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Scrap Book

Solicitor Pays Sailor's \$15 Fine In W. Warwick

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick played the Good Samaritan again this morning in Fourth District Court. Reversing the usual practice of prosecutors, DeCiantis paid a fine of \$15 and costs for a Massachusetts sailor who pleaded guilty to a State police charge of speeding on Nooseneck Hill Road.

Richard J. Comeau, 19, of 40 High Street, Haverhill, was about resigned to serving time after telling Judge James W. Leighton that he was broke.

Remarking that DeCiantis had done it before, Russell Hawkins, court clerk, turned to the prosecutor and asked, "What do you say? Want to help out a sailor?"

DeCiantis came to the rescue at a cost to him of \$20.60.

Comeau was arraigned by Trooper Trendino J. Petrarca.

Arraigned by Chief Forrest R. Sprague of Warwick police on an idle person charge, Willard N. LaSalle, 43, no permanent address, was sentenced to seven months in Providence County Jail. Chief Sprague said it was the third similar offense for LaSalle.

Alexander Dubuc, 46, of 11 Home Street, West Warwick, arraigned by Chief Gareld Shippee of Coventry police on a charge of leaving the scene of an accident, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Dubuc told the court that after his car struck a parked auto registered to F. Petrarca and Sons in front of Iannotti's greenhouses, Main Street, last night, he had stopped but continued on when a passenger said damage was negligible.

Pleading guilty to Coventry police charges of speeding on Tiogue Avenue, Harold Rakatanski, 30, of 703-A Broad Street, Providence, and Lindell E. Boatright, of 6 Logan Street, Oakland Beach, paid fines of \$10 and costs.

DECIANTIS RESIGNS STATE UCB BERTH

Providence Journal
August 21, 1946
Board Counsel Gave Up Post

Sunday to Devote Time to Judge Quinn's Campaign

Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick, one of the leaders in the drive to obtain the Democratic U. S. Senate nomination for Judge Robert E. Quinn, has resigned his \$4500-a-year position as counsel for the State Unemployment Compensation Board to devote full time to the political campaign, he revealed yesterday.

DeCiantis handed his resignation to Mortimer W. Newton, chairman of the UCB, Sunday at Newton's Summer home in Matunuck. Newton said DeCiantis resigned "forthwith" and that the board probably will accept the resignation at its weekly meeting today.

"I resigned for the single purpose of getting the Senate nomination for Bob Quinn," DeCiantis commented in announcing the move. "I feel that Bob Quinn has this nomination and I'm going to do everything I can to make sure he gets it."

DeCiantis' announcement yesterday confirmed reports published early in June that he would resign the UCB post.

The West Warwick attorney, long active in Democratic circles, has been associated closely with Judge Quinn for many years. DeCiantis was appointed an assistant attorney general when Senator Theodore Francis Green was governor. When Judge Quinn became governor he named DeCiantis chief of the Division of Public Utilities.

Harold E. Stender Deplores Situation at Sandy Beach

Warwick Councilman Notes Lack of Supervision of Bathers and Promises to Try to Do Something About It; Meanwhile Berg Waits

Councilman Harold E. Stender, Sixth Ward, yesterday deplored lack of supervision at Sandy Beach in the Oakland Beach Annex, where hundreds of persons bathed free while Carl A. Berg, proprietor, is prohibited from conducting a bathing business by order of the Warwick Zoning Board of Review.

"It's too bad this beach can't be operated with proper supervision and sufficient lifeguards and police protection as it has been in the past, and I'm going to see if it can't be done," Councilman Stender said.

Mr. Stender, asserting that in all probability he would bring the mat-

ter to the attention of the City Council at its next meeting, said after surveying the beach in company of Police Commissioner George P. Start, "it's very apparent that the people are going to use this beach and pond for swimming. It would be far better, in my opinion, to have it licensed and properly conducted."

Councilman Stender declined to say whether he would try to have the City Council overrule the Zoning Board's decision.

Despite the presence of several hundred persons at Sandy Beach yesterday, there was but a single lifeguard, placed thereby Captain Roger W. Wheeler, director of the State Division of Life Saving, when the city failed to act because Sandy Beach is private property. Use of a boat was loaned the guard by Mr. Berg late in the afternoon. Otherwise, there was no life-saving equipment.

The Zoning Board of Review failed to renew Berg's temporary permit to conduct a bathing business there this year when organized residents on the pond protested. Berg's appeal to the Zoning Board's decision is pending before the Supreme Court, but will not be heard until October.

Meanwhile, Berg has thrown his beach open to the public, but has refused to maintain it.

During the brief stay of Councilman Stender and Police Commissioner Start, yesterday, they witnessed several instances of persons undressing in trees and bushes to the south and to the east of Berg's premises.

"That's on property of people who objected to me conducting bath-houses here," Mr. Berg pointed out to his visitors.

Praety Promises Stiff Battle Against Berg's Beach Petition

Speaking for residents in the vicinity of Little Pond, Oakland Beach Annex, George J. Praetz, Albert road, yesterday served notice of the continuance of the fight against the operation of Sandy Beach as a public pavilion.

"We liked it last summer because the beach was not operated," Praetz said, "and I guess we will all be there to oppose the petition." Attorney Forrest B. Morgan will represent the residents, Praetz said.

Carl A. Berg, Providence druggist and proprietor of the beach, will appear before the Zoning Board of Review in Warwick City Hall, Apponaug, at 8 o'clock tonight again to attempt to obtain an exception to the Zoning Ordinances which would permit him to operate the beach for profit. The area is now zoned as Residence "C".

Frequented last summer by hundreds of persons who flocked to the beach because the privilege of bathing was free, the shores of Little Pond were again a popular spot last weekend. At least 75 persons, most of them young, were seen there last Sunday and all the bathers were forced to dress and undress in auto-

mobiles, behind bushes and even in tree tops.

Berg has operated the beach but one year since 1938 although he has fought continually in the last four years to obtain permission to open the pavilion to the public. Last year he was denied his application by the Zoning Board and the matter dragged through the courts all summer and into the fall.

Praetz was definite in his stand. He said conditions at the beach have been very much improved since the Zoning Board refused Berg's petition last summer.

"People used to undress in cars even when Berg ran the place," Praetz said. "It was no different. People who go there now quiet down when a police car comes along, but when Berg operated it they felt they had paid, so they did anything they wanted to."

There was no lifeguard supervision of the beach last weekend. Last year the State Division of Lifesaving was forced to assign guards to the beach after Praetz had lost his appeal to the Superior Court to force Berg to keep free bathers off the shores of the pond.

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rights of these people will be protected."

"But," he shouted as he banged the hearing table, "you will be sorry if you don't grant this petition because there is something going to happen at Little Pond and some one will drown because there is no supervision there."

DeCiantis was vitriolic throughout and clashed frequently with Morgan and the Improvement Association's witnesses.

Praetz Is Witness

Chief witness for the objectors was George J. Praetz of 8 Albert road, near the beach, who was charged by Berg as having been affiliated to some degree with the management of the R. I. Ice Company which operated the beach up to the time Berg purchased it in 1938.

Praetz denied he had ever assisted in supervising the place for the R.I. Ice Co., but admitted under cross-examination he had given water to jatroons of the beach. DeCiantis drew from Praetz that he had not objected to the operation of the beach before Berg's purchase of the place, and the attorney for the petitioner referred constantly to Praetz's alleged connection with the former management.

The cross-examination of Praetz grew heated when the witness charged that DeCiantis had represented himself as a mill employe and tried to buy his house.

"You came to my house and tried to buy it and went all through the rooms," Praetz said.

DeCiantis laughed loud and shouted: "The absurdity of the man! This is foolish!"

City Solicitor Edward L. Godfrey, adviser to the Zoning Board, broke in to explain to DeCiantis that if he said he did not go to the Praetz home the board would believe him.

Then Praetz changed his statement to, "I think it was you," addressing DeCiantis.

"Who told you?" shouted DeCiantis.

Praetz answered: "I described the man who came to my house and Mr. Morgan said it might be you."

That phase of the questioning over, DeCiantis went on to force Praetz to admit that he had called police last year for protection while bathers were going to the beach without supervision.

"Then it wasn't all right last year?" questioned DeCiantis.

"It was better than the year before and there was no night bathing," Praetz said.

DeCiantis charged Praetz with making "self serving statements."

The chief complaint voiced by the objectors was that operation of the

beach injured the valuation of their properties and that they could not live peaceably because of the noise at the beach.

Other witnesses for the objectors were Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Berube, Anthony Riccio, George Moore, Mrs. Alice Moore, Mrs. Margaret Malcolm and Mrs. Charlotte Reynolds, all residents in the area.

In summing up his argument, Morgan told the board: "We apparently are faced with what is the lesser of two evils—whether this beach will be operated by Berg or without supervision. It would be perfectly possible for Berg to stop these people from entering onto his property, but he won't."

Berg testified early in the hearing that he has just purchased a house and about eight acres of land near the beach, facing on West Shore road, but that he would not use that place in connection with his business.

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"In other words," Bursley said, "the Planning Board advises us against the granting of such a petition, and the council does likewise by its action in denying Berg a permanent change of use and any alternative on our part would be in bad taste," and at that time revealed that four members are required to vote on such an issue. "It would seem presumptuous on our part to grant this exception," he said.

"Though I've been on the Board of Review three years, I never before heard that four votes were required to pass on an application," McClarnon said.

Bursley then accused Berg of "stalling" in waiting until June 7 to file his application for renewal of his license, expiring June 17, but Clerk Francis E. McVay corrected the chairman by declaring Berg had filed in ample time for renewal but for the fact that he (Bursley) was then on vacation and no hearing was called because of his absence.

When the motion was put, McClarnon and Daniel I. Damon voted approval, and Prellwitz and John Anderson voted to reject. Bursley didn't vote.

And while Anderson declared in voting "no" that he objected to the 10 o'clock closing hour, he later joined in the board's unanimous vote to allow Berg to operate the beach until 10 p. m., under floodlights if necessary, for the remainder of the season pending settlement of the issue of exception by the Supreme Court.

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*Warwick Body Reverses Stand of
Year Ago; Providence Druggist
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“It was agreed that, whether or not other steps may be necessary under the authority of legislation or executive orders, it is of the utmost importance to enlist your voluntary co-operation and that of your citizens in helping to achieve this end,” he explained. “To this end, it is hoped that you will voluntarily agree in your community to display American flags in all places of purchase or sale of goods.”

Praetz is a member of the Wagonsett Improvement Association which has been opposing Berg's petitions for the past five years. The association last week was represented at the hearing by Forrest B. Morgan attorney.

*Owner of Sandy Beach Pleads for Permanent Zoning
as Business Area for His Project; Petition
Taken Under Advisement; Clean Bill Given*

The following summer the Zoning Board again relented and granted Berg a two-year temporary exception to the Zoning Ordinance and on which he operated the beach without molestation for the past two summers. That permit now has expired, and a permanent change sought.

The economists, S. Morris Livingston and E. T. Weller, emphasized in an article for the department's "Survey of Current Business," that they were discussing business in the aggregate and were assuming settlement of war contracts "with reasonable delay or without it."

At one point, DeCiantis said Bern-

Berg Charges Godfrey Offered Permit to Run Out After 5 Years

Petitioner for License to Operate Sandy Beach at Little Pond Also Asserts He Knows Council

Prev. Jour. Will Decide Against Him March 11, 1944

A charge that City Solicitor Edward L. Godfrey of Warwick offered to allow him free rein to operate Sandy Beach at Little Pond, Oakland Beach Annex, for five years if he would go out of business after that period, was made last night by the beach owner, Carl A. Berg of Oakland Beach Annex.

Berg's petition to the Warwick City Council for a permanent change of zoning to allow him to operate the beach pavilion is now pending. Berg also charged last night that he knew the Council's decision "will be against me and that the petition will be denied."

In a written statement, Berg said that "Ed Godfrey at one time asked me what was the matter down there at Sandy Beach and said that if I could only get rid of the opposition

I would have no more trouble (in getting permission to operate)."

Berg continued: "Then Ed Godfrey, in his own office in the Old Colony Bank building (Providence) asked if I would agree to close the beach if I received a permit for five years. That proposition did not appeal to me," said Berg, "so I flatly refused it, as it actually amounted to confiscation of my property."

Berg has appeared many times before the Warwick Zoning Board of Review, the Superior Courts and the City Council since he purchased the Sandy Beach property in 1938. He has been allowed to operate during some summers, but at other times the Zoning Board of Review has refused to grant him an exception to the Class C residence district in which his place of business is located, and he has been forced to remain closed.

His present petition before the Council, heard last month, is an attempt by him to obtain permanent permission to operate. Mayor Albert P. Ruerat has announced that the decision will be handed down by the Council next Thursday night at its regular meeting.

Berg said in his statement that Councilman Bertram Round of the Sixth Ward, in which the beach is located, "was very much in favor of a permanent change." He added that he believed in the past it has been the custom of the City Council to accept the recommendation of the councilman serving the ward to which the matter at hand pertains.

Near the end of his statement, Berg took another broadside at the city solicitor. "When no remonstrants appeared before the council at the hearing," Berg said, "Ed Godfrey took the part of a severely affected remonstrant and he certainly showed his feelings that he did not want me to get the permission. From what I have learned he (Godfrey) makes the council decisions and this is one case that was prejudged. I knew that beforehand, therefore I had a recognized court stenographer take the entire proceedings in the event I should have to appeal to the Supreme Court. There I will get a square deal based on facts as presented."

Berg closed: "My attorney, Michael DeCiantis, a serious, competent and able attorney, said it was his opinion that the Council could do nothing but grant the petition, but with a Council setup like this, you can expect anything, so we must be prepared, and we are ready. It is about time the people of Warwick put into office people with character and honesty."

Warwick Board Grants Berg Right to Run Beach

Zoning Body, However, Denies Petitioner an Unlimited Exception to Operate Place; Issue to Go to Supreme Court Again

Prev. Jour. Journal

July 12, 1944

Sandy Beach, Warwick's highly contentious zoning issue, is going into the Supreme Court again, Carl A. Berg, proprietor, said last night after the Warwick Zoning Board of Review denied his application for an unlimited exception to conduct the public bathing business in a residential zone.

At the same time, Berg's counsel, Michael DeCiantis, fought for and won the board's consent that the beach be operated this season without prejudicing his right to prosecute an appeal of the board's original rejection.

The hearing on Berg's petition, though quiet and orderly and marked by total absence of objectors, nevertheless was enlivened by verbal tilts between DeCiantis and Board Chairman Charles A. Bursley, and by frequent indecision and changes of mind by the board members.

Revelation also by Chairman Bursley that four votes of the five-member board are required for approval of an application under State law

came as a bombshell, and brought from William G. McClarnon, who moved that Berg's petition be granted for an indefinite period, the statement that "we've certainly granted a lot of permits illegally in the past then."

No remonstrances appeared for either of three other petitions considered by the Board last night and they were granted as follows:

Other Petitions

Albertha Desaulniers, 77 Royal avenue, Conimicut, to conduct a one-room beauty shop in the premises which also are to be used as her home, for two years; Mrs. Ethel Wood, 37 Gaspee Point drive, to conduct a beauty parlor in the basement of her home, granted for two years with the stipulation that the exterior remain free of commercialism; and William Garrow, 174 Sea View drive, to sell clams and quahaugs on the premises, his home, for two years.

The Sandy Beach case opened with DeCiantis presenting for the record a transcript of the testimony given in the case several months ago before the City Council when a permanent change of zone for the bathing beach area was denied.

DeCiantis then contended that the Zoning Board, under sub-sections four and five of Section 13 of the Zoning Ordinance, "may authorize the change of a non-conforming use to one no more harmful or objectionable in its judgment" contending that the present bathing business is no more objectionable than the former ice business conducted on the premises, and "may vary any requirement or use classification of this ordinance in harmony with its general purposes and intent, so that substantial justice may be done."

He contended that "substantial justice" would be done not only to Berg, who wishes to improve the premises with some degree of assurance that the place would be permitted to operate over a period of years, but to the public who use the premises in large numbers. He added that in his opinion an ordinance or regulation which limits an exception, as the board has limited to one and two years in the past in Berg's case, is contrary to statute, and that in fact there is no "limited exception."

After Berg had stated that he intends to use the premises solely for bathing, and not as a public amusement park, Chairman Bursley suggested that the Board of Review hold a special meeting to digest the contents of the transcript before giving a decision.

Objects to Delay

McClarnon objected, declaring that "I don't think the Board needs to read this transcript. This case has been before us from time to time, and I don't see why we should continue it again."

He then moved that Berg be given permission to operate the beach indefinitely and that his closing time be extended from 8 o'clock to 10 o'clock. Edwin M. Prellwitz, new member of the board, seconded McClarnon's motion, but later voted against it after Bursley had reminded his colleagues that the Warwick Planning Board had submitted an opinion that the granting of long-term exceptions in such instances was detrimental to any long-range plan for city development.

Warwick Zoning Board Gives Berg 2-Year Exception at Sandy Beach

Refuses to Grant Petition for Unlimited Period to Conduct Business in Residential Area; Appeal May Be Taken to R. I. Supreme Court

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The Warwick Zoning Board of Review last night granted Carl A. Berg a 2-year exception to the zoning ordinance in order to operate Sandy Beach in a residential district, but its action will not prevent an appeal to the Supreme Court for a permanent exception, Berg's counsel, Michael DeCiantis, said following the session at City Hall.

DeCiantis argued in vain for an exception "without strings" but the Zoning Board, with a recommendation from the City Planning Board for a limited exception before it, virtually repeated its action of last June and tacked on an amendment that it acted without prejudice to the right of the petitioner to appeal to the Supreme Court on the board's refusal to grant the petition for an unlimited period.

"As a matter of fact," Chairman

Charles A. Bursley said, "our regulations distinctly limit our authority to grant exceptions to two years."

"And that's where we differ," DeCiantis replied, "for we contend and will contend in Supreme Court that a zoning board cannot grant an exception to the law and then limit the exception."

DeCiantis said he had delayed taking the appeal pending the outcome of the city's program for revising the zoning ordinance and determining the fate of Berg's property, but will take action now, having learned, he said, that Sandy Beach is not to be re-classified.

He entered an objection to the Planning Board's letter, signed by T. Albert Coyle, chairman, which follows:

"In connection with the petition of Carl Berg for permission to operate a bathing beach in the Sandy Beach area of the city of Warwick, which petition comes up for hearing before your board tonight, the City Planning Board would like to reaffirm its position in this matter, as stated to you in its letter of July 12, 1944.

"At that time Mr. Berg was seeking a permanent change to a business classification of the land involved in the present petition. The Planning Board placed itself on record as objecting to such a change, stating that it would be detrimental to the best interests of the city and its inhabitants to allow the small nucleus of business existing at this location to enlarge itself as it would inevitably do with a permanent change of zone. The board is of the opinion that a residential classification is the logical classification of this entire area.

"The objections to a permanent change of zone apply with equal force to the granting of an exception, such as the petitioner requests in his present application, unless such application is granted for a very specific and limited period of time. By granting a limited exception the Zoning Board will retain sufficient control over the area to permit its unhindered growth and development at the time and in the manner most appropriate. The granting of any extended exception, by removing the control exercised by the Zoning Board of Review, would permit the same retardation of the development and depreciation of values as would a permanent change in zone."

In his application, Berg, who resides at 2401 West Shore Road, Oakland Beach Annex, adjacent to the bathing beach, said he intended to replace the refreshment stand there and pointed out that if the petition were denied "people will bathe there anyway and it is better to have supervision." The area involves nearly three acres.

Other Petitions Granted

Described by the board as a "good neighbor project," a playschool and nursery was permitted for a 2-year period at 120 Spencer Avenue, Cowesett, on petition of Mrs. Marion Deekle of that address. The petitioner said she plans to handle up to 15 children from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., for mothers in war work and others at the nursery which is to be known as the Dundee School.

Ruth B. Olson of 72 Stokes Street, Conimicut, was granted a 2-year ex-

Carl A. Berg Continues His Fight For 'Sandy Beach' Zoning Change

Institutes Certiorari Proceedings Based on Warwick Board's Refusal to Designate Bathing Spot as Business Area or Grant Extended Exception

Carl A. Berg's long fight to have "Sandy Beach," Warwick, reclassified from Residential C to Business in order to conduct the popular fresh water bathing beach as a permanent business rather than one of seasonal consent entered a new phase yesterday.

Based primarily on the premise that the Warwick Zoning Board of Review erred in refusing to grant an exception in the Residential zone to permit a business there for an unlimited period, a writ of certiorari was filed in Supreme Court yesterday against the Zoning Board. The writ is returnable March 9.

An exception to permit Berg to operate "Sandy Beach" for a 2-year period was granted by the Zoning Board Feb. 14 but the City Council which decides on permanent changes of zones in Warwick has refused twice following hearings to permit a permanent change. At the time of its most recent action the Zoning Board was urged by the Warwick Planning Board not to accede to Berg's request for a permanent reclassification for the property, or for an extended exception.

Michael DeCiantis, counsel for Berg, contended in his action filed yesterday that the Zoning Board based its decision on a regulation limiting its authority to 2-year exceptions and was remiss in failing to apply a section of the zoning law authorizing changes from a non-conforming use to one no more harmful.

The Zoning Board under the law may vary any requirement or use of classification in keeping with its purpose and intent to do substantial justice to the petitioner, DeCiantis further sets forth in the writ in which he contends that the Zoning Board's decision is not consistent with the evidence introduced at hearings nor with the law and reacts adversely to the petitioner.

Further contentions set forth in the writ are that "Sandy Beach" is so situated geographically and has been used as a public bathing area so long that the "physical facts" should allow a swimming place there; that failure to operate it as such would affect the safety, health and welfare of the City of Warwick and that failure to permit its continued operation would be "unreasonable and inconsistent with the physical facts."

Last July and again on Feb. 14 when the "Sandy Beach" petition was again up for hearing the Zoning Board was informed by the Planning Board that under anything but a limited exception to the property's use the Zoning Board would not "retain sufficient control over the area to permit its unhindered growth and development at the time and in the manner most appropriate" and "an extended exception would permit the same retardation of the development and depreciation of values as would a permanent change in zone."

Berg has been trying to have the residential zone as it applies to his lot as "Sandy Beach" changed to one of business for the past eight years when he purchased the property from the Rhode Island Ice Company which also had permitted public bathing there for a number of years prior to that time.

Several years ago when the Zoning Board failed to grant Berg permission to operate on the basis of complaints of neighbors, the Superior Court held that he was within his rights to permit access to the property, without inviting it, so that the public could bathe freely. Conditions resulting from the lack of supervision, however, caused neighbors to renew their objections when Berg sought permission to operate each.

DeCiantis Seen As Violator Of Hatch Act

UCB Counsel, Active
For Quinn, Expected
To Quit Job

Michael DeCiantis, counsel for the State Unemployment Compensation Board, said today he will attend the Democratic State Convention Sept. 11 as a delegate from West Warwick although a Civil Service official in Washington said in effect that the Federal Hatch Act forbids the West Warwick man from formal participation in politics while remaining in his State job paid out of Federal funds.

The possibility of Hatch Act complications with regard to DeCiantis, an active supporter of Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn for the party's nomination for U. S. Senator, were coupled with reports that the West Warwick man very soon would submit his resignation as UCB counsel.

Several months ago it was reported DeCiantis would quit his State job about July 15, but his resignation did not materialize. More recent reports are that he wants to resign to advance Quinn's candidacy and that the Hatch Act limitations on political activity has nothing to do with his reported decision to get out.

However, for several weeks DeCiantis has been working on behalf of Quinn, and is reported to have spoken at several Democratic meetings in the Pawtuxet Valley and in South County.

Gave It No Thought

DeCiantis today declined direct comment on reports that he would resign soon. He said, however, that he did intend to go to the convention, and when he was asked whether he did not consider himself under limitations of the Hatch Act, he said, "I haven't given it any thought at all."

Mortimer W. Newton, chairman of the UCB, could not be reached for comment on DeCiantis' status with regard to the Hatch Act, or whether the board contemplated action in the case.

James Irwin, Hatch Act specialist in the Civil Service Commission at Washington, said that "any State employee whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by the Federal government is under the Hatch Act."

Well-Established Principle

Generally speaking, Irwin said, service in a political convention by well-established principle of the commission is a violation of the Hatch Act.

Many decisions of the commission affirm this principle, and none have negated it. The most recent decision was in the case of Ambrose J. Kennedy who, Irwin said, was a member of the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Board and was found in violation of the act, because, among other things, he had been a delegate to the last Democratic national convention.

The State UCB payroll is paid out of Federal funds cleared through the Social Security Board at Washington, although taxes to finance the program are raised in Rhode Island.

UCB Counsel Resigns Post

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DeCiantis Quits to 'Get
Senate Nomination
For Bob Quinn'

Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick said last night he has resigned as counsel for the State Unemployment Compensation Board.

DeCiantis, who is backing Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senate, said he had submitted his resignation to Mortimer W. Newton, UCB chairman, Sunday at Newton's Summer home in Matunuck.

Earlier yesterday, however, DeCiantis had said he intended to submit it to Newton yesterday afternoon, but requested that the information not be published at the time so as the board could receive it before it had been made public.

Chairman Newton today said he had DeCiantis' resignation, and that he received it on Sunday.

DeCiantis quit the \$4500-a-year job as the question arose whether his political activities on behalf of Judge Quinn were inconsistent with the Hatch Act which prohibits State employees paid out of Federal funds from formal participation in politics.

"I resigned for the single purpose of getting the Senate nomination for Bob Quinn," DeCiantis commented in announcing the move. "I feel that Bob Quinn has this nomination, and I'm going to do everything I can to make sure he gets it."

DeCiantis' announcement yesterday confirmed reports published early in June that he would resign the UCB post.

The West Warwick attorney, long active in Democratic circles, has been associated closely with Judge Quinn for many years. DeCiantis was appointed an assistant attorney general when Senator Theodore Francis Green was governor. When Judge Quinn became governor he named DeCiantis chief of the Division of Public Utilities.

P. J. HEARING IS SET

8/27/46

Cappelli Calls Central Falls Board
of Canvassers Thursday

Judge Louis W. Cappelli in Superior Court yesterday ordered issuance of citations to members of the Central Falls Board of Canvassers requiring them to appear before him Thursday morning for a hearing on whether they should be compelled to open their records for the inspection of insurgent Democrats who are seeking to run against the Sherry regime.

His order was issued in connection with a petition for a writ of mandamus filed by Attorney Michael DiCiantis on behalf of William F. McGinty Jr., school committee secretary, Paul J. Fontaine and Francis Brochu to compel the board to let them see the entire record involving the list of nominations in Central Falls wards.

Quinn Fight Goes to Court

EVENING BULLETIN

8/22/46

Newport Canvassers
To Appear Monday
Before Supreme Bench

Backers of Judge Robert E. Quinn for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senate today sought Supreme Court reversal of action of the Newport Board of Canvassers in disqualifying their State and congressional convention delegates in Newport's first representative district.

William J. Fleming Jr., Frank C. McCulley and William T. Bowler, whose nominations were rejected by the board after it had disqualified 35 of 108 signatures on their opposition papers, filed certiorari proceedings asking the court to quash the board's action and to compel the board to issue certificates of nomination to them.

Acting on their petition, the Supreme Court ordered the issuance of citations to the three members of the board of canvassers directing them to appear, with their records, before the court at 10 a. m. Monday for a hearing.

Attorneys for the rejected Quinn delegates are Michael DeCiantis and Matthew J. Faerber, two of Quinn's staunchest supporters.

Members of the Newport Board of Canvassers called to appear are J. Raymond Casey, chairman; Harold P. Arnold and Ellen Waterson.

In their petition, the rejected delegates declared that their nominations as delegates to the State and congressional conventions were filed with the board Aug. 14, together with papers bearing the signatures of 108 electors. They charged that the board at a hearing Aug. 16 purported to check the validity of the signatures.

They declared that over their protest the board disqualified and deleted the signatures of 35 duly qualified electors, thus reducing the total of signatures on the papers to 73, or two short of the 75 required by law.

The petition charged that the board's action was illegal, arbitrary, wilful and abusive of its powers.

DE CIANTIS TO JOIN QUINN'S CAMPAIGN

Will Resign \$4500 State Job

About July 15, According

to Group's Backers

Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick, prominent Democrat, will resign as chief counsel for the State Unemployment Compensation Board to actively seek the Democratic Senate nomination for Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn, it was learned yesterday.

Followers of Quinn said DeCiantis would resign his \$4500 State job about July 15.

DeCiantis, long active in Democratic circles, has been closely associated with Judge Quinn for many years. They are both from West Warwick and were associated in the same law firm at one time.

DeCiantis was appointed an assistant attorney general when Senator Theodore Francis Green was Governor, and when Quinn became Governor he named DeCiantis chief of the division of public utilities.

DeCiantis was named chief counsel for UCB in July, 1941, shortly after J. Howard McGrath, then Governor, re-established the Democratic majority on the board. It is against McGrath, now U. S. Solicitor General, that the Quinn forces are fighting for the Democratic Senate nomination.

It was learned yesterday that McGrath will come here from Washington the week end of June 15.

Meanwhile, Frank J. Benti, president of the Rhode Island State Council, CIO, yesterday made a formal statement "to clarify" the position of his organization's Political Action Committee.

Benti offered the statement, he said, because of a report in yesterday's Journal in which Stanley Broderick, representative of the National Maritime Union, CIO, was quoted as having told a meeting of the "Veterans' Action Committee for Quinn" that the PAC was also back of the judge.

"No one, other than the officers of the Rhode Island CIO-PAC, is authorized to endorse candidates for political office," said Benti. "To this date we have not received requests for endorsements from any political party, and we have not endorsed any candidate."

Orders Newport Canvassers
to Reinstate Insurgent Slate
For Democratic Caucus

The Supreme Court yesterday overturned the Newport Board of Canvassers by ordering reinstatement of an insurgent Democratic slate entered for a caucus contest on Sept. 6 in that city.

The decision was a victory for Democrats supporting Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn for the U. S. Senatorial nomination. The Quinn backers filed a writ with the Supreme Court after the board had thrown out the Quinn slate of delegates in Newport's first representative district for the Democratic State convention because it alleged only 73 qualified voters had signed the nomination papers when 75 names are necessary.

Justice Antonio A. Capotosto said that the court, after hearing arguments yesterday forenoon on a writ of certiorari brought by the Quinn group, had found that the names of five disqualified voters should be restored to the papers. This would raise the total to 78. Originally the board had disqualified 35 of the 108 signatures on the papers, filed from the First Ward.

The five names found valid by the court included Louis L. Jagschitz, 66 Mahan Street; Vincent T. Mullahy, 70 Evans Street; George K. Cahoon and Alice G. Cahoon of 12 Chadwick Street, and John A. May of 68 Chadwick Street.

The canvassers had ruled out Jagschitz because of a question about his middle name as it appeared on the voting list, and as he signed it on the nomination papers. In Mullahy's case, the court ruled that he was a qualified signer even though he had left off the word "street" in writing his address, since no other highway in the city is called Evans.

The board had disqualified the Cahoons and May because they had used ditto marks under Chadwick Street given by voters who preceded them on the papers. The Court said that the ditto marks were in effect legal and that the three had identified themselves properly because they had written in the street number.

Michael DeCiantis, counsel for the three delegates making up the Quinn slate in the First Representative District, listed 10 names which he argued should have been counted on the nomination papers.

The hearing was marked by the appearance of Matthew J. Faerber, DeCiantis' associate counsel, on a stretcher in the courtroom. The lawyer was stricken with acute appendicitis Saturday and operated on at 5 p. m. in the Newport Hospital that evening. However, he insisted that he be present in court yesterday because he had attended the Board of Canvassers meeting when the disputed signatures were thrown out. Pale but alert, Faerber was

Reversal of Approval of
Erich Taylor's Slate

The State Supreme Court yesterday rejected a petition of Mayor Herbert E. Macauley of Newport seeking reversal of the action of that city's Board of Canvassers Aug. 21 in approving the Democratic opposition city ticket of Erich A. O'D. Taylor, former State Representative, for a caucus on Sept. 6.

As a result, Taylor, opposing Macauley for the mayoralty nomination, will go into the caucus with an almost complete supporting ticket comprising a full set of ward committees, three aldermanic candidates and 19 council candidates.

In a bench decision read by Associate Justice William W. Moss, the court held that the board had used reasonable methods in checking signatures on nomination papers of the Taylor slate. Associate Justices Antonio A. Capotosto, Hugh B. Baker and Francis B. Condon sat with Judge Moss in the proceedings.

Second Win for Democrats

It was the second win in Supreme Court this week for opposition Democrats in Newport, but it left the Board of Canvassers with a 50-50 score. Monday, the court had reversed the board in ordering reinstatement of a slate of prospective State Convention delegates supporting Judge Robert E. Quinn for U. S. Senator in Newport's First Representative District.

Michael DeCiantis, who teamed with Matthew J. Faerber, another staunch Quinn supporter, in presenting Monday's case, also was one of the attorneys fighting for the Taylor opposition group in yesterday's action. He and George Tietz represented the slate itself, while City Solicitor John C. Burke represented the Board of Canvassers.

Still another action against the Newport board was filed in Supreme Court later yesterday by Walter L. Blacklock, William Furtado, Roger A. Deveau, Dorothy R. Sullivan and Clarence Dill, independent Democratic council slate in the city's First Ward whose papers were rejected as containing only 49 valid signatures as against the legal minimum of 75.

Certification Sought

The five, members of an independent ward ticket headed by Samuel Kravetz, filed a petition asking the court to find that the board illegally rejected 68 good signatures, and to order the board to certify their papers. They are represented by Julius Schaffer. The petition was assigned for hearing on next Tuesday.

During consideration of Macauley's petition, the court was told that each of the Taylor slates in Newport's four wards was backed up by more than 150 valid signatures. The figures given were 152 good signatures in the first ward, 196 in the second, 144 in the third, and 153 in the fourth.

Moreover, to show that the board acted reasonably in checking signatures, Burke and DeCiantis stated that originally there were more than 800 signatures and the board had rejected many signatures in going over the papers.

