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CIVIC ASS'N. MEETING

Oct. 19th - 8:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE
DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED

"MEET YOUR CANDIDATES"

Matawan Regional High School
Auditorium

Emergency Calls

Any resident of Matawan Township requiring assistance from the Police, Fire Department or First Aid Squad should call the police desk at Township Hall and give their name, address and description and location of the emergency. The telephone numbers are 566-2626 or 566-2057.

If it is a police matter, a patrolman will normally respond within three minutes. In other emergencies procedures already established call out the Fire Department or Rescue Squad on equally short notice.

There have been cases of vandalism occurring in Matawan that could have been stopped had a telephone call to the police been made by a neighbor. There are many times that residents are not at home to protect their property and must depend on the alertness and interest of their neighbors should their home or grounds be threatened by damage from fire or vandals.

Police Chief Wallace has asked residents to call the police immediately whenever their suspicions are aroused. He feels that it is better to respond to several false alarms than to let one case of vandalism or more serious crime take place without any effort made at apprehension.

There are normally three patrol cars on duty in various areas of the township, making a speedy response possible. He does ask that every caller give their name and address to simplify the work of the department.

Deadline

The deadline for the November issue of the STRATHMORE OBSERVER will be October 15th.

Professional Park Is Denied Variance

On September 1, the Township Zoning Board of Adjustment, in a unanimous decision, denied a request for a variance to construct a 10-unit professional park on Church Street opposite the Strathmore School.

The proposal, which was almost identical to one submitted and rejected in May, 1964, called for 10 professional offices, each of 1,200 square feet, and a 92-car parking lot. The only differences between the new application and the previous one were that the new application called for five separate buildings of 2 units each, where the original one called for 10 units under one roof, and a change in the name from a professional building to a professional park.

The applicants, Drs. Berman and Stitch, contended that the proposed 10 offices would be rented to doctors if possible. However, they reserved the right to include other professions. Although 10 units were to be constructed, no stipulation was made as to the maximum number of offices which would be set up in these 10 units.

Strathmore residents, who were represented by attorney Robert M. Wood, opposed granting of the variance for the following reasons:

- 1) The site in question is in a residential (R-150) zone and should be put to a residential use.
- 2) There is no pressing need for office space in the residential zone since it is legal for professional people to practice from their homes, as many in Strathmore have chosen to do, and there is highway business zone land available for office buildings.
- 3) Use of the proposed building, especially traffic to and from the 92-car parking lot, would create a hazard to school children on Church Street. In addition, an unattended parking lot might be used by unattended persons during off-hours.

At present there is a building for two licensed medical practitioners on the site. This building was constructed recently by authority of a variance granted in October, 1962, before any of the nearby Strathmore residents had taken title to their property.

Candidate Night Date Changed to Oct. 19th

Candidate Night, sponsored by the Civic Association, will be held Tuesday, October 19, in the Matawan Regional High School Auditorium at 8:30 p.m.

A conflict with the High School P.T.A. meeting was responsible for the date change.

Candidates from the Democratic and Republican parties will again be introduced. The parties will present their platforms and a committee chaired by Robert Chesterman will ask questions pertinent to election issues. If time permits, questions will be recognized from the floor. Every resident attending this meeting has the opportunity to formulate an intelligent vote this coming election day.

Resignations Noted By Assoc. President

It was with deep regret that the Association accepted the resignations of Edward Murphy as Vice President and Mrs. Marline Ewing (Mrs. James F.) as Secretary.

Ed had accepted a position as a member of the Matawan Township Utility's Authority in place of Edward Gray who recently resigned. As an engineer with the New York State Public Service Commission directly concerned with water companies, he is exceptionally qualified to serve on the Authority. His technical knowledge will be an important asset to the Authority.

Mrs. Ewing has served in the double capacity as Editor of The Observer and Secretary of the Association and found that she did not have time to devote to both of these positions. She has agreed to remain as Editor of The Observer, where she has been doing an excellent job, but had to resign as the Secretary.

On behalf of the Executive Board and members of the Civic Association, I want to thank both Mrs. Ewing and Mr. Murphy for the many hours they worked for the Association and for the residents of Strathmore and Matawan. We extend every good wish to Ed for success in his position on the Utilities Authority and to Marline for continued success on The Observer.

