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ASSOCIATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Regional High School 8:30 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Theodore Endresen Listed As Association President

Theodore Endresen, 13 Idol Place, has been named by the nominating committee of the Civic Association for presentation to the membership for president for 1965-66.

Also named by the committee were: Edward J. Murphy, 141 Warren Drive, for vice president; Mrs. James Ewing, 126 Warren Drive, for secretary; Robert W. Beecher, 142 Andover Lane, and Gerard J. Fitzpatrick, 55 Chilton Lane, for treasurer.

The meeting at which they were named was held on March 31 to give the committee time to prepare their recommendations.

The Civic Association's election is scheduled for April 21. Nominations may be made at that time.

The nomination committee is composed of a member of each of the association's standing committees but officers and committee chairmen are not permitted to serve on the nominating group.

OK LANDFILL ON ROUTE 35

The Township Committee and the Board of Health approved a sanitary landfill on a 10.9 acre tract west of Route 35 along the Madison Township boundary.

The Board of Health approved the operation of the landfill for seven years by Contract Carriers Co. of Roselle. In its approval the board stipulated that the site and operation be approved by the New Jersey Department of Health, that the township be permitted to dispose of junk cars and that access to the landfill be only from Route 35 and that suitable fencing be installed.

The Planning Board and the Industrial Commission recommended the landfill when the area was rezoned for light industry. Between 12 and 14 acres could be reclaimed.

OKAY TOWNSHIP HALL COST: \$243,000 TWENTY-THREE AT PUBLIC HEARING

Despite written and vocal opposition from the largest and most active groups in Matawan Township, the Township Committee voted to adopt a bonding ordinance which authorizes construction of an addition and renovation of the existing town hall. Plans call for an addition of 7,216 square feet and alterations to 3,828 square feet.

Previously the Township Committee released a timetable that included: awarding of contract to low bidder by April 19, start of construction by May 1, completion of the addition by October 1, relocation of all departments to occupy the addition by October 8, start of alterations to existing space by October 25, relocation of departments into altered space by December 31. The following letter was sent by Herbert J. Parker, President of the Civic Association, on behalf of the executive committee of the association:

March 22, 1965

Hon. Henry Traphagen, Mayor,
and the Township Committee
Matawan, New Jersey

Re: Proposed Bonding Ordinance for
Improvements to the Municipal Building
Gentlemen:

I ask that you disapprove the proposal before you to enact an ordinance to issue bonds to pay for alterations and additions to the Municipal Building.

The building, as proposed, contains every possible feature that could be desired for the next ten years, but makes absolutely no attempt at economy. Individual home owners must compromise between a home containing all the rooms and extras they could possibly need for the next ten years and the ability to pay for it now or the ability to pay for the mortgage. The township must make a similar compromise. The township must not overburden the taxpayers who will have to pay the bill over the next 25 to 30 years.

The design as presented considers only potential need, and is not an economical design. I know this to be true from my knowledge of construction procedures and building costs. I believe that I am qualified to make the suggestions listed below because of my experience. I am

a graduate civil engineer, and have for the last ten years worked for a major construction company in New York City. I have had experience in the field on construction sites and for the past several years been senior estimator on new construction and alteration work. In the course of my work I have often been called upon to examine designs presented by the best architectural firms in the country and to recommend changes which will result in greater economy and at the same time not impair the operational needs of the proposed building.

On the basis of my professional background and experience, and after several weeks of consideration, I would like to make the following recommendations:

1. The Council Chamber, which will occupy the whole first floor of existing building, will be used to capacity no more than twice a month. The simple addition of a soundproof folding partition across the center of the room, allowing two simultaneous meetings, would eliminate the need for a separate board room, thus saving \$7,200.

2. Separate rooms are assigned to the Welfare Department, the Tax Assessor, the Building Inspector, the Plumbing Inspector, the Zoning Board and the Water Department. All of these functions are and will always be part-time functions—some daytime and some evening. The only essential is that the Water Department will be taken over by the Municipal Utilities Authority within several years. The total space designed for these functions—1,300 square feet—could be reduced by at least 500 square feet by placing them in a single large office which could be used by more than one function at a time, thus saving \$10,000.

3. By grouping the Town Manager, Secretary, Town Clerk and Clerks' Rooms back to back at the east of the second floor, the central corridor could be eliminated. Fire exit use could be maintained by non-locking doors and a sign, thus saving \$4,000.

4. Two separate toilet facilities are located on each floor, each with separate

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EDITORIAL

The Civic Association's current organizational year is rapidly drawing to a close. The year has been an active one and the Association can look back to a job well done.

The usefulness of the Association and its type of program has been demonstrated time and time again. But the degree of activity or inactivity and the Association's program depends on the needs and desires of its members and their degree of activity or inactivity.

In short the burden of responsibility has fallen on the shoulders of a relatively small group of active members. Now the Association is at a crossroad. We can take the path of lethargy and allow the Association to wither. We urge you to devote a portion of your time, interest, energy and activity to the Association. Much too much is at stake.

Kindergarten "Cutoff"

Two bills establishing October 1 as the uniform "cutoff" date for admittance to public school kindergarten and preventing circumvention of the cutoff date were passed by the State Assembly. State law now requires a child to be five years old within 10 days after the opening of school in the fall. The new bill would eliminate the variation that now results from having the grace period instead of a uniform cut-off date. The other bill states that no school board shall be required to accept a kindergarten transfer from a public or private school if the pupil was not five years old by October 1.

