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Red Oak Sponsors Early Fellini Film

"The Nights of Cabiria," one of the earlier Oscar-winning films of famed Italian director Federico Fellini, will be screened for one performance only in this area on Friday evening, February 11, at 8:30 p.m. in the Middletown High School Auditorium, Tindall Road (just east of Highway 35 at the Six-Corners intersection in Middletown, near Two Guys). Handling tickets for the event, which is sponsored by the Red Oak Co-operative Nursery School of Middletown, are Mrs. P. Beasley (741-8160) and Mrs. E. Reich (566-9427).

The Fellini epic stars Giulietta Masina, who is unforgettable as the waif in another award-winner, "La Strada." La Masina, as the Romans call her, has been playing an off-screen role as Fellini's wife for 22 years and currently stars in his latest, "Juliet of the Spirits."

In "Cabiria" she portrays a symbol of courage and hope — the little street-walker who passes unsullied through the most humiliating experiences and emerges with a mystic innocence. The film features Italian dialog with English subtitles.

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Y.E.S. Labor Pool

The Youth Employment Service of Matawan-Keypoint, Inc., has a large number of high school students who are looking for work.

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P.T.O. Panel Discussion

The next meeting of the Strathmore Elementary School P.T.O. will be held Wednesday, February 9, at 8:30. After the business meeting there will be a panel discussion on "Pressures on Our Children." Panelists will include the Honorable Leo Weinstein, presiding judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court; Dr. Edward Butler, Red Bank psychologist and author, and R. Richard Stander, psychiatric social worker.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT? Attend Township and Board of Education Meetings.

AAUW Forum on Contemporary Life

A forum on Perplexing Choices in Contemporary Life will be held at the regular meeting of the Northern Monmouth County Branch of the American Association of University Women at the Presbyterian Church House, Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, on February 7, 1966 at 8:15 p.m. The public is invited and their is no admission charge.

One of the activities of the group will be a study for action on the recently released report by the Freeholders on the Study of the Need for a County Community College. Anyone interested may secure information from the chairman, Mrs. Harry LaTowsky, 64 Neville Street, New Shrewsbury.

Membership in the AAUW is open to women who are college graduates of accredited colleges. For information, call Mrs. Julian Livingston, membership chairman (536-9722) or Mrs. John Hillman (566-5260), membership chairman of the Matawan-Keypoint area.

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TEMPLE SHALOM LECTURES

A series of four Thursday evening lectures on "The Moral Problems of Government" will be presented by Michael Rappoport under the auspices of the Temple Shalom Adult Education Committee, during the month of February.

The lectures will be held in the Strathmore Elementary School, beginning at 8:30 p.m., and will be open to the public.

The following topics will be covered in the series: Feb. 3, "The Central Problem: Who Shall Govern?"; Feb. 10, "Division of Power: The American Solution"; Feb. 17, "Re-apportionment"; and Feb. 24, "Viet Nam and Mississippi: Two Case Studies in Intervention."

Mr. Rappoport, a statistician and mathematician by profession, is also active in state and local politics. He is a Monmouth County Democratic Committeeman, and Vice President of the Matawan Neighborhood Council. He resides with his wife and son at 30 Newland Place, Strathmore.

F&M Bank Controls Its Personnel Costs

The F&M Bank is now 136 years old and the changes in operations which have occurred in the last four years has probably matched all those made in the first 132 years. Personnel at the bank can remember when each checking account customer's deposit book was handed in by the customer and proven by the bank. Checks were not returned to the customer because they were the only evidence the bank had to prove its right to subtract the amount from the customer's balances.

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All these changes enable the bank to control the number of new employees it needs and the space, in building, which it would otherwise require.

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O.R.T. GOALS REVEALED

The next regular meeting of the Matawan Chapter of Women's American O.R.T. (Organization of Rehabilitation through Training) will be held Tuesday evening, February 8th, 8:30 p.m. at the Strathmore Bowling Lanes, Rt. 34, Matawan.

Mrs. Nat Gold, special United Jewish Appeal chairman, has prepared an especially informative program for this evening, linking the goals of O.R.T. and those of U.J.A. Mr. Samuel J. Seegar, executive chairman of the Bayshore Area United Jewish Appeal, will speak and present a motion picture.