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"LETTER TO THE EDITOR"

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Editorial Policy

The STRATHMORE OBSERVER has received many articles that have not been printed for lack of space or because of conflict with the Editorial Policy. The Civic Association is a non-partisan organization devoted to the problems of the citizens of Strathmore and Matawan. The Observer reflects this policy and will not print articles of a partisan nature and it does not take sides in any local issues except those concerned with civic problems. In these matters we will continue to take a vigorous stand as we have in the past.

Space is a practical problem with The Observer, as it is with any other publication. In some issues there are not enough articles to fill the paper and in other issues not enough space. Over or under, the amount of copy never equals the space available and the Editor must decide which articles to eliminate and which to condense and change. News of civic and Association matters receive first priority. News of other events in the area is used as space permits.

DATE SCHEDULE SERVICE

As a public service, the Strathmore Observer invites you to schedule your special events and meetings through Barbara Fitzgerald (Mrs. Paul). Barbara handles the Community Calendar and is in a position to answer your questions. We feel this will reduce many date conflicts and also assure organizations greater success for fund-raising affairs where maximum attendance is so important. It would also reduce repetition in choosing the type of affair to sponsor. Before you set a date, check Mrs. Fitzgerald, 566 - 3165.

Comments Concerning Zoning Regulations

Elsewhere in this issue is a report of denial of a variance to construct a Professional Park, essentially an office building complex, in a residential (R-150) zone surrounded by Strathmore. We applaud the unanimous decision of the Zoning Board in this case. The Association has from its very inception, opposed any commercialization of the residential land adjacent to or surrounded by Strathmore. So far, we have been successful in our efforts, but to paraphrase a famous saying, the price of good planning is eternal vigilance.

One has only to glance at a map of the Strathmore area to see how much vacant residential (R-150) land there is. Many residents of Strathmore came here to escape the business and commercial aspects of city living. They are willing to drive a few miles to get to a shopping center or a gas station, rather than have one located next to their homes.

The map also shows that there is a considerable amount of unoccupied land zoned for highway business. Certainly a shopping center or professional building or medical building or what have you, would be an asset to the community and there is no reason why we should not encourage these structures in the business zone.

We have consistently adopted the position, at the will of our members, that the residential lands near Strathmore should be put to residential use only. In fact, many people have said that when they purchased their homes they were careful to have only residential properties surrounding their property. We have also opposed any downgrading of lot sizes from the 15,000 square foot minimum in the R-150 zone on the basis that Levitt was granted the 7,500 square foot minimum based on the many provisions contained in the Planned Community Ordinance. None of the applications made so far for downgrading show intention of conforming to the Planned Community.

Let us emphasize again that this association only adopts policies which a majority of its members desire. Safeguarding the residential character, the property values and the use and enjoyment of our homes has been uppermost in the minds of Strathmore residents. We shall continue to pursue this policy with diligence.

Shade Tree Commission Suggests:

In order to preserve the health of your trees, residents of Strathmore are urged to loosen the earth around the base of the trunk and apply a good quantity of peat moss. Trees should not be fertilized until spring.

Do You Have a Question?

Members of the Civic Association and residents of Matawan Township can suggest questions to be used by the Association at the Candidate Night meeting on October 19. All questions must be on township issues and must be appropriate to ask of both parties. No personal questions will be considered.

Mail your questions to the Strathmore Civic Association, Box 100, Matawan, N. J.

Proposed Matawan Public Library

The Joint Free Public Library Board unveiled its plans September 21st for a proposed library to be erected in Terhune Park in Matawan Borough.

The Library Committee of the Civic Association, under the chairmanship of David Sutliff, had given detailed study to the Board's plans and a summary of its findings, which was published in a recent issue of the Observer.

The Joint Free Library Board recommends that a 17,800 square foot building be erected in Terhune Park at a cost of \$388,836 plus architect's fees. This includes the basic building and appurtenances, but does not include library equipment, books, shelves or furniture. It is estimated that the annual budget of the library when opened in 1969 will be \$87,000 not including any bond interest as amortization.