President's Corner

The Civic Association has on many occasions in public and in private urged the Township to enact regulations controlling signs. The possibility of large brightly illuminated signs being erected in commercial and industrial zones is disturbing; they would seriously detract from the adjacent residential properties as well as from the appearance of the main roads in the Township. The answer that the building inspector could control them has now been proven wrong.

The Texaco sign which looms over Route 34 at Lloyd Road and Route 34 gave us the final answer. This sign illustrates the belief of retail sales organizations that the larger-brighter-gaudier the sign, the more business it will attract. This sign also provided proof that the "existing" controls do not really exist. The Township's legal action against Texaco to have the sign removed has been rejected by the courts. The judge ruled against the Township stating that the controlling ordinance was so vague that it was illegal.

The ordinance which states that the Zoning Board must approve all signs more than 10 feet from the building is so vague and arbitrary that it has no meaning.

The court decision is now more than a month old and still no action has been started by local authorities. All this time there is absolutely no local control on signs in commercial and industrial zones.

The Township Committee and the Planning Board must immediately start work on a new ordinance containing the necessary safeguards. We recommend that the following controls be included.

- 1) size and height
- 2) setback from the road
- 3) no rooftop signs
- 4) no flashing or revolving lights or signs
- 5) a limitation on the brightness of self illuminating signs and a prohibition against visibility or glare from adjacent residential properties.

TAX RATE CUT, SET AT \$3.27

The Township Committee voted to withdraw an additional \$65,000 from surplus, reducing the 1965 tax rate from a previously estimated \$3.37 per \$100 assessed valuation, to \$3.27, a hike of 39 cents over last year.

The total withdrawal from surplus will be \$215,000, leaving an estimated surplus balance of \$73,112.

Some 65 persons attended the March 15th public hearing at the Cloffwood School. The budget totals \$909,369, an increase of \$114,820.

The final tax rate breakdown is as follows: Schools, \$1.94, up 18 cents; municipal purpose, 73 cents, up 20 cents; county share, 48 cents, down 1 cent; exemptions, 12 cents, up 2 cents.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

St. Joseph's R.C. Church will hold open house for the public on Sunday, April 25. The purpose of the Open House, in keeping with the spirit of the Ecumenical Council, is to open the doors of the church to the general public, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, to give them a unique opportunity to see and hear how the Catholic Church functions.

The parishioners conduct general tours and explain the confessional, stations of the cross, baptistry, sacristy and altar. A display of sacred vessels, vestments, altar appointments will be arranged in the pews of the church for easy viewing.

The public will be guided through the school, where the Sisters of Mercy explain the purpose of the parochial educational system.

Toastmaster's Club Is Granted Charter

The Matawan Toastmaster's Club had its Charter Night Dinner recently at Clare and Coby's Inn, Sayreville. The club received its charter from the District Governor of Toastmasters International, James Kalley of Riveredge, New Jersey, while the officers were officially installed by the Lieutenant District Governor, W. W. Boesewetter of Navesink.

These officers were: William Pyle, President; Edward Libutti, Educational Vice President; Gerald McCoy, Administrative Vice President; John Bolendz, Treasurer; John Driscoll, Secretary; Harold Shoop, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The charter members present were: Joseph Bliss, Pat Briody, Daniel Carmody, Frank Clement, Ben Dissin, Charles Kaess, Barry Kurtz, Jack Naimmer, Edward Riche, William Shoop, Allen Trauben and David Young.

Pat Brody served as Toastmaster for the affair and introduced the principal speakers of the evening, who were the finalists in the club speech contest. Ben Dissin was voted the winner of this contest, with Barry Kurtz finishing second and William Pyle third. Mr. Dissin will represent the Matawan Club in the area speech contest to be held early in March.

Toastmasters International is an organization devoted to self-improvement through better listening, thinking and speaking. The Matawan Club meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Clare & Colby's Inn, Jct. of Routes 9 and 34. Guests are always welcome.

RECREATION UNIT GETS CIVIC ASSOCIATION PLAN

The following is a letter from the Matawan Township Recreation Commission from Herber J. Parker, president of the Civic Association outlining the suggestions of the Civic Association for a township-wide recreation program.

March 22, 1965

Recreation Commission
Matawan Township, N. J.
Gentlemen:

At the public hearing on the Township budget held Monday, March 15, taxpayers questioned the Committee about how the monies allocated to the Recreation Commission would be spent. The issue was how much would be spent for recreation and how much for capital improvements. The Committee was unable to answer this question and no member of the Recreation Commission was present.

In the course of questioning two points become clear: First that a majority of the Township committeemen believe that an active recreation program should be instituted; and second that the Committee, bound by State law under which the Recreation Commission was created, cannot dictate to the Commission.

This matter was discussed at length. It became obvious that the Commission, in spite of public needs and the principles of economics, is conducting itself as a buildings and ground committee, spending current income on long term

capital improvements rather than on an active recreation program. The folly of this approach can be seen by looking at the \$98,000 'budget' which was submitted by the Commission and at the \$22,000 appropriated in the current budget. Simple mathematics shows that if the capital improvements must be finished and paid for before any real recreation program is instituted, it will take at least five years.