Max Levin, counsel for Macauley, complained that the board had used an uncanvassed list of electors when it should have used registration books as being the best available standard for checking names. Judge Burke stated, however, that the canvassers in preparing the list used not only current registration books but current tax records as to real estate voters.

Cites Assembly Action

It was pointed out that action of the legislature in advancing the dates by which caucuses must be held makes it impossible for boards to have canvassed lists of voters before them in considering caucus nominations.

Besides attacking all Taylor nomination papers on the ground the canvassers hadn't checked the signatures properly, Levin tried to have the Fourth Ward slate thrown out on the contention there had been material alterations in the names of candidates on the face of the papers before they were circulated.

Shown that the board had demanded evidence from the Taylor slate that the alterations had been made prior to circulation, and had satisfied itself that this was the case the court refused to review the evidence bearing on the point. It pointed out that it is not the court's function to "weigh" the evidence in cases of the sort.

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High Court Hears Quinn Supporters

Disqualified Delegates Contest Action of Newport Canvassers

The Supreme Court this noon directed the Newport Board of Canvassers to validate the Quinn slate from the Newport First Representative District. It found that five voters who signed nomination papers for the slate had been illegally disqualified by the board.

The Newport Board of Canvassers was accused of acting illegally in disqualifying a slate of Democratic delegates pledged to Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn at a hearing this morning before the Supreme Court.

Michael DeCiantis, counsel for the three delegates from the Newport First Representative District, listed 10 names which he argued should not have been ruled off the nomination papers for the slate for the Democratic State Convention, at which Quinn will seek the nomination as Senator.

DeCiantis and City Solicitor John C. Burke agreed on 73 qualified names on the papers, only two short of the 75 names required for the papers to be acceptable.

The hearing was marked by the appearance of Matthew J. Faerber, DeCiantis' associate counsel, on a stretcher in the courtroom. The lawyer was stricken with acute appendicitis Saturday and operated on at 5 p. m. in the Newport Hospital that evening. However, he insisted that he be present in court today because he had attended the Board of Canvassers meeting when the disputed signatures were thrown out. The board disqualified 35 of 108 signatures on the papers and ruled the slate invalid.

Bright Red Blanket

Pale but alert, Faerber was brought from Newport by the Newport Chapter of the Red Cross on a chair stretcher, in a station wagon. Wrapped in a bright red blanket, he was carried up to the courtroom with the assistance of a couple of passers-by and court attaches and was made comfortable at the counsel table.

The ambulance was under charge of Mrs. Henry S. Wheeler and Faerber was attended by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Eugene Faerber, and a law associate, Chester A. Oakley. He did not plan to address the court himself but assisted DeCiantis as the latter presented his arguments.

Second Controversy

Meantime another Newport election controversy involving Mayor Herbert E. Macauley's attempt to reverse action of the city canvassers in certifying the complete Democratic opposition slate of former Rep. Erich A. O'D. Taylor for a caucus Sept. 6 was headed for the Supreme Court.

Max Levin, of the law firm of Danning & Danning, representing the Mayor, was in court with a petition asking it to review and reverse the canvassers' action. The petition alleges many irregularities including duplications and alterations in the signatures accompanying papers of the Taylor slate. Levin was waiting for a chance to present the petition to the court and to ask for a hearing date.

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From Hospital to Court



MATTHEW J. FAERBER, Newport attorney and Quinn backer, who underwent an appendectomy Saturday, arrives at the Supreme Court in an ambulance to participate in today's hearing at which supporters of former Governor Robert E. Quinn sought reversal of Newport Board of Canvassers action in throwing out a slate of Quinn delegates.

William J. Fleming Jr., Frank C. McCulley and William T. Bowler were the convention delegates whose nominations were rejected by the canvassers on the Quinn slate. They brought the certiorari proceedings asking the court to quash the board's action and compel it to issue certificates of nomination to them.

Went "Too Far"

DeCiantis outlined his arguments to the court regarding the 10 names he said were legally on the nomination papers. He said the board had thrown out the name of Vincent T. Mullahy, of 70 Evans Street, because the man had left off the word Street. DeCiantis declared that there was only one highway named Evans in Newport and that Mullahy's identity

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was clearly established. He said the canvassers went "too far" in their action on this name.

The board also objected, he said, to the word Mr. which Joseph Davenport, of 75 Third Street, had signed to his name, DeCiantis said. He said the title did not at all change the voter's identity.

The board also had ruled out Alice G. Cahoon because she had placed ditto marks under the address, 12 Chadwick Street, signed by her husband, Frank, on the preceding line of the papers. Similar action was taken against George K. Cahoon, of the same address, who had also placed ditto marks.

Defends Ditto Marks

DeCiantis quoted legal authorities to the effect that ditto marks were perfectly valid. But he also declared that the board had acted under the State election laws which require the names and addresses for persons signing nomination papers in elections.

On the contrary the case before the court involved nomination papers for a caucus, he said, and the State caucus laws do not require specifically that the address of a signer be appended. The law states only that "qualified electors" may sign a list of caucus delegates, he said.

Other signatures DeCiantis contended were valid included Louis L. Jagschitz, of 66 Mahan Street; John A. May, of 68 Chadwick Street; Jack T. Edwards, of 25 Chadwick Street; Mortimer and Ellen Kelly, of 67 Evarts Street; William L. Kirby, of 11 Sheffield Avenue, and Nicholas J. Biti, of 7 Elm Street.

QUINN PAYS CALLS TO GARNER VOTES

Is Reported to Have Visited
Bristol, Newport to Win
Convention Delegates

Judge Robert E. Quinn, ayowed but unannounced candidate for the Democratic U. S. Senate pomination, is now making personal visits to communities in the State in an effort to garner votes of delegates to the State convention, it was revealed yesterday.

Judge Quinn, being opposed in the Senate race by Solicitor General J. Howard McGrath, the "organization" candidate, is said to have visited Bristol and Newport Wednesday.

In Bristol, according to reports, he talked with Senator Daniel G. Coggeshall and Rep. Henry Alfred, both delegates to the convention. Bristol Democrats said that as a result of Quinn's visit, the judge will get two of the town's four delegate votes.

On the same day, it was said, Judge Quinn also went to Newport. He had no comment on his visits.

Up to now, Quinn has been leaving the task of obtaining delegates to his supporters, chief among whom are Rep. John E. Fogarty, George Roche of Coventry and Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick.

McGrath and Quinn, surrounded by their followers, talked for several minutes yesterday as they sat around a table at the annual outing of the Kent County deputy sheriffs at the Modoc Club in Warwick. Among

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Did They Talk About Clams?



THE TWO DEMOCRATS WHO WILL OPPOSE Each Other on the Floor of the State Convention for the U. S. Senate Nomination Met and Talked Yesterday at the Kent County Deputy Sheriffs' Outing in Warwick. At the Left Is Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn, and on the Right, Solicitor General J. Howard McGrath. Holding a Dish of Clams in the Center Is Kent County Sheriff Thomas F. Barry of Coventry.

others at the table were Gov. John O. Pastore and Fogarty.

The topic of conversation at the table was said to be "light."

Meanwhile, the sparring between McGrath and Mayor Dennis J. Roberts of Providence for the right to name a lieutenant governor nominee was said yesterday to revolve around McGrath's attachment to Judge William E. Powers of Cumberland, who has announced himself to be a candidate in the face of party sentiment favoring a World War II veteran for the spot. Roberts is sponsoring John S. McKiernan, first assistant city solicitor and a veteran, for the nomination for lieutenant governor.

The solicitor general yesterday de-

nied existence of any friction between himself and Roberts over the nomination.

"I am not sponsoring any candidate, but I have a strong personal feeling for Bill Powers because of our attachments through the years," said McGrath.

DE CIANTIS CANDIDATE FOR R. I. STATE SENATE

Nominated in West Warwick by Democrats.
Recently Resigned As Counsel for U. S.
Unemployment Compensation Board.

Michael De Ciantis of Riverpoint was nominated by West Warwick Democrats last evening at the Town convention for State Senator. His name was filed with

Town Clerk Fulda E. Geoffroy by Democratic Town Committee chairman Col. Patrick H. Quinn. Mr. DeCiantis recently resigned the position as counsel for the United States Unemployment Compensation Board for Rhode Island. Under the Governor Robert E. Quinn administration he was Chief of the Division of Public Utilities, and under the Governor Theodore Francis Green administration he was Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. DeCiantis is a member of West Warwick Country Club. He is campaigning in behalf of former Governor Quinn in his efforts for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator.

The present Senator from West Warwick is Alfred Richard of Phenix who has held the post for over a decade.

McGRATH FORCES VICTORS IN 5 OF 7 CAUCUS BATTLES

Win All 4 in Newport, Break
Even in Cranston, Lose
in Woonsocket

QUINN FIGHT TO CONTINUE

Scuffle at Polls in Northern City;
Kagan Defeats McGinn in 10th
District in Providence

Solicitor General J. Howard McGrath, fighting for delegate strength to the State convention against his opponent for the Democratic U. S. Senatorial nomination, Judge Robert E. Quinn, won five of seven caucuses conducted in three cities yesterday.

The McGrath forces took all four caucuses in Newport by a 3 to 1 margin and were also victorious in Cranston's First District.

Quinn supporters gained two delegates with a victory by Rep. Eugene Lancot's insurgent organization in Woonsocket's First District and in addition edged out a win in Cranston's Third District over a strong McGrath force there.

Notwithstanding their defeat in five district caucuses, the Quinn supporters reiterated their pledge late last night to carry the fight for the Senate nomination to the floor of the Democratic convention next Wednesday.

Violence in Woonsocket

The McGrath-Quinn caucuses were quiet in Cranston, but violence broke out in Woonsocket, and in Newport a Quinn backer, Matthew J. Faerber, charged that an opposition worker, Mrs. Margaret Porter, supervisor in the Second Ward polling place there, had sought to influence voters by entering booths with voters without their permission, "pushed the first lever (McGrath) and then told the voter to pull back the handle."

Mrs. Porter denied the accusation. The Woonsocket caucus was enlivened last night while the votes were being tallied by a scuffle between George L. Lamoureux, defeated delegate candidate, and Joseph Tripodi, a city Senatorial convention delegate on the Lancot slate. The altercation ended quickly.

Kagan Defeats McGinn

In the 10th Representative District of Providence, where the only contest was over selection of a Democratic candidate for State representative, Rep. Samuel C. Kagan defeated John F. McGinn, an ex-sailor, in a caucus held at the Candace Street School, by a vote of 867 to 536.

Names of delegates to State, congressional and Second Senatorial District conventions were on the seven voting machines used at the caucus, but there was no contest other than that for representative, organization delegates and candidates for State committee being unopposed.

A total vote of 4400 was cast in the 10th District in the 1944 election, when Kagan defeated Herbert Taylor, Republican candidate, 3578 to 822.

Deposed in the Woonsocket caucus as member of the Democratic

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McGRATH FORCES WIN 5 CAUCUSES

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State committee was City Chairman Alphonse W. Ravenelle. He was defeated for the State committee post by Conrad O. Ayotte by a vote of 232 to 205.

The Lancot slate's victory, won by a margin of 20 votes, gained two convention votes for Quinn. Lancot, who several weeks ago endorsed Quinn, was himself elected a delegate to the convention, along with G. George D. Benoit.

As a result of an even break in the Cranston caucus fights, the Quinn supporters will have at least four of Cranston's 10 delegates. In addition to the Third District which he won yesterday, Judge Quinn is also favored by the delegates in the Second District. The First and Fourth favor McGrath, while the Fifth is somewhat of a question mark.

Cranston Delegates Chosen

McGrath delegates victorious yesterday in Cranston's First District are James F. Shallow and Cleveland H. Sparke, while the Quinn delegates elected from the Third District are Frank D. Moretti and Michael J. Manning.

McGrath supporters won in the First District by a two to one margin, while in the Third they lost by an average of 40 votes for all the positions on the ticket.

In Cranston's First District, James F. Wall won the nomination for representative over Harold C. Bouressa, while in the Third, Thomas C. Campbell, member of the Cranston City Council, defeated Eugene F. Coffey for the nomination for representative.

The winning slate in the First District had the backing of City Chairman Frederick C. Kilguss, executive secretary to Gov. John O. Pastore. Kilguss is heading McGrath's campaign.

In a third Cranston caucus, a nominal contest, Rep. Michael Sepe received the Democratic nomination for representative, 149 to 7, in the Fifth District, after his opponent, Anthony Cece, dropped out and asked his supporters to vote for Sepe.

The McGrath victory in Newport was also a triumph for Mayor Herbert E. Macauley and the Newport Democratic City Committee. Voting in that city, as well as in others, was lighter than anticipated.

Only 2136 of 13,000 eligible voters participated in the Newport caucuses. Newport faces another series of caucus fights tomorrow when Eric A. O'D Taylor opposes a Macauley city slate.

"The people of Newport decided by a wide margin how they felt concerning the issues in the caucus today, and I have no fault to find with that," said Faerber last night after the emphatic defeat of the Quinn slates.

Both Macauley and Cornelius C.

FEDERAL JOB OFFER TO QUINN REPORTED

McGrath Supporters Fail to Shake Judge's Aim to Win Senate Seat

In an effort to induce Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn to pull out of the Democratic race for the U. S. Senate nomination, supporters of his opponent, Solicitor General J. Howard McGrath, have offered Quinn an appointment to a high Federal position, it was learned reliably yesterday.

The McGrath backers are said to have suggested to Judge Quinn that he might have an appointment as an Interstate Commerce commissioner. When Quinn said "no" to the offer, it was reported, the McGrath supporters asked him to designate a Federal appointment in which he might be interested.

Quinn is said to have replied that his only interest was in obtaining the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate.

CAUCUS WILL PICK NEWPORTER TODAY

P.O. 116796
Mayor Macauley and Taylor to

Vie for Mayoralty Choice on

Democratic Ticket

Mayor Herbert E. Macauley and forces of the regular Democratic machine today will attempt to administer a second defeat within a week to insurgent Democratic candidates, in a caucus that will determine whether Macauley or Erich A. O'D. Taylor will be the party nominee for Mayor.

If the widespread belief of many voters is true, then today's caucus will result in a considerably heavier vote than that cast on Tuesday, when the principal caucus issue was whether State convention delegates would be pledged to Robert E. Quinn or J. Howard McGrath.

Almost all the Democratic incumbents are seeking re-election, with Aldermen, Councilmen and ward committee posts at stake.

With Mayor Macauley, Aldermen Louis H. Scott in the Second Ward and Edward A. Martin in the Fourth Ward are seeking renomination.

Alderman James A. Dwyer is not a candidate for re-election and Alderman Edward G. Gladding, sole Republican member of the board, is that party's nominee for Mayor.

With Cornelius C. Moore, Representative Council chairman, seeking party re-nomination in the Second Ward, along with Scott, it is expected that the voting in the Second Ward will rival that in the traditional Democratic stronghold, the "Old Fifth" Ward.

Moore also seeks to be named city convention delegate and ward committeeman.

The most interesting battle will probably be in the First Ward, where a 3-cornered fight will be staged. The independent ticket of Samuel Kravetz will oppose those of the Democratic City Committee and of Taylor. Kravetz has shown considerable voting strength in past elections. It is expected that the winner in that ward will emerge victorious by the narrowest of margins.

Encouraged by their decisive victory at the polls on Tuesday, when they defeated the ticket of Matthew J. Faerber by a 3-1 margin, the Democratic city machine has passed the word down the line, it is reported, that as heavy a victory-margin is to be given today.

Despite the Tuesday results Taylor was optimistic over his own caucus battle. For one thing, where opposition on the Faerber slate was spotty, Taylor has named opposition candidates for all city committee nominees today, with the exception of an aldermanic candidate in the Third Ward.

Moore, Representative Council chairman, were active at polling places in Newport throughout the day. Faerber, an early Quinn supporter, went down to defeat as a candidate for delegate from the Second District. He lost by 76 votes to Lodovino Boiani.

FAERBER CHARGES CAUCUS IS UNFAIR

Newporter Has Affidavit on Conduct of Mrs. Porter at Polls for Second Ward

Charging that the Democratic City Committee in Newport is not interested in conducting a fair caucus, Matthew J. Faerber, defeated by the City Committee in the Wednesday caucus, yesterday said that an affidavit had been filed with him charging irregular conduct on the part of Mrs. Margaret Porter, caucus official at the Cranston-Calvert School, the Second Ward polling place.

Faerber protested alleged actions by Mrs. Porter at 7:45 o'clock Wednesday night, before the polls closed, and at that time reported he had had numerous complaints that Mrs. Porter had sought to influence voters in their choice.

As a result of the filing of the signed affidavit by Marion A. Sharples of 141 Park Holm, Faerber yesterday afternoon issued a statement urging supporters of the Taylor ticket in today's contest to refuse to allow Mrs. Porter to enter the booth in the event they need instructions.

Connerton Exonerated

Faerber in his statement exonerated Leo P. Connerton and Walter Fitzmaurice, other caucus officials, saying their conduct had been exemplary and never at any time had they been unfair.

The signed affidavit given to Faerber at his home, is as follows:

"I, Marion A. Sharples, of the City and County of Newport, a registered voter from the Second Ward in said city, residing at No. 141 Park Holm, on oath depose and say as follows:

"I went to the polling place at the Cranston-Calvert School to vote in the Democratic Caucus on the morning of Sept. 4, 1946. It was the first time I had used the voting machine and I looked out from the curtain and asked if there was someone to instruct me in the use of the machine. A woman who was there with almost white hair, whom I now know to be Mrs. Margaret Porter, came in behind the curtain with me.

"I asked her how the machine worked and she immediately pushed down the large lever on the first column and told me that it was all done. I asked her what she meant and how I had voted. She repeated that it was all done, and I asked for whom I had voted. She informed me that I had voted the first column and when I insisted I wanted to vote the second column she told me that there was nothing that could be done now, it was all finished.

"I objected so loudly that a man who was also working there then put his head in and asked me what the trouble was. I told him, and told him also that Mrs. Porter told me I couldn't do anything about it even though she had done the voting, and not for the people I wanted. He came in and pushed the first lever back into place and then told me to push whatever lever I wanted, and then to pull the big one over and open the curtain. I did this.

"Mrs. Porter did everything possible to force me to vote for someone I didn't want and against my will. I told everyone I knew just what happened."

Signed)

"MARION A. SHARPLES."

Plea to Democrats

"As a result of the many complaints about Mrs. Porter's conduct on Wednesday," Faerber said, "I have asked the Democratic City Committee to appoint one of our supporters as an official within the polling place railing for tomorrow's caucus, so we could follow the fair practice of having a representative of each group assist any voter needing help. So far there has been nothing done by them in response to this request."

Faerber said he had requested through Cornelius C. Moore, Representative Council chairman and Second Ward city committeeman, that this be done, Wednesday evening and again yesterday morning. He said he was informed by Moore that it was probably not legally possible.

Others who voted in the Second Ward, Faerber said, had protested to him the alleged conduct of Mrs. Porter and several supporters of the insurgent ticket had stated, Faerber said, that "it is possible to win a caucus and still lose an election."

"Because of the wholesale abuse I am urging all voters tomorrow to refuse to permit Mrs. Porter inside to witness their vote, and that they either simply vote for themselves or call upon one of the other officials, who conducted themselves fairly," Faerber said.

"There is no reason," Faerber said, "why representatives of both groups cannot be named to officiate. In a regular election the law requires that officials representing the two major parties be named. That is to assure the voters of receiving advice and assistance from the group they prefer. There is no reason from any legal standpoint, that I know of, to prevent this at the caucus."

STATE DEMOCRATS WILL MEET TODAY

McGrath-Quinn Battle Holds

Principal Interest at

P. J. Convention 9/11/46

Two hundred delegates to the Democratic State convention will assemble at 10 a. m. today in the Elks Auditorium at Providence to nominate candidates for Federal and State offices.

Major interest will center on the fight for the U. S. Senate nomination between Solicitor General J. Howard McGrath and Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn.

Both factions were working diligently last night, attempting to line up delegates for the battle, and both were confident of victory.

Reported to be an important factor in the contest is the Pawtucket delegation of 20, which up to last night had not been pledged to either nominee for the Senate candidacy. It was said the Pawtucket delegates will meet at 9 a. m. today in an attempt to decide the question.

The only other vacancy on the ticket is the lieutenant governor's spot for which John S. McKiernan, assistant Providence city solicitor, has been endorsed by the Democratic State Committee. The name of Raoul Archambault Jr. of West Warwick also may be placed before the convention, although he has filed independent nomination papers for state senator.

All other Democratic office holders, including Gov. John O. Pastore, are expected to be re-nominated.

The keynote address will be delivered by Mayor Dennis J. Roberts of Providence, who also will act as temporary chairman.

Mrs. Gladys M. Brightman of Bristol, lone woman member of Rhode Island's House of Representatives, will present for nomination the name of Secretary of State Armand H. Cote, who is a candidate for re-election to that office.

Both Parties Open R. I. Campaign at Weekend Outings

Democrats Pick McGrath and McKiernan

Their respective nominees already in the field, Rhode Island's two political parties this week-end will officially open the 1946 campaign which promises to become the scrappiest the State has witnessed in years.

State Republicans, hoping to wrest control of State government after six lean years out of office, will rally at a Republican Club of Rhode Island chowder party and outing Saturday which will bring together at The Farm in Warwick the party's candidates for State and Congressional office for their first public appearance since the nominating convention last Tuesday. An added attraction will be U. S. Senator Owen Brewster of Maine.

The following day Rhode Island Democrats will throw the first punch of their offensive to stay in office, matching their opponents blow for blow at the annual outing of the Young Democrats of Rhode Island at Crescent Park. The full State ticket will share the platform with U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark, who returns from Europe this week.

Democratic Convention

At their nominating convention in Elks Auditorium yesterday, the Democratic party named Solicitor General J. Howard McGrath as their candidate for the U. S. Senate. McGrath defeated Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn by a vote of 145 to 52, which was subsequently made unanimous on the motion of Quinn backers who pledged their support to McGrath during the campaign.

Gov. John O. Pastore was nominated by acclamation for the post he now holds; John S. McKiernan, ex-GI and first assistant city solicitor in Providence, swamped L. E. Linus O'Rourke, 160 to 4, for the lieutenant governor's nomination for which Raoul Archambault Jr. of West Warwick, a Marine Corps major in World War II decided at the last moment not to contest, and the rest of the slate comprising incumbents was adopted by acclamation.

Others on Ticket

Others on the ticket are Rep. Aime J. Forand, Central Falls, for Congress in the First District; Rep. John E. Fogarty, Gloucester, for Congress in the Second District; and Secretary of State Armand H. Cote, Pawtucket. Attorney General John H. Nolan, Newport, and General Treasurer Russell H. Handy, Lincoln, for the offices they now hold.

In his brief acceptance, Governor Pastore pledged the people that he would wage a "vigorous campaign" to bring "the issues to the people of the State, to unfold the record of the Democratic Party over the past decade."

The Governor said that since he assumed the office of Governor 11 months ago, succeeding McGrath when the latter became U. S. Solicitor General, his acts were guided by a consideration for the welfare and

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United States in world affairs, saying that while in Washington he had become familiar with the legal problems that have complicated international relations as a result of World War II. He acknowledged the political debt he and the Democratic party owes to U. S. Senator Peter G. Gerry, "whose voluntary retirement makes it possible for me to be a candidate at this convention."

The acceptance remarks of the two congressional candidates, nominated at separate conventions immediately following the State convention, were also brief.

Congressman Forand, nominated again by Canon Anthony R. Parshley of Bristol, warned that the nation suffers when the majority in Congress is of different political faith from the President, and emphasized that a Democratic Congress was essential for the next two years.

Fogarty Predicts Victory

At the Second District convention, Congressman Fogarty said that "as long as I have the loyalty of the common people in Rhode Island I don't think I can ask for more," adding that if Rhode Island labor is loyal to him and he to them "I think we will be victorious once again in November." He was placed in nomination by Angelo Bonvicin, who nominated him in 1940 and again in 1942.

The solicitor general yesterday afternoon in reply to a question said that he intends to return to Washington with Clark after his week-end appearance and will discuss with him the question of his resignation from the sub-cabinet post. During President Truman's recent visit to Rhode Island, McGrath announced he intended to resign as solicitor general if nominated.

Michael DeCiantis of West War-

wick, close friend of Judge Quinn whose name he gave to the convention, claimed today that the Quinn camp actually had 84 convention votes lined up, but that delegates from East Providence, Warwick and Woonsocket were released when it became known before the roll call that Pawtucket's 20 votes would go for McGrath.

After the vote for the Senatorial nomination, George Roche of Coventry, who had fought on Quinn's behalf, moved that McGrath's nomination be made unanimous. The motion was adopted in a loud roar.

McGrath's name was placed in nomination by Rep. William E. Powers of Cumberland.

Delegates for Quinn

Delegates who cast their vote for Quinn were:

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Quinn Backs McGrath

As soon as the outcome of the polling for a senatorial candidate was decisively demonstrated, Roche stepped to the front of the platform and stated briefly that his candidate was "licked by a good man who I expect will be elected in November."

He said Judge Quinn was not in the convention hall because it would have demonstrated impropriety to be there while serving as judge. Roche said that Quinn had authorized him, however, to thank the delegates who supported him and that he, Quinn, would be in McGrath's corner.

DeCiantis also stepped up to pledge his support to McGrath.

Green Nominates Pastore

Governor Pastore, said U. S. Senator Theodore Francis Green in nominating him, impressed him years ago as a young man who would be heard from in the years to come. "He is a living symbol of the opportunity which is afforded in America to those who strive to attain high positions in our community," he added, after tracing Pastore's service in the House, as an assistant Attorney General and later as Lieutenant-Governor and then acting Governor.

Urging a vote for the entire Democratic ticket, Senator Green said a peace was yet to be won, and "here at home many pressing domestic problems still confront the State and nation, and they may not be solved for some time to come."

The Democratic Party, the Senator said, has represented the people for a decade and has demonstrated it stands for performance ever since his own second term as Governor, when Democrats seized the State government. "Leadership should not now be placed in untried and inexperienced hands," Senator Green added.

Cites "Courageous Action"

In Pastore's behalf, he cited his handling of the office of Governor since he succeeded Governor McGrath, resigned, and mentioned in particular his "prompt and courageous" action in safeguarding the interest of the people during the railroad strike in May of this year, his calling of a special session of the legislature to enact State rent controls when OPA expired June 30, and his advocacy of the soldier's bonus. Pastore has been interested in the veteran "despite the violent opposition of a hostile, so-called independent press," Senator Green said.

To Governor Pastore, he added, goes credit for speedy action in getting additional airline and airport facilities now being provided Rhode Island.

Seconding Pastore's nomination were Senator Ambrose P. McCoy of Pawtucket, D. Thomas Testa of Providence, a close friend of Governor Pastore, A. Norman LaSalle of Warwick and Lodovino Boiani of Newport.

Nominations were then closed on the motion of Powers, and the delegates unanimously cast their vote for Governor Pastore.

Dunn Names McKiernan

John B. Dunn, Providence finance director, offered McKiernan's name in nomination for lieutenant governor, describing the assistant city solicitor as "a man with every qualification for leadership, a man who, if nominated, will quickly catch the fancy as well as earn the esteem, confidence, and co-operation of the people of this State."

Dunn sketched the nominee's educational background at Classical High School, Notre Dame, and Boston University Law School. The speaker traced McKiernan's career in the Army from induction in 1943 to his discharge in March of 1946.

Pointing to Judge Louis Cappelli and Governor Pastore as "immediate predecessors" in the post of lieutenant governor Dunn said, "Their

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careers dramatized the fact that this office is all important and far from what it all too frequently was considered in the past—lightly regarded. The past year has brought forcibly to our minds the fact that this office no longer can be considered in the light of little consequence."

Seconding McKiernan's nomination were Rep. John G. Coffey of East Providence and Councilman Edmund W. Wexler of Providence.

Kiernan Names O'Rourke

Kiernan placed O'Rourke's name in nomination for lieutenant governor, seconded by Louis DelSesto.

On the roll call for lieutenant governor, Councilman John W. Moakler announced he had been authorized by the Providence delegation to cast 46 votes for McKiernan and 4 votes for O'Rourke, all four from the Sixth Ward.

The vote as finally announced by Chairman Roberts was 160 for McKiernan, and four for O'Rourke.

On motion of Kiernan, the nomination of McKiernan was made unanimous.

Cote Praised

Cote was nominated for re-election as Secretary of State by Mrs. Gladys M. Brightman of Bristol. She said his record in public office "can withstand the light of public scrutiny for it is without blemish," and added that he commands the respect of every citizen of the State.

"High public office demands exceptional virtues of character and ability, and in this respect it can be said that Armand H. Cote is the type of individual who fits admirably into the highest positions of honor and trust," Mrs. Brightman declared.

She also praised Cote's work in completing the complex job of organizing and establishing the machinery to facilitate soldier voting during the war. "It was not a mere coincidence that Rhode Island enjoyed one of the best soldier voting records in the entire country during the 1944 election," Mrs. Brightman added.

After Arthur Costigan of Pawtucket seconded Cote's nomination, the convention instructed its secretary to cast one vote for his nomination.

Siegel Names Nolan

The convention, its members becoming restless as the afternoon wore on, then turned to the job of renominating Attorney General Nolan.

Nolan was nominated for re-election by a fellow-Newporter, Rep. Sonner Siegal, who praised Nolan as a man who since 1940 has filled his office "with a high degree of efficiency, impartiality and dignity."

"It is Mr. Nolan's pride," Siegal said, "that the honor and opportunity for service which this office affords him is a sufficient incentive for this continued desire to serve the people of his native State." He then reviewed Nolan's career, pointing out that the Attorney General is a World War I veteran.

Thomas H. Harding of Pawtucket seconded Attorney General Nolan's

renomination; then the convention secretary was ordered to cast one ballot for his nomination.

Fanning Names Handy

Moving with increasing momentum, the convention then took up the renomination of Handy.

In nominating Handy for general treasurer, Stephen A. Fanning of Cumberland stressed that Handy had the experience in both State and municipal government and the experience in business and finance required of a candidate for that office. Pointing out that Handy already had served six years as general treasurer of Rhode Island, Fanning said he had acquired a knowledge of State and local government equaled by few men in the history of Rhode Island.

Fanning reviewed Handy's educational background and his previous service in public office, both in the

town of Lincoln and in the State Senate.

"His record of liberalism and of independent thought and action in the Senate earned him a reputation State-wide in its appeal," Fanning declared. "He has proved that the businessman will accept the changes demanded by the continuing need for social improvement."

Saying that Handy was administrator of State funds during the critical war years, Fanning declared that Handy made investments which brought premiums to the taxpayers and had helped to shape a policy of State aid to the cities and towns.

Alfred U. Menard, deputy speaker of the House of Representatives from Lincoln, seconded Handy's nomination, and again a single ballot was cast.

On the motion of Senator McCoy, the convention authorized the

convention chairman and its secretary to file the names of the nominees with the Secretary of State. Cleveland H. Sprake of Cranston moved

that the executive committee of the State committee be empowered to

fill all vacancies, in case there are any, in the nominations, and the motion was adopted.

Democrats Pick McGrath Over

CHOOSE PASTORE, NAME MCKIERNAN AS RUNNING MATE

Cote, Nolan and Handy Win
State Post Renominations
Without Opposition

VOTES MADE UNANIMOUS

Nomination of Solicitor General
For U. S. Senate Halts Judge's
Political Comeback Bid

Democrats in State convention at Elks Auditorium yesterday nominated Solicitor General J. Howard McGrath as U. S. Senate candidate, giving him 145 votes to 52 for his opponent, Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn of West Warwick.

The overwhelming convention vote for McGrath, former governor, brought to a halt, for the moment at least, Judge Quinn's bid to return to political life.

Quinn followers at the convention subsequently made the vote for McGrath unanimous, and the delegates went on to nominate Gov. John O. Pastore and the remainder of the State ticket.

Others Nominated

For lieutenant governor—John S. McKiernan, ex-GI and first assistant City Solicitor in Providence, who defeated L. E. Linus O'Rourke of Providence, 160 to 4. His nomination was later made unanimous.

For Secretary of State—Armand H. Cote of Pawtucket, the incumbent.

For Attorney General—John H. Nolan of Newport, the incumbent.

For General Treasurer—Russell H. Handy of Lincoln, the incumbent.

As soon as the State convention closed, the delegates separated into two congressional district conventions to nominate:

For Congress in the first district—Rep. Aime J. Forand of Central Falls.

For Congress in the second district—Rep. John E. Fogarty of Gloucester.

McGrath will oppose Gurnee Dyer the Republican candidate, in the November elections; and Governor Pastore will oppose John G. Murphy.

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How They Voted

Communities solid for McGrath were Barrington, Bristol, Central Falls, Charlestown, East Greenwich, East Providence, Hopkinton, Jamestown, Johnston, Little Compton, Middletown, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Kingstown, North Providence, Pawtucket, Portsmouth, Richmond, Tiverton, Warren, Westerly and Newport.

Communities whose delegates divided:
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vided their votes were Cranston, which went 5 for McGrath and 5 for Quinn; Cumberland, 3 McGrath, 1 Quinn; Foster, 1 McGrath, 1 Quinn; Lincoln, 2 McGrath, 1 Quinn, with 1 not voting; Providence, 33 McGrath, 16 Quinn, 1 not voting; Warwick, 5 McGrath, 1 Quinn; Woonsocket, 12 McGrath, 3 Quinn, 1 not voting.

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Platform Adopted

Delegates set the key for the forthcoming campaign by adopting a platform which warmly recorded the social gains in State and nation under President Roosevelt, and which flatly plumped for principles of the Broomhead-McCoy primary bill covering nominations for Federal, State and municipal office.

In the field of unemployment legislation, the platform upon which candidates will campaign opposed merit rating in unemployment compensation—which Republicans advocated yesterday, until such time as both labor and management approve of it.