The meeting is open to the public. There will be no solicitation. Refreshments will be served.

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ASSOCIATION MEETING

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When Matawan Township had its Charter Study it was my privilege to serve as chairman of the Charter Study Commission. The newly-elected council under our new form of government has now been in office about two weeks and certain of their actions give me cause for concern and I am voicing my opinion to the residents of our township.

The unquestionable intent of the Faulkner Act, which is the basis for our new form of government, is that the township council would act as a legislative and advisory body only. Their duty is to hire a trained, skilled experienced manager. His actions are to be completely non-partisan. No one questions the fact that the council is entitled to a reasonable period of time to seek out and hire that type of manager. However, what causes concern is their appointing a local partisan politician as "temporary" manager. To the best of my knowledge the "temporary" manager is completely untrained and inexperienced in township management, yet he is filling some of the most important jobs with permanent appointments that the permanent manager, when hired, will have to accept. This is a violation of the intent of this new form of government. It is a violation of the trust of the majority of voters who voted for trained, experienced management. If the permanent appointments made by the temporary manager happen to, in retrospect, be beneficial to the township, we then will be getting good results only by accident. We are entitled to more than accidental results.

I am also concerned over the increase in salary the council is trying to obtain for itself. Under the old form of government, the five-member council had to both administer and legislate for the township. This was extremely time-consuming and no fair-minded person would question their remuneration. However, we now have a seven-man council with far less demands on their time pushing for a 50% increase in salary with no attempt at justification or explanation to the voters. The total sal-

President's Corner

Over one hundred years ago the Swedish Parliament created the Office of Ombudsman with wide power and authority to investigate within the government. A private citizen, frustrated by the machinations of petty bureaucrats, could go to the Ombudsman with his complaint. The Ombudsman has the authority to investigate and recommend or institute any corrective action needed. This office has been adopted by the Scandinavian countries and many other European countries. The New York City Board of Estimate has a bill pending to create a similar office with the title, Office of Citizen Redress.

Our previous Township Committee and its boards generally did well, but on many occasions, particularly at the public portions of these meetings, it was apparent that this particular board was trying to frustrate the citizen. One often

felt like a spectator at a baseball game, watching the ball drop in mid-field, all the fielders looking at it and saying it's not in my territory.

Typical examples were: the garden apartment issue, regulation of fares for school buses, lighting and care of the high school path, no-parking signs, screens on roadway bridges, sewer plant odors and discoloration in the water system.

The new Township Council should include, among its other duties, the responsibility of acting as the Ombudsman for the community. As the elected representatives of the citizens and the law-making body of the Township, they have the responsibility, knowledge and authority to make the municipal government work for the citizen, not the citizen for the government.

**DEADLINE FOR MARCH ISSUE
OF THE OBSERVER
WILL BE FEBRUARY 15th**

St. Clement's Sponsors "Touch of Italia" Dinner

The Church of St. Clements' Altar-Rosary Society will sponsor a "Touch of Italia" on Sunday, February 6, at the Matawan Regional High School. Mrs. Nunziante is chairlady and Mrs. Denis Daly is co-chairlady.

Dinners will be served from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and 75c for children under 12 years. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Nunziante, 10 Fayette Lane, and Mrs. Daly, 10 Courtland Lane.

aries we used to pay our council was \$5,000 per year. If the new council gets its way, the total salary cost will be \$10,500 per year. In other words, seven people with far less work and responsibility than the five we had previously will cost us \$5,500 per year more of our tax dollars. This is not efficient, economical government. If the township has extra monies to spend on salaries, which is doubtful, let them use it to hire a better manager.

In view of the foregoing, we are entitled to be worried. Their behavior suggests extremely close surveillance and questioning of their current attempts and future actions.

GEORGE C. HILL
21 Imbrook Lane
Matawan, New Jersey

ED. NOTE: The council has since withdrawn its intended salary increase. The OBSERVER invites discussion on the above letter.

Editorial

WERE YOU THERE?

Probably not. Only one hundred and twenty-five people managed to attend the Board of Education Public Hearing on the impending school budget. Over fifty percent of every tax dollar in the coming year will be spent on education. One hundred and twenty-five people from both the township and borough were interested in having this budget explained to them.