Because of prior business commitments I am unable to attend your meeting on March 22 to present by position in person; and because of the importance of the special Township Committee meeting on the same evening my associates will be unable to be present. I assure you, however, that our absence does not imply lack of attention or concern about the need for a recreation program now.

I ask the Recreation Commission to reverse its policy immediately and set in motion the machinery to accomplish the following programs:

- 1) Set up a priority budget for essential capital improvements including all work which may be bonded, and start at once the bonding procedure. This will give us this year, or at the latest in 1966 those most important facilities some of which would otherwise not even be started for at least five years.
- 2) Set up a budget to use the \$22,000 allocated to you this year primarily for recreation preserving a minimum portion for maintenance and for critical items which may

not be included in bonded capital improvements.

- 3) Employ on a part time basis a professionally qualified recreation program director to plan and direct a recreation program this year and to hire such qualified assistants as will be needed to conduct the program.
- 4) Meet with the regional Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to arrange for the use of suitable school facilities located in the Township for the recreation program and if necessary negotiate such compensation which may be required.

Yours very truly,
HERBERT J. PARKER

COMMUTER PARKING LOT WAITS FOR BRIDGE PLANS

Garden State Parkway officials are delaying approval of the township's request to acquire a three acre tract for bus commuter parking. In a letter from D. Louis Tonti, executive director, the New Jersey Highway Authority told the township committee that the real estate section of the authority was discussing the reconstruction of the Lloyd the New York and Long Branch Railroad. It may become necessary to take part of the land for relocation of Line Road adjacent to the bridge. The township has been talking of relocating Line Road so that it joins Lloyd Road south of the bridge.

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THE HOOK - One of World's Finest Beaches

Crammed into the beckoning forefinger and thumb that juts from New Jersey into the Atlantic is a double handful of history and scenery.

And now on weekends thousands of people pack themselves into one short stretch of Sandy Hook's Atlantic shore. And with reason. It is one of the finest beaches in the world. Until 1962 this particular stretch of surf and sand lay sunning itself, and itself only, behind the barbed wire and "Keep Out" signs of a military reservation. But New Jersey prevailed in its long fight with the Federal government to open the beach as a state park to the public. A bathhouse and separate parking areas are provided for bathers and fishermen.

Sandy Hook was and is provided by the sea itself. The sandpit peninsula was pushed and built up by the action of currents. This action continues. The Hook grows and grows. It now is four times as large as it was when first surveyed in 1685.

The Hook stretches north and slightly west from the Borough of Highlands for about six miles, reaching toward New York whose towers are brought deceptively close by the mirage-like refraction of sea and sky. Its about 10 miles from the tip of the Hook across the entrance to Rockaway and Coney Island but the New York skyline often looks close enough to touch.

One of the most impressive views imaginable is from Mount Mitchell, at 260 feet the high point of the Highlands and the highest elevation on the mainland coast from Canada to Mexico. The Hook stretches out below, Raritan Bay and the Lower Bay are included in the sweep. And there's New York on the northern horizon.

The Highlands have always been the first glimpse of America for ships approaching New York Harbor, and the last bit of land to disappear when outbound.

The Indian name for the area, Navesink, means appropriately enough "good fishing place." Fortunately for the sightseeing, historically oriented visitor the spectacular scenery of the Highlands, the Hook, the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers remains much as it was when Florentine explorer Giovanni de Verrazano arrived in 1524 and described it as "a very agreeable situation."

In 1609 Capt. Henry Hudson and his

Half Moon crew landed near the present Shrewsbury Bridge, and you can still drink from "The Spout" the rock-walled hill spring near Atlantic Highlands where they filled their water casks. This was a regular water stop for ships until about 1900 . . . the water's cold and clear.

The Hook contains the first white man's grave in New Jersey, that of John Colman, of Hudson's band, killed by an arrow and buried at the foot of a "grim pine," according to the Half Moon's chronicler Robert Juet.

On the spot stands Sandy Hook lighthouse. Built in 1768, the original 85-foot-high tower is still in use, and has been in constant use except for brief blackouts during the Revolutionary War and World War II. Small wonder it's still in use, the masonry walls are seven feet thick at the base. The nine-story light has been dedicated as a national historic landmark and visitors may make the nine-story climb for the view. Toward the tip of the Hook, Fort Hancock, named for Union General Winfield H. and not John, is a picturesque chapel guarded by a 21-inch, smoothbore coastal defense gun of Civil War vintage. A yellow brick Officers Row is credited to New York architect Sanford White.

There have been forts and coast defense installations on the Hook since Hudson's time. Among the latest is a Nike missile battery. The federal government retains jurisdiction over slightly more than 1,100 acres, including the Nike-Hercules missile battery, and radar site, and a Coast Guard station. The State of New Jersey has 741 acres for Sandy Hook State Park. On Lighthouse Hill in the Highlands is one of the few twin-tower lights in the world. There has been a beacon on this hill since 1746. The present structure was built in 1862. It, too, is open to visitors and there is a park and picnic grounds around it. From the Twin Lights in 1899 Guglielmo Marconi first demonstrated his ship-to-shore wireless telegraphy, getting the results of the America's Cup yacht races from the boat Ponce, 15 miles off shore. For naturalists there are trails through a magnificent stand of American holly, a bird sanctuary threaded with trails and of course, the sea and beach.