With a view to review of the Unemployment and Cash Sickness administrations—a review which the convention voted was a good thing now and then, the platform suggested a commission to survey the experience of the Unemployment Compensation administration in the

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light of proposals for merit rating, and in the light of Federal statutes permitting allocation of funds set aside for unemployment compensation for use as disability benefits.

Other Recommendations

Other specific measures advocated in the platform were increased wages for State employes, more State aid for town and city school systems, a constitutional convention to vote on such proposals as permanent registration and life tenure for judges, establishment of airfields for the Portsmouth-Newport area, at Block Island and at the Narragansett-Wakefield area and passage of a Fair Employment Practices Act.

The platform suggested water pollution should be fought by interstate cooperation and with Federal aid. It urged a State minimum wage law and recommended to voters they approve the \$200 bonus for veterans, including members of the Merchant Marine.

A Department of Commerce in the State government, comprising the present Department of Business Regulation, the Port Authority, State Planning Board and Industrial Commission, and other allied agencies was another recommendation. Aid to veterans was pledged, and one specific plank warmly endorsed Governor Pastore for reelection.

Gavel Falls at 10:38

Democratic State Chairman John E. Mullen banged his gavel at 10:38 a. m. to open the convention.

Seated on the platform were U. S. Senator Theodore Francis Green, Mayor Roberts, Mayor Herbert E. Macauley of Newport, Judge Powers, James H. Kiernan, Democratic floor leader of the House of Representatives; Mrs. Margaret M. Sullivan, Democratic national committeewoman; Mrs. Mary Halbritter of Pawtucket, vice-chairman of the Democratic State committee; and Kilguss.

After the delegates and a sparse gallery stood at attention for the playing of the national anthem, the Rev. Joseph P. McNamara, who served 27 months as chaplain in the China theater during World War II with the rank of major, delivered the invocation. Father McNamara, who was awarded the Legion of Merit, is now chaplain at the Hillsgrove Annex of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mullen designated Kilguss as the temporary secretary of the convention and appointed as his assistants Oresto J. Petteruti of East Greenwich and Edward Galligan of North Providence. At 10:45 Mayor Roberts took the gavel from Mullen as temporary chairman and immediately thereafter Kilguss began calling the roll of delegates.

Credentials Committee

Roberts appointed a credentials committee consisting of Daniel J. Murray of Jamestown, Edward J. Higgins of Warren, Roche, Francis A. Manzi of Johnston, Harry F. Curvin of Pawtucket, Dr. Raymond G. Bressler of Warwick and John B. Dunn of Providence.

Appointed to the resolutions committee by Roberts were Kiernan, Stephen A. Fanning of Cumberland, Irving Winograd of Providence, James M. Donovan of Pawtucket, Mayor John J. Healey of Central Falls, Acting Mayor Lawrence A. McCarthy of Pawtucket, Robert F. Linton of Woonsocket, Senator Terrence E. Duffy of Coventry and Thomas A. Kennelly of Cranston.

After Mayor Roberts had completed his keynote address, Mayor Macauley introduced a resolution expressing the convention's sympathy on the death of the late President Roosevelt. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

For the committee on credentials, Chairman Murray reported that the temporary roll of delegates had been found in order and recommended its adoption to the convention. The roll call was adopted on a voice vote.

On the motion of John DeLibero of Providence, the convention also made the temporary convention officers permanent.

Memorial Eulogies Voted

On the recommendation of the committee on resolutions, the convention adopted three resolutions eulogizing prominent members of the party who died since the convention two years ago. Two of these, offered by Kiernan, paid tribute to the careers of former Mayor Joseph H. Gainer of Providence and Mayor Thomas P. McCoy of Pawtucket. A third commended the career of Joseph V. Broderick of Cumberland, former Collector of Internal Revenue. This resolution was adopted on the motion of Judge Powers.

After adoption of these three resolutions, Kiernan began to read the Democratic platform.

In reading the party platform, Kiernan deviated widely from its text to discourse at length upon the passage through the General Assembly of the veterans' bonus act. Realizing that he had done so, Kiernan remarked that he was not up on the platform to make a speech but "went off the deep end" and could not "let the opportunity go by to say that the Republican Party yesterday insulted the veterans of Rhode Island."

Kiernan spent about 40 minutes reading part of the platform and near the end hit only the highlights to cut his address short. On Kiernan's motion the convention adopted the platform.

Powers Names McGrath

Immediately after the platform had been adopted, Judge Powers of Cumberland stepped to the front of the rostrum to place McGrath's name before the convention.

Judge Powers offered McGrath's

name to the convention as the State's contribution of a "liberal candidate" to the Senate and the greatest vote-getter of either party in the State's history.

The blind Cumberland man recited at length McGrath's long record of public office and party leadership since he was a college student, and his accomplishments as Governor in establishing a cash sickness law, a wartime oil conservation system, a State Labor Relations Board, a baby Wagner Act, a State curative center, liberalized workmen's compensation and building of a cash surplus in the treasury.

McGrath is the best candidate to "take his place alongside Theodore Francis Green" in the U. S. Senate the Cumberland official continued. The former Governor's popularity with other present and former governors of New England, some of the latter now in the U. S. Senate, were cited as strong reasons for sending McGrath to Washington as a part of "the organized sectional representation in the Senate that is traditional."

Reason for Resignation

At some length Judge Powers explained the circumstances which, he said, impelled McGrath to resign as Governor to become U. S. Solicitor General.

"President Truman requested the Governor to accept the post of U. S. Solicitor General, an office that among a long list of impressive men had known the talent of Charles Evans Hughes Jr., John W. Davis, Francis Biddle and Supreme Court Justices Jackson and Reed," he said.

"It has been suggested that the Governor should have refused the request. That suggestion will not bear analysis. A presidential request approximates a command. But recognizing that President Truman would have excused a refusal, I ask you to consider two points:

"The people of Rhode Island created J. Howard McGrath, national figure. His natural ability, vision and leadership received inspiration and impetus from their confidence. It is a denial of their national pride to suggest that they would not have loaned him to their President in an hour of need. And what of the Governor's office? In the judgment of Governor McGrath those duties would be in very capable hands, the hands of John O. Pastore, who will be the nominee of this convention and the next governor of Rhode Island.

"I suggest that the outstanding leadership of John O. Pastore is a vindication of the McGrath judgment. Remembering that Governor McGrath was a member of the executive committee of the National Council of Governors, and intimately acquainted with many of the governors who are now in the Senate of the United States, and remembering too the intimate association of Solicitor General McGrath with the Senate, it seems but logic that if he had not sought this nomination it would have been our plain duty to have sought him."

McGrath's nomination was seconded by Mrs. Margaret M. Hazard of North Kingstown, Senator Daniel G. Coggeshall of Bristol and Dr. Fred H. Dotolo of Westerly. Dotolo admitted he thought there was a Republican trend in the nation, and he said that is why Rhode Island needs the best candidate it can get to cut this trend in Rhode Island.

DeCiantis Names Quinn

DeCiantis, West Warwick attorney and former State public utilities director, in nominating Judge Quinn, dwelt on "Fighting Bob's" experience as Governor, a State Senator, member of the State Superior Court, and lieutenant commander in the navy.

"The record shows," he said, "that Quinn's philosophy has been that of 'helping those who can not help themselves. Judge Quinn put this philosophy into action within a period of months after he began to practice law."

DeCiantis declared Judge Quinn fought on the side of labor during the strike troubled days of 1922 and later as a State Senator from West Warwick "paved the way for the fight to supplant and annihilate the Republican monopoly and oligarchy in this State."

When Judge Quinn was elected Governor in 1936, DeCiantis said, he "again came to the forefront for a constitutional convention," and during his term as Governor "showed the people of the State that principle can not be bought or compromised and that Rhode Island was no place for racketeers and men who had a desire to break down good government."

In All Branches of Government

In urging support of his nominee DeCiantis said "he is the only man in this State within my time who has served in the legislative, executive, judicial and military branches of the government * * *. He is the man who will protect the interests of all of the people of this State and of this nation."

"We who are behind Bob Quinn are not kidding ourselves," said DeCiantis. "We know we have a rough road ahead because of the organization. Remember, no one has the right to tell you how to vote in this convention. I am pleading with you to vote for Bob Quinn."

Judge Quinn was not in attendance at the convention when his name was submitted for nomination.

When DeCiantis ended his nomination speech, the delegates and alternates cheered loudly and the band

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played "Anchors Aweigh." Another loud cheer went up from the delegates when Congressman Fogarty stepped to the rostrum to second Quinn's nomination.

Fogarty Seconds

Fogarty seconded Quinn's nomination with a reminder of Quinn's record in the Democratic party.

"When you recall those things—remember who had the intestinal fortitude, the unwavering courage, the fighting heart that made it all possible," said Fogarty, "and remember, too, there are a lot of us here today, and that goes for myself, who would not have had such a choice taste of the fruits of our party's first victory had it not been for the unalterable determination of fighting Bob Quinn, who stood on the rostrum facing a violently bitter and hateful Republican Senate."

Quinn, said Fogarty, would bring to the U. S. Senate the same fighting qualities he displayed while Lieutenant Governor and Governor.

"I am not seeking merely honor for Bob Quinn," Fogarty said. "I am seeking victory for our party and the best possible representation for the people of our State. I am not seeking a reward, a job if you will, for myself. I expect to have the honor once again to run on the same ticket with Bob Quinn. I want to win; I want every Democrat on the ticket in every city and town in this State to win. That's why I want the best. The people of our State deserve the best. He will bring victory to our banner in November. And he will establish such a record in the United States Senate that our task in 1948 will be an easy one."

Others seconding the nomination of Quinn were Roche, John E. Moran of Cumberland and Edward P. Quigley of Providence.

Quinn Backs McGrath

As soon as the outcome of the polling for a senatorial candidate was decisively demonstrated, Roche stepped to the front of the platform and stated briefly that his candidate was "licked by a good man who I expect will be elected in November."

He said Judge Quinn was not in the convention hall because it would have demonstrated impropriety to be here while serving as judge. Roche said that Quinn had authorized him, however, to thank the delegates who supported him and that he, Quinn, would be in McGrath's corner.

DeCiantis also stepped up to pledge his support to McGrath.

Green Nominates Pastore

Governor Pastore, said Senator Green in nominating him, impressed him years ago as a young man who would be heard from in the years to come. "He is a living symbol of the opportunity which is afforded in America to those who strive to attain high positions in our community," he added, after tracing Pastore's service in the House, as an assistant Attorney General and later as Lieutenant-Governor and then acting Governor.

Urging a vote for the entire Democratic ticket, Senator Green said a peace was yet to be won, and "here at home many pressing domestic problems still confront the State and nation, and they may not be solved for some time to come."

The Democratic Party, the Senator said, has represented the people for a decade and has demonstrated it stands for performance ever since his own second term as Governor, when Democrats seized the State government. "Leadership should not now be placed in untried and inexperienced hands," Senator Green added.

Cites "Courageous Action"

In Pastore's behalf, he cited his handling of the office of Governor since he succeeded Governor Mc-

Grath, resigned, and mentioned in particular his "prompt and courageous" action in safeguarding the interest of the people during the railroad strike in May of this year, his calling of a special session of the legislature to enact State rent controls when OPA expired June 30, and his advocacy of the soldier's bonus. Pastore has been interested in the veteran "despite the violent opposition of a hostile, so-called independent press," Senator Green said.

To Governor Pastore, he added, goes credit for speedy action in getting additional airline and airport facilities now being provided Rhode Island.

Seconding Pastore's nomination were Senator Ambrose P. McCoy of Pawtucket, D. Thomas Testa of Providence, a close friend of Governor Pastore, A. Norman LaSalle of Warwick and Lodovino Boiani of Newport.

Nominations were then closed on the motion of Powers, and the delegates unanimously cast their vote for Governor Pastore.

Dunn Names McKiernan

John B. Dunn, Providence finance director, offered McKiernan's name in nomination for lieutenant governor, describing the assistant city solicitor as "a man with every qualification for leadership, a man who, if nominated, will quickly catch the fancy as well as earn the esteem, confidence, and co-operation of the people of this State."

Dunn sketched the nominee's educational background at Classical High School, Notre Dame, and Boston University Law School. The speaker traced McKiernan's career in the Army from induction in 1943 to his discharge in March of 1946.

Pointing to Judge Louis Cappelli and Governor Pastore as "immediate predecessors" in the post of lieutenant governor Dunn said, "Their careers dramatized the fact that this office is all important and far from what it all too frequently was considered in the past—lightly regarded. The past year has brought forcibly to our minds the fact that this office no longer can be considered in the light of little consequence."

Seconding McKiernan's nomination were Rep. John G. Coffey of East Providence and Councilman Edmund W. Wexler of Providence.

Kiernan Names O'Rourke

Kiernan placed O'Rourke's name in nomination for lieutenant governor, seconded by Louis DelSesto.

On the roll call for lieutenant governor, Councilman John W. Moakler announced he had been authorized by the Providence delegation to cast 46 votes for McKiernan and 4 votes for O'Rourke, all four from the Sixth Ward.

The vote as finally announced by Chairman Roberts was 160 for McKiernan, and four for O'Rourke.

On motion of Kiernan, the nomination of McKiernan was made unanimous.

Cote Praised

Cote was nominated for re-election as Secretary of State by Mrs. Gladys M. Brightman of Bristol. She said his record in public office "can withstand the light of public scrutiny for it is without blemish," and added that he commands the respect of every citizen of the State.

"High public office demands exceptional virtues of character and ability, and in this respect it can be said that Armand H. Cote is the type of individual who fits admirably into the highest positions of honor and trust," Mrs. Brightman declared.

She also praised Cote's work in completing the complex job of organizing and establishing the machinery to facilitate soldier voting during the war. "It was not a mere coincidence that Rhode Island enjoyed one of the best soldier voting

records in the entire country during the 1944 election," Mrs. Brightman added.

After Arthur Costigan of Pawtucket seconded Cote's nomination, the convention instructed its secretary to cast one vote for his nomination.

Siegel Names Nolan

The convention, its members becoming restless as the afternoon wore on, then turned to the job of renominating Attorney General Nolan.

Nolan was nominated for re-election by a fellow-Newporter, Rep. Sonner Siegal, who praised Nolan as a man who since 1940 has filled his office "with a high degree of efficiency, impartiality and dignity."

"It is Mr. Nolan's pride," Siegal said, "that the honor and opportunity for service which this office affords him is a sufficient incentive for this continued desire to serve the people of his native State." He then reviewed Nolan's career, pointing out that the Attorney General is a World War I veteran.

Thomas H. Harding of Pawtucket

seconded Attorney General Nolan's renomination; then the convention secretary was ordered to cast one ballot for his nomination.

Fanning Names Handy

Moving with increasing momentum, the convention then took up the renomination of Handy.

In nominating Handy for general treasurer, Stephen A. Fanning of Cumberland stressed that Handy had the experience in both State and municipal government and the experience in business and finance required of a candidate for that office. Pointing out that Handy already had served six years as general treasurer of Rhode Island, Fanning said he had acquired a knowledge of State and local government equaled by few men in the history of Rhode Island.

Fanning reviewed Handy's educational background and his previous service in public office, both in the town of Lincoln and in the State Senate.

"His record of liberalism and of independent thought and action in the Senate earned him a reputation State-wide in its appeal," Fanning declared. "He has proved that the businessman will accept the changes demanded by the continuing need for social improvement."

Saying that Handy was administrator of State funds during the critical war years, Fanning declared that Handy made investments which brought premiums to the taxpayers and had helped to shape a policy of State aid to the cities and towns.

Alfred U. Menard, deputy speaker of the House of Representatives from Lincoln, seconded Handy's nomination, and again a single ballot was cast.

On the motion of Senator McCoy, the convention authorized the convention chairman and its secretary to file the names of the nominees with the Secretary of State. Cleveland H. Sprake of Cranston moved that the executive committee of the State committee be empowered to fill all vacancies, in case there are any, in the nominations, and the motion was adopted.

DEMOCRATS TO HEAR McGRATH, PASTORE

Solicitor General J. Howard McGrath, candidate for U. S. senator; Gov. John O. Pastore and Congressman John E. Fogarty, candidates for re-election, will be among the speakers at the annual West Warwick Democratic outing Sept. 29 at 12:30 p. m. at the Four Hundred Club, Natick.

Michael DeCiantis, candidate for State senator, will be toastmaster. Col. Patrick H. Quinn, town solicitor and chairman of the town committee, is chairman of the general committee. Other members are:

John McGill; Robert J. Quinn, Henry Theroux; Joseph Laurence, candidate for the General Assembly from the third district; Henry Petrarca; Hermandilde Nadeau; Senator Alfred E. Richard; Stanislas Maznicki; School Committeeman Vincent Lukowicz; James Scully; John Gallucci; Gerard DiFiore, candidate for the General Assembly from the first district; Council President John J. Flynn; Town Clerk Fulda Geoffroy; William Millette Jr.; Manuel Silva; Anthony Correia; Ulysses Laroche, candidate for the General Assembly from the second district; Hervey Niquette; Joseph Pellicionne; Angelo Cinquegrana; Benedetto Lautieri; John Petrarca; Horace Petrarca; Augustus Kraus; Charles Bourgault and Alex Duhaime.

Sub-committees are: Refreshments, James Ruzzo, Horace Senerchia, Joseph Dessert, Frank Giorgio, Edward Borowski, Horace Ruzzo, Lionel Maynard, Cliff Noel, Alfred Burton; sports, Arthur Groleau, Michael Holmes, Emanuel Kimble, Theodore Stukas, Vincent Lamb, John Holmes, Theodore Barrette; reception, Mrs. Ovilla Blanchet, Mrs. Henry F. Miller, Mrs. Dorios Valliere, Mrs. Arthur Groleau, Mrs. William Mailloux, Mrs. Aime Grosblouis, Mrs. Alfred Burton, Mrs. Leo Ritchotte, Mrs. Alice Laroux, Mrs. Hermandilde Nadeau, Mrs. M. Luz, Mrs. Ernest Lebeau, Mrs. Deus Bourgault, Director of Social Welfare Mrs. Susan V. Lamb and Deputy Town Clerk Miss Margaret McNally; publicity, Frank J. Finnerty, Wallace Greene, Leo Ritchotte, Police Lt. Henry F. Miller Jr., Leo Picard and Raymond Miller; tickets, Police Chief William Mailloux, Sgts. Edward Jalbert, Edwin Osterlund and James Lamb, Cpl. Arthur Vanasse, Patrolmen Robert Picard, Telesphore Lefebvre, Joseph Pontarelli and Alexander LaRose.

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Greene-Greenhalgh Tiff Exposed at Convention

Behind Dupre-Murphy Contest Was Quarrel of Two GOP Factions; McGrath Victory Called Clean Score for Democratic Organization

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It may be over-simplification to say that the common result of the Rhode Island State political conventions in Elks Auditorium last week was a victory for the respective "organizations."

It is certainly true in every respect of the Democratic convention where the delegates on Wednesday gave an overwhelming vote to Solicitor General J. Howard McGrath as candidate for the United States Senate.

But an examination of factors involved in the dramatic GOP convention fight may prove the hasty conclusion that it was just another "organization" victory, if a close one, to be inadequate.

Leadership of the GOP in Rhode Island changed last February when Thomas Casey Greene of Warwick was elected chairman of the State Central Committee upon the resignation under pressure of Senator George D. Greenhalgh of Gloucester.

Greenhalgh a Strong Influence

Greenhalgh, by virtue of his office in the Senate where his fellows consider him a respected leader, remained a strong influence in the party. Greene, who has told a few friends he found himself to be "just a country boy" when he dived into the whirlpool of State politics, has been chairman for only seven months. As of last Tuesday, then, the Republican Party consisted of remnants of the Greenhalgh "organization" and the nucleus of a Greene "organization."

Chairman Greene, with considerable backing from others in the party, had obtained central committee endorsement of John G. Murphy, Providence attorney, for the Governor's nomination. He was committed to the responsibility of lining up convention delegates to put Murphy over. Murphy took no hand in the job of amassing delegate strength.

On the other hand, Senator Greenhalgh threw in his lot with Mayor Ernest E. Dupre of Woonsocket, becoming his pre-convention manager and personally delivering a sizable block of delegates for Dupre, who had rounded up some of his own.

The convention vote for Governor, then, can properly be described as a test of strength between what Greenhalgh stood for when he was party chairman, and what Greene now stands for.

The 161-124 vote can be considered as much a barometer of Greene's strength, if not more so, as it was a measure of Murphy's popularity among the convention delegates, some of whom later told Murphy that they voted against him not because they were for Mayor Dupre but because they were against Chairman Greene.

Greene, who stands for a GOP victory next November, has made enemies within his own party. This partly results from his failing to invite the counsel of the "Old Guard" and, in the opinion of "neutrals," from allegedly bungling the mechanics of rounding up candidates for endorsement.

While he has made enemies of a few, Chairman Greene has made friends of many who were hostile to the Greenhalgh leadership. In consort with Greene is Austin T. Levy of Burrillville, who spearheaded an unsuccessful attempt to unseat Greenhalgh as chairman a year ago.

The Young Republicans have moved into State headquarters at 59 Jackson Street to become an integral, and maybe consequential, part of the official family, not once raising the voice of criticism that was frequently heard when Senator Greenhalgh was "the boss."

Relations between the State organization and the Providence GOP have improved in the past seven months, and it, too, has moved into State headquarters with the rest of the family.

All of these facts must be considered in the post-mortem of the Republican convention on Tuesday.

No convention was so jam-packed with drama.

There was tension when Senator Greenhalgh and Mayor Dupre bowed their heads together on the sidewalk on Washington Street in the morning before the delegates even started to filter to their seats in the hall.

There was tension before and after Gurnee Dyer of Portsmouth was nominated by acclamation for U. S. Senator as Frank Taylor of Newport and Walter Sundlum of Providence mixed with leaders of the Dupre camp, then moved freely among the delegates.

A Surprise from Curran

So the unusual was expected when it happened.

It happened when Charles A. Curran of Providence, after the Murphy and Dupre names were given to the convention, shouted out a motion to give the extraordinary privilege of the floor to both men before the vote on the candidate was taken.

Curran jumped to the loudspeaker on the platform to argue for his motion which authorized a procedure that no one had ever heard of before. Pandemonium broke loose.

Delegates edged forward in their seats to witness better what Charles P. Sisson, the convention chairman, would do.

Grasping the reins firmly, Sisson ruled that a majority decision of delegates on Curran's motion would prevail.

Thomas J. Paolino, who rumor said was ready to do a job on Dupre's record, seized the microphone to warn the Woonsocket Mayor that he did not want to be placed in the position of having to attack a fellow Republican, but that he would do it if he had to.

Sisson, without fear or favor, put Curran's motion to the delegates, ruled that it prevailed, then extended the privilege of the floor to the two contestants.

Whether the Dupre-Curran strategy of matching the contenders in a personal exhibition was wise is contradicted within the Dupre camp itself. Greenhalgh, it was later learned, advised against it. Its purpose, according to its advocates, was to give Mayor Dupre, a suave but rousing speaker, opportunity to make "Murphy look like a monkey" in the eyes of the delegates.

Greenhalgh knew better than the rest that Murphy needs to bow to no man when it comes to thinking on his feet.

Fighting mad, Murphy spoke. He pleaded nervousness. He said he had not sought the nomination. Then he established the telling point that in his opinion modesty compelled both candidates to remain silent on their respective qualifications.

"That's the boy, Johnny, give it to him," shouted a section of the Cranston delegation that had crowded into the aisles.

Many observers believed then and there that the strategy had boomeranged, that Murphy had out-Dupred Dupre.

To many, the Woonsocket Mayor's appeal was anti-climactic. He spoke of wrongs done him by critics who should not have done so. He spoke of his record in Woonsocket, of which he had spoken many times before. He had nothing new to tell the delegates or the spectators at the back of the hall and the overflow in the galleries.

A majority of the 288 delegates from the 39 cities and towns in the subsequent roll call voted to make Murphy their candidate.

The Dupre camp asserts that defections from the Cumberland vote, which they expected gave the first indication that delegates were jumping on the Murphy band-wagon. They attribute the defection to the fact that Francis Foley of Cumberland was given the important assignment of chairman of the platform committee, and managed to sway five out of six Cumberland votes for Murphy.

The Dupre camp expected 10 votes from Central Falls, but the chairman of the delegation, announcing a unit vote, said four were for Murphy, only six for Dupre. They expected 28 votes from Providence, actually received 16. Murphy was in.

On the other hand, Murphy adherents contend that Mayor Dupre, despite many months of effort by the Dupre-Curran wing in soliciting extensively and intensively throughout the First Congressional District, had rounded up only about 80 convention votes.

They say Greenhalgh delivered approximately 20 more votes from Gloucester, North Smithfield, West Greenwich, Narragansett, Charlestown, Middletown and Barrington, and that the rest of the votes were picked up the night before the convention when Dupre, Greenhalgh, Taylor and Curran barraged the delegates with telephone calls all

around the State, picking up some disgruntled delegates.

Another point the Murphy supporters submit is that if the Dupre camp had not used the unit system, compelling delegates from one community to abide by the decision of their town or city committees, Murphy would have received more votes.

Three Bristol delegates, they point out, were for Murphy, but because the delegation was bound they refused to attend the convention. Three Pawtucket delegates for Murphy were also bound by the unit rule. If the Providence delegation had been bound by the majority rule, they say, Murphy would have received all 59 Providence votes, not just 43.

The Democratic convention the following day in Elks Auditorium, to reporters covering both, lacked the sparkle of the GOP affair.

For one thing, the principals in the fight for the senatorial nomination—McGrath and Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn—were not present in the hall when the battle was on.

Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick, George Roche of Coventry and Congressman John E. Fogarty made a heroic fight for Quinn, but they found out on the morning of the convention that their cause was hopeless.

Quinn leaders sincerely believe that the decisive factor in Quinn's defeat was the Pawtucket delegation decision to go for McGrath.

The East Providence delegation, they say, was on the fence, and had promised their votes for Quinn in the event that Pawtucket led the way.

But Pawtucket was not for Quinn. The Pawtucket delegation that morning had decided to vote for the solicitor general as a unit. As a result, Quinn adherents said, when the Pawtucket decision was bruited through the hall, Mayor Dennis J. Roberts of Providence released instructions to the Providence delegation to go for McGrath and the stampede was on.

A contrary version is submitted by the organization. McGrath workers were confident right along of an easy victory. They were advised weeks before the convention that Pawtucket "would be all right" and they knew where "Dinny" Roberts stood.

The McGrath camp was puzzled one day when a report filtered through that Quinn workers the night before were in Town X and had told the delegates there that they had 83 convention votes, but none from Town X, and it would be nice to have some.

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Almost daily thereafter, according to a McGrath spokesman, reports came in from Towns A to Z reporting a Quinn camp claim of 83 votes but "none from that town." That made the McGrath camp feel more comfortable, for they deduced that if the claim of Quinn workers were correct about the 83 votes, the votes must be located in towns outside of Rhode Island where they couldn't do any harm.

They didn't.

DeCiantis Favors Pay Increase for School Teachers

During the course of presiding at the West Warwick Democratic dinner yesterday afternoon at the 400 Club in Natick, Michael DeCiantis, candidate for State Senator, declared himself in favor of an increase in the pay to school teachers. He added that the Town administration also advocates such a proposal.

In support of his suggestion he recommended more be granted to the towns by the State for educational purposes.

Veterans Council Votes to Seek Mailloux Ouster as 'Essential'

Resolution Says Police Chief Permits Operation of
Gambling Devices, "Other Obvious Illegalities,"
Will Be Presented Tonight

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Dismissal of Police Chief William Mailloux for permitting the operation of gambling devices "and other obvious illegalities" was demanded last night by the West Warwick Veterans Council in a resolution approved for presentation to the Town Council tonight.

Backing up its request, the veterans' organization gave the names of 54 establishments in the community where illegal gambling devices have allegedly existed for one year prior to the recent gambling raid in Central Falls by the Fearless Four.

The veterans' resolution declared dismissal of the police chief is "essential to the betterment of our community," adding that gambling conditions in West Warwick are a

"great threat" and "contribute to juvenile delinquency."

The council in the resolution adopted noted that its attention has been drawn during the past year and more, particularly during the period just prior to the gambling raid in Central Falls, to the conditions to which the council referred.

The resolution said that "in spite of his having taken an oath of office before assuming the responsibilities of his high office in our community, the chief of police clearly indicated that he would not act on his own in such matters, but has been and would continue to await orders from the West Warwick Town Council to act against law violations."

The Council took a secret ballot on the resolution with 11 of the 19 delegates present voting in favor, 5 voting in opposition and 3 casting blank ballots. Following the adoption of the resolution it was announced by Thaddeus Kraus, Council president, that members of the Council and all other interested veterans of the town will meet at the Town Hall tonight at 7:45 and will enter the Town Hall in a body.

VETS WOULD OUST TOWN COMMITTEE

Council Says West Warwick

Group Has Not Filled Job

It Was Appointed For

The West Warwick Veterans Council last night voted to request the West Warwick Town Council to dismiss the committee appointed by that body in July, 1945, as a veterans' rehabilitation committee because "it has not exercised its power or attempted to provide rehabilitation facilities for returned veterans."

The resolution adopted at the meeting held in VFW Hall, Centerville, was approved by vote of 14 to 1 with four delegates not voting.

The resolution also pointed out that the rehabilitation committee had named an executive secretary who had "attempted to serve in a dual capacity as a U. S. Employment Service employee and as a rehabilitation officer and could not possibly perform the dual duties efficiently."

The resolution also pointed out that the David Langevin Post, VFW, had requested the appointment of a committee to provide services for returned veterans in July of 1945. There is a need for the establishment of a veterans' rehabilitation center equipped to thoroughly inform veterans and process their discharge papers, it was noted.

The council also, at the request of the Langevin Post, adopted a resolution condemning the recent actions of unknown individuals who have thrown paint bombs through the windows of two World War II veterans, causing extensive damage to their homes. It was pointed out in the resolution and in the discussion on it that it was not the purpose of the Veterans Council to denounce the rights of any union organization to picket or to follow the legal means to gain better working conditions for the laboring man, but it was the opinion of the council that activities such as the recent paint bombings should be denounced and the "vile characters implicated should also be denounced."

The council stated that it would make every effort to find the culprits and to assure their prosecution.

At the request of Pasco Cenerchia Post, American Legion of Natick, the referendum for the soldiers' bonus, to be voted on in the November election, was endorsed. It was proposed that the member organizations of the Veterans Council hold meetings between now and Election Day to instruct the people in the method of voting for the referendum and to assure the residents that the veterans are in favor of the State bonus.

The Council also voted to refuse the offer of the Nichols Estate for use of a building on Providence Street, Riverpoint, for a veterans' center. No particular reason was given for the refusal, but it was announced that the matter had been brought before each of the five veteran organizations of the council at their individual meetings and had been unanimously declined.

John J. Kelly, chairman of the service committee, reported that 552 terminal leave pay applications had been taken care of at the temporary veterans' center at the West Warwick Senior High School. He announced that the center would be open tonight to assist veterans in filing their claims.

ATTEMPT TO OUST MAILLOUX FIZZLES

West Warwick Town Fathers

Refuse to Accept Vets'

Council Resolutions

An attempt by the West Warwick Veterans' Council to obtain the dismissal of Police Chief William Mailloux fizzled last night when the West Warwick Town Council refused to accept resolutions adopted by the Veterans' Council unless they were signed—and no one would sign them. The Council meeting bared a split in the Veterans' Council and produced a counter petition signed by 436 town veterans which declared they were "not represented by the Veterans' Council" and were "satisfied with the job done by Chief Mailloux."

The counter petition was presented by Commander Edward Jacques of David Langevin Post, VFW, and Commander John Conley of West Warwick Post, No. 2, American Legion, both delegates to the Veterans' Council. Neither Jacques nor Conley attended Monday night's session when the Council adopted resolutions seeking Mailloux's dismissal for tolerating gambling devices in the town and attacking the town's Veterans' Rehabilitation Committee.

200 Vets Jam Chamber

More than 200 war veterans jammed the Council chamber and overflowed into corridors for last night's meeting. Some shouted at one point in the discussion: "The Veterans' Council does not represent us."

The Veterans' Council resolutions were presented by Thaddeus Kraus, head of the Veterans' Council, and read aloud by John J. Flynn, Town Council president.

Flynn noted that both resolutions were unsigned, and, turning to Town Solicitor Patrick H. Quinn, asked Quinn if the Council could receive them. Quinn said that legally the resolutions would have to be looked on in the same light as anonymous letters and therefore could not be received.

Flynn then turned to the crowd and explained the town solicitor's decision. He offered to receive the resolutions if members of the Veterans' Council present would sign them.

Kraus said he was presenting them simply in his capacity as president of the Veterans' Council, and as a matter of fact had not even voted for them, having cast a blank ballot.

Make-up of Vet Council

(The West Warwick Veterans' Council is made up of 5-man delegations from each of five veterans' organizations in the town, representing some 2000 veterans. Only 19 delegates were present Monday night, and the vote on the resolutions were 11 for, 5 against and 3 not voting. Yesterday, no fewer than six delegates claimed to have cast the "not

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ATTEMPT TO OUST MAILLOUX FIZZLES

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voting" ballots in the secret vote.) Kraus said he would not sign the resolutions unless other members of the Veterans' Council would sign. There was a pause, and no Veterans' Council members stepped forward, whereupon Flynn said that since the resolutions were not signed, there was no action the Council could take.

DiMasi, Flynn Clash

At this point, a spirited discussion took place between Alberic DiMasi of the Veterans Council and Flynn, with DiMasi, who is secretary of the service committee of the Veterans Council, charging that the veterans were being given "a raw deal" by the Town Council. DiMasi, in speaking on the charges against the rehabilitation committee, said that the committee had been inactive since it had been appointed in July, 1945.

Flynn answered DiMasi by saying that the rehabilitation committee was responsible for a Federal representative being at the Town Hall two days a week and a veterans' representative at the office of the U. S. Employment Service, as well as offering free legal, medical and educational service through a representative at the West Warwick Legion headquarters each Wednesday.