These plans presented by the Board are essentially the same as those proposed earlier and reviewed by the Library Committee of the Civic Association. The Committee agreed with the library consultant that the initial library building be 12,000 square feet with room for expansion when needed and that construction costs be limited to \$15 to \$20 per square foot. The construction cost would then be \$180,000 to \$240,000. This plan would still qualify for government aid and the funds received could be used to reduce the initial expenditure.

The Committee disagreed with the use of the Terhune property site. It means a loss of a park to the community and the neighboring schools.

A library will be a cultural asset to the community, but it will also have a financial impact. Based on the figures supplied by the Joint Library Board, the construction and operating cost of the library in 1969 would be about twenty-five (\$25) dollars per year to each owner of a home valued at \$20,000 in Matawan Township. This will be in addition to the many other tax increases needed to pay for additional schools, teachers and increased municipal services.

The Library Committee of the Civic Association will endeavor to meet with the Joint Free Library Board in the near future and thoroughly review the Board's proposal, with particular emphasis on the costs and tax impact of the project to residents of the area.

President's Corner

"OUR TOWN"

Like many people in Strathmore, I was born and raised in the big city, Brooklyn, N.Y., and have lived in and about the city until moving to Strathmore.

The names in the city newspapers were about people I had never met and probably never would. Like others, I had seen and heard the Mayor and a few top city officials on radio and television, but had never met them. The government of the city was to me an impersonal bureaucracy and I dreaded any encounter with it: the traffic ticket, a request for a birth certificate, payment of local taxes, etcetera. The government was a clerk in a wire cage. If I had a gripe, who would listen?

At election time candidates were names on a billboard, a voice on the radio, a face on television reading a prepared script, and on rare occasions a smiling face from a platform or a waving hand in a motorcade. The city treated me as a statistic.

Shortly after moving to Matawan, the residents of the area were upset concerning use of local property by the Township. A few neighbors assembled in their homes to discuss it. On a Sat-

urday afternoon our Mayor attended and listened to all sides and then presented his views.

I have attended meetings of the Township Committee and of the many other township boards. During the public portions of these meetings I have presented my views and feelings, as have many of you. These comments are answered and in many cases have influenced the action taken.

The candidates for the local offices are people I have met and questioned. They are real people, aware of the problems of the township. When you and I vote on election day we will vote for men and women whose views are clearly understood.

When we pick up the daily paper we look for the news about people and organizations we know. At meetings with friends and neighbors we discuss problems on issues in our town. It's not all sweetness and light. We are individuals with strong opinions defending our viewpoints and attacking contrary views; but we are, each one of us, a real force in our town. Little by little, we are becoming a part of "Our Town" and it is becoming a part of us.

POLICE BENEFITS ON BALLOT

One of the questions that will be on the Matawan Township ballot will be a non-binding referendum on increase of benefits for members of the Township Police Department. The referendum will be non-binding, but will advise the Township Committee of the sentiment of the voters on this question.

The ballot will read as follows:
RESOLVED, that the ordinance establishing a Police Department in the Township of Matawan and fixing the rules and regulations thereof be amended to include the following:

1. Fully paid Medical and Surgical Insurance Policy, covering all regular Police Officers and members of their respective families.
2. Fully paid pension provisions as provided by law.
3. Eleven (11) Paid Holidays to equal those of other Municipal Employees.

In order to place this proposition on the ballot, the members of the Police Department circulated a petition and received over 2,200 signatures of residents.

According to the information received by the Observer, members of the force do not receive any holidays at present, pay half of their pension with the Township paying the other half, and also pay half of a Medical and Insurance Policy that they feel is inadequate. The policy they prefer is administered by Blue Cross

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Monday, October 11, 8:30 p.m., Strathmore School

Guest Speakers: D. Louis Tonti, president of the Bayshore Community Hospital, who will present a progress report and Sheridan Snider, director of the hospital, who will report on volunteer programs.

The Auxiliary welcomes all members of the community to this meeting and also invites you to become a member of this hard-working group.

Membership information may be obtained from Mrs. William Kitchen, 566-6746, or Mrs. Theodore Carillo, 566-7921.

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Fashions will be by Sears of Middletown. Hair styles will be supplied by Tom Marbell, proprietor of Nick's Beauty Salon on Highway 34 in Matawan. Makeup will be by Viviane Woodard Cosmetics. There will be door prizes.