The Highlands-Hook area is about 30 minutes driving time from Strathmore. The best route is along Route 36.

worthwhile community organizations, citizen achievement awards, scholarships, grants and civic projects.

The membership elected the following trustees: for three year terms, Larry Turk, Maurice Murray, and Norman Posner; for two year terms, Saul Rosenstock, Ben Dworkis, and Don Teres; and for a one year term, Aaron Lane, Mort Levine, and Larry Lerner. The following officers were elected for 1965: Larry Turk, President; Ben Dworkis, Vice President; Maurice Murray, Treasurer; and Don Teres, Secretary.

Teacher Guide Outlined

The Matawan Regional Board of Education adopted its 1965-66 teacher salary guide. The guide calls for five levels or classifications of employment.

1. Emergency teachers with no degree start at \$3,700 and move in eight steps to \$5,450. But there are regulations which put a limitation on the continuance of such teachers.

2. Certified teachers with no degree, advance from \$5,000 to \$7,200 in nine steps. These are graduates of "normal schools" of long tenure.

3. Bachelor degree teachers start at \$5,200 and run to \$7,950 in 11 steps.

4. Master's degree teachers start at \$5,475 and move to \$8,500 in 12 steps.

5. Doctor's degree or equivalent teachers start at \$5,750 and go to \$9,050 in 13 steps. Under the new schedule all teachers will be placed in their proper position on the salary guide.

Emery Manor Opens On Route 34

Unfortunately many Strathmore residents may some day have to face the problem of what to do about an aged or ill relative.

Fortunately practically at our doorstep is the luxurious new Emery Manor Nursing & Convalescent Home. Richard D. Emery, President, has extended a special invitation to Strathmore residents to drop in for an informal tour at any time. Devoted to the cure and rehabilitation of patients of all ages and to the care of the aged and infirm, Emery Manor is located on a seven-acre estate on Route 34, one mile north of Main Street, Matawan.

"At Emery Manor, the importance of the individual is stressed," Mr. Emery said, "and a variety of personal service is provided along with the utmost of professional care."

Meals may be selected from a daily menu and dietary service is available. Patients are encouraged to use their own physicians but staff doctors and dentist are on constant call in case of emergency. There is a barber shop and beauty shop with experienced personnel. Friends and relatives are welcome to visit patients and to dine with them at Emery Manor.

Guests are not restricted to the grounds and auto service is available for those who wish to attend outside movies, concerts, lectures and meals, or to attend church services. Clergymen are invited to visit those who cannot leave the grounds. Emery Manor provides recreational and entertainment programs, physical and occupational therapy, individually interior-decorated public and private rooms, beautifully landscaped grounds and many other "extras." It may be hard to believe, but the rates are well in line with other nursing homes in the area.

BENEVOLENT ASSOC. PLANS TO RAISE FUNDS

The membership of the John F. Kennedy Benevolent Association, Inc., gave its overwhelming approval to a motion that the Board of Trustees of the Association be authorized to take all appropriate measures to introduce and operate a Bingo program in the Matawan area.

This and other fund raising plans are now being planned for the year 1965. Funds raised will be contributed to

Okay \$243,000

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men's and women's rooms (eight individual rooms). If these were combined to one larger room for each sex on either the first or second floor, the savings could exceed \$4,000.

5. The proposal calls for complete revision of the present meeting room and rebuilding, at a cost of \$12,000. By leaving it as it is, keeping the stairs and converting the small room at the southeast corner into a Violations Clerk's Room, up to \$10,000 could be saved. Removing the walls and offices at the west end of this floor will not reduce this saving. Such removal and the resultant patching should cost nowhere near the architect's estimate—if major revisions are eliminated from the plans.

6. The architect said that the police facilities are designed to accommodate a force of 45 full-time men. The present Committeeman in charge of the Police Department has said that he can foresee no need for such a large number. Therefore, the space devoted for this use should be much less. The Police Laboratory is an extravagance. A dark-room could be a little larger than a closet in the corner of the Detectives' office. Additional savings could be achieved by a rearrangement of the rooms devoted for police use which, as planned, devotes excessive room to corridor.

7. The proposal to install separate electric heat pump units in each area of the building, which will provide both heat and air-conditioning, is not economical, and an independent study should be made before committing the township to excessively high power bills for the life of the new building.

In conclusion, I would like to say that the architect has provided an excellent design—if cost were no object. It is however a major consideration, and for that reason, and because of the large sums of money which could be saved by simple redesign, I ask you to defeat the proposal pending a study of all possible savings.

Very truly yours,
HERBERT J. PARKER

Bayshore Transportation

Unit Organizes

Mayors in eight northern Monmouth County communities are being asked to select a member for a new mass transit committee being formed by the Monmouth County Planning Board.

An organization meeting will be held as soon as the mayors of Middletown, Holmdel, Raritan, and Matawan Townships and the Boroughs of Keyport, Matawan, Union Beach, and Keansburg make their selections. The proposal of the area transit committee came from a January 7 meeting in Matawan Township called to discuss area transit problems.

Strathmore Taxes

Because our property taxes are included as part of the monthly mortgage payments, a great many Strathmore residents have little idea exactly how taxes are determined and when they are paid.

The following is a summary of information on taxes which should be of general interest.