DiMasi replied that a photostatic machine had not been obtained by the town until pressure had been put on the Town Council by the Veterans Council. Flynn replied that the photostatic machine was not bought until it was actually needed.

Purchased in August

The machine, which has been used to assist veterans in making photostatic copies for terminal leave pay applications, was purchased early in August by the Town Council.

Quinn, in speaking on the two resolutions presented to the Council, stated that the charges made in the resolutions should have been reduced to writing and sent to those against whom charges were being made so that due notice might be given them. He pointed out that if the resolutions were presented to the Town Council with signatures, the Council would then set a date for a hearing and would hear the charges and the supporting evidence.

A clash between the two groups of veterans present at the Council meeting came when Jacques charged that the whole move of the resolution and charges against Mailloux were purely

DeCIANTIS NOTES BONUS 'OMISSION'

West Warwick Senate Candi-

date Says GOP Has Not

Endorsed Referendum

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Challenging the State Republican platform, Michael DeCiantis, former general counsel for the Unemployment Compensation Board and a candidate for State senator from West Warwick on the Democratic ticket, charged that the party had not "endorsed any place in its platform for the soldiers' bonus bill referendum."

He was heard at a meeting of the West Warwick Women's Democratic Club held in Turcotte's Hall, Arctic, last night. DeCiantis was presented to the gathering of more than 50 women by Mrs. Henry F. Miller Jr., club president.

DeCiantis addressed a query directed at John Murphy, Republican gubernatorial candidate, when he asked, "Why didn't the Republicans provide a plank in their platform for endorsement of the bonus bill referendum and if John Murphy, candidate for governor, is so anxious to help the veterans and is in favor of the bonus, why didn't he fight for that plank in the Republican convention?"

Says Plank Is Evasive

"It is peculiar the Republicans have not seen fit to have a plank endorsing the bonus bill in their platform," he charged. The only reference to the veterans he noted was in plank 6 of the GOP platform which DeCiantis claimed "is evasive and does not reach the point at issue."

It was only grudging that the Republicans in the State legislature voted for the bonus bill, DeCiantis charged. "No one politician of the Republican Party has come out strongly for the bonus bill. They don't want it, but they dare not oppose it."

"There is no red tape about the bonus bill; all it needs is the confirmation of the voters," DeCiantis averred.

The Democratic candidate for Senator also asserted he favored increases in the State allocation of funds for education to the towns of the State. "No one in the State except the teachers themselves has tried very hard to see to it that the teachers receive a living wage."

Cites Teachers' Importance

"There are two places a child's character is molded—in the home and in the school. The child as a general rule spends more time during the waking hours of the day in the school. The towns must have more money to allow them to hire teachers with the ability and qualifications to impart knowledge and character building to our children."

"I will exercise every power I have to get that one thing done in the next session of the State legislature if I am elected," DeCiantis declared. "We will have no teachers if we do not provide a living wage. . . . In many cases youth looking forward to an education deliberately avoid the teaching profession because of the low wages."

Referring to the Workmen's Compensation Act, DeCiantis declared the act needed some amendments. He charged one necessary amendment would be to increase the maximum for medical care for an employee injured on the job from the present figure of \$500.

Criticizes Insurance Firms

He charged "Republican controlled insurance companies demand that the injured employee be examined by their doctors who present exorbitant fees for their examinations. This cuts into the \$500 maximum and leaves little for the local doctor who has handled the case."

At the meeting plans were made for the Democratic rally to be held October 17 at the hall. Candidates on the state and local ticket will be heard at the rally.

More State Aid for Education In Towns Favored by DeCiantis

Democratic Candidate for Senator from West Warwick Answers Questionnaire Offered by Town's Teachers' Association

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Michael DeCiantis, Democratic candidate for senator from West Warwick, announced yesterday that he is "100 per cent in favor of increased State aid for education for the towns of the State," and if elected, "will fight to see to it that more aid to the towns will be granted. Making public his answers to a questionnaire submitted to him by the West Warwick Teachers' Association, DeCiantis said that the town has granted in full, requests of the teachers for salary increases and other adjustments in the pay schedule immediately preceding the preparation of the administration budget for the annual financial town meeting last May. He held that the "administration" has no authority to change or disturb in any way the budget which was adopted by the taxpayers at the annual financial town meeting" and that "anyone who advises you to the contrary is intellectually dishonest." This answer was prompted by a query whether he favored an immediate increase (in addition to that provided by the budget) to be paid out of the town funds.

De Ciantis prefaced his replies to the questionnaire of the Teachers' Association with the observation that he had regarded the questionnaire and the answers as confidential until he had noted publication of a release by another candidate on the salary issue. Because of this, De Ciantis said he deemed it his duty as a candidate to make public his answers to the questions propounded to him by the salary committee of the teachers' group. He said that he was glad to answer a letter of the Teachers' Association of Oct. 3 requesting him to clarify in detail statements made by him at a Democratic dinner Sept. 29 concerning an increase of teachers' salaries. Continuing, he said in part:

"Question, 'Are you in favor of more money for teachers?' Answer, Yes.

"(2) Does your statement (of Sept. 29) mean that the administration favors an immediate increase to be paid out of the town funds?"

"My answer to this question in detail is as follows:

"At a meeting held by your Association Wednesday, March 13, 1946, the salary committee made a report on recommendations for a proposed salary increase for the teachers in the town of West Warwick. The recommendations made and submitted to the school committee are as follows:

"1. The minimum salary for teachers in all schools to be \$1400.

"2. The maximum for teachers of all schools \$2300 to be attained by automatic annual increases of \$100.

"3. Master's degree \$100 in excess of due annual automatics.

"4. Principals and vice principals of junior and senior high schools, \$1000 and \$500 respectively above maximum to be attained by annual automatics of \$100.

"5. Elementary principals \$100 over schedule plus \$25 per room over four.

"6. Supervisors or directors to receive \$500 above maximum to be attained by annual increases of \$100.

"7. Coaches of major sports to receive \$200 in addition to schedule for each sport.

but I will fight to see to it that more aid to the towns will be granted.

"6. As a candidate for State senator from West Warwick will you actively support teacher welfare programs?"

"I will actively support teachers' welfare programs only when it is for the benefit of the children's education and the welfare of the teachers.

"If you desire further clarification I shall be delighted to appear before the association at your pleasure."

"On April 9, the school committee approved the increases in salaries as per your recommendations.

"The teachers therefore received everything they asked for.

"I would like to point out to you that the teachers' representations to the taxpayers that the increase in salaries desired and expected by them for the fiscal year are contained in the recommendations made to the school committee.

"The increases were approved by the school committee, by the administration and the taxpayers. The administration therefore has no authority to change or disturb in any way the budget which was adopted by the taxpayers at the annual financial town meeting.

"Anyone who advises you to the contrary is intellectually dishonest."

"3. Do you think the Town of West Warwick should match the Warwick salary schedule?"

"I am not interested in the Warwick salary schedule. I am interested in seeing to it that pay of school teachers of the town of West Warwick is one that meets living conditions today and one which is comparable to the profession.

"4.—Do you think the financial standing of West Warwick would permit this immediate increase?"

"My answer to this question is the same as under question two. I wish to add, however, that West Warwick has always operated the government for the benefit of the people and the financial standing has always been and still is good, strong.

"5. What is your reaction toward a proposed increase in State aid for towns of the State?"

"I am 100 per cent in favor of it. I shall not only actively work for it,

SAYS POLICEMEN COLLECT "TAKE"

Archambault Hits West Warwick Regime, Charging 60%

Cut on Slot Machines

Raoul Archambault Jr., West Warwick marine veteran who is running independently for the State Senate, with Republican endorsement, last night unleashed a broad attack on the town's Democratic Administration, charging that West Warwick policemen regularly make the rounds of stores and taverns to collect 60 per cent of the take of slot machines in the town.

"The only question we ask is to whom do they (policemen) bring it?" asked Archambault. "We don't profess to know."

Making his first rally appearance in this campaign, the tall ex-marine was applauded several minutes by the 350 persons attending a GOP affair in Turcotte's Hall, Arctic.

Investigation of slot machines in West Warwick, he said, has shown "that all of the proceeds are on a percentage basis. The proprietor of the establishment got 40 per cent and someone else got 60 per cent. Why should the taxpayers be paying men in uniform who call themselves policemen to go around and collect this 60 per cent?"

Archambault told the rally that veterans attacked slot machines, not because the sight of them was nauseating, but rather because of conditions surrounding the presence of the gambling devices.

Investigation reveals, he added, that "in one establishment the proprietor was kind enough to hold children up while they put nickels in a machine." He continued:

"That is super service, West Warwick style. Another fellow means well. He slips a box under children's feet. That is not so bad."

Describing the West Warwick campaign as not so much a political fight as it is a rebellion by "the decent people of the town against existing conditions," Archambault also revealed what he said were inequalities in assessment of town taxes.

He learned from records in the

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SAYS POLICEMEN COLLECT "TAKE"

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Town Hall, he declared, that a low-priced car which he owns was taxed for more than \$900, while a car of a different make but of the same year and in a similar price range registered to his Democratic opponent, Michael DeCiantis, was taxed for about \$300.

Archambault said he had also found that a more expensive car registered to Col. Patrick H. Quinn, town solicitor, was taxed for \$600.

When he asked the tax assessors to explain the difference in tax values placed on the various cars, Archambault said, he was told by the assessors to see Quinn.

He also charged the tax assessors with "boosting" the personal and real estate assessments of veterans so as to nullify the veterans' exemption of \$1000.

Archambault attributed the recent attack made upon him in the yard of his home to an effort to exert political pressure on him, and declared that the mistake made by the town's Democratic administration was in thinking the veterans "could be pushed around."

Veterans, he said, are seeking to bring about good government in the town. He scored the Town Council for having to refer all matters of importance to Quinn, the town solicitor.

As a result of the combined Republican-veteran effort, he said, "we have the big guns bleeding at the nose and hanging on the ropes for the first time in 24 years."

WRONG AGAIN!!

Contrary to Mr. P. H. Quinn's statement at Natick on Sunday the Republican organization's analysis of the Financial Report as submitted by the Town Treasurer's office indicates excess of revenues over expenditures for the year ended April 30, 1945 of \$94,794.73, and on April 30, 1946 of \$90,486.57.

WHY WAS IT NECESSARY TO RAISE TAXES TO MEET CURRENT EXPENSES?

An analysis of Accumulated Surplus as at April 30, 1946 is as follows:

Net General Fund Accumulated Surplus April 30, 1946 per report of Treasurer's Office	\$289,758.58
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LESS:
Special Funds not available for general appropriations as indicated in the statement of Cash receipts and Disbursements Per Mr. Quinn's Statement pertaining to the Sewer Fund.

Cash in Bank-Sewer Assessment Account	\$5,676.93
Investments — Sewer Assessment Fund	110,000.00
Cash in Bank—Sewer Construction Bank Fund Restricted Cash due Registry of Superior Court	42,003.57
	655.52
	158,336.02

General Unappropriated Surplus	\$131,422.56
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Add: Capital Improvement and Reserve Funds segregated in special Cash Funds and Investments Sinking Fund Surplus which should have been transferred to Capital Reserve Fund per financial report dated April 30, 1945	\$57,380.96
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	9,489.05
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General Fund Accumulated Surplus available for any purpose	\$198,292.57
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Does not include \$25,000.00 Appropriated for Capital Reserve account for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1947.

Mr. Quinn, most of the surplus is not in the Sewer Fund as reported by you, unless the report is wrong. All Restricted Funds, INCLUDING SEWER FUNDS, total \$158,336.02. The actual Surplus AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS is \$198,292.57. Again this proves it was not necessary to raise taxes this year for the alleged increased costs of the Town administration.

ROLAND E. MEUNIER, Chairman
West Warwick Republican Town Committee

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Archambault Renews His Attack On Police Force in West Warwick

11/2/46 Journal

Declares Department Is Pawn in Hands of Local Democratic Administration; Says He Saw Patrolman Intoxicated While on Duty

Raoul Archambault Jr., West Warwick marine veteran who is running for the State senate from that town on an independent ticket, with Republican endorsement, last night renewed his attacks on the town's police department, charging that the "force is nothing but a political pawn in the hands of the local Democratic administration."

He dared the West Warwick police chief, William Mailloux, to challenge him to give the names of police who, he said, not only demand free drinks from local taverns, but also "walk off with a quart of liquor under their arm any time they please." Said Archambault: "Does the chief want me to name a couple of these (policemen) also?"

Archambault also asked if the chief would like the names of a patrolman who was taken home while drunk on duty, and of another patrolman who allegedly entered a tavern, twirling his pistol and threaten-

ing the bartender with his blackjack for drinks.

Told of Archambault's charges, Mailloux last night declined immediate comment, but indicated he might have a statement later.

Archambault hurled his latest charges at the West Warwick Police Department and the town government in general when he was asked to comment on the statement of the town's policemen that they had never been asked to collect the take from slot machines in the town. The police denial came as the result of a rally speech made by Archambault Wednesday night, in which he berated the West Warwick department and the town's Board of Tax Assessors.

With the exception of a few of its older and better trained members, Archambault declared last night, the West Warwick Police Department "is the most disgraceful political element in the town. The force has a most disgusting reputation in our community."

He went on:

"Their behavior is marked by brutality and arrogance, while they take pride in petty law enforcement. He said that because of police treatment of veterans and because the town is "wide open" it had been declared out of bounds at times by the armed services.

"On one Sunday morning very recently a member of our police force entered a local tavern, in uniform, in an intoxicated condition, twirling his pistol around his finger, and, threatening the bartender with his blackjack, demanded some drinks on the house," said Archambault. "The bartender had no choice but to do as he was ordered. Does Chief Mailloux want me to name this man also?"

Archambault related that he had personally observed a West Warwick policeman in an intoxicated condition in Phenix on Oct. 30 at 1:15 a. m., and added that he had seen a police cruiser arrive to take the afflicted policeman home.

"Let the two policemen driving the car and their intoxicated passenger deny this one," said Archambault. "Does Chief Mailloux want me to identify these three policemen? These are the men who we as taxpayers pay weekly salaries to guard our property and protect our homes. These are the men upon whom we rely to enforce the laws of our community."

Archambault also charged that the police department is used for political purposes to pass out tickets to Democratic rallies, "to round up the free beer and food that the Democrats so generously pass out" and "to intimidate anyone who has the courage to call them by their right name."

Saying that he had heard he was to be sued for his remarks about the police, Archambault said: "Sue me. I don't care. Those who do not pay for their living units in a year stall new heating equipment and areas if they would rehabilitate or in higher rental rates in rent control meter resort operators could command furthered. Wyatt added. Summer housing shortage this winter. ters and temporarily relieve the provide thousands of interim quarters. This, he said in a statement, would leases during the winter season. resorts to give veterans short term pealed today to operators of Summer

GOP CELEBRATES IN WEST WARWICK

11/7/46

Journal Marks First Election Victory in 24 Years by Staging Big Motor Car Parade

West Warwick Republicans celebrated their first election victory in 24 years by staging a big motor car parade which visited all sections of the town last night.

The line of automobiles led by the sedan of Ernest Lefebvre, council president-elect, in which Senator-elect Raoul Archambault Jr. and Judge Roland E. Meunier, Town Committee chairman, were passengers, was about a mile-and-a-half in length. Music was by two bands in trucks.

Pauses were made by various sections of the parade as the line passed the West Warwick police station, the home of Senator-elect Archambault, the homes of Michael DiCiantis, defeated Democratic senatorial candidate, Col. Patrick H. Quinn, town solicitor and chairman of the Democratic Town Committee; Council President John J. Flynn, all in Riverpoint; and the P. N. A. Hall in Crompton.

Police on duty at the station set out flares and flares were also burned on the lawn at the home of Senator-elect Archambault and in front of the homes of party supporters in the various villages. The home of Colonel Quinn was in darkness, as was the P. N. A. Hall in Crompton. The home of Council President Flynn was in semi-darkness, but that of DiCiantis was brightly illuminated.

The route was from Main and Crompton Streets, Arctic, through Washington Street to Ray Andrews bridge, then through West Warwick Avenue and Main Streets, Centerville; Main, Hepburn, Pulaski, Main Streets, Cowesett Avenue and Church Street, Crompton; then through Main Street, Centerville, Arctic and Riverpoint to Harris Avenue; then through Harris Avenue, Green Street, Woodside Avenue, Fairview Avenue, Sunrise Avenue, Groton Street, Maple Avenue, to Phenix; then through Fairview Avenue, Main Street, Highland Avenue, to Main Street, Lippitt, and through East Main Street, Clyde, Providence Street, Riverpoint and Natick; River Street, Natick, returning through Providence and Main Streets to the Arctic Parking Ground, where the parade broke up.

West Warwick GOP Holds Victory Celebration Parade

11/7/46

Archambault Leads Motorcade Past Colonel Quinn's Home; Coventry Also Marks Triumph; McCarthy Says He Will Try Again in Two Years

West Warwick Republicans, victorious at the polls for the first time in 24 years in the most remarkable of several election day upsets in Rhode Island, last night celebrated their triumph with red fire and a parade in the fashion of other days.

They formed a mile-and-a-half motorcade and, accompanied by two brass bands, wound through the many villages of the town, travelling at a particularly slow speed, and with much noise, past the home of Col. Patrick H. Quinn, deposed leader of town affairs in West Warwick.

At the head of the jubilant motor parade was the coalition which smashed Democratic control of the town. In the first car was tall Raoul Archambault Jr., marine hero and lawyer, who ran independently for the State Senate, with GOP endorsement, and scored a clean victory over the Democratic organization nominee, Michael DeCiantis. With Archambault was the Republican Council president-elect, Ernest LeFebvre, and Roland E. Meunier, West Warwick attorney whose election as town chairman a few months ago gave the local GOP organization the shot in the arm that with the considerable help of Archambault resulted in victory.

Republicans in the neighboring town of Coventry, enthused at the ouster of a Democratic General Assembly delegation from the town, also staged a motorcade celebration. Newport and the towns of Burrillville and Smithfield, all of which also shifted to Republican control, were content last night to sit back in reflection and make plans for more formal affairs.

The victorious Veterans' Party in Central Falls, which won control of the City Council and broke the rule of Andrew "Boss" Sherry, also will celebrate later, and formally.

In the small town of West Greenwich, the defeat of red-haired State Senator John H. "Smoker" Potter, for many years Republican boss of the town, indirectly was the cause for a day off for the 16 children of the 1-room Loutitt School on the Victory Highway.

West Greenwich voters rebuked Potter by electing to the State Senate an independent, Henry A. Hoxsie, who for many years has been attempting to dethrone "Smoker".

Apparently incensed at the beating given her husband, Mrs. Potter immediately resigned as superintendent of West Greenwich Schools and also as teacher in the Loutitt School. The boys and girls were given the day off yesterday, but today they will be split up among the other 1-room schools in the town.

Mrs. Potter's summary resignation—made at the same time as Potter quit the police chief's job—caused the victor, Hoxsie, to seek aid from Dr. James F. Rockett, State director of education, in locating a new teacher. Dr. Rockett told Hoxsie he had found a teacher who would start work next Tuesday.

In Pawtucket, Acting Mayor Lawrence A. McCarthy, independent candidate for mayor who single-handedly nearly defeated the entrenched Democratic organization, warned yesterday that he would be back in the running in two years. His announcement gave no little concern to Senator Ambrose P. McCoy, Democrat, elected by only little more than 1200 votes over McCarthy.

The Pawtucket Board of Aldermen demonstrated last night some degree of respect for the 10,458 votes McCarthy piled up. McCarthy is acting mayor of the city by virtue of his office of president of the Board of Aldermen. Prior to election day, there were definite signs that the board would meet right after election and replace McCarthy as president.

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Republicans Will Not Take Office Won in W. Warwick Until Nov. 18

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The new Republican regime will not take over from the Democrats in West Warwick until Nov. 18, according to an understanding arranged yesterday by Judge Roland E. Meunier and Col. Patrick H. Quinn, chairman respectively of the GOP and Democratic Town Committees. As a result of this understanding, Colonel Quinn, as town solicitor, has contacted the heads of all departments and has requested them to continue to perform their customary duties until the change-over is effected and they have agreed to do so, he said.

After a count of ballots, Meunier and Quinn said, the Council must declare the results of the election, and any candidate has 12 days in which

to file an appeal. The town clerk, they said, cannot issue certificates of election until certain requirements of the law have been complied with. Consequently there can be no abrupt transition from the outgoing to the incoming administration at 5 p. m.

The Town Council met at River- yesterday in the Town Judge Meunier's point. Present were Council president Ernest Lefebvre, Councilor Raoul Archambault Jr., and Senator representing the Republican Party, Mal session. Colonel

At the informal law pertaining to the Quinn read the vote, exchanged views on its interpretation with Judge Meunier and Senator understanding reached earlier in the way.

There said that one point not previously discussed should be cleared up—the matter of absentee voters, and whether the Town Council had a right to declare an election until these ballots were in. The number of absentee and soldier ballots issued for West Warwick is nine, according to Town Clerk Fulda Geoffroy.

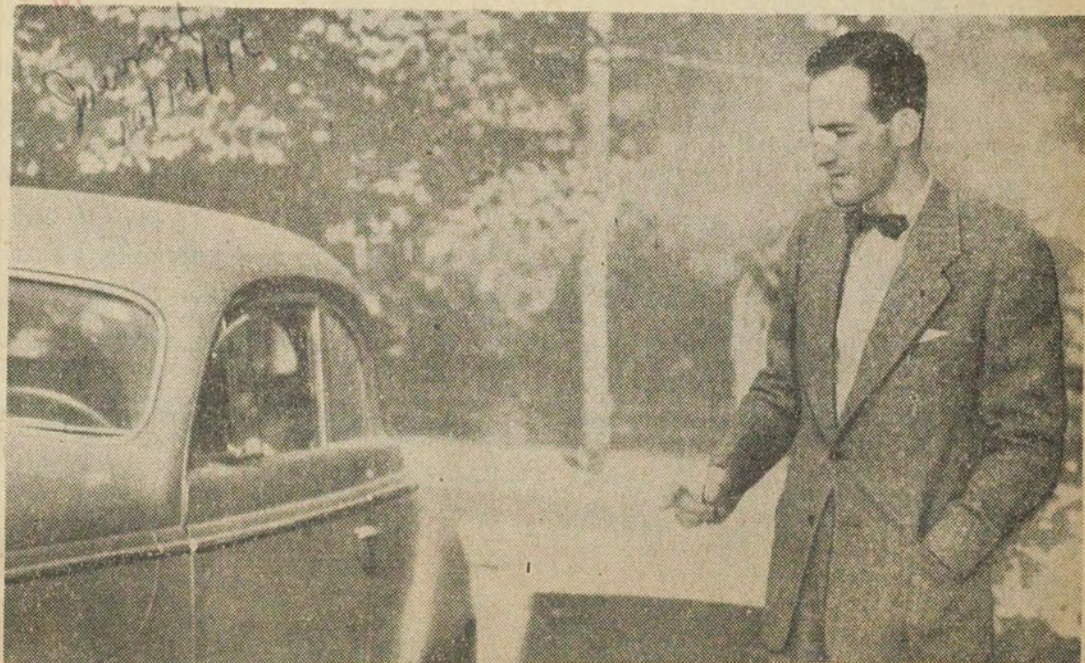
It was agreed by Quinn and Meunier that each should seek a ruling from the State Board of Elections, Attorney General or other proper authority on this point.

The Council thereupon decided to postpone the official count until an adjourned meeting Saturday at 2 p. m.

By agreement between the Council and GOP representatives it was also decided that the town clerk should contact the State Bureau of Auditing today, requesting that an audit be made immediately of financial records of the town for the protection of both the outgoing and incoming town treasurers, and to facilitate the bonding of the treasurer-elect.

Judge Meunier said that the arrangement made by Col. Quinn and himself will provide for the orderly conduct of the town government in the interim and provide for a transfer from one administration to the other which will be 100 per cent for the benefit for the people of the town.

Judge Explains How He Was Attacked



PROBATE JUDGE RAOUL ARCHAMBAULT JR., of West Warwick, Nose and Hand Bandaged as a Result of Fray, Shows Photographer How Two Men Jumped from Behind Car in the Yard of His Home, Knocked Him Down, Then Flew After a Brief Scuffle Tuesday Night. A Wounded Marine Corps Hero of Action in the Pacific, Judge Archambault Had Been a Leader in the Fight of the West Warwick Veterans' Council to Obtain the Dismissal of Police Chief William Mailloux.

COUNCIL'S ACTION UPSET BY COURT

11/8/46 Journal

Supreme Tribunal Sets Aside
West Warwick Denial of
Aldee Corp. License

Terming "arbitrary and capricious" the action of the West Warwick Town Council last March 19 in denying the application of The Aldee Corporation for a license to operate a filling station at Main and Weaver Streets, Arctic, the State Supreme Court yesterday handed down an opinion quashing the Council's action.

While finding that the Council erred, the Court did not take the further step of formally ordering the Council to grant the application. The reason for this, the opinion written by Associate Justice Francis B. Condon explained, is that the form of legal action taken—certiorari proceedings—only permits the Court to inspect the record and quash any legal errors found therein.

It asserts, however, that "unless there are other facts not disclosed by that record which would cast doubt on the ministerial nature of the Council's duty in the premises, it ought to grant the petitioner's application."

New Council Is GOP

If the Council continued to refuse a license the corporation if it wanted immediate action presumably would have to take further legal action, probably a petition for a writ of mandamus to compel issuance of a license. Even if the Council did persist in refusing a license, such a step is unlikely since the present Council will soon be supplanted by a new Republican Council.

Roland E. Meunier, new West Warwick Republican town chairman, was counsel for the filling station interests, along with Edward Winsor and Charles P. Williamson of Edwards & Angell. Meunier is a backer of the corporation, whose secretary is Robert H. Beaudin, wounded war veteran. Town Solicitor Patrick H. Quinn and Aram A. Arabian represented the Town Council.

The Court held that the case was covered by paragraph 2 of section 31 of the town building laws, providing that an owner before commencing a filling station business obtain from the Council a license; that application for such license be made on a form; and that the Council if satisfied as to the facts stated in an application shall issue a license, providing the owner shall have complied with all ordinances or other town regulations regarding the location of pumps.

It held that another provision of the section, banning pumps within 10 feet of the boundary line of a town or state highway without permission of the Council, such permission to be based on the question of public safety, did not apply. The applicant in this case, the Court said, did not desire to locate any pump or attachment within 10 feet of any highway.

'Arbitrary and Capricious'

"The only question before the Town Council, therefore, was whether petitioner had shown, by its application and plans, compliance with the requirements of paragraph 2. It does not appear from the record certified to this Court that the Town Council found any failure to so comply," the Court said.

"An inspection of the application and the plans does not disclose any such failure. Nevertheless, the Town Council, without advancing any reason therein for its action, adopted a resolution denying petitioner's application. On its face the resolution, unaccompanied by the record of any hearing on the application, appears to be arbitrary and capricious. . . ."

The Court said it construed the Town Council's duty under paragraph 2 of section 31 as ministerial. "Without the exercise of any judicial discretion," said the Court, "it (the Council) could satisfy itself whether the applicant for a license thereunder has complied with the definite requirements of the paragraph. We are, therefore, of the opinion that the Town Council exceeded its jurisdiction in determining that a question of public safety was involved under petitioner's application, and that, on the record before us, it erred in denying the application."

While the Council's record did not state its reason for denying the application, it was claimed by the corporation that the presiding officer, John J. Flynn, had stated orally that the Council was denying a license "on account of the school and the post office."

NEW POLICE FORCE IN WEST WARWICK

Ex-Brown Athlete Sworn In as
Chief; All 10 Subordinates
Are World War II Vets

BY STUART O. HALE

A 36-year-old former Brown University athlete and 10 war veteran subordinates, all without previous civilian police experience but all pledged to "clean up the town," last night became the new police department of West Warwick.

Sworn in by the new Republican Town Council at its organization meeting, they replace a department which during the recent election campaign was scored for permitting gambling to flourish in the community and brutality and corruption to exist within the department.

They went on duty immediately, eight of the patrolmen wearing former army uniforms and neat "Eisenhower" jackets which they will continue to wear until their police uniforms can be tailored. They relieved members of the former department, assembled in street clothes at the West Warwick police station, who had gone down to defeat with the 24-year Democratic administration of the town.

The new chief, burly Gustave A. Olson of 138 New London Avenue, one-time football guard and intercollegiate wrestler, was sworn in at the West Warwick Town Hall by State Senator-elect Raoul Archambault Jr., whose veteran-supported election drive as an Independent sparked the Republican victory.

Immediately the Town Council under Ernest E. Lefebvre, Council president, approved appointment of a police lieutenant and nine patrolmen, all World War II veterans, the oldest 37, the youngest 21.

The small Council chamber in the West Warwick Town Hall was packed as the new Town Council met to organize, make appointments and change the personnel of the police force. Other spectators filled the ad-

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RED FEATHER FUND REACHES \$548,316

Drive Passes One-Third Mark;
Special Gifts Division
Reports \$68,283.20

Red Feather campaign workers reported at a "Dutch Treat" luncheon in the Narragansett Hotel yesterday that contributions to date total \$548,316.37, more than one-third of the drive goal of \$1,578,969.

Highest in any division were the Special Gift solicitors. They reported \$68,283.20.

Frederic B. Read, general chairman of the campaign, urged solicitors to set aside their personal interests to complete their work by the end of this week. He emphasized that time is running out, and that with one less report meeting this year, campaign workers must "catch up with the time factor."

William E. Leigh, of Scarsdale, N. Y., overseas director for the USO, which participates in the Community Chest budget to the extent of \$100,000, was the principal speaker at the luncheon.

Among gifts announced were:

- \$21,000—Stephen O. Metcalf.
- \$8000—Industrial Trust Co.
- \$7500—Providence Journal Co.
- \$7000—Grinnell Corp., Narragansett Electric Co.
- \$5000—Wanskuck Co.
- \$4500—United Electric Railways.
- \$3000—Daval Rubber Co.
- \$2000—James Hanley Co.
- \$1101.90—Employees of B. A. Bal-lou, Inc.
- \$900—Alice May Comstock.
- \$681.50—Employees of Frank Mor-row Co., Inc.
- \$600—Employees of Atlantic Tubing & Rubber Co.

The USO has been operated in a manner that would satisfy any reasonable person, Leigh said, and is

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COUNCIL NAMES TOWN OFFICERS

11/22/46 — Journal

West Warwick Board to Hold Special Session on Pacheco Liquor Permit Plea

The West Warwick Town Council last night voted to hold a special meeting Nov. 26 at 8 p. m. to consider the applications of Joseph Pacheco for a class B victuallers alcoholic beverage license for 46 Phenix Avenue and an exception to the zoning ordinance.

Ernest Lefebvre, president, was directed to request the superintendent of State police to assign a member of his department for 60 days at town expense to assist Chief of Police Gustav Olson in supervising and to instruct the town's new police force.

Several appointive officers were named and some appointive offices were left to be filled at a later meeting. Members of the town committee, office seekers, and several of the town officers, other than councilmen, elected Nov. 5, attended the brief session.

Former Lieutenant Governor James O. McManus, attorney for Pacheco, addressed the council. He said that his client, a World War II veteran, is attending school and had applied for a liquor license in an effort to help his family and himself. Pacheco, he continued, was present and ready to be heard and had expected to be heard until advised that there had been some misunderstanding. A class B victuallers alcoholic beverage license Pacheco now holds for 96 Main Street expires Nov. 30. McManus said, adding that "time is of the essence" and that action should be taken in ample time for the issuance of a license for the new year if the application for the new location receives favorable action. He requested that a time be set for a hearing.

Town Solicitor Roland E. Meunier said it was his understanding that the matter to be determined by the Council relative to Pacheco was whether the "transfer" should be granted under an exception to the zoning laws. McManus said that the license application is not for a transfer but for a new license and that there was some question as to the necessity for an exception to the zoning ordinance because, McManus averred, the premises at 46 Phenix Avenue were used for business purposes before the zoning ordinance was adopted. He contended that the zoning ordinance was not retroactive but declined to go into the matter further until a formal hearing is held. Meunier commented that there might be a question in the zoning phase whether the building had been used for the same kind of business prior to the enactment of the zoning ordinance. President Lefebvre asked whether action could be taken on a license for Pacheco for the premises he now occupies. McManus replied that it could not for two reasons; first because the legal notice calls for the Phenix Avenue address, and, second, because the owner of the premises now occupied has taken court action to have the premises vacated by Pacheco and the execution is to be issued Dec. 15. Meunier said he understood there were two sets of petitions, one supporting and the other opposing, the granting of a license for the Phenix Avenue location. He said he would have to look into the law in order to advise the Council properly. The Council recessed and retired to chambers to decide upon the date for the hearing which was announced at the resumption of the public session.

New Town Officers

Town officers responsible to the council appointed last night were: Sealer of weights and measures, Aldor Metivier, 168 Washington Street; superintendent of lights, Joseph J. B. Gamelin, 7 Mary Avenue; dog officer, Frank Caniglia, 16 Wilson Street; inspector of bicarbonate of soda, Leonide DeNommee, 30 Gardner Avenue; fence viewer, David Holmes, 37 Curson Street; weigher of cotton, Arthur E. Domar, 1601 Main Street. Also:

Police constables: Donat J. Brochu, 40 Providence Street, Domenic Colardo, 5 Diaz Court, Paul H. Dufault, 10 Sison Street, Anthony Frates, 43 Aberdeen Street, John Gillespie Jr., 18 Fairview Avenue, Joseph C. Gregoire, 18 Revere Avenue, Ronaldo Jolicoeur, 57 Robert Street, Elmer E. Lawrence Jr., 42 Youngs Avenue, Roland Laramie, 8 Smith Street, Highway Commissioner Gaetano Lombardi, 12 Douglas Street, Manuel G. Medeiros, 205 Washington Street, Vincent A. Muschiano, 53 Maple Avenue, Councilman Boleslaw Zelazny, 217 Pulaski Street, Edward Valerien, 10 Epworth Avenue, Albert J. Demers, 24 Revere Avenue, Cleo Bouchard Jr., 35 Brookside Avenue, Frederick B. West, 14 Border Street, Manuel Andrea, 43 Phenix Avenue.