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Swing Your Partner For Bayshore Hospital

For an informal, inexpensive evening of fun, come one, come all, to the Barn Dance, sponsored by the Matawan Township Auxiliary of the Bayshore Community Hospital. The Barn Dance will be held on Saturday, October 16, at the Oak Shades Fire House at 9 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Corbitt, professional square dance callers, who reside in Strathmore. The decorations will utilize the natural seasonal foliage. Indian corn, gourds and pumpkins may be purchased after the dance.

Tickets, which are \$3.00 per couple, and include free refreshments, may be obtained from Mrs. Gregory Brennan, 11 Imbrook Lane, 566-7553, or Mrs. Alvin Margulies, 29 Ivyhill Drive, 566-4829.

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Police Benefits

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of New Jersey. No estimate has been made of the increased cost to the Township for these benefits.

The Police Department of Matawan Township consists of the Chief, a Captain, a Lieutenant, two Sargeants, 13 Patrolmen and several Special Officers.

With these 18 men the police keep three patrol cars on the road at all times, each patrolling a sector of the township. In addition, one Seargent and Patrolman constitute the detective bureau. The police cars are always manned by full-time patrolmen except in special circumstances; special officers are used as dispatchers at headquarters. A patrolman in this township receives a starting salary of \$5,260 which is increased to \$6,060 at the end of three years.

Improved Education, P.T.O. Topic

The second membership meeting of the Strathmore Elementary School P.T.O. will be held on Wednesday, October 13, in the All-Purpose Room of the Strathmore Elementary School at 8:15.

The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Eleanor C. Delaney, a well-known authority in the field of elementary education. A professor at the Rutgers Graduate School of Education and in charge of the elementary education curriculum, Dr. Delaney has spoken extensively on the subject of education. The topic for the evening will be "Working Together to Improve Education: The Role of the Parent, the Lay Committee and the Board of Education."

At the last P.T.O. meeting, held on September 16, it was announced that \$58 would be added to the \$1,000 donated to the school at the close of last year, leaving a balance of \$100 in the treasury. The money was used to purchase books for individual classroom libraries. The books were selected by the teachers and have already started to arrive at the school.

A vote was taken on changing the meeting night of the P.T.O. to the second Wednesday of each month and executive board meetings to the first Wednesday of each month for the 1965-1966 school year. The vote result will be announced at the next meeting. There will also be a discussion and vote on an amendment to the P.T.O.'s Constitution.