For specific information concerning your own tax, you should call the Tax Collector, Mrs. Pauline K. Behr at 566-1859, or where the question deals with the assessed valuation of your property, Mr. John B. Kenner at 566-2531. In either case information will be obtained more quickly if you specify your Section, Block and Lot number, which are shown on your deed.

TAX RATE

The tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation for 1963 and 1964 are as follows:

	1963	1964
County	\$.43	\$.49
School	\$1.99	\$1.76
Municipal	\$.67	\$.53
Veterans and Senior Citizens		\$.09
	\$3.09	*\$2.88
Fire District Tax	\$.10	\$.09
	\$3.19	\$2.97

* Fractional cents add one cent to total.

ASSESSED VALUATION

The assessed valuations of the Strathmore homes are as follows:

Cape Cod	\$13,500
Ranch	\$14,000
3-Bedroom Colonial	\$15,800
4-Bedroom Colonial	\$16,300
Country Clubber	\$19,900
Two-Car Garage	\$ 500
Fireplace, 3 Bdrm Colonial ..	\$ 600
Fireplace, 4-Bdrm Colonial ..	\$ 700

Property valuations range from about \$1,700 to \$3,400. Your exact valuation can be obtained from Mr. John B. Kenner, Township tax assessor at 566-2531.

VETERAN'S ALLOWANCE

(Veterans or Widow of Veteran) — A veteran's allowance of \$50 is available to qualified veterans or their widows. The primary qualifications are that you must have held legal title to the home and have been a resident of the state before October 1 of the previous year, and must possess an honorable discharge.

The forms required for this claim can be obtained from the offices of the Tax Collector or Tax Assessor in the Municipal Building on Lower Main St. For credit you will have to submit photostatic copies of your Honorable Discharge and Separation Papers.

TAX PAYMENTS

The tax year corresponds to the calendar year, but the new tax rate will not be reflected on tax bills until the second half of the year. The bank is required to pay the total tax assessment in four equal installments in February, May, August and November. However, the official tax rate for a year is not approved by the county until May 1. Therefore, the tax payments for the first

Strathmore Softball League Organizing

Tentative plans for the Strathmore Men's Sunday Softball League have been made to include 12 teams divided into two divisions with each team playing 16 games starting May 2 and ending September 12th. As in the past, the League is open to all male residents of Strathmore.

The schedule calls for games on Sunday mornings starting at 9:30 a.m. on various fields in the Township.

The League started in 1963 with 4 teams and grew to 8 teams in 1964.

Men interested are asked to communicate with any of the 12 men appointed to the organizing committee. They are: Bernard Dziekan and Michael Kleinberg, Andover Park; Steven Schneider, Brookview Park; Bruno Setteducati, Cambridge and Northland Parks; Lawrence Scharpf, Deerfield Park; Ralph Sirico; Fordham Park; Anthony Finelli, James Rainsford and Howard Winters, Ivy Hill Park; John Leahy, Juniper Park; Jerry Tanleff, Oxford Park; and David Friedland of Waverly Park.

Library Board Hears Report

The board of trustees of the Matawan Free Public Library heard its director Jeannette Herrman report on the activities of the past year.

Miss Herrman said 43,176 books were circulated an increase of 8,000 over the previous year. Some 1,003 adult books and 1,118 juvenile books were added to the collection. In addition 2,763 new borrowers were registered. Miss Herrman noted that the survey report of library needs is nearing completion and should be available to the public shortly.

Master Plan Slated For December Completion

The township's master plan might be completed by December, the Planning Board was told by Peter Tolichus, representative of E. Eugene Cross Associates.

He told the board that preliminary studies should be completed by August and the writing of the proposed master plan should begin in November.

Tolichus' answer came after being questioned by Rudolph Bergenfield, a member of the Civic Association's zoning and planning committee.

GOT A PET PEEVE? WRITE A "LETTER TO THE EDITOR"

half of each year are based on the rate prevailing during the previous year.

The total tax bill sent to the bank in July of each year will reflect any overpayment or underpayment made during the first half, based on the estimated tax. Normally a change in the tax rate will be reflected each year in the monthly mortgage payments. The Dime Savings Bank reviews its New Jersey accounts in June,

Library Network Urged for Jersey

The Library Development Committee of the New Jersey Library Association has recommended the establishment of a state-wide co-ordinated library service that would provide facilities within reach of every resident.

The committee's plan would offer outlets on three levels: local community and school libraries, 22 area libraries for depth in subject and curricular fields, and, finally, specialized aid in research libraries.

The proposal was the chief point in an 84-page report released recently. Based on an intensive three-year study, the findings reported "serious deficiencies in the supply of recorded knowledge in the state, with three-fourths of the residents without access to printed materials and library services to meet their educational and informational needs."

The report continues, "The survey shows repeated shortcomings in this educational resource. Yet, New Jersey is a state that depends on information and knowledge . . . the commodities which libraries provide."

The plan is based on the following standards: Every person should have a general library in his community. Every region of the state should also have a larger and more specialized library open to both general readers and students. A third level should be available in the state for advanced students, specialists and researchers.

The total cost of the program, as outlined by the committee, would reach nearly 30 million. General library services this year will cost about \$17 million. To this would be added \$7 to \$8 million more from the state and Federal governments for area and specialized libraries, and \$4 to \$5 million would be provided by localities that have made only a "limited offer" to support libraries.

