

William Levitt, the builder, said through a spokesman: "We learned about a month ago that the 'G' in the firm name was Carlo Gambino. We have since been informed that Mr. Gambino will sever his relationship in the very near future."

Mr. Levitt, one of the best-paying customers of S.G.S., has been dealing with Saltzstein since 1952 and reportedly is paying \$7,000 a month. Mr. Levitt once said in an interview: "I'm not against unions, I just think we can build houses faster without them."

## Discuss Bus Stops at Association Meeting

The number and location of bus stops on the New York commuter run was the subject of discussion at a recent meeting of the Township Committee.

The Township Committee announced the list of stops that would be included in a new bus stop ordinance. Previously the subject has been before the township committee twice: first when a group from Deerfield Park objected to having a stop at Dawn Way and Lloyd Road eliminated. In response, a resident who lives on Lloyd Road complained that the buses prevented access to driveways and contended that buses should be forced to

# President's Corner

## Who Should Know The Answers?

### WHY FOUR?

At the recent public hearing on the new salary ordinance in Matawan Township, the writer questioned the Township Committee regarding building department salaries and operation. The ordinance provides for a building inspector at a salary of \$3,000 and three deputies at \$1,250 each.

The mayor and committeemen were asked how many hours these deputies worked; how many new buildings or alterations they inspected, and what their qualifications were for this work. The writer suggested that the Township should, depending on the amount of work involved, either reduce the number of deputies or combine the four part-time posts into one full-time, fully-qualified building inspector.

A committeeman answered that they work "hard" and that one of the deputies had experience as a carpenter. A deputy inspector present at the meeting (a traffic manager for a trucking firm) said that the previous weekend he had inspected seven alteration sites.

When public questioning ceased, the mayor said that the Committee should not consider the suggestions because "Mr. Parker does not know the facts and figures." The mayor thus deliberately twisted the situation. The Committee was voting to give four men a total of \$6,750 of Township tax money, but could not answer questions on how many hours were worked or how many inspections were made or what the technical qualifications of the inspectors were.

Taxpayers are not required to know the answers before they ask questions. Rather, the Township Committee, when it is voting Township money, must be able to give the facts and figures which justify their actions.

## Letter to Editor

April 14, 1965

Editor:  
Strathmore Observer  
P. O. Box 100  
Matawan, N. J.

In March, 1964, the Strathmore Observer exhorted all Strathmorian to contribute \$5.00 to sue Levitt for recreational land on the 15% issue. During a stormy meeting, a majority voted in favor of action. Although I was one of the few who voted against it. I contributed my \$5.00 because a majority favored it.

It is now one year later and many of us wonder whatever happened to the money, the issue, and the playgrounds. It seems that nobody talks about it anymore, nor do I see any playgrounds. Perhaps you can shed light on this subject.

Very truly yours,  
PETER ISERLOTH

## 15% CASE DEVELOPMENTS

A review of developments in this important, but slow-moving case is again due. It was just a year ago that Strathmore residents contributed over \$3,500 to bring suit against Levitt in order to obtain the many acres of recreation land which, we believe, are due us.

As most readers will recall, the law court portion of the case which involved only section 28 (six acres in Juniper Park) was dismissed. The reason was that the Association's appeal to the Township Committee was not within ten days of the preliminary approval by the Planning Board.

The major portion of the case, which involves all of the 760 acres in Strathmore, is still pending. The papers were filed in the Chancery Court, but it was obviously put at the bottom of a large pile of outstanding cases. As soon as Judge Leonard sets the date for the trial we will publish notice in The Observer.

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## EDITORIAL

*There's a foul situation in Northland Park. Northland Park has the dubious pleasure of being the home of our sewerage treatment plant. When the Sewer Authority was integrated into the Matawan Township Utilities Authority, we assumed operating efficiency would result.*

*Several months ago when irate homeowners brought the situation of foul odor and effluent to the attention of the Utilities Authority the answer was that this was a technical matter easily remedied. To date, the situation still exists and nothing has been done.*

*We remind you to return your membership forms.*

### ASSOCIATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Regional High School 8:30 p.m.

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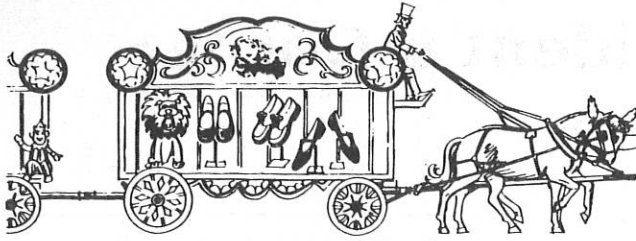


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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MAY, 1965

### ATTENTION — ORGANIZATIONS

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 June — please notify The Observer before May 15.