Among the town offices not filled last night are: health officer, town physician, superintendent of sewers, auctioneers, inspector of kerosene, corder of wood, weighers of coal and other merchandise. It was stated after the meeting that present plans call for continuing the present superintendent of sewers, Andrew Gough, in office, because of his qualifications, his demonstrated ability and his familiarity with one of the most vital of the municipal services.

Councilmen Norman Gillespie and Zelazny were appointed committees on town property and on printing respectively.

TOWN FIRE DEPT. ACTION SCHEDULED

11/25/46 — Journal

New West Warwick Regime to Determine Policy on Pro- posal Soon as Possible

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In order to end confusion concerning the establishment of a town fire department, the new West Warwick administration will determine its policy as quickly as possible. This assurance was given yesterday by two members of the Town Council, President Ernest E. Lefebvre and Councilman Norman Gillespie. Both asserted that in all probability the matter will not come up for decision at an adjourned meeting of the Council tomorrow night. This session is for the primary purpose of hearing proponents and opponents of the application of Joseph Pacheco for a class B victuallers alcoholic beverage license for 46 Phenix Avenue, and an exception to the zoning ordinance. The location applied for is in a residential zone.

Since the election, both Lefebvre and Gillespie have been beset with questions concerning the course the administration intends to take on the proposed town fire department, Lefebvre because of his position as Council president and Gillespie because of the emphasis he placed on the town fire department issue in his speeches at rallies during the campaign.

Enabling Act Amended

The General Assembly at its January session this year amended an act, long on the statute books, enabling West Warwick to set up a town fire department. Under the act as amended, the Town Council by vote may at any time establish a town fire department. The law provides that when this is done the only tax the fire districts affording fire protection can assess on property in West Warwick is a tax to liquidate district debts.

Because the administration voted out of office on Nov. 5, announced its intention of setting up a town fire department before the end of the fiscal year in May, 1947, the West Warwick financial town meeting last May appropriated \$47,000 for the purpose of the proposed town fire department. The Riverpoint and Crompton Fire Districts did not levy taxes at their respective annual district meetings. Both are entirely within the Town of West Warwick. Taxes were levied, however, by the Phenix and Natick Fire Districts after the Town Council had announced its intention of setting up a town fire department. The Arctic Fire District had levied a tax before the announcement was made. The Phenix Fire District includes sections of West Warwick, Coventry and Cranston. The Natick Fire District includes parts of West Warwick and Warwick.

Tax Bills Held Back

The Natick district has held back tax bills. Several of the district leaders have said that the executive committee will meet shortly to determine whether the bills should be sent out immediately or held a little longer. Several officers of the Crompton district have stated that the treasury balance will probably take care of expenses for about two months. Treasurer Joseph Ney Sr. estimates that the balance of the Arctic district, the only district that maintains a paid department, will last for about two months.

The fiscal year of the Arctic district ends Saturday. The annual district meeting will be held Dec. 9. The valuation of the taxable property in this district is larger than in any of the other districts. Several of the officers of the Arctic district charged with the responsibility of preparing the budget for the annual district meeting have voiced the hope that the new Town Council will decide the course it is to follow before the district meeting is held in order that the district may know what to do about assessing a tax for its new fiscal year. This district includes parts of West Warwick, Warwick and Coventry.

Equipment Purchased

The outgoing Council before leaving office purchased equipment to tie in all of the district alarm systems in West Warwick and install a new switchboard at the Arctic Fire Station. This equipment, which cost approximately \$20,000, is at the Arctic Fire Station, according to Chief Lionel P. Gareau of the Arctic Fire Department who was designated by the old Town Council to supervise the changes in the alarm system.

When the installation of this equipment should be made; how many fire stations the town should use; the length of time required to make adjustments with the various fire districts; whether the \$25,000 remaining in the appropriation for the town's fire department will be sufficient; and whether the transition from districts to town control should be effected before the end of the present fiscal year are some of the problems facing the new Council in determining its course on the proposed town department.

NEW TOWN CLERK FETED

Romeo A. Maynard, new West Warwick Town Clerk, was given a testimonial dinner yesterday afternoon by about 150 of his relatives and friends at the Show Boat, Lake Tiogue. The affair was a complete surprise to the guest of honor, who had been led to believe that he was going to attend a small family dinner. The Rev. Evangelist Brunelle, pastor of Notre Dame Church, Phenix, a close friend of the Maynard family, said grace at the beginning of the dinner. Dr. Jean B. Maynard, a brother of the new town clerk, presented Judge Roland E. Meunier, chairman of the GOP Town Committee and new town solicitor as toastmaster.

Seated at the head table in addition to Father Brunelle, the guest of honor and the speakers were Mr. Maynard's wife and his mother, Mrs. John B. Maynard. Among those who spoke were Charles J. Bourgault, Town Committeeman Aldor J. Metivier, Dr. Fernand J. Hemond, West Warwick medical examiner and president of Club Frontenac, Mrs. Deus Bourgault, founder of Les Franco-Americaines, Mrs. Edward P. Sprague, Miss Margaret McNally, deputy town clerk, Council President Ernest E. Lefebvre, former GOP Town Committee chairman Honorius Maynard, Councilman Boleslaw Zelazny. Guests were presented to Town

COUNCIL TO STUDY FIRE UNIT MERGER

P. J. — 11/27/46
West Warwick Board Invites
Department Executives to
Attend Conference

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Town Clerk Romeo Maynard was directed by the West Warwick Town Council last night to send letters to the executives of the five fire departments serving the town inviting them to meet with the Council for a general discussion of the problems that await solution in the establishment of a town fire department. The letters are to be sent to chiefs of the five departments, Lionel P. Gareau, Arctic; Elphege Smith, Riverpoint; Anthony J. Amore, Natick; Doria LeBrun, Phenix; and Edward Nester, Crompton; and to the boards of fire wardens of the Arctic, Riverpoint and Crompton departments; the executive committee of the Natick fire district and the board of engineers of the Phenix department.

This action followed the reading of a letter from the board of fire wardens of the Arctic fire district dated Nov. 14. The text of the letter follows in part:

Arctic's Letter

"The annual meeting of the Arctic fire district is to be held Monday, Dec. 9, 1946.

"It is our understanding that the Town of West Warwick is to operate a town fire department. We would appreciate if your honorable body would advise us as to what action is to be taken by the Town Council with respect thereto.

"We desire this information to guide us in making recommendations at said meeting.

"An immediate reply will be appreciated."

Councilman Norman Gillespie read the letter to his colleagues and commented that the Arctic wardens apparently want an answer as soon as it can be given. Council President Lefebvre said that there are some legal aspects that need to be looked into and it might be well to ask the Arctic district to adjourn its annual session to a later date.

Asks Full Study

Councilman Gillespie, who devoted considerable attention to the town fire department issue in his campaign speeches, said that he believed the council, before establishing any policy, or doing anything about establishing a town fire department should first call together the chiefs and members of the boards of fire wardens or other executive agencies of the districts affording fire protection in the town and also a representative of the fire underwriters and seek their advice. He emphasized that the chiefs and boards of fire wardens have had years of experience in fighting fires and that their advice is needed to guide the council in determining the set up of a town department that will protect the lives and property of the residents of the town. The advice of the underwriters representing insurance companies that have millions of dollars at stake in outstanding policies will be valuable also.

Town Solicitor Roland E. Meunier, in supporting the suggestion for such a conference, said that there are problems in each of the districts and that the conference will provide an overall picture that will greatly assist the council in determining its course.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION SET

P. J. — 11/29/46
Chiefs of Five Districts In-
vited to West Warwick
Meeting Wednesday

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Ernest E. Lefebvre, president of the West Warwick Town Council, said last night that next Wednesday evening at 8 is the tentative time set for a conference to discuss the establishment of a town fire department. Invitations have been extended to the chiefs of the five districts providing fire protection in the town and to the executive groups of each of the districts—the boards of fire wardens of the Arctic, Riverpoint and Crompton districts, the executive committee of the Natick district and the board of engineers of the Phenix district. It is expected that a representative of the fire underwriters will attend the session also.

The purpose of the conference is to enable the Town Council to get an overall picture of the innumerable details that will have to be straightened out before the transition from district to town control of fire fighting activities can be made. Each district has problems peculiar to itself and there are legal questions to be explored, Lefebvre said last night. The new administration, he added, intends to look into all of the complicated angles, and to give careful consideration to proposals of those whose experience in fighting fires and knowledge of the problems of each of the five districts qualifies them to offer constructive suggestions, before determining the course it will follow in setting up the town department. This, he said, may require considerable time, but, he added, it will be a safeguard against confusion and complications that would result from too hasty action.

Natick Fire District

The executive committee of the Natick fire district has called a meeting of the members of the fire department for Monday night at 8 in the fire station to effect reorganization. It has also directed Anthony J. Amore, district tax collector and chief of the fire department, to send out tax bills immediately. Windows and the glass portions of doors at the fire station are to be protected by heavy screening and the West Warwick Police Department has been requested to probe the theft of equipment from the station valued at \$300.

Phenix Fire District

Rosario Russi, tax collector of the Phenix fire district, said last night that property holders in the Coventry and Cranston sections of the district have paid approximately all of the tax assessed in those sections of the district and that about half of the taxpayers in the West Warwick section of the district have paid their district taxes. The tax has been collectable with interest since November 1st. Russi said last night that because of the confusion concerning the establishment of a town fire department by the town of West Warwick, some of the taxpayers in the Phenix or West Warwick section of the district, have been under the impression that they wouldn't have to pay their district tax. He asserted that he would waive interest charges on taxes that are paid within the next two weeks.

Arctic District

Arctic fire district officers and other administration leaders will meet tonight in the fire station to de-

ACTION DEFERRED BY ARCTIC BOARD

P. J. — 11/30/46
Fire District Wardens Will
Await Town Conference
on Department Plans

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Awaiting a formal invitation to a conference on the establishment of a town fire department called by the West Warwick Town Council tentatively for next Wednesday night at 8, the board of fire wardens of the Arctic fire district deferred action last night on the program to be presented at the annual district meeting Dec. 9. Books for the fiscal year ending today were closed and bills were ordered paid.

The report of tax collector Clarence H. Brousseau released last night shows that a total of \$20,468.55 in taxes and interest was collected for the fiscal year ending today. Of this amount \$19,715.80 is the tax collected on the 1946 assessment of \$22,866.70 and \$702.51 is back taxes for the years 1945 and 1944. The amount of the 1945 tax collected was \$445.81 and that for the 1944 assessment was \$256.70. The interest totaled \$50.24. The total of the uncollected tax is \$5,259.08. Of this amount \$3,150.90 is on the 1946 assessment; \$1075.81 on the 1945 assessment and \$1032.37 on the 1944 assessment.

AMORE DISCUSSES ANNEXATION PLAN

P. J. — 12/2/46
Advises Natick and Westcott
Area of Warwick What
Points to Consider

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Fire protection and improved sanitary facilities are two of the important considerations residents of the Natick and Westcott sections of Warwick should weigh carefully before deciding whether to seek annexation to West Warwick, Anthony J. Amore, tax collector of the Natick fire district and chief of the fire department, said last night.

He recalled the "cold shoulder" given by West Warwick town officials while that town was building its sanitary sewer system to the effort of property holders in the Warwick sections of Natick and Westcott to arrange for connecting with it. A guarantee by the new West Warwick administration that facilities of the sewer system would be extended to include all of Natick and Westcott would be an inducement to the residents of the Warwick sections of these villages to favor annexation, he said.

Amore remembered also the seeming lack of interest in Natick by the outgoing West Warwick administration in formulating plans for the town fire department. The new administration has already shown its concern in assuring adequate fire protection for Natick when the town department is established, he added.

Continuing, he said that provision for retention of the Natick fire station and a fire fighting unit in Natick as a part of the town department would react strongly in favor of the inclusion of the Warwick sections of Natick and Westcott in West Warwick.

termine the program to be recommended to the taxpayers at the annual district meeting Dec. 9. This district has the largest taxable property valuation in West Warwick and includes small sections of Warwick and Coventry. It is the only district that maintains a full time paid fire department.

Crompton District

Hunter C. White, moderator of the Crompton fire district and chairman of the board of fire wardens, said last night that the wardens have authorized the district treasurer to borrow \$500 to meet the semi-annual payroll and bills for maintenance of the fire station and apparatus due early next month.

Town Council, Five Fire Districts Plan West Warwick Department

P. J. 12/5/46
Committee of 10 Appointed and Will Submit Findings; New England Insurance Association Directed to Make Survey as Soon as Possible

A committee of 10 was appointed to formulate plans for the organization of a West Warwick town fire department at a conference attended by the town council, representatives of the five fire districts serving the town last night in Town Hall on Pike Street. This committee will submit its findings to the town council and to each of the fire districts.

Upon adjournment of the conference, the town council at a short special meeting requested the New England Fire Rating Insurance Association to make a survey as soon as possible.

The protracted session began at 8 o'clock and continued until 11:15. All angles of the situation were discussed. Walter Merchant, representing the N. E. Fire Rating Insurance Association, said that the water supply, the fire department and the alarm system are three of the important items that determine insurance classification. He explained the various types of risk dwellings, mercantile, industrial, etc., and told how the association arrives at its decision in determining fire insurance rate.

Survey Made In 1935

The survey made in 1935 by a representative of the association was used as a rough basis for a general discussion of the basic plan to be followed in setting up the town department. In this survey, the recommendation was made that three fire stations be maintained, one at Arctic, another at Crompton and the third at Natick, and that permanent paid men be housed in each station, and that pumpers be maintained at Arctic and Crompton and a ladder apparatus at Natick. The survey further recommended that call men supplement the paid department.

Because of the changes that have taken place in the town since the survey was made, it was the consensus that a new survey would be necessary and as a result the council immediately requested such a survey upon the adjournment of the conference. It was felt from the numerous obstacles brought out that there will be some delay in the establishment of a town fire department and that there will be difficulty in collecting taxes in West Warwick levied by the various fire districts. Some of the obstacles are legal points.

Town Solicitor Roland Meunier ruled that, in his opinion, the enabling act of 1933 which was accepted by the taxpayers in the financial town meeting that year precludes the Town Council's granting subsidies to the various fire districts during the transition period. When it became apparent that there would be a delay before the town fire department can function, representatives of several of the districts suggested that a good way out would be for the town to pay subsidies to the districts which would enable the districts to function without levying taxes.

Tax Increase of 10 Cents

The subsidies, they said, could be paid out of an appropriation of \$45,000 for a town fire department voted at the financial town meeting last May. It was brought out that when that appropriation was voted, the taxpayers were told that an increase of 10 cents in the tax rate would be necessary, but that if the town appropriated the money, West Warwick taxpayers would not be required to pay fire district taxes because the money would be used for a town department.

An amendment to the 1933 enabling act adopted at the January session of the General Assembly this year provides that a town fire department will be in existence whenever the Town Council declares a town fire department established and that when this is done, fire districts cannot levy taxes in West Warwick excepting to liquidate outstanding district indebtedness.

Meunier said there was some question whether it will not be necessary for the West Warwick financial town meeting to accept by formal vote the enabling act as amended. No such vote was adopted at the May town meeting this year as far as the official record of that meeting show, he said.

Arctic For Token Payment

Chief Lionel P. Gareau of the Arctic fire district said that there is a disposition on the part of the officers of that district to turn over to the town the apparatus and equipment of the district for a token payment of \$10 to \$100.

Someone raised the question as to whether this would satisfy legal requirements having in mind the equity in district property of non-residents of West Warwick. In this connection, it was brought out that some taxpayers of the Arctic fire district whose property is in Coventry or in Warwick might object to this procedure.

Joseph Ney, treasurer of the Arctic fire district, said that the paramount consideration is safety and the secondary consideration is insurance rates. He contended that the subsidy suggestion might well tide the districts over until such time as the town is ready to assume the matter of fire protection.

Continuing, he said that the Arctic fire district annual meeting will be held Monday night, that the balance in the treasury will carry the district for about three months, that the district which maintains the only paid permanent force in the town has a weekly pay roll in wages of about \$200 which must be met. He said he believed the attitude of the district should be co-operative and that every district should seek to minimize obstacles to the establishment of the town department.

New Survey Seen Needed

Francis Conlon, secretary of the board of fire wardens, of the Riverpoint fire district, said that one of the arguments advanced for a town department was that it would lower insurance rates in the town. He said he believed it was clear that a new survey would have to be made.

Hunter C. White, moderator of the Crompton fire district, said that one of the complications in his district is the district-owned water system valued at \$125,000. He said that before the district would be willing to make any heavy sacrifices, it would have to be satisfied that the town would be getting better fire protection under a town department than it is now.

Chief Doria Lebrun of the Phenix fire district said that he had con-

ferred with the moderator of the district and had been advised that he could not speak with any authority for the district.

Rosario Russi, tax collector of the Phenix district, said there might be complications from West Warwick taxpayers in his district who have paid district taxes under protest.

Says Natick Must Stay

Chief Anthony J. Amore of the Natick fire district at one point in his remarks said that unless the Natick fire station were retained and permanent men assigned to Natick in the town set-up, many of the taxpayers in that district would tear down the fire station and the fire alarm boxes before they would permit their being turned over to the town.

Girard DiFiore, representative of the General Assembly from the first West Warwick district, and moderator of the Natick fire district, said that one way out of the dilemma would be for West Warwick to annex those parts of fire districts that are not in West Warwick. This brought the rejoinder from Meunier "I can't think of a better man to present such a measure in the General Assembly than you."

The committee of 10 includes the Town Council and the chiefs of the fire districts. The chiefs are Lionel J. Gareau, Arctic; Elphege Smith, Riverpoint; Doria Lebrun, Phenix; Anthony J. Amore, Natick; Edward Nester, Crompton.

PETRARCA SEEKS SPECIAL MEETING

P. J. 12/6/46

Urges Natick Fire District Session Called to Rescind Tax Resolution

Former Rep. Horace L. Petrarca of the First West Warwick District last night requested the executive committee of the Natick Fire District to issue a call for a special meeting of all of the taxpayers of that fire district "for the express purpose of voting to rescind the tax resolution" adopted at the annual district meeting.

Explaining his request, Petrarca said that the action of the executive committee in directing the tax collector to send out district tax bills to property owners in the West Warwick section of the district in effect subjects those property holders to double taxation. Continuing, he said:

"Last week the executive committee of the Natick Fire District decided to send out the tax bills to the taxpayers. While this action was proper and legal in accordance with vote passed at the last annual meeting a majority of the taxpayers are very indignant at the prospects of having to pay two taxes in one year.

"The property owners were led to believe the action of the annual West Warwick financial town meeting appropriating \$45,000 for a town fire department would eliminate any further taxation by the district.

"In the opinion of many this double tax is unjust and unwarranted and demands some action to discuss the whole affair in a special district meeting.

"In my opinion the taxpayers assembled in a special meeting called for the express purpose could pass a motion repealing the original motion which assessed the tax and so doing relieve the executive committee of its responsibility.

"Until the town fire department is organized all current bills of the district will have to be paid by additional borrowing or by collecting some of the \$3500 of uncollected taxes which are still outstanding.

"In the meantime I urge all Natick taxpayers to delay paying any new tax bills until such time as the taxpayers assembled, can discuss the whole matter."

TO SUBMIT BUDGET

Donat J. Beauchaine, chairman of the board of fire wardens of Arctic Fire District, said last night that the board will make no recommendation as to the assessment of a tax at the annual district meeting Monday night at 7:30 in the fire station.

The warden charged with the responsibility of presenting the administration's program will submit a budget calling for the appropriation of \$14,000 and nominations for the various district offices. It will leave to the taxpayers for determination and to discuss whether a tax should be assessed for the new fiscal year, whether action on the assessing of a tax should be postponed to a fixed date or whether the district should endeavor to function on its reserves which will carry it for about three months if funds invested in government bonds are converted into cash.

The Arctic Fire District is the only district in West Warwick which maintains a paid permanent department. The weekly payroll—wages of the firemen—is about \$200.

RECEIVES FIRE EQUIPMENT West Warwick Gets Part of New Alarm Material.

Chief Lionel P. Gareau of the Arctic Fire Department who, with Leonard L. Kiernan, was appointed to a committee by the outgoing West Warwick Town Council, of which Kiernan was a member, to contract with the Gamewell Company for fire alarm equipment, said last night that about a quarter of the material ordered has been delivered. The contract is for \$20,000 worth of equipment, but Gareau said it was to be paid in three installments, 25 per cent the initial delivery, 50 per cent later and a final payment of 25 per cent. He has thus far been unable, he revealed, to find out what part of the \$20,000 will be required to pay for equipment so far delivered because no bill has been rendered thus far. Material received includes 72,000 feet of wire, parts of metal cabinets and some cross arms. Gareau said that the equipment ordered by Kiernan and himself is what was recommended by engineers of the Gamewell Company, who conducted a survey several months ago.

The tying in of the fire alarm system of the five fire districts and the installation of a switch board and the installation and relocation of fire alarm boxes together with the changeover in the boxes' numbers to prevent duplication was regarded by those making preliminary plans under the outgoing administration for the town department as the first essential step in effecting a transition from district to town control, Gareau said.

In the light of the trend of the discussion at the conference Wednesday night Gareau said that it was clear that inclusion of the station at Crompton in the town setup is indicated and that this will require purchases for alarm system changeovers in addition to those already contracted for.

Gareau pointed out that the Riverpoint Fire District has already cooperated in the preparatory move for the changeover by numbering new boxes it has installed at district expense in a manner that will integrate them in the general system of numbering that is proposed for the town's fire alarm system.

Financial Town Meeting Proposed On Subsidies for Fire Districts

P. J. 12/7/46
Arctic and Natick Officials Suggest Plan to Avoid
Financial Difficulties Pending Organization
of One Town Fire Department

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A special West Warwick financial town meeting to authorize the payment of subsidies to the five fire districts serving the town was suggested by officers of the Arctic and Natick Fire Districts yesterday.

John Flanagan, a member of the Board of Fire Wardens of the Arctic Fire District, and Michael DeCiantis, legal adviser of that district, and William J. Burns, clerk of the Natick Fire District, said that the West Warwick Town Council would be doing a great service in calling such a special meeting.

Flanagan said that he concurred with the view of Judge Roland E. Meunier expressed at the conference of the Town Council and representatives of the fire districts Wednesday night that the Town Council cannot pay subsidies to the fire districts without authorization by a financial town meeting.

DeCiantis, who was unaware that this suggestion had been made by Flanagan, said that the quickest solution of the dilemma would be for the Town Council to call a special town meeting and limit the meeting to action on the payment of the subsidies to the districts.

Natick Is Without Funds
Burns, advised last night of the suggestion made by Flanagan and DeCiantis, said that it is absolutely necessary for the Natick district either to send out the district tax bills or to receive a subsidy as it is without funds with which to continue operation. He said he believed the best solution is by the payment of subsidies to the districts.

Flanagan, DeCiantis and Burns recalled that the West Warwick taxpayers at the annual financial town meeting last May earmarked a \$45,000 appropriation for a town fire department. This appropriation was included in the budget and presented by the administration then in power.

No separate appropriation resolution was adopted for the proposed fire department, as the allocation was a part of the general budget. The general discussion of the town fire department issue clearly indicated that this sum was to be used for a town department, the establishment of which would obviate fire district taxes in West Warwick.

Town Tax Increased
Notice was given by the administration then in power, after this appropriation had been voted, that the town would establish a town department and that it would be necessary to increase the town tax rate 10 cents on each \$100 valuation to meet the increased total of the budget, the \$45,000 appropriation for the fire department being one of the largest items contributing to a budget total beyond the income from the old tax rate.

The financial condition of the Natick Fire District impelled the executive committee of that district to authorize the tax collector to issue tax bills, which had been withheld in the hope that a town fire department setup would obviate the necessity of collecting them.

With the Arctic District facing the problem of whether to levy a tax or not at its annual meeting Monday night, the situation has reached a point of confusion.

At the conference Wednesday night, Rosario Russi, tax collector of the Phenix Fire District said that West Warwick property holders in that district had paid their taxes on this year's levy under protest.

Hunter C. White, moderator of the Crompton Fire District, said that his district, which had levied no tax this year, had been forced to borrow \$500 to meet running expenses, increasing an indebtedness which the district had started to pay off.

Representatives of the River Point district said that the treasury balance in their district was sufficient to carry them along and that the district is free of debt.

The big question facing the Arctic district annual meeting is whether to incur an indebtedness, thereby complicating the ultimate liquidation of the district when the town sets up a department.

The Arctic district is now out of debt. If a tax is levied Monday night, the property holders in that district, who paid their 1945 taxes last Spring and along with those in all parts of West Warwick have had to meet the town tax bill increase from the higher rate and also increased valuation, face the payment of another district tax.

Double and Triple Taxation
Horace L. Petrarca, a substantial taxpayer of the Natick Fire District, has called upon the property holders in that district to withhold payment of district taxes on the ground that they are being subjected to double taxation.

The representatives of the Arctic Fire District contend that if a district tax is levied Monday night the property holders in that district will be subject to triple taxation.

Emphasis at the conference Wednesday night was laid on several points: one, that the new town administration has inherited a "hot baby" from the outgoing regime; second, that restrictions in the enabling act preclude the Town Council from subsidizing the districts along the pattern followed in Warwick without authorization by a financial town meeting, and that it will take some time to clear away obstacles to the establishment of a town department.

Of the \$45,000 for a town fire department appropriated at the last town meeting, \$20,000 must be held in reserve to fulfill a contract for the purchase of alarm system equipment from the Gamewell Company, leaving \$25,000 available.

Those advocating the subsidy plan contend that this would be a sufficient amount to enable all of the districts to function until the next annual financial town meeting, or until a town department is established, if it could be set up before next May.

The Arctic district, which maintains the only permanent paid department in the town, has a weekly payroll of \$200 to meet for wages of firemen. The reserve of the district, according to Treasurer Joseph Ney, will carry the district for about three months. This would leave the district without funds for the two months preceding the town meeting. It is for this reason that officers

of that district believe the Town Council should call a special financial meeting that would make possible the subsidy payments.

JAMES PRAISES COUNCIL ACTION

P. J. 12/9/46
Refers to Progress Made by
West Warwick Board for
Town Fire Department

Vincent C. James last night praised the West Warwick Town Council for the progress it is making in ironing out obstacles to the establishment of a town fire department. James, president of the Young Republicans of Rhode Island and a former chairman of the West Warwick GOP Town Committee, criticized the suggestion of Michael DeCiantis, legal adviser of the Arctic Fire District, published in the Sunday Journal yesterday, that the new administration immediately set up a town fire department or rebate taxes.

"It was very much amused at the statement in the Sunday Journal today wherein Mr. DeCiantis threatened the new Town Council with action to 'compel' a rebate of money to offset the necessity of levying fire district taxes," James declared. Continuing he said in part:

"The town fire department's baby was in the hands of an administration controlled by the political party for which DeCiantis stands since last May and they didn't have the courage to take the initiative toward getting it started.

"The Republican Party has actually controlled the town since Nov. 18, less than a month, and they have already taken the bull by the horns and actually started to iron out the details toward the end desired by the town's people.

"Their action thus far should prove that it is not necessary for DeCiantis to resort to blustering threat to make them assume the responsibility that was ducked by the previous administration.

"Mr. DeCiantis should be quiet as a properly whipped boy should and give the present town administration a chance. It is strange that Mr. DeCiantis' concern over the assessed valuation of the Arctic business district has only just blossomed into being since last May, but we must assume that his obligation to his bosses in the town in that time forbade any previous complaint."

Arctic Fire District Defers Tax Levy Decision to Jan. 27

P. J. 12/10/46
West Warwick Council to Determine Whether It
Will Establish Town Fire Department in 45
Days; Committee Named to Help

The Arctic Fire District last night deferred decision on assessing a tax to Jan. 27. Meanwhile, the West Warwick Town Council will determine whether it will establish a town fire department. A committee named last night to work in conjunction with the Council on the matter will report at this adjourned district meeting.

With Council President Ernest Lefebvre contending that the town fathers should have 60 days to wrestle with the problem tossed into the lap of the new administration by the out-going regime and Michael

DeCiantis, legal adviser of the district, adamant in his insistence that the Council give the district a yes or no answer within 30 days on whether it will establish a town department, tension ran high.

As it approached a climax J. William Millette offered the compromise proposal that the time limit be made 45 days and that a committee of three be named to work in conjunction with the Town Council. This was instantly agreed to by Lefebvre, DeCiantis and others, who had joined in the debate. Calendars were consulted and it was found that Jan. 24 would be the end of the 45-day period. This would be on Friday, so it was decided to hold the adjourned session three days later, Monday, Jan. 27.

50 Taxpayers Attend

About 50 taxpayers attended the annual session in the fire station. Officers were re-elected and appropriations were voted without opposition. Reports of officers for the

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West Warwick Council to Seek P. J. Statements from Fire Districts

12/11/46

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Town Clerk Romeo A. Maynard was directed by the West Warwick Town Council last night to send written requests to the proper authorities of the five fire districts in the town for statements of current finances, budget requirements and inventory or rolling equipment, to be filed as quickly as possible.

This step was taken to expedite the determination by the Council whether it will establish a town fire department or not, and if the decision is favorable, to provide groundwork for a general plan for a town fire department. An early meeting of a committee composed of the Council and the five fire chiefs was suggested but no date was fixed for such a meeting.

Committee Ousted

The rehabilitation and re-employment committee appointed by the old Town Council was dismissed on motion of Councilman Norman Gillespie at the request of the West Warwick Veterans' Council. Appointment

ment of a new committee was deferred. Members of the committee ousted were former Council President John J. Flynn, John A. Harrop, Theodore Barrett, Robert E. Gesperly and Frank Giorgio, all veterans of World War I, who were appointed July 10, 1945. Dr. George B. Farrell, also a veteran of World War I, and Miss Maisie E. Quinn, superintendent of schools, who was added to the committee Aug. 14, 1945.

Police Chief Gustav Olson was authorized and empowered to contract with the Brady Instrument Company for the installation of 2-way radio equipment in one of the patrol cars and of 1-way equipment in the other two cars, the cost to be approximately \$1000. The change-over is necessary because of new FBC regulations. The set-up is that radio communication is possible between the patrol cars and through the Warwick Police Department, which is contacted by telephone from the West Warwick police station. This set-up will continue under the new arrangement with Warwick, which has a large reserve supply of spare parts. The installations will be made at the same time in both Warwick and West Warwick and will be completed by Feb. 1.

Other Business

The application of Jecen L. Smith and Clara Smith for an exception to the zoning ordinance presented by their attorney, Francis V. Reynolds, was granted. It was explained that this will enable them to sell property on Martin Street to the Warwick Club Ginger Ale Company, which will use the premises now for parking automobiles of employees, their own trucks and for a driveway to the rear of their plant, but in the future may use the land to expand the bottling works, which has a large payroll and pays a substantial tax to the town.

Petitions for improved street lighting on Crawford Street, Arctic, and Green Hill Street, Natick, were referred to Superintendent of Lights Joseph P. Gamelin for investigation.

Action was deferred pending further investigation on a bill of Edward Gauthier for \$2397.06, which he claims is due him to complete payment of cement walks installed along the Lippitt Brook. He said that the work was authorized by former Highway Commissioner Henry Petrarca, that his first bill of \$2200 had been paid by the outgoing Council and that this balance of \$2397.06 remains to be paid for work done between that covered by the previous bill and the time he was stopped by the new highway commissioner, Gaetano Lombardi. He agreed to comply with the suggestion of Council President Ernest Lefebvre that he submit an invoice of the materials used in the construction and also a copy of his payroll, together with the bills of sub-contractors.

Fire District in Arctic Urged To Turn Over Equipment to Town

The Arctic Fire District can cooperate with the town of West Warwick in establishing a town fire department by giving the town "our apparatus, everything we have," Michael DeCiantis, legal adviser of the district, declared at the annual installation of officers of the fire department last night in the fire station.

"As a taxpayer of this district, I will be on the floor to present a resolution to turn over our property to the town," he continued. Placing the value of fire fighting equipment and other district property at at least \$100,000, DeCiantis said in part:

"If we are to charge the town we will be robbing Peter to pay Paul. We will not help ourselves and we may retard the establishment of a town department. If the Arctic Fire District is willing to turn over to the town all of its equipment, I believe

West Warwick can immediately set up a town fire department because we have everything they will want to start a town department with."

To those who questioned the right of the district to do this, DeCiantis said his answer is for the district to turn the equipment over and then if anybody wanted to object let him take steps to stop the transfer. He said that he believed that the taxpayers in the Coventry section of the district will be satisfied if the Coventry Fire District is reimbursed the expense it has been put to in preparing to take over that section of the Arctic district when West Warwick sets up a town department. This expense, DeCiantis estimated at from \$1000 to \$1500. He said the situation in the Warwick section of the district in Centerville was a minor consideration since the entire tax collected in that area is only about \$150 a year.

3-Party Parley Called Thursday In Natick on Shift of Fire Assets

Lefebvre Arranges Conference with District Board and Warwick City Government Representatives to Discuss Complications in New Department

Ernest E. Lefebvre, president of the West Warwick Town Council, announced yesterday that he has arranged a three party conference for next Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Natick fire station. The West Warwick Town Council, the negotiating committee of the Natick fire district and at least two representatives of the Warwick City government, City Council President George B. Salter and Eighth Ward Councilman Vincenzo Santilli—have given assurance that they will attend, Lefebvre said. The purpose of the conference is to discuss the numerous complications involved in the transfer of the assets of the Natick fire district to the town when the Town Council sets up a municipal fire department in October.

The necessity of such a conference developed during a discussion of the proposed transfer at a conference of the West Warwick council and the negotiating committee of the district Monday night.

Proceedings Recalled

At that conference Charles E. Patenaude, moderator of the fire district and chairman of the negotiating committee, said that Warwick residents of the Natick district are concerned primarily with a continuance of fire protection for the O'Donnell Hill, East Natick and Westcott sections of the district equal to that being given now under the district system when the town fire department is established.