This budget, though mailed to every home, no doubt found a snug home in the garbage can that very evening. If not, fine; but it's doubtful that many are able to read this complicated and at times misleading budget. It was not intended to be misleading. The men on the Board of Education worked long and diligent hours to prepare it, but none the less, it is indeed misleading. How did you hope to vote intelligently on this proposed budget without attending its public hearing.

You also did not care enough to hear from the men who are running for the two vacant seats on the Board of Education. Do you know who these men are, what they stand for? No, you weren't there.

It's obvious that a democracy is wasted on a great many citizens of this community. History will no doubt shed tears for all those Americans who could not be there to listen, judge, and form an intelligent opinion. We cannot long hope to retain the rights of a citizen if we do not care.

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"Scouting in Matawan"

CADETTES

A "Holiday Musicale" was presented Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the Emery Manor Nursing Home by Cadette Troop 347 of Matawan Township. Instrumental music by solo and mixed groups on the accordion, guitar, piano and flute in music covering the Christmas and Chanukah season was presented, and six girls sang a Jewish song.

Mrs. James Bentz, Troop Leader, also reports that six members of her troop volunteered to address approximately 1,000 envelopes for the 'March of Dimes.' The local welfare agent was contacted and a needy family with nine children was presented with a holiday basket with the compliments of the troop. The girls voted to spend the entire balance in their treasury for this purpose.

The Strathmore School PTO is the troop sponsor.

Eight members of Cadette Girl Scout Troop 347 acted as waitresses at a Desert and Card Party held by the Matawan Township Bayshore Hospital Auxiliary Saturday afternoon, Nov. 20, in the Koos Auditorium, Route 9, Freerold. Mrs. James Bentz, troop leader, advised that the girls who volunteered to engage in this community service activity were: Jean Leonard, Helen Kreidler, Linda Bentz, Marjorie Stanwood, Margie Bornfriend, Deborah Morehead, Amy Blumenthal and Renee Meyers. They were attired in full Scout uniform.

Mrs. Bentz further reported that 15 girls, working on their "My Government Badge," distributed 500 pamphlets for the League of Women Voters just prior to Election Day. The pamphlets, non-partisan literature that the State League of Women Voters had published on the candidates, were distributed at various spots in town.

Nancy Berk of the League of Women Voters spoke to this group of girls during a recent Scout meeting.

JUNIOR SCOUT TROOP 224

Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 224 visited the Old Mill in Tinton Falls where the director of the association, Mr. DeVegh, spoke about the history of the building and gave a demonstration on the use of clay.

This trip was planned to meet one of the requirements for the "Art in the Round" badge for which the girls are presently working. Mrs. Raymond Pelkowski and Mrs. Herman Honis, troop leaders, will have the girls manipulate clay themselves at their next Scout meeting, in order to develop their own artistic abilities in this medium.

Along with their leaders, Mrs. Kathleen Sullivan and Mrs. Edward Scotty accompanied the group of 17 girls who went on this trip. The troop is sponsored by the Strathmore School PTO.

BROWNIE TROOP 495

Seventeen members of Brownie Troop 495 visited Lowell Animal Hospital, Rte. 34, and were conducted on a tour of the

kennels, examining room and other facilities at the hospital by Dr. Herman Berg, veterinarian, who explained many aspects of the care and treatment of animals to them.

Following the tour, Dr. Berg and his children had one of their family dogs, a spotted Dalmatian, perform some tricks on command. The Brownies were particularly intrigued by the dog's balancing of a cookie on his nose. Mrs. Charles Lubow, Scout Leader, reported.

Pamphlets on the care and handling of animals, diseases of pets, and the duties and responsibilities of a veterinarian were distributed to the group before they left. Besides Mrs. Lubow, Mrs. Irma Gold, assistant leader, and several mothers of the Brownies accompanied the troop to the hospital. The Strathmore School PTO is the troop sponsor.

CUB SCOUT PACK 73

Cub Scout Pack 73 held their monthly meeting December 1 in the Presbyterian Church meeting room. The first stanza of "America, the Beautiful" opened the program. Mr. Donald Day gave the invocation.

Mrs. Madeline Feriantelli was introduced as den mother of newly-formed Den 7. Cubmaster Mr. Sal Milazzo announced the evening's program. Each den gave a skit or demonstration explaining the achievements for the wolf and bear badge. The Webelos den, under the direction of Mr. Ginste, explained the Scout Tenderfoot requirements.