CALL 566-7180

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TEMPLE BETH AHM BAZAAR & CARNIVAL  
Strathmore Shopping Center  
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY  
St. Benedict's, 7:30 p.m.  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Municipal Bldg., 8 p.m.  
VFW — Post House, 8 p.m.  
WOMEN OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Church, 8:30 p.m.  
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS  
J.F.K. CENTENNIAL LODGE  
Oak Shades Firehouse, 8:30 p.m.

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TEMPLE BETH AHM BAZAAR & CARNIVAL  
Strathmore Shopping Center  
TOASTMASTERS  
Magnolia Inn, 8:30 p.m.  
FIRST AID SQUAD  
Cliffwood First Aid Bldg., 8 p.m.  
MASONIC LODGE  
Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.  
GIRL SCOUTS, MATAWAN NGHBD. ASSN.  
Matawan Health Center, 8:30 p.m.  
BAYSHORE HOSP., MATAWAN TWP. AUX.  
Strathmore Elementary School, 8:30 p.m.

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TEMPLE BETH AHM BAZAAR & CARNIVAL  
Strathmore Shopping Center  
HARBOR COMMISSION  
Municipal Bldg., 8 p.m.  
MATAWAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL PTA  
Grammar School, 8 p.m.  
STRATHMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO  
Elementary School, 8:15 p.m.  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,  
CARDINAL NEWMAN COUNCIL  
American Legion Hall, 8:15 p.m.  
MATAWAN TWP. REPUBLICAN CLUB  
Oak Shades Firehouse, 8:30 p.m.

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TEMPLE BETH AHM BAZAAR & CARNIVAL  
Strathmore Shopping Center  
BOY SCOUTS, CHINGARORA DIST. COMM.  
Sun S&L Ass'n., Airport Plaza, 8 p.m.  
GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP  
Middlesex Rd. Rec. Center, 8 p.m.  
VFW AUXILIARY  
Post House, 8 p.m.  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 176  
Post House, 8 p.m.

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TEMPLE BETH AHM BAZAAR & CARNIVAL  
Strathmore Shopping Center

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TEMPLE BETH AHM BAZAAR & CARNIVAL  
Strathmore Shopping Center

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
School of Missions, Church, Evening

**10**

HADASSAH  
Strathmore Lanes, 8:30 p.m.  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Broad St., 7:55 p.m.  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Municipal Bldg., 8 p.m.  
LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD  
Municipal Bldg., 8 p.m.

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ORT  
Strathmore Elementary School, 8:30 p.m.  
CIVIC ASS'N. EDUCATION COMM.  
Strathmore Elementary School, 8:30 p.m.

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CIVIC ASSN. ELECTION  
8:30 p.m.  
Matawan Reg. High School  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.

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SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
Municipal Bldg., 8 p.m.  
CROSS OF GLORY LUTH. CHURCH COUN.  
136 Deerfield Lane, 8 p.m.  
JR. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Magnolia Inn, 8:30 p.m.

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BAYSHORE HOSP. AUX. DINNER - DANCE  
Bamm Hollow Country Club  
PTO FUN DAY & BAZAAR  
Strathmore School, All Day

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
School of Missions, Church, Evening

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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Broad St., 7:55 p.m.  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Municipal Building, 8 p.m.  
HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
St. Benedict's, 7:30 p.m.  
VFW—Post House, 8 p.m.  
WOMEN OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Church, 8:30 p.m.  
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS  
J.F.K. CENTENNIAL LODGE  
Oak Shades Firehouse, 8:30 p.m.

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TOASTMASTERS  
Magnolia Inn, 8:30 p.m.  
MASONIC LODGE  
Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.  
CROSS OF GLORY LUTH. CHURCH WOMEN  
Strathmore Elementary School, 8 p.m.  
TEMPLE SHALOM SISTERHOOD  
Strathmore Elementary School, 8:30 p.m.  
ZONING COMM., CIVIC ASS'N.  
Strathmore Elementary School, 8:30 p.m.

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PLANNING BOARD  
Municipal Bldg., 8 p.m.  
MATAWAN REG. HIGH SCHOOL PTA  
High School, 8:15 p.m.  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,  
CARDINAL NEWMAN COUNCIL  
American Legion Hall, 8:15 p.m.  
DEBORAH, MATAWAN CHAPTER  
Airport Plaza Lanes, 8:30 p.m.

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CROSS OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS  
136 Deerfield Lane, 8 p.m.  
GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP  
Middlesex Rd. Rec. Center, 8 p.m.  
VFW AUXILIARY  
Post House, 8 p.m.  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 176  
Post House, 8 p.m.  
TEMPLE BETH AHM  
First Aid Building, 8:30 p.m.