Other members of the negotiating committee as well as Patenaude stressed throughout the Monday night conference that in their view the transfer of the assets involving the surrender or the satisfaction of equity of Warwick taxpayers in the district assets will be relatively simple if a satisfactory arrangement can be made for post town fire depart-

ment protection for the Warwick section of the Natick district.

While the West Warwick Council and Judge Roland E. Meunier, town solicitor, gave assurances that the town of West Warwick through its municipal fire department would provide protection equal to, if not better than that now being given in the entire Natick area, and that the Warwick section would receive the same protection as the West Warwick area in the district, Warwick members of the negotiating committee were unable to obtain assurance of a written contract for a definite period. Judge Meunier said there was a legal question whether under the West Warwick fire department enabling act the town may contract to provide fire protection beyond the borders of West Warwick.

Issues Conjectural

Warwick members of the negotiating committee held that what Warwick city officials may consider adequate fire protection for Natick might not be regarded by Natick taxpayers as equal to what they are getting now, especially if Warwick city officials should hold to the view that protection from Apponaug or Greenwood falling within requirements of the New England Board of Fire Underwriters would be adequate for Natick.

The upshot was the unanimous request of the conferees Monday night that Lefebvre arrange a three party conference in order that representatives of the City of Warwick might get at first hand the lowdown on the situation from the West Warwick town and the Natick district angles and in turn give West Warwick and Natick an idea of just what the City of Warwick can and will do when the West Warwick Town department takes over in a little more than two months.

TESTIMONY ENDS IN VETERAN'S CASE

P. J. — 6-27-47
Court Told of 'Compromise'

Offer by Firm to Man Seeking Reinstatement

Testimony that the Westover Fabrics, Inc., "compromised" by offering Erwin Joseph Kerr of West Warwick a slasher-tender's job only after he filed his court petition for re-instatement to a sub-foreman's position he claims to have held prior to his navy induction, was aired in Kent County Superior Court, East Greenwich, yesterday.

Judge Mortimer A. Sullivan heard conclusion of testimony in the case brought by Kerr for a writ of mandamus under Chapter 1351 of the Public Laws of 1943 guaranteeing war veterans their former status in employment. He continued until today, however, arguments of counsel in summing up the case which opened Wednesday.

Counsel for Kerr, Michael DeCiantis said his client refused to accept the "compromise" arranged by attorneys after the case was filed. Kerr maintains he was a sub-foreman in the preparatory department of the West Warwick plant when he left for service in 1944 and the firm holds that the job has not existed since a spinning division was eliminated early in 1945.

WEST WARWICK BILL SIGNED BY PASTORE

P. J. — 6-5-47

A major obstacle to the establishment of a West Warwick town fire department was removed yesterday when Gov. John O. Pastore signed the bill making possible an appraisal of fire district property and straightening out the lines of overlapping districts.

The Town Council is now empowered to negotiate with districts that extend into other communities for the taking over of district property when the new department is set up. Prior to this the Council had no legal right to enter into dealings with districts concerning property within the district but outside the limits of the town.

The bill also eliminates the taxing power of the five fire districts providing protection to the town after the town establishes its own department, except to liquidate any indebtedness that may remain.

Of the five districts, Phenix, Arctic, Natick, Riverpoint, and Crompton, the first three overlap into areas outside the town.

MEUNIER SILENT ON FIRE DISTRICT

West Warwick Solicitor to
Take Time for Comment on
McKanna's Views

Judge Roland E. Meunier, Town Solicitor of West Warwick, yesterday withheld comment on the contention of Harry F. McKanna Jr., Crompton attorney, that the town of West Warwick is without legal authority to establish a town fire department. McKanna held in the statement published in the Sunday Journal that Section 6 of the enabling act passed by the General Assembly in 1933 and accepted by the financial town meeting that year, "raises a barrier which prevents the town from taking over the several fire districts." Quoting Section 6, McKanna said that it reads as follows:

"In such of the said fire districts as overlap town lines, an equitable division and distribution of the assets and liabilities owned or outstanding at the time of the acceptance of this act by the financial town meeting of the Town of West Warwick shall be made between the West Warwick taxpayers and the taxpayers of such other town or towns included in such district."

McKanna said that this section provides for a distribution of the assets and liabilities among the taxpayers in West Warwick and those not in West Warwick, and that the distribution according to the section was to have been made at the time of the acceptance of the act, which was in 1933.

A Fine Legal Point

Whether the failure of the town of West Warwick to make distribution in 1933 invalidates the entire act and, therefore, makes it impossible for West Warwick to establish a town fire department now, as McKanna contends, or whether the town of West Warwick can proceed to set up a town fire department regardless of this is the fine legal point that is being considered by attorneys in the town. Judge Meunier said yesterday that he would not make any statement until he had looked into the matter and had had time to give a written opinion. He said that he was mindful of the action taken last week by a committee composed of the Town Council and the chiefs of the five fire departments in the town requesting each of the districts to call a special meeting to determine the terms under which each would turn over its assets to the town of West Warwick in the event that the Town Council establishes a town fire department.

This committee, in making this request, asked that these special meetings be called not later than Jan. 20. The Jan. 20 deadline was noticed because the Arctic fire district, largest in property valuation in the town, deferred at its annual district meeting action on a resolution levying a tax to an adjourned meeting Jan. 27. Meunier said this morning that he would make public his findings as soon as possible, having in mind the Jan. 20 deadline set by the committee.

Morrissey's View

J. Frank Morrissey, moderator of the Phenix fire district, when asked for comment on the action taken by the committee last week requesting the various fire districts to hold special meetings, said that he believed such a meeting to be unnecessary in the Phenix district. He recalled that the Phenix district yearly since 1933 has appointed an appraisal committee to deal with the town of West Warwick relative to the disposition of assets and liabilities of the district in accordance with the provisions of the enabling act of 1933. This committee is prepared to deal with West Warwick any time the Town Council desires it to be added.

Some of the leaders in the Coventry section of the Phenix fire district hold that the Town of West Warwick should leave that district to the last to be included in the town set-up if and when the town fire department is established, and that in the interim the Phenix fire district should continue to function as it has since its establishment, and should be reimbursed by the town of West Warwick for affording fire service in that part of the district that is in West Warwick.

About 55 per cent of the tax income supporting the district activities is collected in the West Warwick section of the district. This leaves the district in the position of functioning on 45 per cent of its current income in continuing its service in the Coventry and Cranston sections of the district, when and if West Warwick establishes a town fire department, because the enabling act as amended at the last session of the General Assembly prohibits any of the fire districts from levying a tax in West Warwick when the Town Council sets up a town fire department. The Interlaken Mills, which own manufacturing plants in Harris and in Arkwright, both in the Coventry section of the Phenix fire district, pay the heaviest single tax in the district. The Phenix district within the past several years enlarged its area in Coventry by annexing the so-called Black Rock section.

MEUNIER HONORED IN WEST WARWICK

Town Solicitor Pledges Strong
Support for GOP
State Ticket

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The party loyalty and teamwork that ended 24 years of Democratic control in West Warwick if continued will assure the success of the new Republican town administration and a continuance of GOP direction of town affairs, Judge Roland E. Meunier, town solicitor, declared yesterday.

Speaking at a testimonial dinner at Patsy's, Natick, given in his honor by the town committee, of which he is chairman, and attended by 150 town officers and party workers, Meunier, who is also State central committeeman from the town and Kent County member of the executive committee of the State committee, pledged strong support for the State ticket two years from now.

He said that although the town delegation had opposed the gubernatorial nomination at the State convention once the selection had been made, the town organization got solidly behind the ticket and gave the "candidates on the State ticket more votes than were given by the town to any Republican candidate for many years." He thanked State Chairman Thomas Casey Greene for his leadership and pledged him the support of the town's representatives on the State committee.

Discusses Town Affairs

In discussing town affairs, Meunier said he desired "to dispell once and for all time any idea the Republican organization in the town is a one-man organization. This party," he continued, "is not in reality a testimonial to Roland E. Meunier, but to an organization that won an election. It is that organization that is being feted, the group that did the work, the town committee, the party workers, those who secured information for us, those who did the underground work, those who were in sympathy with us and our cause and supported us, that is what this party is about."

Council President Ernest Lefebvre, who was toastmaster, presented a brief case, the gift of the assemblage to the guest of honor. Others who spoke were Senator-elect Raoul Archambault Jr., Councilman Norman Gillespie, Mayor Albert P. Ruerat of Warwick, State Committee Chairman Thomas Casey Greene, Dr. Fernand J. Hemond, Dr. Joseph Wittig, Dr. Giovanni Senerchia, Chief of Police Gustav Olson, Dr. George J. Racicot, Luke Smith, who is representative-elect from the Third District; Gerard Theroux, chairman of the school committee; State Committeewoman Mrs. William DiFranco and Zach Gonsalves, a member of the town committee.

Musical numbers by Town Councilman Dominic Petrarca and two of his daughters, Miss Tillie Petrarca and Mrs. Mary Izzo, and song and dance numbers by Henry Doiron and Robert Lagoie preceded the speech making.

Others on Program

Councilman Petrarca gave a group of cornet solos, Miss Petrarca, trumpet and violin solos, and Mrs. Izzo sang "Ava Maria." Town Clerk Romeo Maynard led in group singing of "Alouette," with Mrs. Maynard as accompanist.

Senator-elect Archambault complimented Judge Meunier on leading the party to victory for the first time in 24 years. He paid tribute to Mayor Ruerat for continuing the GOP victories in Warwick for the past 12 years and State Chairman Greene for "doing an outstanding job" in the last campaign. He predicted that Greene will "be the presiding officer in a smashing Republican victory in this State two years from now."

Referring to comment made by Col. Patrick H. Quinn, chairman of the Democratic town committee at a dinner given by Judge Luigi DePasquale several weeks ago at the Club 400, Natick, that West Warwick will go Democratic two years from now, Archambault said:

"A short time ago at a banquet held at the Club 400, one of the biggest zeros of the 400 Club, who is chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, made a consoling statement to his very dilapidated organization: 'stand by my friends, we will be back in two years.' The big zero had a rough ride on the tailboard of politics in the last election and we will keep him on the tailboard to take him over a rougher road two years from now that will knock him off."

Continuing, Archambault said that Meunier assumed the leadership of the GOP in West Warwick after the organization had been in a static condition for 24 years; brought about the reorganization of the committee and with the co-operation of the members of the committee and the people he was able to mold an organization "the like of which the Democrats did not think could be accomplished."

Ruerat Cites Change

Mayor Ruerat said that the contrast between the gathering he was addressing and a West Warwick GOP meeting at which he spoke four years ago illustrates the change that had taken place under Meunier's leadership. Remarking that he was addressing a large, enthusiastic group, he said that four years ago he had "addressed a vast assemblage of 12 people, such a downhearted, defeated group I had never seen."

He said that those attending the testimonial were the type the people of the town want to administer town affairs, that the people had seen to it that the type of political machinery that had existed in the town for 24 years "was kicked out ingloriously," that he knows from experience what kind of a situation the new administration is facing for he had had the same experience when the GOP took over "South of the border."

He assured co-operation by Warwick city officials with the new regime in the town.

Dr. Hemond extended his personal felicitations and those of Club Frontenac, of which he is president, to Judge Meunier. He said that the unity depicted in the cartoon on the editorial page of yesterday's Sunday Journal is the kind of loyalty that the party workers will give and the understanding that the people of the community will have of the situation.

tion to do a job for the community to do it well.

Predicts Great Future

State Chairman Greene voiced the congratulations of the State committee to Meunier and the town organization for delivery of the "West Warwick GOP baby, one of the althiest in the State." He predicted a great future for the party in West Warwick as long as the "group hold together and fight for the principles we think are the best."

Councilman Gillespie announced that the tax book promised by GOP leaders in the campaign is being printed and will be ready for distribution soon. He reviewed the happenings that lead up to and followed the Republican victory in the town. He said the mandate of the people to run the town had been given the GOP because of its campaign promises to give the town honest, clean, progressive government. That is what we are trying to do. Look at the police department, the school committee with a little help from the Council has done made West Warwick the only town in the State where the school teachers are happy." (Granting an immediate salary increase of \$400 to regularly employed teachers and making provisions for town meeting action on retroactive pay) "and the highway department."

WEST WARWICK'S COUNCIL CONVENES

Completes Naming of Committee on Vets' Housing, Transacts Other Business

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The West Warwick Town Council last night completed the appointment of a veterans' housing committee, filled three major appointive offices and denied the application of Joseph A. Pacheco to the zoning ordinance and for a class B victuallers alcoholic beverage license on premises at the corner of Wakefield and Bettez Streets, Lippitt.

The Council at its December meeting appointed the service committee of the West Warwick Veterans' Council as the nucleus of a committee on veterans' housing and completed the personnel of the committee last night by naming the following, all veterans: Albert S. Hudson, Fairview Avenue; Manuel Walczak, Pulaski Street; Elliott Healey, Fairview Avenue; Lawrence J. Yeaton, Hoxie Court; Councilman Boleslaw Zelazny, Pulaski Street; Rep. Luke J. Smith of the Third District and Antonio Lombardi of Natick.

Sampson Succeeds Hunt

Louis R. Sampson, of 202 New London Avenue, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and an architect by profession, was appointed building and plumbing inspector at the same salary as was paid last year. He was directed to enforce strictly the building, plumbing and drainage ordinances. He succeeds William H. Hunt.

Ernest Crepeau of West Street was appointed forest fire warden and John Gillespie Jr. of Phenix was appointed tree warden, each at a salary of \$10 a year. These appointments are subject to the approval of the State director of agriculture and conservation.

The Pacheco applications were called as one of the first items of business and the hearing was on the petition for an exception to the zoning ordinance. Former Lt. Governor James O. McManus, attorney for Pacheco, presented a sketch showing the location of the premises applied for and adjacent property and a petition asking that the exception be granted signed by a number of the property owners and residents of the vicinity. He told the Council that the premises applied for were owned by Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Pacheco, parents of the applicant, and contended that they are within 100 feet of premises on Wakefield Street now used for business purposes.

The petition was opposed by GOP Town Committeeman Zach Gonsalves, owner of adjoining premises, in a part of which he conducts a store and other parts he rents as tenements. Gonsalves was permitted to address the Council wearing his hat because he was having trouble with one of his eyes. He presented a petition opposing the granting of the exception, contending that the granting of it would depreciate the value of his property.

Chadinha Explains

Antonio Chadinha, president of the Holy Ghost Society which owns property across the road from the Pacheco property whose name was on the petition asking that the license be granted, was asked by Gonsalves whether he had anything to say. Chadinha replied that he had signed the Pacheco petition because Pacheco had asked him to, but had remarked at the time that he was signing as an individual and couldn't sign for the society and that he didn't think his signature was of any use since he lived on West Warwick Avenue in another section of the town. He said he had been visited Sunday night and Monday night by more than 100 members of the society, who stated that they did not want him to sign any petition and that they were opposed to the granting of the exception and of the class B alcoholic beverage license.

Joseph Dias, whose house is near the premises, objected on the ground that a liquor establishment on the Pacheco property would prevent him from using his piazza in the summer months.

The Council recessed and went into conference with Gonsalves.

An extra dividend of 25 cents

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at a rate of 25 cents per share

TOWNS GET SLASH IN TRACK INCOME

Journal 1/16/47
One Million Dollars Less Bet
During Last 6 Months
of 1946

Rhode Island cities and towns will get \$25,087.09 less from race track revenue this year because bettors at the tracks shovled about one million dollars less through the pari-mutuel machines during the last six months of last year than during a similar period in 1945.

This was revealed yesterday by the State Department of Finance in reporting the individual communities' share in the State's racing taxes. The State, however, will receive \$563,142.96 more because of an overall 1 per cent tax increase earmarked exclusively for the State.

From the office of State Controller M. Joseph Cummings, checks totaling \$1,686,828.56 and \$114,660.05 went out yesterday to the 39 cities and towns. They represent the cut of the municipalities from State taxes on betting at race tracks and on the manufacture of liquor, collected for the period from July, 1946, to Dec. 31, 1946.

During the last six months of 1946 the State levied on pari-mutuel betting an over-all tax of 5 per cent of the total handled, and collected \$2,811,380.93. Three-fifths of that amount is going to the cities and towns; two-fifths to the State.

In comparison during the last six months of 1945, the State levied a tax of 4 per cent on wagering at race tracks and collected \$2,282,554.20, three-fourths of which went to the cities and towns and one-fourth to the State.

From the revenue collected through the tax on pari-mutuel betting during the last six months of 1946, the State retained, after administrative expenses had been deducted, the sum of \$1,147,741.86 as compared to \$563,142.96 during the last six months of 1945.

Race track revenue is apportioned to cities and towns on the basis of property valuation; liquor revenue on the basis of population.

Following are the amounts each municipality will receive from horse racing and alcoholic beverage revenue:

Barrington, \$19,066.80 and \$1001.54; Bristol, \$18,264.10 and \$1793.66; Burrillville, \$17,461.10 and \$1793.66; Cusher and W. E. Zamborano, \$16,658.10 and \$1793.66; Decoy, Thomas A. Bagan, Henry Mc-
Cis V. Garde, Joseph Ladd, J. Ryan, Edward H. Trainor, Frank J. Ryan, Edward H. Trainor, Vincent the speakers, included Drs. Vincent the medical group, in addition to were present.
James B. Lennon of Swanik, Inc., and Jerry Mutual Insurance Company, and and William V. Copeland of the Lib-
Bailey of the Providence Chamber-
the Association, Boston, Herbert
Nathaniel Mitchell of Barnes Tex-
the Dover mills.
Frank Crossley, superintendent at
Waynesboro, Va.; Paul Brydger, su-
perintendent at Waynesboro, and

Town-Wide Fire Force Plan Postponed in West Warwick

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GOP Town Council Blames Preceding Democratic
Administration for Delay; Statement Cites
Legal Barriers Not Cleared

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Ambitious plans for establishment of a permanent, town-wide fire department in West Warwick to replace five district fire fighting forces, have been indefinitely postponed, it was announced yesterday by the Republican Town Council.

The council, first to be controlled by Republicans in many years, blamed the preceding Democratic administration for the delay. The failure of that administration, a formal statement said, to take steps "at the proper time is the main reason which makes it impractical if not impossible" to set up a town department at this time.

Legal barriers which the Democratic administration failed to clear, said the statement, include faults in the enabling act adopted by the General Assembly and the general nature of a resolution, passed at Town Meeting appropriating \$45,000 for "a town fire department."

The council was advised by Town Solicitor Roland E. Meunier that "there are too many legal loose ends in the entire situation for the Town Council to organize, create and establish a town fire department at the present time."

It is estimated that removal of legal barriers and also a survey by fire insurance underwriters will require about a year, so that it is possible a town-wide department may be instituted early in 1948.

The underwriters' survey would lay the basis for recommendations which, if adopted, might result in a substantial reduction in fire insurance rates.

Favors Department

The council went on record as in favor of a town-wide department when all obstacles have been overcome. Three of the five districts involved in the merger extend into other municipalities.

Acting on the advice of the town solicitor, the council announced that the districts must pave the way for the change by voting to sell their assets to the town for a token sum of \$10.

Promptly the Arctic fire district moved to comply with this demand. The district will hold an adjourned annual meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 in the fire station, Main Street, and is scheduled to levy a tax to support appropriations voted at the first session last month. At the same time steps will be taken to remove legal obstacles to establishment of a town-wide department.

Once the districts vote to sell their assets to the town, the council "could then inaugurate the municipal fire department which will provide the taxpayers with the most economical, efficient fire department possible, including the opportunity of supplying several of our very well qualified firemen with good steady jobs," the council statement said. Cost of operating a town department is estimated at \$60,000 a year.

Council's Statement

The council's statement follows:

"The town of West Warwick is growing, and in the near future, we predict, it will grow and progress even beyond the fondest dreams of most of us. The geographical location of our town proves that. As the town grows, the efficiency of the fire department and the method of fire prevention and life protection must advance. This is progress.

"The town at the present time is in a high rated area and as a result every property owner must pay high premiums on insurance policies. With the increased efficiency of a town fire department, it is entirely possible that the property owners could save as much on insurance premiums as the cost of maintenance of a town fire department and still receive the added guarantee of protection of life, limb and property.

Year for Survey

"We believe that we should first receive the survey which has been requested from the insurance underwriters. Mr. Merchant informs us that this survey will take one year to complete. The insurance underwriters are qualified fire protection engineers who offer their services free of charge. We should accept and

follow the recommendations of this qualified group.

"Each fire district could and should vote to sell all assets and liabilities to the town of West Warwick for a token sum of \$10.

"The Town Council could then inaugurate the municipal fire department which will provide the taxpayers with the most economical, efficient fire department possible, including the opportunity of supplying several of our very well qualified firemen with good, steady jobs.

"If the town is to purchase the fire districts' assets for their market value, it will necessitate the expenditure of \$250,000. This would merely be incurring an unnecessary debt which would actually be transferring money from one pocket to another. If the assets of each district were purchased for their market value, each district would have to refund to each taxpayer of each district back over the years to their beginning sums of money pro-rated on the amount of tax which has been paid to the district. This would involve the estates of people now deceased, people now moved away, defunct business houses and the present taxpayers. The cost of computing and making this refund would probably be more than the present value of the assets of each district.

"Insurance Policy"

"Actually these people who in the past contributed their tax to the districts got in return the protection they paid for. We compare it to purchasing an insurance policy. When the year expires we don't expect a refund because we had the protection.

"Adequate fire stations should be maintained to provide rolling equipment near enough to the property in each area of the town to guarantee quick runs to any fire. All stations should be joined with a universal alarm system. There should always be an adequate number of paid men on duty at all times. The department, under a competent chief, could and would become much more progressive and efficient than it is now.

"The town fire department probably could be operated for about \$60,000 per year. This would be giving proper protection to \$22,000,000 worth of property and several thousand people. At present there is \$45,000 available to start on. Some of this amount would have to be spent on the alarm system.

Fire Plan Traced

"To fully understand the legal and practical problems involved it is necessary to trace the development

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FIRE DEPARTMENT PLAN POSTPONED

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of the action taken by the previous administrations.

"In 1933 an act was passed in the State legislature (Public Laws of 1933, Chapter 2077) 'Authorizing the town of West Warwick to organize and maintain a permanent fire department.' At the financial town meeting of May 1933, a resolution was adopted by the meeting accepting the terms of the act, apparently in due form. In 1938 a resolution was adopted at the financial town meeting authorizing the town to issue bonds in the sum of \$100,000 for a permanent fire department. At the same meeting another resolution was adopted authorizing the Town Council to negotiate with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for a grant for the same purpose.

"In the session of the legislature of 1946 an act was presented and passed (Chapter 1688) in amendment of Section four of the act of 1933. This amendment was only concerned with liquidating the obligations of the various fire districts. At the financial town meeting last May an appropriation was made which was labelled 'Town Fire Department, \$45,000.' This was adopted in the general budget appropriation. Subsequently statements were made by the previous administration that an increase in taxes had been made for the purpose of creating a town fire department and providing for an increase in teachers' salaries.

Old Administration Blamed

"Despite the appropriation and the increase of taxes the previous administration had apparently failed to take any positive steps to bring it about and this left the various fire districts in a confused financial condition.

"This administration immediately to bring about a town fire department met with the fire chiefs and the fire wardens of each district and a representative of the fire insurance underwriters and discussed the problems involved and became informed of the existing detailed situation. The conclusion reached as a result of these conferences and a study of the problems involved clearly indicated that considerable time is necessary to organize a town fire department plus the action taken upon the recommendations to be made in the survey by the board of fire insurance underwriters.

"The Town Council feels, upon legal advice of the town solicitor, that it cannot order payment of any part of the \$20,000 obligation for fire alarm equipment under the terms of the present act. We recommend any obligation existing for such equipment be presented to the taxpayer at the next financial town meeting for disposition.

"Too Many Loose Ends"

"The question is still further complicated by the opinion of an attorney in the town who stated that the town could not create a town fire department under the act without the amendment of sections five and six of the 1933 act. From a legal standpoint the town solicitor is of the opinion that there are too many legal loose ends in the entire situation for the Town Council to organize, create, and establish a town fire department at the present time.

"Furthermore, the practical problems involved must be cleared up before a town fire department can be created. The Arctic Fire District serves a portion of Warwick and Coventry. The Phenix Fire District serves a portion of Coventry almost evenly divided as to assessed valuations and taxpayers. The Natick Fire District serves the East Natick District in Warwick, a substantial part of the assets being owned by the taxpayers of Warwick. The Crompton Fire District has a water system and its property is located on land restricted by the Crompton Company at the time of the transfer. All these problems must be agreed upon and satisfactorily arranged with the town before the establishment of a town fire department.

"It is the intention of the Town Council to organize and declare a town fire department when satisfactory arrangements have been made with the fire districts and when proper legal authority is granted to the Town Council; and also when proper appropriations are made for that purpose without raising a question of the legality of an expenditure.

Earmarked Fund

"The money appropriated at the 1946 financial town meeting can be set aside in a general fund and earmarked for that purpose. Due to the fact that the various fire districts will have to assess taxes until the creation of a town fire department, to avoid dual taxation in the future, an adjustment in the tax rate may be possible to eliminate that undesirable situation. It can further be eliminated by full information being given to these fire districts in ample time to enable those districts to make plans in regards to levying a tax. A definite date could be set for the creation of a town fire department at which time all problems will have to be solved to enable the Town Council to freely declare it without complications.

Suggestions to Districts

"To bring about this progressive step in our town, the Town Council makes the following suggestions to the fire districts:

"1—That the latest financial statement of each fire district be immediately sent to the Town Council.

"2—That an inventory of the assets be also included.

"3—That negotiations be immediately started with the respective fire districts in conjunction with representatives of the Town Council for the purpose of quickly arriving at an agreement concerning the assets of the fire districts.

"4—That all unpaid taxes be collected as soon as possible.

"We deeply regret, however, that proper steps to bring about the realization of this program were not taken at the proper time in accordance with the act of the legislature, its subsequent amendment, and the appropriation therefor.

"We feel that at the time this act was prepared and presented to the legislature, though possibly without bad intention the administration failed to prepare this act in a manner to make it convenient for the town to achieve their plan.

"After considering the many de-

tails involved to establish a town fire department it is evident that the organization of this program has to be started anew and plans will have to be made to follow in order.

"To this date many suggestions have been made but none have proven sound. The failure of the administration in 1946 to take steps at the proper time is the main reason which makes it impractical, if not impossible, to work out the plans we would like to carry through. Consequently we must start from this point which is the key to all other procedure to achieve a satisfactory conclusion of the establishment of a town fire department.

"In conclusion, due to the above legal and practical complications there cannot be created and established a town fire department for the present."

PAWTUXET VALLEY.

ANDREW FAULDS

Andrew Faulds, 69, a former member of the West Warwick School Committee died last night, in a Providence Hospital, after a long illness. He was a member of the vestry of St. Philips Episcopal Church of Crompton.

He resigned from the School Committee a few weeks ago because of ill health. He had served on the committee for several years. He was born Nov. 26, 1877, the son of the late John and Annie (Adcock) Faulds.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Steere, Mrs. Thomas Bouley, Mrs. Marion Casey; two sons, Andrew Faulds Jr., John H. Faulds; two brothers, William of Bridgeport, Conn., and Harry of Fiskeville and a sister, Mrs. Gilbert Houston.

The body has been removed to the Ballantyne Read Funeral Home, 27 Providence Street, West Warwick. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Arctic Fire District Schedules Meeting Feb. 11 to Discuss Funds

Whether a tax will be assessed or some other means found to provide money to continue fire protection in the Arctic Fire District is scheduled for action at an adjourned district meeting Feb. 11 at 8 p. m. in Turcotte's Hall on Brookside Avenue. This course was determined at an adjourned session of the Dec. 9 annual meeting last night in the fire station, attended by about 30 taxpayers.

Immediately after the session had been called to order by Moderator Walter J. Berard, DeCiantis, legal adviser of the district, said that this matter of levying a tax was a serious one and that whether a tax should be levied or some other means found to carry on the affairs of the district should be acted upon at a more representative meeting. He said that there are more than 2000 property holders of West Warwick in the Arctic Fire District and that the fixed cost of the district, including the payroll of the permanent fire department and hydrant rental, totals more than \$17,000 a year. He contended that the decision of the Town Council to postpone the establishment of a town department had placed the issue of what the Arctic Fire District will do squarely up to the taxpayers of that district.

The question should be made plain

to the taxpayers, be held, through legal notice, published at least three times before the Feb. 11 meeting and by other publicity, including the distribution of handbills. He said that by delaying action, all of the taxpayers would have an opportunity to attend the session, express their views and vote in accordance with their convictions.

He reminded that the Town of West Warwick since the tax levied at the 1946 annual financial town meeting has been collecting town taxes to provide fire protection and that this has placed West Warwick taxpayers in the various fire districts in the position of paying double taxes for fire protection.

He said that it was his understanding, arrived at a corner conference, with Ernest Lefebvre, West Warwick Town Council president, after the adjournment of the Dec. 9 meeting that Charles J. Bourgault, Joseph Rivard, and he, who had been named a committee at the meeting to collaborate with the Town Council in the matter of the town fire department, were to be called into consultation by the Town Council.

The Council, he continued, had not called the committee into consultation and had made its announcement on its decision to postpone the setting up of a town department through the newspapers.

HENNESSEY RESIGNS

New West Warwick School Board Member Notifies Meunier

Leonard F. Hennessey has resigned as a member of the West Warwick School Committee and has asked to be relieved next month.

Increased duties at the Centreville National Bank where he is a cashier, not anticipated when he accepted appointment, is given by Hennessey as his reason for leaving the school committee. He was named to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation because of health of Andrew Faulds, who died Saturday.

Hennessey said yesterday that he had sent a letter to Roland E. Meunier, chairman of the Republican Town Committee, advising him of his decision. Judge Meunier could not be reached as he was engaged in court.

When asked about the resignation, Council President Ernest E. Lefebvre said that he had not been officially advised of it. It will be up to the Town Council to replace Hennessey.

Town Council Names Committee To Investigate Sewage Reports

Group Will Make Survey to Determine Whether Pawtuxet River Branches or Tributaries Are Being Polluted by West Warwick Waste

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The West Warwick Town Council appointed a committee last night to make a survey to determine whether either or both branches of the Pawtuxet River in the town, and their tributaries, are being polluted by raw sewage, and to file their report as soon as the investigation is completed.

This action was taken on the motion of Norman Gillespie who said that reports had reached him that raw sewage was reaching the river through brooks and drains and directly, and he believed a thorough investigation should be made not only in co-operation with the State-wide drive to eliminate the pollution in Narragansett Bay, but also as a health protective measure for the townspeople.

Judge Roland Meunier, town solicitor, said he considered the suggestion a timely one and that the town should enter whole heartedly into the Statewide effort to assist in ending the pollution of Narragansett Bay.

Council President Ernest E. LeFebvre said he believed the move was in the right direction.

The committee includes Andrew Gough, Superintendent of the sanitary sewerage system, Chief of Police Gustav Olson, Dr. Peter Eri-nakes, health officer; Highway Commissioner Gaetano Lombardi, and Building and Plumbing Inspector Louis R. Samson.

The week of April 6-12 was proclaimed VFW National Home Week in the town in recognition of the visit to be made to West Warwick April 11 by National Commander Louis E. Starr, to install the officers of Langevin Post in the Riverdale Armory, Natick, and to administer the obligation to a large class of candidates.

The proclamation was issued after Thaddeus Kraus, senior vice department commander of the VFW, a member of Langevin Post and president of the West Warwick Veterans Council, had addressed the council.

Kraus said that the national commander is to visit the State April 10 and 11 and that the visit is being made the occasion to raise a fund to finance the construction of a Rhode Island cottage at the VFW National Home. The request of Langevin Post to hold a tag day April 11 and 12 was granted.

Chief Olson, Highway Commis-

sioner Lombardi, Principal Francis Mullen of the senior high school, Dr. Maurice Lague, Councilman John Ray Jr., and Dr. Raoul Cartier were appointed a safety committee to formulate a program for the town in conformity with that of the Rhode Island Safety Commission.

Chief Olson was authorized to arrange the installation of an overhead street light at Arctic Square and the erection of speed limit signs on the highways at locations he designated.

Town Solicitor Meunier said that he had written letters to owners of properties where the health officer had reported nuisances to exist. He said that he had received a reply from owners of property on Youngs Avenue assuring co-operation in the elimination of the conditions complained of but had received no reply from John Grygiel, alleged owner of premises on Manchester Street, Crompton.

A checkup by the health officer on the conditions at the Manchester Street premises was ordered and the town solicitor was directed to prosecute the owner of the premises if the checkup revealed that the conditions complained of have not been abated.

It was voted to meet at the call of President LeFebvre on Harding Street to make a spot investigation to guide the town fathers in a direction on an application for the extension to Phenix Avenue of Harding Street.

The application of Faust R. Petrarca and Arthur Caniglia for pool table licenses for premises at Natick were continued.

The jury list was made up in accordance with law.

Drifting Snow, Aged Equipment Hamper Snow Fighting Activities

But Pawtuxet Valley Highway Crews Make Progress in Clearing Traffic Arteries Despite Handicaps; Three West Warwick Vehicles Break Down

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Hampered by rapidly drifting snow and breakdowns of aged equipment, highway crews of West Warwick, Coventry, Scituate, West Greenwich and Foster last night waged a valiant and successful battle to keep roads open for normal traffic.

Gaetano Lombardi, West Warwick highway commissioner, had seven plows on the go all night. Six plows were municipally owned and one was hired in the face of three town truck breakdowns.

Faced with the possibility that drifting snow might get ahead of his crews, Lombardi ordered all plows last night to concentrate on the residential areas until after midnight, and when parked cars had been moved from downtown business districts, to shift their efforts to those zones.