The 84-page document, "Libraries for the People of New Jersey" or "Knowledge for All" is the work of co-chairmen Lowell A. Martin, vice president of the Grolier Society, and Prof. Mary V. Gaver of the Graduate School of Library Science, Rutgers University.

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Red Oak School Continues Workshop

The Children's Cultural Workshop of the Red Oak Cooperative Nursery School Inc., will continue its program this spring session, starting Saturday, February 20. Three new courses will be added to the program: an Introduction to Art for pre-kindergarten (those who will be 5 years old by September 30, 1965) and kindergarten, an Introduction to Rhythmics for the same grade, and a course in Modern Dance for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.

The art classes for grades 1 through 5 will be repeated for new registrants and continued for those who attended the fall session. The rhythmics classes for grades 1 and 2 will also be repeated for new applicants and continued for those who started in the fall.

The primary aim of the workshop program is to provide children with the opportunity to discover, explore and enjoy the various arts through active participation and self-expression. The rhythmics course, conducted by Mrs. Evelyn Bieber, will encourage children to discover new kinds of movements in music and find different ways of expressing their feelings and ideas, using the skills they have learned in class. The art course, conducted by Mrs. Phyllis Nye, will introduce children to a variety of art media, will teach them techniques of using these materials and encourage their own development through experimentation. The modern dance course, conducted by Mrs. Barbara Wolfson, will teach creative techniques in contemporary dance, utilizing structured exercises, some ballet techniques, elements of choreography and Labanotation (dance reading and writing).

Registration will take place at the Strathmore School and the lobby of the Memorial School of the Matawan Grammar School on Monday and Tuesday, February 15 and 16, 1965, between 10:45 and 11:15 a.m. and 2:45 and 3:45 p.m. Tuition is \$10 for the 10-session course. There is a \$2.00 art material fee.

The cultural workshop is a cooperative, non-profit, non-sectarian undertaking administered by interested parents on a volunteer basis with a staff of professional teachers.

Mrs. Lester Marks may be reached at 566-7546 for further information.

WE GET LETTERS

It is the policy of The Observer to print letters to the editor when they are received. We welcome letters of interest to our readers. If you have something on your mind, a suggestion or a criticism on local affairs, write to:

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Strathmore Observer
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MATAWAN COOK HAS RECIPE

There are two excellent cooks in the George Vero family of Matawan but only one gets the opportunity to practice the art these days.

Mr. Vero is the professional — he studied culinary arts in Paris and Switzerland, has been chef at many prominent restaurants here and abroad, and presently owns and operates The Poet's Inn on Route 79 in Matawan, a charming dining spot which dates back to the American Revolution.

Olga Vero learned to cook in her native Hungary — "when my parents went on vacation and I had to manage the household staff," she says. "My sisters and I became perfect housewives that way." Mrs. Vero is an excellent baker and enjoys her own goulash and chicken paprikash. These days, however, except for breakfast — she never has time to cook at home. She is kept quite busy handling the business and hostess functions at the restaurant. A chic, well coiffed woman with lightly greying hair, Mrs. Vero owned a soap factory in Budapest until the Communists took it over. The luxury hotel Mr. Vero's father owned had a similar fate. The Veros fled from Hungary during the Revolution eight years ago with only the clothes on their backs. They recently purchased The Poet's Inn and are gradually revising the cuisine and the physical facilities. The kitchens have been re-equipped with new stoves, refrigerators and freezers, and cooking fuel changed from propane to natural gas to enable them to efficiently serve up to 140 people at a time.

The Poet's Inn menu features Continental and American specialties and although Mrs. Vero's Chicken Paprikash is not listed, her husband will be delighted to prepare it if ordered in advance. For those who'd like to try it at home, the recipe follows:

Mrs. Vero's Chicken Paprikash

- 2 Medium onions
- 1 frying chicken — cut in quarters
- 2 teaspoons Hungarian Paprika
- 2 medium tomatoes, cut in quarters
- 2 green peppers — sliced
- salt
- small container sour cream

Cut onions in small pieces, brown in oil. Then add Hungarian Paprika. Add flame, let simmer 10 minutes covered. Stir once or twice. Then add tomatoes, peppers, salt to taste. Stir. Cover. Do not add water or other liquid. Cook about 1 hour (very low flame) until tender. Stir about every 15 minutes. There will be a rich, juicy gravy. When done, stir in small container sour cream.

Delicious served with boiled rice or boiled potatoes, says Mrs. Vero.