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WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE  
Airport Plaza, 8:00 p.m.  
BOARD OF REC. COMMISSIONERS  
Municipal Bldg., 8 p.m.  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BD. OF DEACONS  
Church, 8 p.m.  
B'NAI B'RITH MEN  
Matawan Reg. High School, 8:30 p.m.  
FIRST AID SQUAD AUXILIARY  
Cliffwood First Aid Bldg., 8:30 p.m.  
NATL. COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN  
Strathmore Elementary School, 8:30 p.m.

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MUNICIPAL COURT  
Municipal Bldg., 8:30 p.m.  
BOY SCOUTS  
CHINGARORA DIST. COMMISSIONERS  
127 Ravine Dr., 8 p.m.  
TEMPLE BETH AHM SISTERHOOD  
First Aid Bldg., 8:30 p.m.  
JR. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Magnolia Inn, 8:30 p.m.

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UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
30 Noble Place, 8 p.m.  
ZONING BOARD  
Municipal Bldg., 8 p.m.  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.  
B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN  
Oak Shades Firehouse, 8:30 p.m.  
STRATHMORE DEMOCRATIC CLUB  
Strathmore Lanes, 8:30 p.m.

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TWP. COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
Municipal Bldg., 8 p.m.  
COLUMBIAN AUXILIARY  
CARDINAL NEWMAN COUNCIL  
Strathmore Lanes, 8:15 p.m.

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INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
Municipal Bldg., 8 p.m.

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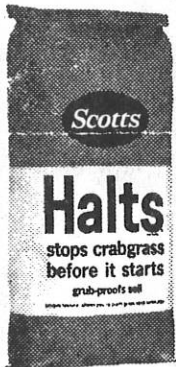
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## RECREATION OFFICIALS ASK FOR PUBLIC INTEREST

An inadequate budget, insufficient public support and poor facilities are obstacles to a more-improved recreation program in Matawan Township.

This is the theme of messages delivered by Robert Feldman and David A. Wolfe, township Recreation Commission members, who were the featured speakers at the March meeting of the Civic Association.

Mr. Wolfe stated that the recreation facilities are so poor that it would take a large amount to make them usable. He said there is not sufficient public support for a summer recreation program, commenting that at the last commission meeting two residents attended.

Mr. Feldman explained that \$7,500 was budgeted three years ago and the expenditures were so spread out that really nothing was done. This year the budget for the Recreation Commission is \$22,000. Mr. Feldman said, "Just moving dirt and leveling property requires a big expenditure."

Mr. Feldman said that there wasn't great interest in a summer program three years ago and no public interest in one this summer. He said that he was the only commission member favoring a program this summer, but that if it did not work out, the chances for another program next summer would be poor. While school facilities are available, "just

opening them is not the answer," Mr. Feldman said.

Both Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Feldman outlined the projected plan for site improvements: Within 10 days, sites in Andover and Cambridge Parks would be equipped with playground materials. This will be the first time any budget allocation would be expended in Strathmore for recreation.

The Andover site will get a basketball court later in the year; the Cambridge site will have a kiddie park and baseball field. The Northland site, subject of recent discussion, is being used to store nursery materials and cannot be used. The Waverly and Fordham Park sites are to be improved next year.

In Waverly, there is a major drainage problem. Fill is needed to level the site just as a base for an athletic field. The cost of solving drainage and land problems would total close to \$25,000.

Mr. Feldman stated that with a \$20,000 yearly budget, it would take a long time to take care of recreational sites.

"Building, maintenance and a program cannot be handled with \$20,000 per year." In answering questions from the floor, Mr. Wolfe said: "A well-planned bond issue was most suitable."

The Recreation Commission had requested \$49,000 this year as part of a \$98,000 long-range, detailed program.

## Swim Club Prepares For Big Season

A former athletic director and swimming coach at the Newark Athletic Club, Vincent Brookes of Trenton, has been retained as manager of the Strathmore Bath and Tennis Club for the coming season.

Brookes is the originator of adult swimming programs in Trenton and a veteran swimming instructor and official of swimming and diving competition, as well as boxing and other sports.

He is a retired lieutenant of the New Jersey State Police and former chief of plant security for Crucible Steel Co.

Raymond Wasdyke has been retained as assistant manager and activities director.

## SURVEY STAKES

As predicted at the March meeting of the Association, the survey stake case did not come to trial on April 13. The date, which had been set by Judge Simmill, had to be postponed because Mr. Mac Gowen, Levitt's attorney, did not submit his brief 20 days prior to the trial as had been ordered by the Judge. The brief was not submitted until a week prior to the trial and consequently the answering briefs could not all be prepared in time.

A new date, Wednesday, May 12, has been set. It would seem that the case, at last, will actually be tried.