Of the six municipal trucks engaged in plowing operations, three were out of service for a total of 12½ hours during the day. A burned out clutch on a 12-year-old truck put it out of commission for six hours, while a broken axle on a 7-year-old machine necessitated 4½ hours of repair work.

Third Machine Crippled
The third municipally owned machine, also seven years old, was in the garage for two hours with faulty brakes. Lombardi's trouble did not

end here, for the rented plow broke down, with a damaged transmission, and was not returned to service at a late hour last night.

In spite of these difficulties, Lombardi said he was at least keeping pace with the snow and added that he expected to have all roads completely cleared by morning.

In Coventry, Highway Commissioner Luther Capwell said all his equipment was on the road and had been on the go continuously since 11 o'clock last night.

Capwell declared everything was under control, adding, "It is now just a question of keeping the equipment on the roads until the snow settles and drifting stops."

All three town plows and the municipal grader were in service and no trouble had been experienced with the equipment, according to Capwell.

Scituate Conditions Difficult

State police of the Scituate barracks said main highways in the Scituate area were passable, but that drifting snow caused by high winds, particularly along open stretches of roads made driving conditions difficult. In some places, according to police, highways were cleared down to the road's surface, but in others, drifts of between three and four feet were being encountered.

Police added that State highway crews were doing an excellent job in preventing drifting conditions from closing principal routes.

The town of Scituate also experienced difficulty with its snow removal equipment, as one of the town's three plows had to be towed to the garage for repairs.

Despite this, remaining plows were keeping ahead of the drifting snow, it was reported, and expectations were that, with a decrease in winds, all roads would be permanently cleared by morning.

Highway Commissioner Bernice Capwell, who began breaking out the town roads in West Greenwich at 6:30 a. m. with the town's plow, was delayed by a derangement of the plow blade, after working for about five hours. The difficulty was remedied quickly. The roads on the RFD routes were the first to be broken out.

In Foster, Highway Commissioner Snow Borders used three town-owned plows to clear 60 miles of town roads.

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Arctic Fire District Levies Tax Of 20 Cents for \$21,000 Budget

Also Votes to Transfer Assets, Liabilities to Town for Token Payment of \$10 When Town Sets Up Own Fire Department; DeCiantis Hits Tax

The Arctic Fire District last night levied a tax of 20 cents on \$100 value of real estate and tangible personal property to finance an appropriation budget of \$21,000. The district also voted to transfer all assets except real estate, and all liabilities to the town of West Warwick for a token payment of \$10 when the Town Council establishes a town fire department.

A committee of five was appointed to execute a contract with the town for the transfer and to effect property settlements with taxpayers in the Warwick and Coventry sections of the district.

The adjourned annual meeting in Turcotte's Hall, Brookside Avenue, was the most largely-attended one in recent years. The tax resolution,

presented by J. William Millette Sr., and seconded by Ernest Lefevre, president of the West Warwick Town Council, was adopted by ballot vote, 111 to 89, after a lengthy debate.

Sponsors of Resolutions

This resolution and the resolution naming a committee to execute the contract for the transfer of the apparatus to the town were sponsored by Republican leaders, while the resolution making the district in West Warwick to meet the suggestion of the GOP Town Council that district fire apparatus and other equipment essential to the functioning of a town department to the town for a token payment of \$10 was presented by Michael DeCiantis who opposed the tax resolution.

The measures providing for the transfer of assets and liabilities and effecting property settlements were adopted unanimously by voice vote.

While the tax rate is five cents less than that of last year, the income will be approximately the same, because of increases in property valuation and of new property that will be available for assessment this year. Tax Collector Clarence Brousseau said after the meeting.

The revenue accruing from the tax will provide the \$21,000 appropriated at the first session of the annual district meeting in December to finance the district for the 1946-47 fiscal year.

De Ciantis Hits Tax

Immediately after Moderator Walter J. Berard convened the adjourned session last night, DeCiantis, legal adviser of the district, contended that the district should not levy a tax because \$45,000 for fire protection was included in appropriations voted by the West Warwick annual financial town meeting and the town tax had been increased because of this appropriation and other additional sums voted at that meeting.

He held that a levying of a tax by the district would, in effect, impose double taxation on the taxpayers of the district, that the town should provide the service which the taxpayers already had paid for, and that the Town Council could immediately set up a town fire department by appointing Arctic Fire Department Chief Lionel P. Gareau chief of the town department "because he knows all about it."

Continuing he said, "The Town Council, with \$45,000 to work with, can operate a town department tomorrow if it wants to. All the Council has to do is to pay the men, which costs about \$200 a week."

He said he would have no part in levying a district tax. "Anyone who wants a tax, let him get up and say so," he concluded.

Millette Accepts Challenge

Millette immediately accepted the challenge. He said the main issue is not the payment of taxes, but the saving of lives and property and the maintenance of the reputation of the Pawtuxet Valley. He recalled that the movement for a town department started in 1932, that the department has not yet been established and that it is only fair to the town administration, elected last November, to give it the time it needs to effect its plan for a town department.

He said other districts in the town, as well as the Arctic district, must be considered, that the \$45,000 the town has collected was paid by the people of other districts as well as those of the Arctic district, that the town administration won't "run away with the money."

Millette further said that the Town Council had informed the public of its position in a statement published in the newspapers, that legal obstacles to a town department must be "untangled" before a town department can be established.

He concluded by presenting the resolution levying the 20-cent tax, to become payable April 1 and imposing a penalty of six per cent per annum on delinquent taxpayers.

PAWTUXET VALLEY HOUSING IS TOPIC

Construction and Finance

Problems Discussed by Vets' Group and Contractors

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Housing construction and financing problems were discussed last night at a conference in the West Warwick Junior High School attended by members of the Town Council, representatives of the veterans' housing committee and about 30 Pawtuxet Valley contractors.

Louis R. Samson, West Warwick building and plumbing inspector, who called the conference, presided. At the outset of the session, Samson said the idea was suggested by Ernest E. Lefebvre, president of the West Warwick Town Council, and supported by the veterans' housing committee of which Albert S. Hudson is chairman.

The purpose was to discuss the building and zoning ordinances and ways in which to expedite the provision of housing accommodations to relieve the shortage, he said.

Lefebvre Suggestion

Lefebvre suggested that it might be possible to build new homes for persons well able to afford them thus providing accommodations for veterans in premises that would be vacated by removals to these new homes.

He was told by several of the contractors that this was not feasible because the Government requires new houses to be made available for veterans and if not taken by veterans to remain vacant for at least two months. One contractor said it takes about six months to complete a house and that with the additional two months it would require a wait of eight months before this relief could be afforded.

Several of the contractors said that a 4-room house financed in part by FHA loans would cost approximately \$8000. This includes a complete house, grading and landscaping the grounds. The grading and landscaping is required by the FHA, they said, thus making it impossible to cut costs by eliminating this work.

At the time the house is ready for occupancy and permitting it to be done at the later convenience of the owner, it was the consensus of opinion that an \$8000 investment requiring a monthly rental of \$50 was beyond the means of the average Pawtuxet Valley GI as other costs would have to be added to this rental such as reserve against deterioration, taxes, insurance and other charges.

Majority Prefer to Pay Rent

It was suggested that if some means could be found where a part of the costs could be locally guaranteed, loans might be secured directly from the bank. It was further contended that the only immediate hope of securing such financing would be to induce persons of means in the community to form a corporation with about \$100,000 capital. One contractor said he had been given the names of 11 veterans interested in building homes but that in interviewing them, 10 of the 11 had said they were interested only in renting and not in building them.

Hudson said that 43 applications had been received by his committee for housing accommodations and that

Several of the contractors said that the uncertainty as to the building material costs is a deterrent to large scale building as many think that the present high prices, particularly for lumber, will tumble in the course of the next several years, thus leaving many in a position of having built at peak cost and finding it difficult to meet their obligations.

Would Simplify Code

Most of those present expressed the belief that the building and zoning ordinances in West Warwick which were adopted in 1935 should be simplified and modernized and Samson said that he would try to have this done.

Samson said that building contractors in Providence have begun to organize and that he believed this was a step that eventually would lead to the enactment of legislation requiring the licensing of building contractors. If the contractors of the Pawtuxet Valley, he said, took a similar step to that being taken in Providence, they would be on the ground floor whenever a licensing requirement is put into effect.

No action was taken on this suggestion.

MODERN, 9-STORY HOTEL PROPOSED

Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of
Commerce Hears Plan
for Structure

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A 9-story, 101-room modern hotel of steel and brick construction for West Warwick, was proposed by Max Smirnow, speaker at an open meeting of the hotel committee of the Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce attended by about 60 business and professional men, industrialists and town officials last night at Club Frontenac. West Warwick Postmaster Thomas J. Durand, chairman of the committee, presided.

Smirnow, supervising auditor and advisor to the owners of the Brentmore Estates which operates hotels in New York City, and in Atlantic City said that it would require \$500,000 to finance the venture.

He proposed issuance of bonds in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1000 with one share of voting common stock with each \$100 in bonds, the bonds to pay six per cent interest and to mature in 15 years. He placed the estimated income at \$315,925; the expenses of operation at \$182,000.

Other expenses such as retirement of bonds, interest, insurance, taxes would decrease the net profit to approximately \$34,000 a year he said. He advocated underwriting the hotel by local capital, a local bank as trustee for the bonds and a local board of three directors who would have a part in the management of the hotel.

He suggested the corner of Main and Weaver Streets across Weaver Street from the post office and the corner of Washington Street and Brookside Avenues, both in Arctic as ideal locations.

In the general discussion it was brought out that 80 per cent occupancy would be necessary to meet expenses and 90 per cent to operate at a profit. Some expressed the belief that a smaller hotel would better meet the need of the community.

The suggestion that the committee take a poll of industrialists and merchants to determine what degree of occupancy could be counted upon was adopted after a poll of those present indicated continuous occupancy of 37 rooms.

Among those who took part in the discussion were: West Warwick Town Council President Ernest Lefebvre, Judge Roland E. Meunier, town solicitor; former West Warwick Town Council President John J. Flynn; former West Warwick school committee chairman, Dr. M. Irene Guertin, J. William Millette, Dr. Raoul J. Cartier, Albert C. Coutu, Homer Gelineau, Laurent Archambault, Dr. Benjamin F. Tefft, Arthur Bulger, George Robert, Gerard La-boissonniere, and Horace L. Petrarca.

Chairman Durand said that the survey to get an idea of a basis of continuous occupancy of hotel rooms will be made immediately and that the committee will report at the April meeting of the Chamber.

West Warwick Council Favors Fire Department

Votes to Expedite Its Establishment; Also Acts to
Effect Elimination of Grade Crossings, Check
Bridge Safety and Extend Mosquito Control

The West Warwick Town Council moved last night to expedite the establishment of a town fire department, effect elimination of grade crossings, check on the safety of town bridges and extend mosquito control.

The town fathers also launched a 2-way offensive to eliminate an alleged menace by "wild pigs" to health and property on the so-called Dark Entry Road off the New London Turnpike by directing Dr. Peter Erinakes, the health officer, to investigate as well as by requesting intervention of the Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Town Clerk Romeo Maynard was directed to send written requests to the clerks of the Phenix, Riverpoint, Crompton and Natick Fire Districts to bring about the calling of special meetings of the respective districts to draw up terms for turning over assets of each of the districts to the town.

Similar action was not requested of the Arctic district, which at an

adjourned session of the annual meeting voted to turn over its assets to the town upon receipt of a token payment of \$10.

Members of the Council expressed the hope last night that this precedent would be followed by the other districts.

The town clerk also was directed to send written requests to Oresto DiSaia, State director of public works, for information on the elimination of grade crossings on Providence Street, Arctic; near Columbus Square, Westcott; on Fairview Avenue, Phenix, and on Brookside Avenue, Centerville, with Federal funds and without expense to the town.

He was also directed to provide an engineer to inspect town-owned bridges on Pulaski Street, Crompton; Fairview Avenue, Phenix; and Factory Street, Arctic, and to file a report on the condition, carrying ability and probable life of these bridges.

In addition he was directed to send a written request to William V. Bartesewitz, director of mosquito control, State department of agriculture, for co-operation in mosquito control work, prompted by a petition signed by Gertrude Delorme and 23 others asking that the Charter Oak Bridge brook, an alleged mosquito breeding source, be covered.

A petition and support of it by several signers prompted the 2-way offensive against the "wild pigs."

John C. Carlson and 24 others in their petition for the abatement of "a nuisance and menace to health and property on Dark Entry Road, so called, charged that Anthony Perry of 372 Greenwich Avenue, Pontiac, keeps a large number of pigs which are not confined.

"The said pigs," the petition read, "are allowed to roam the countryside and destroy crops. They are fed garbage which is allowed to rot and dead pigs are left on the ground to decay."

Carlson, Samuel Melanson, Mrs. Emma Bergsten and Matthias Lussier in verbal testimony elaborated on the charges in the petition stating that the pigs frequently were not fed.

This, they said, caused them to root up lawns, gardens and storage bins. It was voted to have Dr. Erinakes investigate the health angle and to ask the SPCA to investigate the allegation that the pigs are being neglected.

Action on a petition for the extension of Wilson Street to Wakefield Street was deferred, pending an inspection by the Council and a check on the real estate records by Judge Roland E. Meunier the town solicitor.

Former Riverpoint Fire Chief Honored at Testimonial Dinner

More than 150 residents of West Warwick joined in paying tribute to Elphege Smith, former chief of the Riverpoint Fire Department, at a testimonial dinner held at the Show Boat, Lake Tiogue, last night.

Smith, who served as chief of the department for eight years, resigned a few weeks ago. He was presented a large loving cup by Judge Michael DeCiantis, who also presented corsages to Chief Smith's wife and mother.

Among those who voiced tribute to him were Ernest Lefebvre, president of the West Warwick Town Council; former West Warwick Town Councilman Manuel Silva; Francis W. Conlon, a member of the board of fire wardens of the River-

point Fire District; Jean Parenteau, a director of the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs' Club.

Rep. Lloyd Hargraves of Scituate, Chief Lionel P. Gareau of the Arctic Fire Department, Chief Anthony J. Amore of the Natick Fire Department, Chief Phillip H. Quinn of Riverpoint, Assistant Chief Francis J. Boylan of Riverpoint, Milton Randall, Edward Quinn and Harold C. Knight.

Former State Senator George Roche was toastmaster. Seated at the head table were Chief Smith, his wife and mother, Roche, DeCiantis, Mr. and Mrs. Lefebvre, Conlon and Silva. The testimonial was arranged by Henry Smith, Kenneth Franklin, Alfred Tillier and Michael Pimental.

West Warwick Policemen Forced To Kill Enraged Dog on Rampage

Animal, Angered When Children Shoot Arrows at Him, Breaks Chain, Bites Boy, Jumps Into Auto and Routs Woman Seated Therein

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Enraged when children shot arrows at him yesterday afternoon, a 125-pound dog broke a heavy chain that had restrained him, nipped Charles Maynard, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon C. Maynard, 29 Gardner Avenue, West Warwick, on the right arm and jumped through the window of a parked car on Youngs Avenue, forcing a woman occupant out, before being cornered on the porch at the home of Manuel Costa on Kenyon Street where he was shot by West Warwick police. The name of the woman was not learned.

The Maynard boy, attacked just after he had delivered evening pa-

pers at the home of Niles Morton, 12 Tobin Street, where the dog had been confined, ran into the home of John F. Nolan near by. Continuing later on his route the boy saw the dog again, this time on Youngs Avenue, and shortly afterward the police received a telephone call from residents of that street who were terrified when the dog jumped into the parked automobile.

Patrolman Rene Gosslin got the dog out of the automobile and as the dog jumped for him he shot the animal through the nose with his .38-calibre revolver. The shot failed to fell the dog which ran to Kenyon Street. Patrolmen Gosslin, Robert Beaudoin and Herve Vanasse, who had been sent to the scene in a scout car, cornered the dog on the Costa piazza, but failed in an attempt to lasso him. Patrolman Vanasse killed the dog with a shot through the head with his .45 automatic.

The Maynard boy was treated by his uncle, Dr. Jean Maynard, who said the wound was a superficial one.

Ubiquitous Archambault

Editor:

I, for one, am sick and tired of reading about Raoul Archambault Jr., in almost every issue of the Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin. I voted for him at the last election because the things he stated about the West Warwick Democratic Administration were true, not out of any love for Archambault himself. Now he has become overbearing. We read about him being in Central Falls, down in Warren, in East Providence, North Providence, almost every town in Rhode Island. Raoul Archambault hasn't the least interest in what goes on in those towns and cities but is merely using the happenings in those places as a means of publicity for himself.

The ironical part of it all is that if he had received the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor, he would never have done all he has. He stated in the Senate that he didn't want that nomination but merely announced his candidacy to get rid of Mullen and other Democrats. That's pure unadulterated bunk. He made a very active fight for that nomination, setting up a committee to obtain signatures, etc. He also tells veterans that "the world doesn't owe us a living, etc." then turns right around and wants the politicians to bow to him, merely because he was a veteran. Of over the 100,000 war veterans in Rhode Island, not one has attempted to capitalize on his war record as Raoul Archambault has.

ANOTHER VET WHO FOUGHT, TOO.
West Warwick, C. B. 4/25/47

Archambault's Idealism

Editor:

I have just finished reading B. P. E.'s letter of May 5 in defense of Raoul Archambault Jr., replying to my criticism of him published April 25. He (or she) seems to have missed entirely the point I was trying to stress. B. P. E. states: "If applying ideals is capitalizing on his war record, then more veterans should do it." He forgets entirely that it wasn't until after Archambault lost the Democratic nomination for lieutenant-governor that he became so "idealistic." The conditions he crusaded against existed just as much before he lost that nomination as they did after. Where were his "ideals" then? He was perfectly willing to go along with conditions as they are, provided he got the nomination for lieutenant-governor, but when he didn't get it he became a "crusader." A spiteful sore loser would be a more appropriate term.

As for capitalizing on his war record, it is obvious he is doing just that. Every speech he makes he manages to bring in remarks about his decorations, where he went, what he went through, etc. If he wants to mingle in politics, O. K., but let him do it on his merits as an intelligent, college-educated young man, not on his war ribbons. We're sick of that.

ANOTHER VET WHO FOUGHT, TOO.
West Warwick,

One Fire Force in W. Warwick Possible Under Amendment Allowing Appraisals

What the West Warwick administration has regarded as an obstacle to the establishment of a town fire department was removed by the General Assembly yesterday.

Passage in concurrence by the Senate of an amendment to the 1933 enabling act makes possible appraisal of district property.

The amendment, changing Section 6 of the act, was presented at the opening of the session by Rep. Luke Smith (R), of the Third District, and is held in the House Corporations Committee in spite of efforts of Smith, backed by the West Warwick Town Council and other representatives of the town.

After the Assembly went into recess, the Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce joined in the fight to get the measure out of committee and the Republican and Democratic Committees were requested to assist.

Five Fire Districts

There are five fire districts which provide fire protection in the town. Three of the five, Phenix, Natick and Arctic, overlap into neighboring communities. Two, Riverpoint and Crompton, are wholly within the town.

The Phenix fire district overlaps into Coventry, and until the current session of the General Assembly also extended into Cranston.

This session also enacted legislation that excludes Cranston (a small section in Arkwright) from the district. The Natick fire district extends to the East Natick and Westcott sections of the city of Warwick and the Arctic fire district includes a small part of the Centreville section of Warwick and a small area of the Bakerville section of Coventry.

No appropriation was ever voted to finance a town fire department until last year, when \$45,000 which was included in the general budget was earmarked town fire department. The outgoing Town Council entered into a contract for essential equipment required to set up a switchboard that would enable the

bringing of all circuits into a central location and the stringing of additional line that would tie in the various alarm systems as a first step in setting up the long-awaited town department. This administration was under Democratic control.

When the Republicans assumed office after the election last November, Judge Roland E. Meunier, the town solicitor, after a study of the enabling act, said that he believed the town could not make proper adjustment for any assets of districts overlapping into other towns until Section 6 had been amended.

Meunier also held that, because of the wording of the enabling act, he doubted that authority of the Town Council to authorize the expenditure of any money from the \$45,000 appropriation to satisfy the contract for electrical equipment amounting to some \$24,000.

He contended that one of the sections of the act makes a clear demarcation between money spent for capital outlay and money spent for maintenance, and that the resolution carrying the \$45,000 appropriation in town meeting was not worded in a manner that would meet the legal requirements.

Held Wording Faulty

The taxpayers at the financial town meeting last week passed a resolution authorizing the Town Council to pay the money due under this contract out of current revenue.

In another resolution, the town meeting set up a \$45,000 appropriation from surplus to finance the operation of a town fire department.

The Arctic fire district at an adjourned annual meeting offered to sell its assets to the town in a resolution adopted at the meeting for a token payment of \$10. The Town Council afterward expressed the hope that other districts would follow the example of Arctic and thus eliminate the necessity of a large capital outlay by the town in taking over apparatus, alarms systems, fire stations and other essentials to the functioning of a town department.

At a series of conferences instigated by the Town Council, various local district objections to a town department were ironed out, giving the Town Council a good background as to procedure when it felt it could exercise its authority to set up a town department.

Phenix Took No Action

The Phenix fire district at its annual meeting on the 5th of this month took no action relative to a town fire department, holding that it could not act until the enabling act had been amended and that since the enactment of the 1933 measure the district has complied with Section 6 by appointing and continuing in office an appraisal committee which at any time could function fully under this section. The Crompton fire district will hold its annual meeting next Monday night and the annual meetings of the Riverpoint and the Natick districts will be held next month.

Some of the administration leaders have brought pressure on the Board of Fire Underwriters to speed up a new survey of the town with recommendations in an effort to provide the groundwork for securing the lowest possible fire insurance rating for the entire town by inaugurating a department meeting the specifications of the underwriters.

With the enactment of the amendment to Section 6, the enabling act puts the Town Council in a position to open negotiations with the districts that overlap into other communities and will, many of the townspeople believe, speed up the establishment of the town department.

An amendment to Section 5 of the enabling act passed by the General Assembly last year and signed by the Governor eliminates the taxing power of the fire district in that it stipulates that when the Town Council sets up a fire department, no fire district can assess taxes in West Warwick except to liquidate indebtedness.

FIREWORKS SALE PERMITS VOIDED BY TOWN COUNCIL

West Warwick Recalls Permits Granted in Violation of State Statute

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The West Warwick Town Council, at a special meeting last night, rescinded action taken June 10 in granting licenses to sell fireworks, directed Chief of Police Gustav Olson to recall the licenses issued, and directed Mrs. Harold C. Knight, town treasurer, to refund fees of \$5 paid by five persons. Those who will receive refunds are:

Robert W. Souliere, 1047 Main Street; Gerard Laboissonniere, 1320 Main Street; Alfred P. Senerchia, 584 Providence Street; Henrio Rouselle, 177 Warwick Avenue, and Elie Goulet, New London Avenue.

The motion to rescind, to pick up the licenses and refund the license fees, was made by Councilman Norman E. Gillespie upon recommendation of Judge Roland E. Meunier, town solicitor, who said the provisions of Chapter 1130 of the Public Laws of 1942 prohibit the sale of virtually all fireworks.

Notified of State Law

Chief Olson, who was not present at the Council session last night, was notified Friday by Attorney General John H. Nolan that sale of fireworks would be illegal, under the chapter cited by Judge Meunier last night.

Town Clerk Romeo Maynard was directed to request in writing that the State Division of Roads and Bridges install neon warning signs on Cowesett Avenue, Crompton, similar to those on Quaker Lane.

Councilman Gillespie, in presenting the resolution, said that there had been an appreciable decrease in accidents on Quaker Lane since the neon warning signs had been put up on that heavily travelled highway, and that they should achieve the same result on Cowesett Avenue, scene of several serious accidents recently.

Ambulance for W. Warwick Given By Three Community Officials

West Warwick is going to have a town ambulance, it was learned yesterday. The ambulance has been donated to the town by Ernest LeFebvre, Town Council president, Town Solicitor Roland Meunier and Town Councilman Norman E. Gillespie.

Delivery of the ambulance which will be stationed at the West Warwick police station and will be in charge of that department of the town government, is expected the

latter part of this week or early next week.

Fully equipped with the latest in first aid material and equipment the ambulance will be available for all types of emergency calls including both accidents and home emergencies.

Although no definite program has been outlined as yet by the administration or the police department it is expected that the ambulance will be available for all residents of the town, without cost.

MERCHANTS TO MEET

Arctic Group Will Discuss Plans for New Parking Lot

The Arctic Merchants' Association will consider erecting directional signs to the new West Warwick parking lot at Curson and Payan Streets at a dinner meeting at the Log Cabin, Washington Street and Brookside Avenue.

The use of the lot has been donated to the town by its owner, Albert C. Coutu. Highway Commissioner Gaetano Lombardi supervised grading it and oil treating the surface.

Police Chief Gustav Olson will assign officers to direct diagonal parking on it Fridays and Saturdays. It is estimated that the lot will accommodate 150 cars.

Members of the Merchants' Association have suggested that the association's contribution to the co-operative enterprise, should be flood lights for the grounds and directional signs.

Another matter up for consideration will be provision of refuse containers to be placed on the business streets.

Committee Is Authorized to Negotiate For Sale of Natick District to Town

But Not Until Community Assures Area of Full Fire Protection

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Moderator Charles E. Patnaude was directed to appoint a committee of seven to negotiate the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Natick fire district with the town of West Warwick "when said town of West Warwick assures complete fire protection for the entire area of the present district both in West Warwick and Warwick," at the annual district meeting last night in the fire station on Providence Street.

Terms for the transfer will be submitted to the taxpayers of the Phoenix district for acceptance or rejection at an adjourned session of last night's meeting Sept. 3.

Patnaude assured representatives of the West Warwick town administration in attendance at the meeting that he would name the committee shortly.

The group, he said, will be ready to meet and discuss terms with representatives of the town at the convenience of the town administration. He said that he will make public the personnel of the committee as soon as it is named.

Officials Are Present

William J. Burns, clerk of the district, opened the discussion of the proposed West Warwick town fire department issue by announcing that Ernest E. Lefebvre, Town Council President; Norman E. Gillispie, councilman, and Judge Roland E. Meunier were in attendance by invitation of the executive committee.

Meunier, taking the floor by unanimous consent, said that West Warwick with \$21,000,000 of assessed property "has an antiquated system of fire protection". He contended that it is as illogical to have five fire districts provide fire protection as it would be to have five school districts or five police departments.

He asserted that the town administration is convinced that better protection can be afforded at no greater and possibly at less cost by a unified municipal department than by the district system. He predicted a reduction in fire insurance rates resulting from the formation of the town department.

He declared the plan is to have four stations manned by permanent men supplemented with call men. These stations are to be located at Arctic, Crompton, Lippitt or Clyde and Natick.

Problems Discussed

He revealed that the problem of affording protection to the Warwick section of the Natick district had been discussed with Mayor Albert P. Ruerat and with George B. Solter, president of the Warwick City Council. He said that arrangements had been worked out whereby West Warwick will provide protection from the present Natick station to the Warwick section of the district (East Natick, O'Donnell's Hill and a part of Westcott) until such time as the city of Warwick provides "adequate protection".

Vincenzo Santilli, Warwick City Council member from the eighth ward, which includes the Warwick section of the Natick fire district, expressed confidence that satisfactory plans can be worked out for providing adequate protection for the Warwick section of the district.

Few Details Remain

West Warwick Council President Lefebvre said that Councilman Gillespie and he had talked with Warwick officials and only a few details remained to be ironed out. He said that he could not disclose at this time what these details are.

Vincent Mailloux, terming the talks by Meunier and Lefebvre "vague," pressed for details and was joined by Patnaude. Lefebvre, Meunier and Gillespie said that an agreement would be worked out by the West Warwick council, the committee named by the district moderator and representatives of the city of Warwick that he believed would be satisfactory to all concerned.

Patnaude pressed for an assurance that the agreement would be such that what is regarded as "adequate" is acceptable to Warwick property holders of the district before they surrender their equity in the district property.

Opinions May Differ

He said that Warwick city officials think service by Apponaug or Greenwood departments would be adequate but that Warwick residents of the Natick district would not agree to this. Meunier warned that if West Warwick town officials did not want to be fair and just to the Warwick property holders they "can establish a town department tomorrow and provide service from Arctic to the West Warwick part of the Natick district."

The administration does not want to do this and feels satisfied that an agreement can be worked out that will protect the Warwick side of the district, he added.

Mailloux said that he believed an agreement could be made whereby the taxpayers in the Warwick sec-

tion of the district would accept fire protection from West Warwick in return for their equity in the asset of the district. Gillespie said that this was the basis for the negotiation with Warwick officials.

Anthony J. Amore, chief of the fire department and district tax collector opposed the transfers. He questioned the ability of West Warwick to provide fire protection for the entire town without increasing the tax rate.

It was at Meunier's suggestion that adjournment was taken to Sept. 3. He assured Patnaude that the committee and the representatives of the town can work out a plan by that time to be submitted to the Natick district taxpayers for acceptance or rejection.

District Fire Officers Are Named at Annual Ses- sion for District

Provisions for continued functioning of the Natick fire district were made at the annual meeting last night. A full set of officers was elected, usual appropriations were voted and the tax rate was continued at 30 cents on the \$100 valuation.

In the absence of Rep. Gerard DiFiore of the First West Warwick assembly district, the outgoing moderator clerk, William J. Burns, convened the meeting at 8 o'clock and read the call.

Charles E. Patnaude, elected moderator protem, was later elected full term moderator. He is a resident of the Warwick section of the district. The reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting was dispensed with.

Officers elected in addition to Patnaude were, clerk, William J. Burns; treasurer, Luigi Senerchia; tax collector and chief of the fire department, Anthony J. Amore; executive committeemen at large, Frank Giorgio, Vincent Mailloux, Louis A. Healy; tax assessors, Owen T. Martin, Giuseppe Davide, Ralph Cipolla; auditing committee, Charles W. Littlefield, Benedetto Lautieri, Henry Pelletier; first assistant chief, Joseph DiCarlo; second assistant chief, Carmine Maglioli; members of the department, Jerry DiChristoforo, Frank Caniglia, Tony Gazzero, George Gagnon, Aldric Mailloux, Henry Duhaime, Joseph Soccio, Alfred DiCarlo, Aldric Petrarca, John Ucci, William Kuniss, Norman Pepin, Alfred Caniglia, Frank Parente, Tony D'Ambrosca, James Longo, Vincent Gazzero, Norman Palazzo, Norman Boyer, Anthony M. Amore and Nick Ucci.

Appropriations totalling \$5900 voted were, hydrant rental \$3000; interest \$400; payment on notes, \$500; insurance, \$400; salaries of officers and firemen and miscellaneous expenses, \$1600.

The tax collector was empowered to hire an attorney to force payment of delinquent taxes and the treasurer was directed to pay court and sheriff's fees. The treasurer was authorized to renew notes, hire money on district notes and also to hire not more than \$15,000 on district tax anticipation notes.

The executive committee was empowered to transfer funds from one appropriation to another. Provision was made for pro rata reimbursement to Warwick taxpayers of the district from money paid the district by the City of Warwick for hydrant rental.

The moderator appointed Chief Amore, Clerk Burns and William Moreau a committee to confer with superintendent Arthur Lavalley of the Pawtuxet Valley Water Company, relative to the extension of mains and the installations of hydrants along the Bald Hill Road.

The annual report of the treasurer which was accepted showed receipts of \$8472.30 expenditures of \$4563.17 and a balance of \$3909.13 and a note indebtedness of \$6000. The annual report of the tax collector showed a property valuation of \$1,436,705 in West Warwick and \$1,020,140 in Warwick. The tax in West Warwick to be collected was \$4304.88 and in Warwick \$3057.04. The total valuation of the district is \$2,456,845 and the total tax to be collected was \$7361.92. The amount collected was \$6804.49. The board of fire wardens reported that the department responded to 42 calls during the year.

Town Ambulance Ready For Service Today at 8 A. M. in W. Warwick

The West Warwick town ambulance will be in service today beginning at 8 a. m. It was delivered at the police station last night by Arctic Fire Chief Lionel P. Gareau who directed the refitting of it.

The police department will be in charge of assignments of its use to the five fire departments in the town, for its own cases and at the call of any physician practicing in the town.

Instruction was given several of the patrolmen at the police station last night in the handling of patients and in the operation of the ambulance by Fire Chief Gareau and by Waldo Whaley a member of the Scituate Town Council and of the Hope-Jackson fire department ambulance crew.

The police department will be in charge of the ambulance until a town fire department is established.

Looking Over West Warwick's New Ambulance



READY TO MAN THE NEW AMBULANCE in West Warwick, Corporal Alexander Golembek and Patrolman Robert Beaudin are loading a stretcher. Ambulance is fully equipped with first aid material and an inhalator. It has stretchers and a rolling emergency couch.

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ATHLETIC FIELD CHANGES VIEWED

Preliminary Survey Held at
West Warwick Site by
Town Officials

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Extensive remodeling of the West Warwick Athletic Field to include bleachers was discussed in a preliminary survey of the field yesterday morning.

Gerard Theroux, school committeeman and Gilbert Hayes, Chief of Police Gustav Olson, High School Principal Francis Mullen and Athletic Director John McCarthy made the survey.

Tentative plans discussed yesterday would include the replacing of the football field to insure better care of the baseball diamond.

Included in the discussion was a bleacher to seat 700 people and to be placed at the lower end of the field and run parallel with the new football field.

All plans discussed yesterday were tentative pending an investigation of costs and a survey of the plat.

A major point in yesterday's discussion was the matter of cost for the project. It was thought by some on the scene that co-operation of town departments would be a large factor in cutting down the costs.

A major interest in replacing the field according to the school officials would be to preserve the playing surface of the baseball diamond.

During the football season, the present location of the gridiron makes it possible for spectators to walk on the infield. The travel causes considerable damage to the infield.

If the plans of the school officials and Chief Olson are adopted, the infield will be resod and graded this fall.

It would then be fenced in and in the Spring final touches would be made to get it ready for the next baseball season.

Possibilities of extensive use of the field for semi-pro and amateur football in the Fall are forecast by plans now being made in various sporting circles of the Pawtuxet Valley.