Awards were presented to the following:

Wolf Badge — John Stockel, Matty Feldman, David Drake.

Bear Badge — Joe Milazzo, Jim Pasqualo.

Gold Arrow — John Sigmund, Donald Day.

Silver Arrow — Donald Day.

One-year Pins — Gary Hauser, David Day, Robert Boulter, John Sigmund, Greg Watson, James Longo, Gary Sunstrom, Steve Milazzo, Joe Milazzo.

Denner Award — Steward Larkin.

A patrol leaders' workshop for the Matawan Neighborhood Association of Girl Scouts was held Friday, January 21, in the First Baptist Church, Main Street, from 7 to 9:15 p.m. Troop leaders, patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders of Matawan Neighborhood attended. Three trainers from the Monmouth Council conducted the Workshop, held once a year for Matawan Neighborhood, which had 545 registered scouts on its rolls last September 30.

"Light on the Mountain," a Girl Scout color film made during Scout Roundup at Farragut, Idaho, last July, was shown by Mrs. William Windrow, field advisor, during the first meeting of this year of the Matawan Neighborhood Association of Girl Scouts. Cindy Dorl of Senior Troop 146 of Keyport, who attended the Roundup, was present at the meeting to relate her experiences and ex-

hibit her pot latches or momentos. It was announced that Jennifer Nebus of Matawan Senior Troop 312, who had also attended Roundup, was available certain afternoons to attend Scout meetings and report on her experiences.

Mrs. Mildred Getshall, Neighborhood Chairman, announced that the Neighborhood has reserved a medium-sized booth for H.A.O. Down, which will be available for displaying various projects from troops of the Matawan Neighborhood Association. Mrs. Leon Christinat, H.A.O. Down Neighborhood Chairman, will schedule the manning of the booth. Ticket packets were delivered to troop organizers for distribution to registered troops, sales scheduled to begin February 1 with each Scout receiving five tickets to sell, Brownies being restricted to selling tickets to relatives only. It was noted that all girl scouts in uniform will be admitted free to H.A.O. Down.

Mrs. Getshall announced that the Annual Council meeting is scheduled in April and a Nominating Committee has been appointed to select the nominee for Neighborhood Chairman for next year as well as to name the eight delegates and two alternates to the Annual Council Meeting to represent the 545 registered scouts of the neighborhood. Mrs. Richard Polity will chair this committee with Mrs. William Quinn, Mrs. James Bentz, Mrs. William Croft and Mrs. John Conlon assisting.

Mrs. Kenneth Daniels, troop organizer for the borough, announced Borough troop leader changes. Mrs. Richard Polity, Township Troop Organizer, announced the formation of two new Brownie Troops, one headed by Mrs. Charlotte Smith with Mrs. Carol Farley as co-leader, the others under the leadership of Mrs. Ellie Marotti, with Mrs. Ceil Noga as co-leader.

Mrs. Polity also announced that the Matawan Township sponsors, Strathmore Elementary School PTO, have asked the Girl Scouts to alternate with Boy Scouts in conducting the flag ceremonies opening PTO meetings. Junior Troop 529, led by Mrs. John McCarthy and Mrs. Harry Hankin, handled the flag ceremony for the December meeting.

Juliette Low tea arrangements between Junior and Cadette Troops were announced.

Application for the reservation of May 21 has been made at Camp Nomoco for a Matawan Neighborhood Field Day.

Mrs. Hilda Simons announced plans are being formulated for skating lessons at the Matawan-Keyport Roller Drome. Interested leaders are asked to contact her for details.

The meeting closed with an Investiture Ceremony welcoming Mrs. Henry Esposito, Mrs. Mark Fields and Mrs. James Smith.