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<p align="center">ATTENTION — ORGANIZATIONS</p> <p>If you have not been included in this month's calendar; if the time or place of your regular meeting has been changed, or if you have a special event coming up in November, please notify the OBSERVER</p> <p align="center">BEFORE OCTOBER 15</p> <p align="center">Call 566-3165 (Barbara Fitzgerald)</p>			
<p>3</p> <p>FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST Lecture, 84 Broad St., Keyport, 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY St. Benedict's, 7:30 p.m. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BD. OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Church House, 8:00 p.m. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE Municipal Building, 8:00 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.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>FIRST AID & RESCUE SQUAD Cliffwood First Aid Bldg., 8:00 p.m. MASONIC LODGE Masonic Temple, 8:00 p.m. TEMPLE SHALOM, YOM KIPPUR SERVICE Matawan Reg. H.S., 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>STRATHMORE ELEMENTARY EXECUTIVE BOARD, MATAWAN GRAMMAR Mat. Grammar Sch KNIGHTS OF CARDINAL NEWMAN Strathmore Lane TEMPLE SHALOM YOM Airport Plaza Theatre, 1 TEMPLE SHALOM, YOM Diamond Jim's</p>
<p>10</p> <p>TEMPLE SHALOM SUKKOTH SERVICE Strathmore Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD Municipal Bldg., 8:00 p.m. BOY SCOUTS CHINGARORA DIST. ROUNDTABLE Mat. Reg. H. S., 8:00 p.m. BAYSHORE HOSP. MATAWAN TWP. AUX. Strathmore Elementary School, 8:15 p.m. TEMPLE SHALOM DRAMA GROUP 67 Irongate Lane, 8:30 p.m. HOLY NAME SOCIETY St. Benedict's, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>MAT. TWP. LITTLE LEAGUE WOMEN'S AUX. Mindy's Restaurant, 8:00 p.m. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LADIES' AID Church House, 8:00 p.m. MAT. NEIGH. ASS'N. OF GIRL SCOUTS Boro Rec. Bldg., Jackson St., 8:00 p.m. CIVIC ASS'N. EDUCATION COMM. Strathmore Elementary School, 8:15 p.m. O R T Strathmore Lanes, 8:30 p.m. MATAWAN TWP. REPUBLICAN CLUB Oak Shades Firehouse, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>ORDER OF THE Masonic Temple STRATHMORE ELEMENTARY Strathmore Elementary</p>
<p>17</p> <p>TEMPLE SHALOM, SIMCHOT TORAH CONSECRATION SERVICE Strathmore Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BOARD OF EDUCATION Mat. Grammar School Library, 7:55 p.m. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE Municipal Building, 8:00 p.m. V.F.W., Post House, 8:00 p.m. KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS J.F.K. CENTENNIAL LODGE Oak Shades Firehouse, 8:30 p.m. WOMEN OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH Church, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>CIVIC ASSOCIATION "CANDIDATES NIGHT" Mat. Reg. H. S., 8:30 p.m. MASONIC LODGE Masonic Temple, 8:00 p.m. TOASTMASTERS Magnolia Inn, 8:30 p.m. CROSS OF GLORY LUTH. CHURCH WOMEN Strathmore Elementary School, 8:00 p.m. TEMPLE SHALOM SISTERHOOD Strathmore Elementary School, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>MATAWAN REGIONAL Matawan Regional High PLANNING Municipal Building FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Church House KNIGHTS OF CARDINAL NEWMAN Strathmore Lane</p>
<p>24</p> <p>31</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BOARD OF REC. COMMISSIONERS Municipal Building, 8:00 p.m. FIRST AID & RESCUE SQUAD AUX. Cliffwood First Aid Building, 8:30 p.m. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BD. OF DEACONS Church House, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>MUNICIPAL COURT Municipal Building, 8:00 p.m. BOY SCOUTS CHINGARORA DIST. COMMISSIONERS 127 Ravine Drive, 8:00 p.m. JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Magnolia Inn, 8:30 p.m. TEMPLE BETH AHM SISTERHOOD First Aid Building, Church St., 8:30 p.m. TEMPLE SHALOM SISTERHOOD, FASHION SHOW Diamond Jim's, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>MATAWAN TWP. UT 30 Noble Plac ZONING Municipal Building ORDER OF THE Masonic Temple STRATHMORE DEM Strathmore Lane CAMPFIRE GIRLS, Mattel, Inc., Rte. 35,</p>

NOVEMBER

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SCHOOL P.T.O. 8:15 p.m. SCHOOL P.T.A. 8:00 p.m. AMBUS COUNCIL 5 p.m. PUR SERVICES 2 p.m., 3:15 PUR SOCIAL p.m.	7 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.	8	9 MAT. TWP. LITTLE LEAGUE WOMEN'S AUX. Fashion Show - Luncheon, Mindy's Rest., 1:00 KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS "DISCOVERY DANCE" V.F.W. Hall, Cliffwood, 8:30 p.m.
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Girl Scout Workshop

A training calendar for the fall season has been announced by the Monmouth Council of Girl Scouts. Within the neighborhoods of the various Council districts local service teams will present an orientation course for newly-recruited leaders. Orientation is a pre-requisite for many of the standard courses offered.

"This is Girl Scouting" is required of all adults, men and women, entering active Scouting, and will be offered on October 4 and 18. "To be a Leader" is required of those coming in as leaders of troops, and will be offered on October 11 and 25. Other adults are welcome to attend this course. The programs will be offered at the Council Headquarters, Camp Sacajawea, Farmingdale.

Scheduled workshops will follow at nearby central locations for each age level, i.e. "Brownie Magic," "Junior Pathways," "Cadette World" and "Senior Workshop" upon request.

