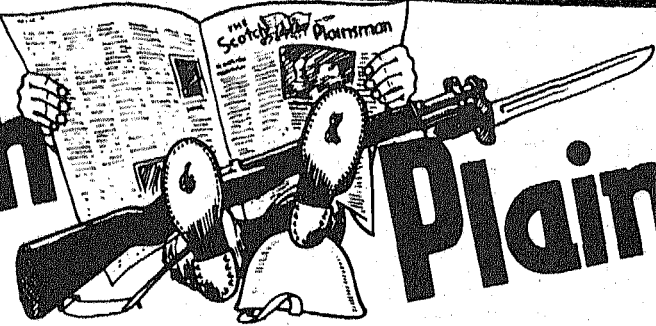


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HERE THEY ARE - SCOTCH PLAINS' FINEST



(Standing L to R) Patrolmen Bob Jones, Pres Ehmann, Harold Hill, John Andrusky and Frank Barone (Seated) Sgt. Osnato (PB) and Chief Harry Erholm.

GEORGE W. JACKSON NAMED HEAD OF COMMITTEE IN SCOTCH PLAINS.

George W. Jackson was elected chairman of the Township Committee for 1945 at the annual reorganization meeting succeeding Edward R. Hatfield who has served in that post for the past year.

In his address, the new chairman indicated that the planning of post-war projects will be among the major problems to be considered by the Township Committee in 1945. A committee to investigate this phase of improvement has been appointed and will work jointly with members of the governing body for an expanded works program after the war.

During the coming year a more modern building code will be drawn up in preparation for an anticipated building expansion program after the war. The committee will continue to offer for sale at public auction foreclosed tax title lien property, a program carried out extensively during the past several months. Also included in the plans for 1945 will be the interior improvement and re-decorating of the Municipal Building.

The new chairman promised that the same efficient service offered to the people of Scotch Plains Township by the Committee during the past will be continued and he thanked his co-workers for their vote of confidence in electing him their chairman for the new year.

Re-elected a member of the Township Committee in the November election, Mr. Hatfield, who served as chairman of the Committee last year, was given the oath of office by Township Clerk Charles Roberts.

Digressing from the usual procedure of reviewing accomplishments and changes while in office, the retiring chairman delved into history and noted the growth of the township in the past century. At the present time, the township has 1600 homes, several churches, modern schools, a progressive business section and an assessed valuation of \$6,500,000. Farm lands are now valued at \$400 an acre, or more than 10 times the value a hundred years ago, he said.

Committeeman Thomas Santo Salvo spoke of the program of foreclosing long delinquent tax title liens.

During the past year, Santo Salvo continued War Bonds totaling \$60,000 were purchased and he pointed out that this money can be used for post war projects.

The record of the Police Department in the past year has been particularly favorable and juvenile delinquency has been held to a minimum.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Edward E. Peterson, pastor of the Scotch Plains Baptist Church.

Customary appointments were made and for the most part were filled by 1944 incumbents.

SCOTCH PLAINS PBA DANCE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 6th

The annual ball of the Scotch Plains Local 87, Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, will be held April 6th at the Flagship, Route 29, Union, Sgt. James Osnato, chairman of the affair has announced. The lads pictured above will doff their uniforms that evening, don civies, trip the light fantastic and engage in other activities incident to this occasion. A rumor that Sgt. Osnato (PB) would feature the entertainment program in a 'Bubble Dance' has been denied.

TOWN DIGS OUT OF SEASON'S HEAVIEST STORM

Life in Scotch Plains is returning to normal as the town digs itself out of the worst blizzard of the season. With a practice warm-up of 3 inches on Sunday, January 14th, snow and rain fell Monday night and continued all day Tuesday until an additional 10 inches had piled up. The town plows were out all Monday night and except for a few hours rest were back on the job all day Tuesday and through Tuesday night to keep the main streets and roads open.

A freezing rain complicated the job of snow removal and made travel dangerous. Low temperature for the storm was 26 degrees, and high was 27. At certain times big winds blew drifts and caused considerable discomfort.

Brightest spot in the whole day was the fact that local schools were closed for the day. The youngsters spent the day shoveling walks, skiing and coasting. The school closing was announced by radio station WOR.

LARGE INCREASE IS INDICATED IN SCOTCH PLAINS SCHOOL BUDGET

The Board of Education approved a proposed 1945-46 school budget providing for an increase of more than \$25000 in appropriations. The amount to be raised by taxation is increased \$12,571. Estimated increase in the tax rate was not made known by the Board.

Appropriations total \$262,873.75, of which \$216,473.75 is to be raised through taxation. Last Year's budget carried appropriations totalling \$237,213.75 of which \$190,763.75 was raised by taxation.

A statement released by the Board explaining proposed increased expenditures, states that the major increases in the budget are for salaries of all employes, teachers, supervisors, clerks and janitors. The salary increases amount to \$18,540 for all employes, of which \$14,900 has been allocated for pay increments for teachers.

Included in this item, the Board explained, is sufficient money to employ four additional teachers in the following fields: Physical education in the elementary schools, an additional second grade teacher in School Four, Farwood, a special sub-normal class teacher and an additional teacher in the high school.

SCOTCH PLAINS SLAUGHTERS SIXTH WAR BOND QUOTA.

Final figures in the Sixth War Bond drive show Scotch Plains setting the lead with sales of \$703,243 against an overall quota of \$100,000. Of this amount, "E" Bond sales were \$70,243, or 256% of the towns "E" Bond quota. That's selling 'em.