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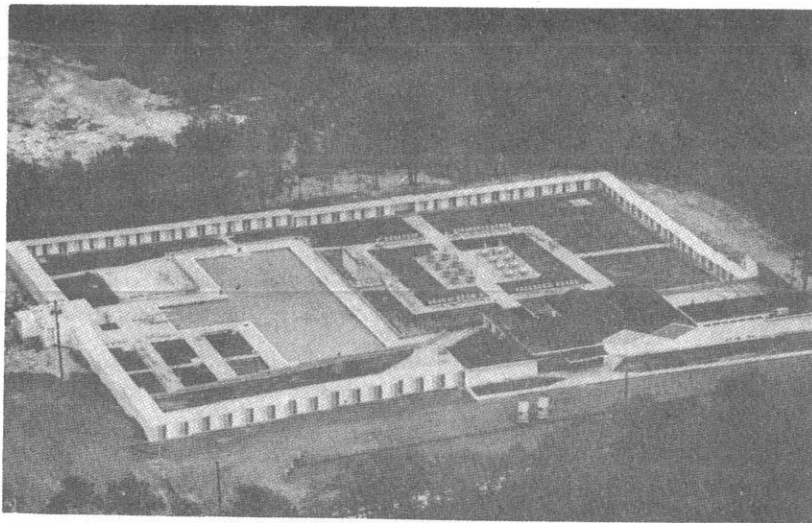
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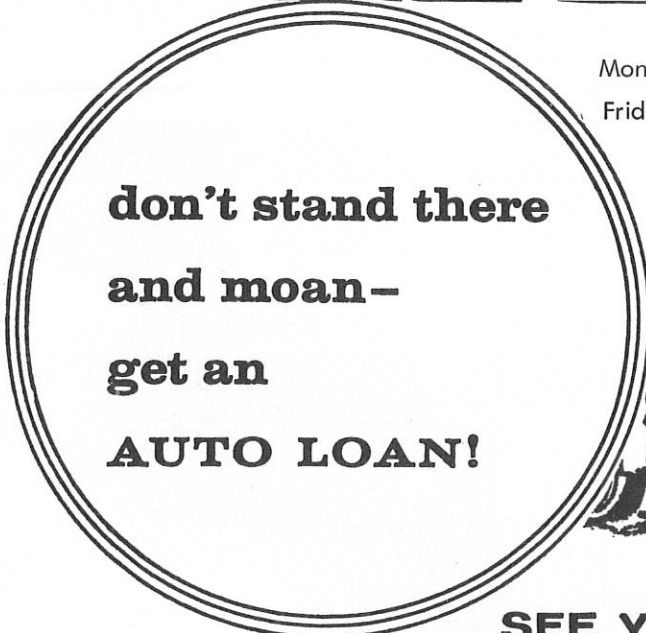
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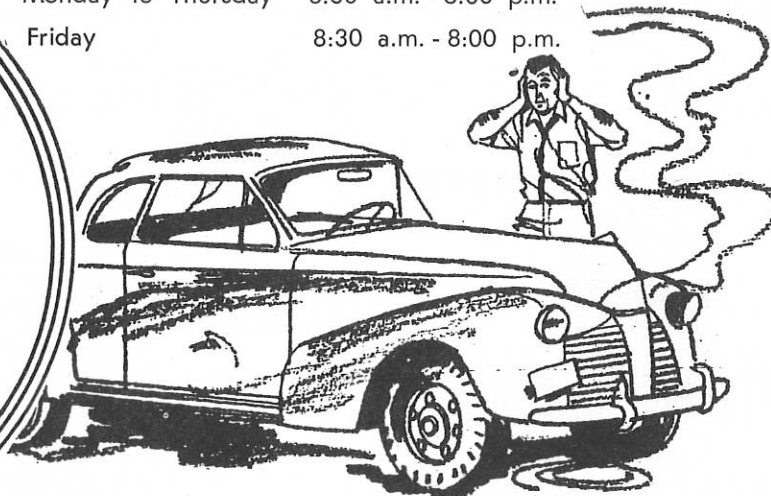
**DIRECTIONS**—Follow Lloyd Rd. to Rt. 79, turn left one block to Tennant Rd.; turn right and follow Tennant Rd. 3½ miles to Rte. 520; turn right on 520 for 1-1/5 miles; cross Rt. 9 and continue for 1/2 mile to Birch Hill entrance.

### DRIVE - UP HOURS

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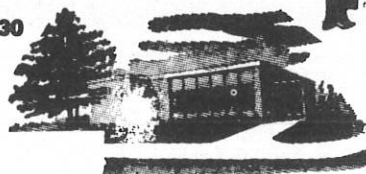
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