In the Matawan Neighborhood the times, dates and other data may be obtained by calling the Troop Organizers, Mrs. Kenneth Daniels, Matawan Avenue (566-6038) for the borough, and Mrs. Richard Polity, 144 Idlebrook Lane, (566-5220) for the township area. A variety of advanced training courses are also available for trained leaders and other adult members.

Narcotics Lecture

The Cross of Glory Lutheran Church invites members of the Civic Association to attend a lecture-movie on "Narcotic Addiction" given by Lt. Col. Emmett W. Cox, Jr., special deputy sheriff of Monmouth County.

This event will be held at Matawan Regional High School, Atlantic Avenue, Matawan, Thursday evening, October 7, 1965, at 8:00 p.m.

There will be no one admitted under 19 years of age and those 19 to 21 years must be accompanied by parents. Due to the sharp rise of narcotic addiction among the young people of our communities, we urge parents to attend this important meeting.

Trinity Nursery School

Commencing September 27, 1965, Trinity Episcopal Church of Matawan will operate a state-approved Christian Nursery School for children of pre-school age. Any child meeting the age and physical requirements will be eligible to attend.

The purpose of Trinity Nursery School is to encourage the physical, mental, social and emotional development of each child. To insure individual attention, each class will have a maximum of fifteen children. Each class will be under the guidance of a New Jersey State qualified director-teacher and a qualified assistant.

For further information call 566-7127 or 566-6746.

Rules of the Road

The beginning of the school year seems a likely time to remind students and parents of the rules of the road for bicycle riders. We reprint here the "Smart Bicycle Rider's Code," formulated by the New Jersey State Safety Council:

1. I will obey all traffic regulations such as red and green lights, one-way streets, stop signs and hand signals.
2. I will give pedestrians the right of way.
3. I will ride in a straight line as close to the curb as possible. I will never ride against traffic.
4. I will look out for cars at crossings, pulling out of driveways and parking places and the opening of auto doors on traffic side.
5. I will refrain from "hitching on" to trucks or cars and from "stunting" or racing in traffic. I will also avoid "weaving" in and out of traffic and will avoid sudden stops or turns.
6. I will refrain from carrying another person on my bicycle as I realize it obstructs my vision and makes steering and balancing difficult.
7. I will always dismount and walk my bike across heavily traveled streets.
8. I will ride single file on busy streets or narrow streets and never ride more than two abreast.
9. I will keep my bicycle in good condition. I will be sure it has good brakes, is always equipped with a horn or bell for signalling, as well as a rear reflector and a headlight for my own safety. Once a year I will have my bike checked and overhauled by a serviceman.
10. I will ride carefully and be considerate of others.

(Reprinted from Strathmore P.T.O. Newsletter)

STRATHMORE SCHOOL PARENT - TEACHER ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1965-1966

Thursday	September 16		P.T.O. Meeting, 8:15
Tuesday	October 12	School Closed	Columbus Day
Wednesday	October 13	School Opened	P.T.O. Meeting, 8:15
Wednesday	November 10		P.T.O. Meeting, 8:15
Thursday	November 11	School Closed	Veteran's Day
Friday	November 12	School Closed	N.J.E.A. Convention
Thursday	November 25	School Closed	Thanksgiving
Friday	November 26	School Closed	Thanksgiving
Wednesday	December 8		P.T.O. Meeting, 7:30
Thursday	December 23	School closes for Christmas Holidays at end of school day	
Monday	January 3	School Opens	
Wednesday	February 9		P.T.O. Meeting, 8:15
Tuesday	February 22	School Closed	Washington's Birthday
Wednesday	March 9		P.T.O. Meeting, 8:15
Friday	April 1	School closes for Easter Holidays at end of school day	
Tuesday	April 12	School Opens	
Wednesday	April 13		P.T.O. Meeting, 8:15
Wednesday	May 11		P.T.O. Meeting, 8:00
Monday	May 30	School Closed	Memorial Day
Friday	June 17	School closes for Summer Vacation at end of school day	

Folk Dance Parties

The Shore Area Folk Dance Group invites you to folk dance sessions at the Red Bank Methodist Church, 247 Broad Street, Red Bank. The sessions will feature dances and games of many countries including some American folk dance novelties.