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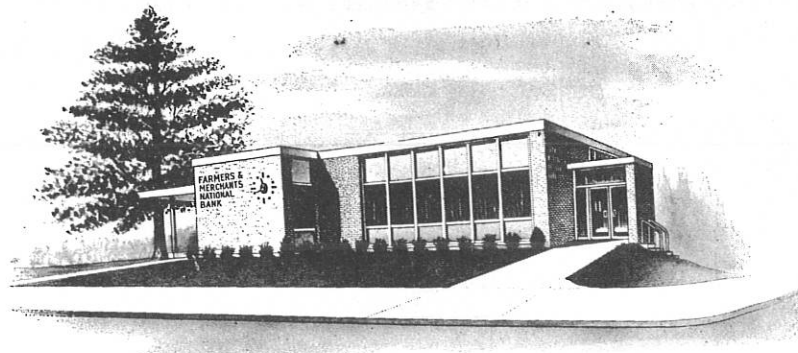
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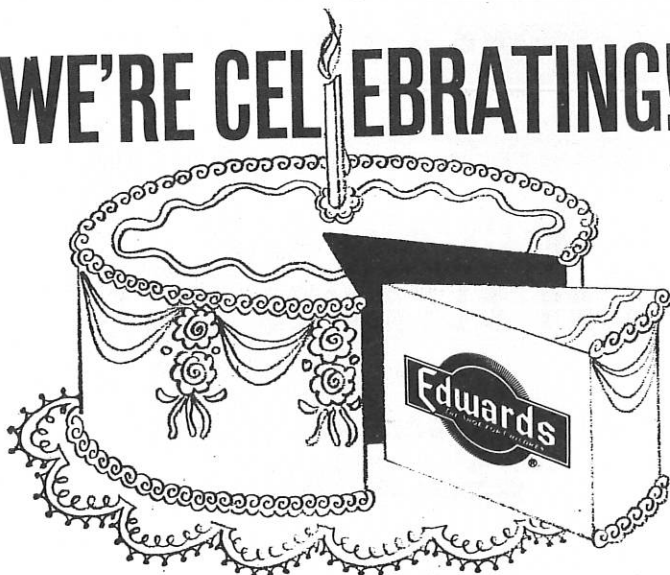
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Home Improvement in Strathmore

The OBSERVER has long recognized the need for a column on the maintenance and improvement of the Strathmore home.

Only a small percentage of residents in this area had owned a home prior to moving to Strathmore. Most had lived in apartments and were unaware of the problems of a home-owner.

The problems can be divided into two categories: maintenance and improvements. Maintenance can range from the routine problems of changing a washer in the water faucet to painting an entire house.

Improvements can range from installing a floodlight in the backyard to building an addition to the house. In both cases, it is always beneficial to compare notes and benefit from the experiences of others.

A major maintenance problem is painting, both interior and exterior. In most cases, painting is only required for esthetic purposes, rarely for maintenance.

This may sound surprising, but the asbestos tile on most homes is already colored and need not be painted. Cedar shakes, on the other hand, are often installed on homes and are never painted. The shakes installed on the front of many Strathmore homes were painted and should be repainted every few years as the paint fades. The trim around the doors and windows does need painting to preserve the wood and prevent moisture absorption and rotting.

Interior painting is usually done only for color harmony and sprucing up. Covering the speckled finish in our homes is a special problem. Many of us have used two and three coats to provide adequate coverage.

The high cost of labor is another real problem and has encouraged many home-owners to do their own painting. But the recently developed latex and acrylic paints and increased use of rollers has helped make painting a great deal easier. It's important that you recall one cardinal rule in painting.

Don't skimp on paint cost. In commercial painting, 90 per cent of the cost is in labor. The market is full of inexpensive, low-quality paints and, by saving a few dollars on quality, many dollars of labor can be added to the total cost. Last cost, not first cost, is the analysis that should be made here.

Again, great care must be taken in planning and carrying out improvements in a home. When the house is sold, the seller rarely gets back money spent on improvements. Many even lose money. It must be recognized that most improvements reflect the needs and personalities of future owners. Some changes may eventually reduce the value of a home if they are not done tastefully.

Many home-owners in Strathmore have made interesting and functional changes in their homes. It would be interesting to discuss the reasons for their changes and the problems they resolve.

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MRS. HERBERT LONDNER
33 Ice Meadow Lane
Matawan

L. W. V. News

"Human Resources" will be the topic at Unit meetings scheduled by the League of Woman Voters of Matawan.

A meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. James Baker, Highland Ave., Matawan, and another on Tuesday, February 15th, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Peter Koelsch, 38 Beechwood Terrace, Matawan.

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