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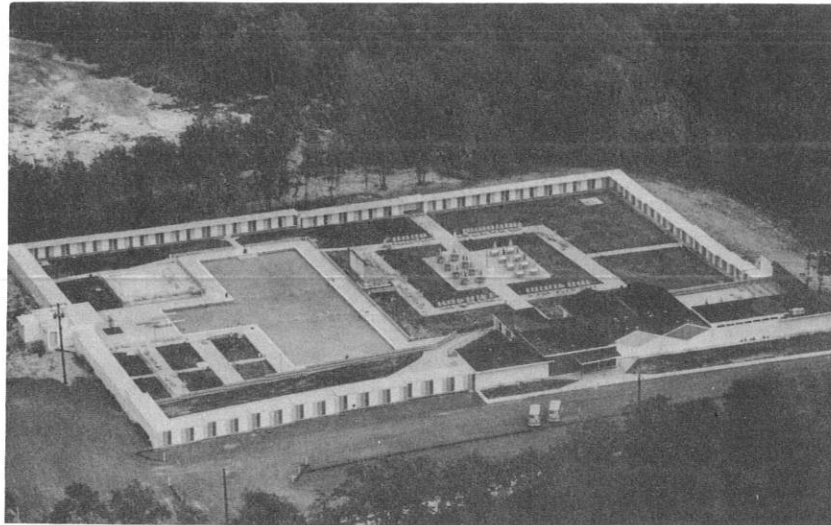
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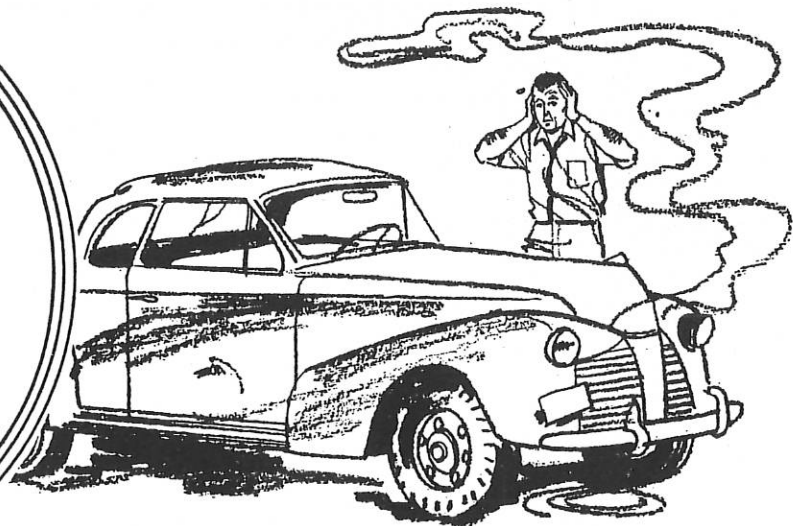
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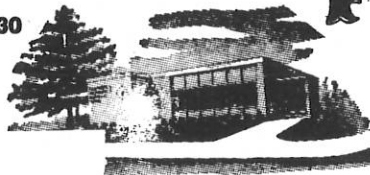


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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 May — please notify The Observer before May 15.

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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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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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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
Strathmore Lanes, 8:30 p.m.

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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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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
School of Missions, Church, Evening

12

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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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Masonic Temple, 8 p.m.
STRATHMORE DEMOCRATIC CLUB
Strathmore Lanes, 8:30 p.m.

15

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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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
School of Missions, Church, Evening

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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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CIVIC ASSN. ELECTION
8:30 p.m.
Matawan Reg. High School
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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OPEN HOUSE
St. Joseph's R. C. Church, Keyport, 2-4 p.m.

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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.

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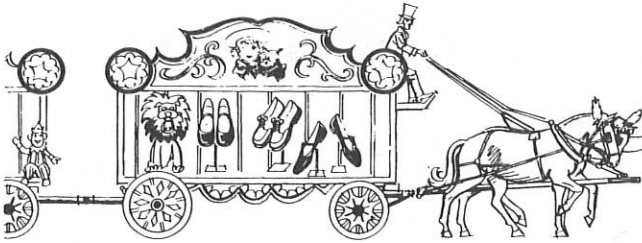
TWP. COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Municipal Bldg., 8 p.m.
COLUMBIAN AUXILIARY
CARDINAL NEWMAN COUNCIL
Strathmore Lanes, 8:15 p.m.

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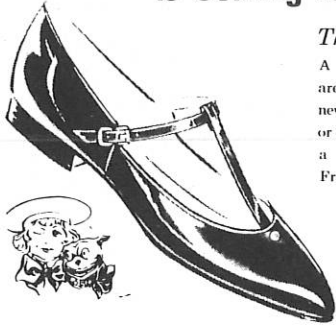
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
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Strathmore's Largest Neighbor Opens American Can Plant to Serve U.S.

Construction of Matawan Township's newest and one of Monmouth County's largest industries is nearing completion on a 51 acre site in Cliffwood, adjacent to the Garden State Parkway. The American Can Co. plant, which will occupy 326,000 square feet, is scheduled to be in full production early this year.

The facility will be the company's world-wide headquarters for its glass division. When construction began in 1963, company officials said that eventually the plant size might total 500,000 square feet or more. V. J. Verhunce, vice-president in charge of glass container production for American, said that the Cliffwood site was selected primarily because it is within easy delivery range of one-third of the total U. S. market for glass containers.

Output of the new Cliffwood facility, estimated at 900 million units annually, will consist of a general line of glass containers with major emphasis on bottles and containers for beer and carbonated soft drinks.

Future expansion can be accomplished without difficulty, Mr. Verhunce said, since the initial structure occupies only 20 per cent of the total ground area. Customers receiving glass containers

from the plant are assured of alternate means of rapid delivery because the new plant it served by both the Pennsylvania and Jersey Central railroads, as well as the nearby New Jersey Turnpike.