Couple, circle, square and country dances will be taught. Beginners and experienced folk dancers, with or without partners, are welcome. Regular dance sessions will be held Wednesday evenings, same time and place commencing Wednesday, September 29.

The group, which practices folk dancing for fun and exercise, is making a concerted effort this year to introduce more people to the joys of folk dancing than in any previous year. This type of dancing has some appeal for people of all ages, from the vigorous Slavic hambos and kolos to the slow, gliding movements of the Greek circle dances; from the highly symbolic Israeli dances to the stately English country dances. Come out and be a guest of the group as an observer or a participant. If you desire any further information, the Boykins at 747-3971 will be glad to answer your questions.

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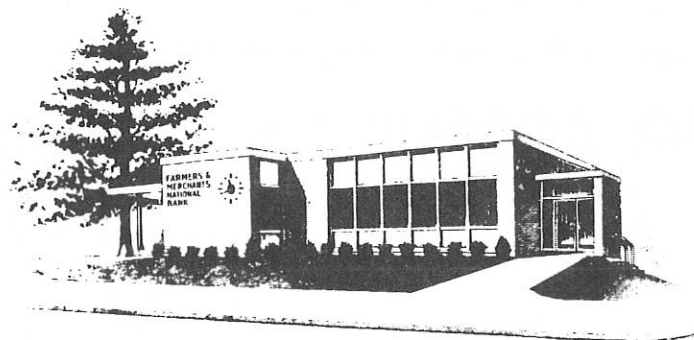
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GIRL SCOUTING PROGRAM

Mrs. Richard Getshall, chairman of the Matawan Neighborhood Association of Girl Scouts, conducted the first meeting of the season, which encompassed a wide range of discussion and decisions on people, plans, paperwork and programming concerning the nearly 500 girls now engaged in scouting in the Matawan neighborhood.

Troop organizers, Mrs. Kenneth S. Daniels for the borough, and Mrs. Richard Polity for the township, distributed completed rosters to troop leaders, signaling the beginning of the new Scout season.

The ten troops, complete with leaders, in Matawan Borough are: Senior Troop 312, Mrs. Donald Morris; Cadette Troops: 24, Mrs. Stephen Austin; and 403, Mrs. Gordon Godly; Junior Troops: 36, Mrs. Baynard Smith; 334, Mrs. Walter J. Foley; and 631, Mrs. Robert Simons; Brownie Troops: 70, Mrs. Richard Joyce; 78, Mrs. George Connor; 118, Mrs. M. Wurtz; and 645, Mrs. Mark G. Fields. Two additional Junior Troops for the borough are still in the process of organizing.

Ten troops, complete with leaders, for the township are: Cadette Troop: 347, Mrs. James Bentz; Junior Troops: 509, Mrs. Charles MacPhee; 529, Mrs. John McCarthy; 553, Mrs. Norman Posner; and 659, Mrs. Alfred Hickey; Brownie Troops: 214, Mrs. Donadi Fry; 440, Mrs. Richard Nye; 475, Mrs. Richard Hubbs; 495, Mrs. Charles Lubow, and 703, Mrs. Herbert Londner. An additional Cadette Troop is in the process of organizing for the township, and a Junior Troop under the leadership of Mrs. Raymond Pelkowski is now being formed.

In all, the Matawan area now has one Senior group, three Cadette groups, seven Junior troops and nine Brownie troops.

Certain changes have been announced relating to the use of Strathmore Elementary School for afternoon Scout meetings. The all-purpose room will not

be available to the Scouts for afternoon meetings this season. Units may start meetings the week of September 27. Two classrooms, i.e. 23 and 25, have been designated by Mr. Laurence L. Tomas, principal, for use five afternoons a week between 3:15 and 4:45 p.m. only. Mr. Tomas has also asked that only Exit 5 be used for entering and leaving the building to attend Scout meetings.

In attendance at the meeting were Mrs. William Quinn and Mrs. Walter J. Zinnsmesiter, Junior Consultants, and Mrs. Warren Messerschmidt, Cadette Consultant.

Mrs. Wm. J. Till, District Adviser, addressed a welcome to the group. Mrs. Walter Pike, program chairman, announced her chairmen for various events scheduled throughout the season: Bake-Off, Mrs. James Dunphy and Mrs. George Carradino to co-chair; Creative Arts, Mrs. Morris Bogdanoff and Mrs. Vernon Ellison; Scout Sunday, Mrs. Garrett McKern; Juliette Low Teas, Mrs. Warren Hutchinson; Cookie Chairman, Mrs. Rhea Longstreet; Arbor Day, Mrs. Michael Willicki; and Hao-Down, Mrs. Leon Christinat. Mrs. Pike stated that Mrs. Vernon Ellison, art teacher in the school district, graciously offered assistance in about every facet of art work covered by the Scout program.

Mrs. John Conlon of 210 Main Street announced that her home would serve as a supply center for equipment and books for the Matawan neighborhood.

Mrs. Richard Morehead, 8 Idol Place, Matawan Twp., publicity chairman, asked that all notices to be sent to the papers be channeled through her so that Monmouth Council would receive an accurate account of the Matawan Neighborhood publicity.

Next meeting of the Matawan Neighborhood Association of Girl Scouts will be held October 12 at 8 p.m. in the Matawan Borough Recreation Building on Jackson Street, which is now serving as the meeting place for the group.

Raritan Zoning Affects Strathmore

In July of this year Mr. Albert Cresci, Bethany Road, Hazlet, submitted a variance request to the Board of Adjustment in Raritan Township. The variance requested permission to build a shopping center on a 4-acre tract at Church Street and Line Road adjacent to many homes in Strathmore and only a short distance from the Strathmore School, St. Benedict's Church and Grammar School. The shopping area would be surrounded by houses in Strathmore and the new Raritan Valley, U.S.A., homes being built in Hazlet.

This matter was referred to the Raritan Township Planning Board. They did not act on it within the required 45-day period. It received automatic approval. Further action is up to the Board of Adjustment and the Raritan Township Committee.

The Civic Association objects to the construction of commercial enterprises in the heart of a residential area. There is adequate property in the adjacent area already zoned for commercial use.

The property in question is located in a remote corner of Raritan Township. However, it is only minutes from both the soon-to-be-erected Temple Shalom, its school, and St. Benedict's High School. The nearest residents are across Line Road in Matawan. The land across Church Street (Bethany Road) is in Holmdel Township and used for farming. Another factor to be considered is the joint ownership of the bordering roads by three different townships: Matawan, Raritan and Holmdel.

The Civic Association can do little about this problem, but does voice a loud protest.

Musical Programs Expanded Locally

The congregation of The First Presbyterian Church (Highway 34 at Franklin Street in Matawan) has expanded its musical ministry. This congregation has served our now-rapidly growing community since before George Washington was born.

Under the direction of Mrs. Nancy K. Wright, Minister of Music, seven separate choirs are now participating. Mrs. Wright, a graduate of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, is also an accomplished organist who has given numerous recitals. Last year she directed and accompanied the Chancel Choir thru the Christmas portion of George Frederick Handel's "Messiah."

This year there is a place, with no waiting lists, for any boy or girl, from ages 5-18, to sing in one of the FIVE youth choirs. Children are acquainted with the best of sacred music, develop clear musical voices, are taught fundamental music theory and sight singing, and function as a part of Christian Education through the study of the texts of anthems and participation of the choir in occasional worship services. Parents interested in enrolling their children are requested to call the Church Office (566-2663) or Mrs. Wright (329-2411):

- Cherub I—Kindergartens and 1st Grade
Friday, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.
- Cherub II—2nd and 3rd Grades
Thursday, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.
- Carol—4th, 5th and 6th Grades
Wednesday, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.
- Crusader—7th and 8th Grades
Friday, 8:00 - 8:45 p.m. (Part of the Junior High program)
- Chapel—9th through 12th Grades
Wednesday, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Adult choirs, which lead the music at the Sunday 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services of worship, meet together on Thursday evenings from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Although 37 persons are already singing in these two choirs, there still are openings for at least another dozen voices. Even though Springtime and Easter may seem a long way off to most of us, rehearsal time is already being devoted to preparation of the Lenten portion, from Handel's "Messiah," which will be given during Holy Week. Anyone interested in participating, in either of the adult choirs, is requested to call Mr. Gordon F. Magee (566-4683) for further information or transportation.

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