Plentiful sources of sand and soda ash, the two primary materials used in glass making, are available within economical shipping distances. Cliffwood was a noted brick production center during the period when New York City's early apartment houses were under construction. Many of the brick making skills of Cliffwood workers are adaptable to glass manufacture. A water re-use system has been provided, which will assure an adequate supply at all times, without disturbing the adjacent water table. A feature of the new facility is a towering water storage sphere which, rising 100 feet above ground on a supporting shaft about eight feet in diameter, has a capacity of 10,000 gallons. It is designed to serve the dual purpose of fire-protection and water supply for glass making.

Initial operations call for about 400 plant and office employees at the new Cliffwood facility. The company has not yet released any valuation figures except to say that the facility will be a "multi-million-dollar operation."

Red Oak Nursery Meeting Features Book Reviews

A review of four books in the field of nursery school education formed the nucleus of the program at the general membership meeting of The Red Oak Cooperative Nursery School recently.

Members of the education committee discussed different philosophies of education gleaned from their reading, including the laissez-faire method, authoritarianism, etc. They discussed the importance of free expression in children and the need for play and creative activity as acceptable outlets for youthful emotions.

The growth of social inter-action between children and adults were covered, as were the importance of development of a self image and the need for new experiences in a child's world.

Members reporting were: Mrs. Betty Leonard on "The Young Child in School"; Mrs. Barbara Hellenack on "The Guidance Nursery School"; Mrs. Adrian Robinson on "The Nursery Years;" and Mrs. JoAnn Zweben on "Creative Nursery Center." A question and answer period with discussion from the floor followed the formal book reviews.

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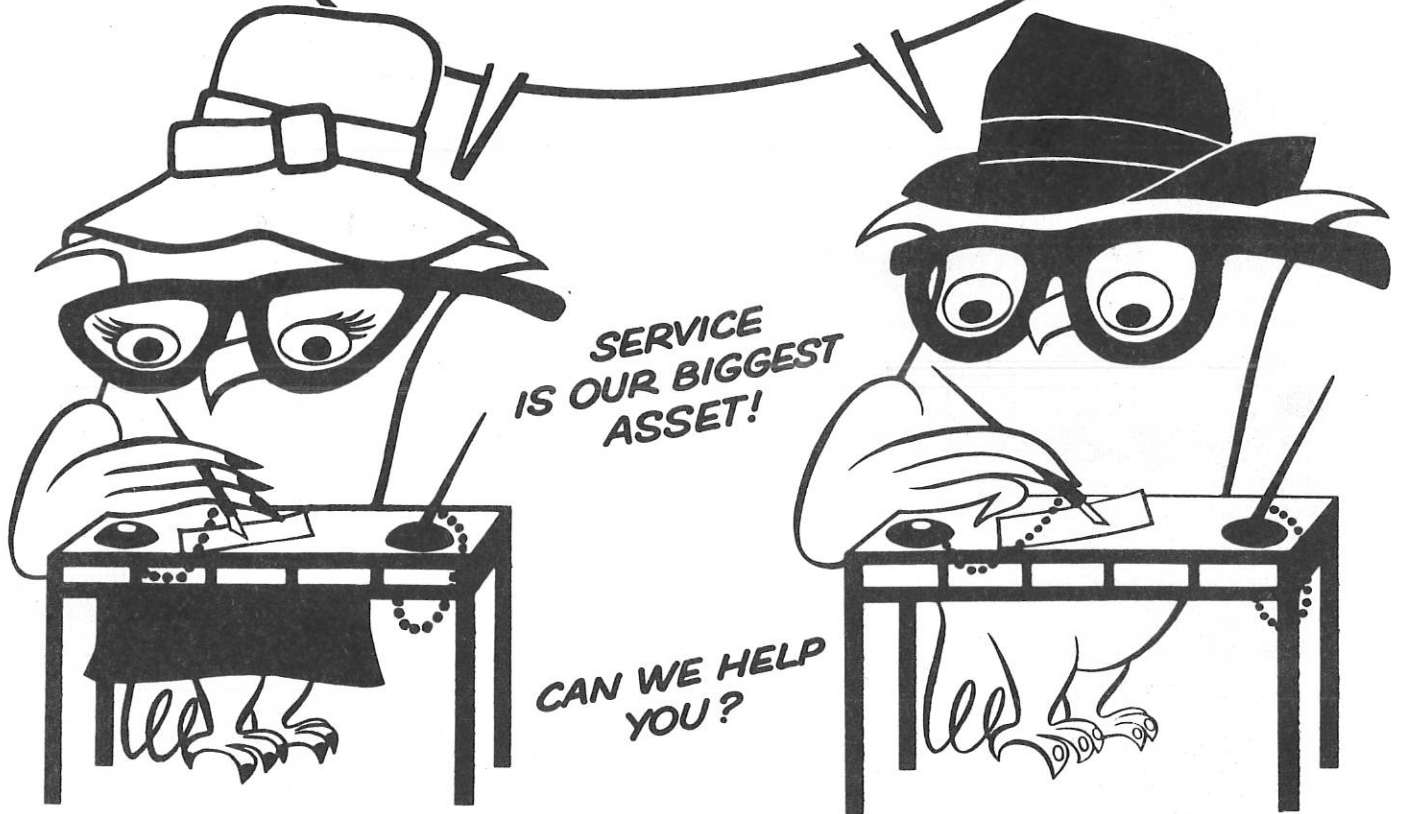
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