The field is now used each night of the week and on Sundays for baseball games.

The project for the remodeling of the field has been under discussion for several weeks but yesterday's meeting and survey of the field by the school officials was the first concrete evidence that something may be done.

Fire Wardens Authorized To Sell District Property

Riverpoint Taxpayers Limit Transfer to Tangible
Personal Property, Make It Contingent Upon
Creation of West Warwick Town Fire Force

The Board of Fire Wardens of the Riverpoint fire district was given full authority at the annual district meeting last night to negotiate the sale and transfer to the Town of West Warwick "all of the district's tangible personal property, but not including the district's real estate", when the Town Council "shall by a vote have established a town fire department."

The resolution, as presented by Col. Patrick H. Quinn, authorized the Board of Fire Wardens to sell or transfer "personal property" of the district. Francis W. Conlan, secretary of the board amended it by inserting the word "tangible" before the words "personal property." This was construed as excluding intangible personal property of the district from transfer to the town including a cash balance estimated at in excess of \$10,000 and collectible unpaid taxes totalling approximately \$2000 more.

No Tax Assessed

For the second consecutive year the district did not assess a tax. It was the sense of the meeting, attended by about 35 property owners, that the substantial cash balance and the imminence of establishment of a town department precluded the necessity of assessing a tax.

Colonel Quinn said the Riverpoint district was the first to go on record in favor of a town fire department; that it was the first to make a move in that direction by proposing a merger with the Arctic fire district several years ago, and that it was the only district in the town that "kept faith" with taxpayers by assessing no district tax after the town of West Warwick had increased the town tax rate sufficiently to provide \$45,000, the amount estimated by several of the district fire chiefs as sufficient to finance a town department at its inception. He recalled that the Arctic district had

turned down the proposal to merge with Riverpoint and that, following this refusal, the Riverpoint district, which then did not have as "good equipment as it has now," arranged with the Arctic district to pay for service the Arctic department might give when its assistance was needed in fighting fires in the Riverpoint district.

Cash Balance Discussed

During the discussion as to what would be done with the cash balance in the district treasury when the town sets up a town department, Daniel R. McIver suggested that the money be put in escrow for the benefit of the "boys of the fire department." This brought from Colonel Quinn the remark "I take it that Mr. McIver would have the Riverpoint fire district build a fire station for the town department."

McIver made no reply, whereupon Colonel Quinn related what the Riverpoint district had done to bring about the establishment of a town department. He said he did not believe the town would establish its main fire station in Riverpoint, but that the main station would be near Columbus Square, Arctic.

He recalled that the town administration that failed of re-election had planned to use the town hall garage on Pike Street as a station in the town department for the Riverpoint section of the town, and suggested that the present town regime might easily make the town hall garage available for the Riverpoint department, until the town department is established. All that would be necessary would be to transfer the school department bus and other town-owned motorized equipment to the town garage in the rear of the Junior high school, he declared. He said the town hall garage on Pike Street could be fitted up to house apparatus on the street floor, with sleeping quarters and recreation rooms for the firemen on the second floor.

Mass Class B License Suspension Discussed at Gillespie Banquet

Supreme Court Decision Against West Warwick Council Would Set Precedent for Future Complaints, Meunier Says; Hits at De Ciantis

A Supreme Court decision against the West Warwick Town Council, which last week suspended licenses of six Class B liquor dealers in the town, would establish a precedent for future complaints, Town Solicitor Roland E. Meunier said yesterday. The six dealers, through their attorneys, have requested the hearing as a result of Town Council action. It is scheduled for Wednesday.

Meunier, one of several speakers at a testimonial banquet for Councilman Norman E. Gillespie to discuss the mass license suspension declared, "We do not need the dirt and filth that has existed in this town for many years."

Hitting at Michael DeCiantis, Democratic candidate for State senator at the last election and one of the attorneys representing the liquor dealers, he asked, "Where has he been while these conditions have been going on?"

The banquet was held in Falcon Hall, Crompton. More than 100 persons attended.

State Senator Raoul Archambault was the toastmaster and introduced the speakers. Also heard were: Vin-

cent C. James, president of the Young Republicans of Rhode Island; Ernest Lefebvre, president of the West Warwick Town Council; Town Councilman Boleslaw Zelazny, Town Councilman Daniel Petrarca, Manuel Walczak, president of the Crompton P. N. A., George Smith, commander of the Crompton Veterans Association.

Introduced to the gathering were: Highway Commissioner Gacteno Lombardi, Dr. Walter Jusczyk, former Chief of Police Josephat Herbert, Police Chief Gustaf Olson, Carl Olson, a brother of the present police chief and Frank Brzozka of the Crompton Veterans.

The guest of honor was presented a mahogany desk by Senator Archambault on behalf of the gathering, and made appropriate remarks. Group singing was led by Wilton P. Hudson. The invocation was given by the Rev. George Andrews Jr.

Seated at the head table were Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, Town Solicitor and Mrs. Meunier, Town Council President and Mrs. Ernest Lefebvre, Senator Archambault, Commander Smith, and Mr. James.

HIGH COURT GRANTS REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S LIQUOR SUSPENSIONS

Orders Full Hearing March 21 on Petition of Four Licensees to Quash Town's Action

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A full hearing March 21 on the petition of proprietors of three cafes and a club seeking to quash the West Warwick Town Council's suspension of their class B liquor licenses was ordered by the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon.

Chief Justice Edmund W. Flynn announced the court's decision to hold the hearing, following a recess taken after arguments were presented by Michael DeCiantis, counsel for the licensees, and Town Solicitor Roland E. Meunier for the Council.

A stay of the suspensions will remain in effect pending the hearing. Alfred Burton, proprietor of the White Front Cafe, 1304 Main Street, West Warwick, who had joined in the petition, withdrew yesterday. Remaining petitioners are James Ruzzo, Ruzzo's Cafe, 59-61 Brookside Avenue; Leonardo Penardo, Royal Cafe, Washington Street; Guido Vardella, 7-11 Club, Crawford Street, and Joseph Lombardi, Modern Cafe, 181 Washington Street.

Chief Justice Flynn suggested the hearing be held in one week, but the March 21 date was finally selected, with Meunier's approval, because DeCiantis is going to Bermuda on a 10-day vacation tomorrow. Meanwhile the licensees' case will be prepared by associate counsel, Charles J. Bourgault and Harry F. McKanna.

Calls Procedure Normal

A review is sought of the Town Council's action Feb. 26 in suspending the liquor licenses after notifying the holders to appear at a special meeting where charges were presented by Police Chief Gustaf Olson. It is contended the action was null and void because the licensees were given no hearing to defend themselves.

Contending the licensees were not entitled to a hearing, Meunier told the Court that the West Warwick Town Council is a new one and is following the procedure of other local boards. If the Town Council is wrong, he said, every local board is wrong.

Although the law does not provide for an appeal from liquor license suspensions, but only from revocations, DeCiantis insisted the licensees were entitled either to a review of the Town Council's action or to a hearing before that body, which sits as a licensing board and as such took the action Feb. 26.

DeCiantis quoted the State liquor control administrator as holding that the question of the suspensions could not come before him because the law did not provide for an appeal, and as advising that the question might be decided by "a court." "We feel we have a remedy somewhere," the attorney said.

Selling to Minors Charged

Meunier said the Town Council's procedure was in accordance with the provisions of the liquor laws. He said the charges were read individually to each licensee by the police chief, and each was asked by the Town Council president what he had to say regarding the complaints.

The charges were selling liquor to minors and staying open after hours, Meunier said, but the licensees denied any knowledge of the violations.

It seemed to be the intention of the legislature, Meunier said, not to provide for an appeal on a minor issue that only involves an internal question and the supervision of licensees.

Referring to the 16-day suspension of the licenses as "trivial," Meunier said the law does not require any set form of notice, or make any provision for appealing a suspension.

Justice Francis B. Condon caught at Meunier's use of the word "trivial," and asked him if he meant a man could not be damaged by such a suspension of his license. Meunier replied that was not the stand he was taking. Justice Condon then asked him "where does this thing stop?" suspensions not being limited.

Meunier said he had thought about it a good deal, but it must be understood the procedure was that of most local boards. Justice Condon said it was all right if it was legal, and that was "what we have got to find out."

Contents Hearing Held

The Town Solicitor agreed with him that if a business was earning a substantial revenue, a 2-week suspension of the license might not only amount to punishment but also a substantial fine.

Meunier then contended that there was a hearing before the Council, sitting as a local board, and said the statute made no provision for the length of notice to be given. He said that when the licensees were notified at 4 p. m. to appear at a meeting at 8 o'clock, they had four hours to secure counsel if they wished.

"Assuming they had a right to a hearing, are you going to defend that as a good notice and ample protection for the licensees?" asked Justice Condon. "As a lawyer, do you say that was full protection for the licensee?"

"I couldn't say it was, as a lawyer, if he anticipated putting in a defense," replied Meunier.

Justice Antonio A. Capotosto asked how a licensee would know what defense to prepare if he did not know what the charges were.

"How could a man, within four hours, without knowledge of the charges, determine what he should or should not do?" inquired the Justice. Meunier agreed it would be "pretty difficult."

"What you contend is that no no-

tice was required?" asked Justice Hugh B. Baker, and Meunier agreed. "Is that the kind of a hearing the law provides for?" spoke up Justice Condon. "I want to know if you consider that a good hearing in law."

"Under the present law, I think it was, your Honor," Meunier replied.

Council "Tried to Do Right"

The town solicitor said he understood that some local boards "take the licenses off the wall," but inasmuch as it is a matter of two or three days, the issue doesn't reach the court. He said it must be assumed that the Town Council was trying to do the right thing by the licensees. It tried to give them the opportunity to say something and listened to them, he said.

He said each licensee was given ample opportunity to talk about the charges, and the complaint was gone into "long before the meeting." While the licensees had no attorney they "must have known" about the charges, he said.

Meunier maintained that it was in only cases of long suspensions, and not in those of "reasonable" suspensions, that licensees were entitled to a review. Commented Justice Baker: "We're getting into a little difficulty in measuring days."

In announcing the court's decision to hold the full hearing, Chief Justice Flynn suggested it should be arranged promptly, due to the stay now in effect. Meunier at first objected to more than the one-week-off date suggested by the court, but finally said he was "willing to go along" with DeCiantis' proposal of March 21.

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CAFE AND CLUB OWNERS WILL BE GIVEN HEARING

March 21 Set for Testimony in Action Brought by West Warwick Proprietors to Disqualify Town Council's Suspension of Class B Liquor Licenses.

The proprietors of three cafes and a club who seek to disqualify the West Warwick Town Council's recent suspension of their Class B liquor licenses, will be

granted a full hearing March 21, according to an order handed down yesterday by the Supreme Court of Rhode Island.

The action came about as a result of suspensions handed out by the West Warwick Town Council at a special meeting February 26, at which the proprietors of six Class B liquor houses were ordered to close for periods ranging from 10 to 16 days, and one virtually establishment was suspended for 60 days. The council ordered the suspensions on recommendations submitted by Chief of Police Gustaf Olson.

Writ of Certiorari

Two days later, Michael DeCiantis, attorney for the group under suspension, filed a petition for a writ of certiorari with the Supreme Court against the West Warwick Town Council, sitting as a licensing board, charging the council with not having given the petitioners a hearing at the time the suspensions were ordered.

A stay of suspension was obtained at that time, until March 5, and following yesterday's hearing the stay was continued in effect until the full hearing slated for March 21. Chief Justice Edmund W. Flynn announced the court's decision to hold the hearing March 21 on approval of counsel for both sides, because DeCiantis is scheduled to leave tomorrow on a 10-day vacation trip to Bermuda. Meanwhile the licensees' case will be prepared by associate counsel, Charles J. Bourgault and Harry F. McKanna.

A review of the Town Council's action of Feb. 26 in suspending the licenses is sought by the licensees' on the grounds that the action is null and void because the licensees' were not given a proper hearing to defend themselves.

Following Procedure

Town Solicitor Roland E. Meunier, defending the council, pointed out in rebuttal it was his contention that the licensees' were not entitled to a hearing. He based his assertion on the point that the West Warwick Town Council is a new one and is following the procedure of other local boards.

Meunier said that if the West Warwick Town Council is wrong, then every other board is wrong also.

In spite of the fact that the law does not provide for an appeal from liquor license suspensions, but only from revocations, DeCiantis stressed that the licensees' were entitled to either a review of the Town Council's action or to a hearing before that board which sits as a licensing body.

Meunier contended that the charges brought against the suspended establishments was on the grounds of selling liquor to minors and staying open after closing hours, but that the licensees denied any knowledge of the violations. Meunier also told the court that the council's action was in accordance with the provisions of the liquor laws, and that charges were read individually to each licensee by the chief of police.

Each Licensee Questioned

Solicitor Meunier pointed out that each licensee was asked by Council President Ernest Lefebvre what he had to say on the complaints.

The establishments affected by the suspensions now includes Ruzzo's Cafe, Brookside avenue; Royal Cafe, Washington street; 7-11 Club, Crawford street, and Modern Cafe, Washington street.

Alfred Burton, proprietor of the White Front Cafe at 1304 Main street, West Warwick, withdrew from the fight. A motion of Burton that he be granted leave to withdraw as a party petitioner was granted.

Court Promises Promptness In Suspended Licenses Case

Supreme Bench Says Decision on Four West Warwick Suspensions Forthcoming Soon; DeCiantis Argues There Should Have Been a Hearing

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Promising a prompt decision, the State Supreme Court yesterday took under advisement the petition of proprietors of four West Warwick liquor establishments that the Court quash action of the Town Council last Feb. 26 in ordering their Class B licenses suspended for 16 days. The suspensions have been stayed by the court proceedings.

A highlight of the 2-hour hearing was the admission of attorneys for the town that the licensees were given no "legal hearing" at the meeting at which the suspensions were meted out. They contended that such a hearing, at which the proprietors would be given full opportunity to defend themselves against charges, was not required.

Local licensing authorities, they claimed, have "arbitrary" power to suspend licenses if they are satisfied that violations have occurred.

Michael DeCiantis, representing the four petitioners, argued that they were entitled to proper notice and a full hearing just as if the town had been moving to revoke the licenses instead of merely suspending them.

Given No Hearing

At the hearing, he stressed, the police chief merely made an oral statement that the petitioners had violated the law, and "no hearing was conducted by the Council and none of your petitioners was afforded an opportunity to refute the statements of the chief of police."

He said the various proprietors had received notices to appear, at the hearing that afternoon but were not told by the summons-serving policemen what the reason was.

The petitioners are James Ruzzo, Ruzzo's Cafe, 58-61 Brookside Avenue; Leonardo Penardo, Royal Cafe, Washington Street; Guido Nardella, 7-11 Club, Crawford Street, and Joseph Lombardi, Modern Cafe, 181 Washington Street.

Edward Winsor of Edwards & Angell argued the town's case yesterday, assisted by Charles P. Williamson of the same law firm and Town Solicitor Roland E. Meunier. The courtroom was almost filled with litigants and spectators.

Says No Need for Hearing

Winsor argued that under the law there is no requirement for a personal hearing prior to suspension of a Class B license by a local licensing board. He said the Supreme Court has recognized the wide discretion granted such boards to preserve the health and morals of their communities and the summary action by them has been considered necessary by the legislature.

He contended that in the West Warwick case all that was needed

was for the Council to be satisfied, from the investigations of the police department, that there had been infractions by the licensees, who have been charged variously with doing business after legal hours or selling to minors.

Local Board Held Absolute

Noting that the law provides no appeal from the action of a local licensing board in suspending a license, although it does provide an appeal in the case of a revocation, Winsor said:

"By such action the legislature clearly intended to give the local licensing board complete discretion on the cases involving a suspension, and, further, to make its decision on such cases final.

"The legislature's action was unquestionably based on the knowledge that these local licensing bodies were the elected representatives of the people who were familiar with local conditions and on the belief that such summary action was necessary in matters affecting the public health and morals.

"In West Warwick, the Town Council acts as the local licensing board. It has issued no rules and regulations requiring any notice or hearing to be given to a licensee accused of violation of the law.

"As early as November, 1946, it had knowledge of alleged violations of the liquor laws by each of the petitioners; these alleged violations were investigated by the proper officials, the local police. When the investigations were made and the violations continued, the Town Council properly authorized the Chief of Police to summon the petitioners before it."

DeCiantis Criticizes Procedure

DeCiantis argued that the licenses could be suspended only "for cause" and that whether cause existed could be established only at a legal hearing. He contended, further, that the licensees should have been given notice in writing of the charges against them so that they could prepare a defense.

He stressed the great value of the licenses to the petitioners and said if the court should hold that it was proper for a local board to suspend them for 16 days without a hearing, then there would be nothing to prevent their being suspended for 10 months.

To permit this, he said, would make it possible "to ruin a man and his

family in a moment."

He contended that the town's action was arbitrary and that the licensees were entitled to a hearing before their licenses were suspended.

Supreme Court Order Lifts Suspensions of 4 Licenses

West Warwick Council Action Found Illegal

Liquor Cases Action Voided

Four West Warwick Licensees Win Fight; Court Sounds Warning

Orders of the West Warwick Town Council suspending Class B liquor licenses of three cafes and a club were quashed by the Rhode Island Supreme Court today, but license-holders were warned that their demands for hearings could lead to revocation of their licenses if they are found guilty of charges brought against them.

"Since, in the instant cause, the petitioners *** have refused to accept suspension of their licenses and are insisting upon their rights to a hearing, in accordance with law; and since respondents expressly admit that the proceeding of Feb. 26, 1947, was not such a hearing, we must hold that each order suspending the license of each petitioner for 16 days, to take effect March 1, 1947, at 1 a. m. is illegal," Justice Francis B. Condon stated in the opinion filed for the Supreme Court today.

The court order lifts Town Council suspensions against James Ruzzo, Ruzzo's Cafe, 58-61 Brookside Avenue; Leonardo Penardo, Royal Cafe, Washington Street; Guido Nardella, 7-11 Club, Crawford Street, and Joseph Lombardi, Modern Cafe, 181 Washington Street, all of West Warwick.

"Under this construction of the local board's power to suspend a license, there can never be an order of suspension after a hearing by the local board. Hence there is no room for an appeal, and the legislature quite properly provided none."

Denying contentions that such an interpretation would tend to defeat local law enforcement, Justice Condon wrote that "the declared purpose of the statute will be given effect with justice to the licensee and without any favor to him."

"When he is charged with a violation of the law," Justice Condon

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wrote, "and is informed that his license is to be suspended because of such violation, he may accept the suspension or demand a hearing, but if, after hearing, he is found guilty, his license will not be suspended but will be revoked."

"Should he then appeal to the liquor control administrator, such appeal does not suspend the local board's order of revocation pending the appeal, unless the administrator shall so order. * * *

"Thus by declining to accept a suspension and demanding a hearing, the licensee stakes his license on the outcome of the hearing. Surely a construction that leads to such a result cannot fairly be said to favor the licensee or to impede the due administration of the statute in the protection of temperance and for the reasonable control of the traffic in alcoholic beverages."

Michael DeCiantis represented the license holders in their appeal to the Supreme Court. Edward Winsor of Edwards & Angell argued the case for the town of West Warwick, assisted by Charles P. Williamson of the same firm and Town Solicitor Roland E. Meunier.

Because the license holders had based their fight against a 16-day suspension largely on their contention they had not been granted a hearing on charges for which their licenses were to be suspended, State-wide interest of liquor license holders centered on the Supreme Court's clarification of the law as it relates to hearings in such cases.

"In the nature of things the power of suspension, if properly used, would normally result in an order of suspension of the license for a brief period on account of minor infractions of the law or of other conditions of the license," Justice Condon wrote in his opinion.

Duty to Revoke License

"Ordinarily such action would not be contested by the licensees, who, for practical reasons, would not demand a hearing, and so the board's action in such case would be accepted as final.

"However, in a case where the licensee contested the charges against him and demanded a hearing, no order of suspension could be made, at any rate by the local board, because, if it found the charges proved, it would be its duty, under G. L. 1938, Chapter 163, Section 10, to revoke the licensee's license.

"Thus, by resisting a suspension of his license and demanding a hearing by the board, the licensee runs the risk of the revocation of his license. But from such an order he may appeal to the liquor control administrator.

Lifts
Licenses

OBJECTIONS MARK TAXICAB HEARING

Two Warwick Firms Battle for Privilege of Providing Expanded Service

Warwick Office, Telephone 3291 Post Rd., Apponaug (Greenwood 1000)

Applications of Ernest E. Borden, invalided war veteran of 27 West Shore Road, for permission to operate two additional taxicabs and of Richard C. Zickendath, Francis J. and John G. Gossage, partners in a public livery car business, to operate three taxicabs were taken under advisement yesterday after public hearings before Deputy Public Utility Administrator George A. McLaughlin.

Borden, who operates as the Airport Taxi, opposed the application of the other three men, saying the granting of their application would put him out of a business in which he has nearly \$5000 invested.

Zickendath, a former driver for Borden, opposed the granting of Borden's application, answering in the negative when he was asked whether he thought Borden was fit, willing and able to operate additional taxi service in Warwick.

Carl M. Grantmeyer of 2171 West Shore Road, who operates a cab and bus business, said he saw no necessity for additional taxicabs in Warwick if the administrator grants Borden's application. He opposed the application of Zickendath and the Gossage brothers, but said he had no objection to Borden's.

Borden, who was represented by Michael DiCiantis, declared his business at the State airport constituted the biggest part of his service, and said that his local calls averaged only three or four a day.

Zickendath, on the other hand, said that most of the business of the livery car partnership came from local calls. In answer to a question by McLaughlin, he declared that if granted a taxi certificate the partnership expected to operate from the airport as well as from Hoxsie Four Corners and possibly from Pawtuxet, Lakewood and Norwood.

He testified that he drove for Borden from last July to January and that when Borden went to the hospital in November, he left instructions that the airport trade was to be taken care of first and local service after that. Borden declared that when he went to the hospital he placed the business in Zickendath's hands, that business fell off, that considerable "dead" mileage accumulated and that Zickendath took a cab to Maine. The last accusation, Zickendath denied, saying he did not go to Maine.

John G. Gossage, who holds a Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal, told how the livery service had been built up from one car in February to three at the present time.

The hearing was marked by several sharp clashes between DiCiantis and Fergus J. McOsker, counsel for Zickendath and the Gossages.

John H. Walsh of 1579 Warwick Avenue told how Borden used to operate his taxi business from his (Walsh's) gasoline station at Hoxsie Four Corners. Walsh said he thought there was a need for more taxicab service in Warwick, but opposed Borden's application on the ground that past experience had shown Borden took more care of the airport business than of local trade.

Francis J. Charland, 60 Oppen Avenue, Conimicut, opposed granting of the license, saying Borden had made the statement that he was not interested in 35-cent cab fares when he could get \$1.50 at the airport.

Witnesses who appeared for Borden included William R. Warburton Jr., Warren P. Curtis, Howard Mallory and Albert Hughes.

Opposing Borden's application, but expressing the opinion that there should be more cab service in Warwick for local residents were Fred Gilbert, Henry and Jessie Fournier, Mrs. Ethel Feldon, Katherine Baker and Agnes V. Bowers.

Democratic Leaders Blame Congress for Living Costs

West Warwick Democratic Workers and Friends Hear Governor Pastore, Mrs. Sullivan and Mullen Speak at Clambake

Pawtuxet Valley Office, Telephone 15 Washington Street, Valley 0570—Arctic 0182

Addressing about 800 West Warwick Democratic leaders, workers and friends yesterday afternoon at the Club 400, Natick, Governor John O. Pastore, State Chairman John E. Mullen and Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, national committeewoman, blamed the Republican-controlled Congress for increased living costs. The remedy, all three declared, lies in restoration of full Democratic control of the national government. Col. Patrick H. Quinn, chairman of the West Warwick Democratic Town Committee, which sponsored the annual party clambake, presided.

The three speakers urged all in the gathering to register at once and do their utmost to get all of the members of their families and their friends to do likewise. Mrs. Sullivan, in according high praise to the West Warwick Women's Democratic club for its efforts for party success, said that the members of the club, uniting their efforts with other groups comprising the party organization, will bring about a record registration. She expressed confidence that the reverse the party suffered in the town in the last election will be overcome at the next election.

Because of the heavy rain the sports program was abandoned.

Members of the general committee in addition to Colonel Quinn follow:

Former Police Chief William Mailloux, James Scully, Dr. M. Irene Guertin, Deputy Sheriff Alfred Richard, Michael DeCiantis, Harry McKenna, Charles J. Bourgauf, Tax Assessor, Omer De Tonnancourt, Henry Theroux, John J. Flynn, Joseph O. Laurence, Domenico Colardo, Augustus Kraus, Antonio Correira, Antonio Chadinha, Peter Pojda, Michael Ruzzo.

The reception committee included: Fulda Geoffroy, John Gallucci, Hervey Niquette, Albert St. Armand, Michael Rossi, Oswald Lefebvre, Raymond Miller, Manuel Mello, Mrs. Anna Pepin, Mrs. Lillian Miller, Mrs. Floriane Grosjean, Mrs. Agnes Blanchet, Mrs. Agnes Mailloux, Mrs. Arline Hill, Mrs. Patrick H. Quinn, Mrs. Hervey Niquette, Mrs. Violet Brousseau, Mrs. Ernest LeBeau, Mrs. Claire Richard, Mrs. Dorius Valliere, Mrs. Alice Morin, Mrs. Henry Pettit, Mrs. Frank Coyle, Mrs. John J. Flynn, Mrs. Alfred Richard, Mrs. Francis X. Kennedy, Mrs. Mary Lague, Mrs. Gerard DiFiore, Mrs. Manuel Mello, Mrs. Henry Petrarca, Mrs. Margaret Champagne, Mrs. Dorothy DeCiantis, Mrs. Mabel Gebler, Mrs. Rose Groleau, Mrs. Josephine Nadeau, Mrs. Fulda Geoffroy, Mrs. Frank Magiera, Miss Madeline Duffy, Mrs. Ceila Popinski and Mrs. William Smith.

Members of the sports committee were: Arthur Groleau, Vincent Lukowicz, Lionel

Raboin, Emanuel Kindle, William Canaan, John Kindle, Lorenzo Bergeron, Benedetto Lauteri, Arthur F. Johnson, Raymond Krupa, Felix Szarek, Leon Boudreau, Aime Grosjean, Frank Prsywara, Frank Urban, Michael Ruzzo.

Those in charge of refreshments were: James Lamb, Rep. Ulysses Laroche, Nahin Canaan, Vincent Lamb, Stanislas Maznicki, John McGill and Hermenegilde Nadeau. The publicity committee included Rep. Gerard DiFiore, John Gallucci, Theodore Gouard, Wilfred Pepin, Edward Atkinson, Henry Theroux, Oswald Lefebvre, and James Brennan. Members of the ticket committee were: Henry F. Miller Jr., Henry Petrarca, Edward Jalbert, Arthur Vanasse, James Lamb, Helidore Picard, Leo Ritchotte, Joseph Pontarelli, Frank Giorgio, Alexander LaRose, Telford Lefebvre, Thomas Flynn, Edwin Osterlund and Louis Boudreau.

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Arctic Fire District Taxpayers May Find Hall a Little Crowded

Meeting Called Tonight at Turcotte Building to Discuss Turning Over Property to West Warwick; Scouts Meet Same Place, Same Time

Taxpayers of the Arctic Fire District appear to be in for a surprise when they meet tonight to discuss turning over the district's equipment and property to the town of West Warwick for the proposed town fire department.

Although the meeting call announced that the session would be held at Turcott Hall, Arctic, Alfred M. Beaulieu, owner of the hall, said last night that the taxpayers would find the hall full of Boy Scouts tonight.

"Nobody has made any arrangements with me about using the hall for a fire district meeting," Beaulieu said. "The Boy Scouts have been meeting there every Monday night."

Frank Kostecki, clerk of the Arctic Fire District, last night said he presumed that the hall had been hired, but denied that the responsibility of hiring the hall lay with him. Michael DeCiantis, legal adviser to the district, who last week made public a 4-page release attacking the legality of holding such a meeting, took an equally dispassionate view of the Turcott Hall problem.

"It's news to me," he said. "I don't know where they are going to meet. I've done my best to straighten the

fire district out," he continued, "but it looks as if it's no use."

Only one ray of hope seemed to exist last night for the impending meeting. Beaulieu admitted that, if approached at the last minute, he could make room for the fire district meeting by moving the Boy Scouts down to the basement.

Among district taxpayers, the dominant sentiment seemed to be the old retort, "Go hire a hall!"

VERDICT WITHHELD IN KERR PETITION

Counsel to File Briefs in Case

of Ex-GI Seeking Former
Job or Equivalent

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Apponaug }

Decision was withheld and attorneys were directed to submit briefs when a hearing on the writ of mandamus petition of Irwin J. Kerr of West Warwick against the Westover Fabrics, Inc., of Arctic, was concluded in Kent County Superior Court, East Greenwich, yesterday.

In summing up, Michael DeCiantis, counsel for Kerr, said his client is entitled to a supervisory post in the preparatory department of the woolen plant, comparable to the job which he held there at the time of his induction into the service in 1944, and which he charges the Westover firm has denied him since, contrary to a 1943 law requiring reinstatement of veterans to their former positions or jobs of similar seniority, status and pay.

Thomas Quinn, appearing with Col. Patrick H. Quinn as counsel for the Westover firm, argued that a spinning division which was indirectly responsible for raising Kerr from a slasher-tender to a slasher second-hand or sub-foreman has been eliminated and that the position held by the petitioner when he entered service no longer exists.

It was brought out during the hearing that a compromise whereby Kerr would receive a slasher-tender's job was tentatively agreed upon by counsel after the petition was filed, but that Kerr declined to accept the post, which DeCiantis declared to be not of like seniority, status or pay, as guaranteed returning veterans under the statute. He held that an adverse ruling in the case in point, on the evidence, would prove detrimental to chances of future returning servicemen to regain their jobs.

Council Will Discuss Acquisition Of Fire Districts' Assets Tonight

West Warwick Body and Appraisal Committee of
Phenix Group to Hold First of Series of
Conferences to Obtain Definite Data

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Arctic } 0182

Terms whereby the town of West Warwick may acquire such of the assets of four of the five fire districts in the town it may need in setting up a municipal fire department will be discussed tonight by the Town Council and the appraisal committee of the Phenix Fire District. The conference will be held in the Town Hall.

It will be the first in a series to secure authentic definite data upon which the council can base its plans for organizing a town fire department. It was arranged by Councilman Norman E. Gillespie. Members of the appraisal committee of the Phenix fire district, all taxpayers in the Harris section of the district which is in the town of Coventry, are J. Banford Bennett, J. Frank Morrissey and Harold A. Campbell.

Because the Arctic fire district, at an adjourned session of its annual meeting voted to turn over all of its

assets to the town for a token payment of \$10, both district and town officials have stated that they consider a conference concerning the Arctic district unnecessary.

The Riverpoint fire district, at its annual meeting Monday night clothed its board of fire wardens with full authority to arrange for the transfer of such of the tangible personal property of the district as the town may want, after the Town Council has established a town fire department. The Crompton fire district has deferred action to an adjourned meeting Aug. 4, but has authorized the district board of fire wardens to discuss terms with the Town Council.

Charles E. Patenaude, moderator of the Natick fire district, who was authorized at the annual district meeting July 8 to appoint a committee of seven to discuss terms with the West Warwick Town Council and report back at an adjourned session of the annual district meeting Sept. 3, said last night that he expects to announce the personnel of this committee next Monday.

Natick Taxpayers Refuse To Transfer Assets to Town

In Stormy Annual Session, Proposal Twice Voted
Down Even as Compromise Thought Reached;
Tax Rate Set Up on Contingent Basis

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A proposal to transfer the assets of the Natick Fire District to West Warwick when the Town Council sets up a municipal fire department was voted down twice at a hectic, adjourned session of the annual meeting last night in the fire station on Providence Street.

The 3-hour session was punctuated by frequent recesses during which efforts to effect compromises appeared to have succeeded only to prove by vote that the district is not yet ready to co-operate fully with the town in the establishment of a town fire department.

During the course of the session the resolution adopted at the July 8 meeting, levying a tax of 30 cents on a \$100 valuation of ratable property was rescinded and the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved that the taxes of the Natick Fire District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947, and ending July 1, 1948, be, and hereby are, assessed in accordance with the following table of assessments:

"A—In event the town of West Warwick fails to establish a town fire department prior to Jan. 1, 1948, taxes be and hereby are assessed at the rate of 15 per cent on the dollar.

"B—In event the town of West Warwick fails to establish a town fire department prior to July 1, 1948, taxes be and hereby are assessed at the rate of 30 per cent on the dollar.

"C—In event the town of West Warwick established a fire department prior to Jan. 1, 1948, no assessment of taxes will be made upon taxpayers and rights to such be, and hereby are, waived.

"The tax collector is authorized to defer collection of taxes until July 1, 1948, and to hereby authorize and directed on that date to effect collection in accordance with the foregoing table of assessments."

At the outset of the meeting, Vincent Mailloux presented the report and recommendations of the committee named by Moderator Charles E. Patnaude July 21, 1947, to negotiate with the town of West Warwick and the City of Warwick relative to the future of the Natick District when the town of West Warwick sets up a town fire department.

Recommendations Made

This report outlined the meeting and conferences held in detail and contained the following recommendations:

"1. That a contract be executed by the town of West Warwick, with of Warwick and Natick Fire District which will guarantee to those taxpayers of that portion of the district located within the City of Warwick equal or better protection than is now afforded.

"2. That in order to remove any doubt as to legality of the above contract, this committee recommends that an amendment to the enabling act establishing the West Warwick Fire Department be introduced in the next session of the General Assembly in January 1948.

"In this connection, the committee feels it would be advisable for the Town of West Warwick to defer action in establishment of a municipal department until such time as this amendment can be enacted.

"3. We recommend that the fire station building of the Natick Fire District be placed at disposal of the Town of West Warwick for such time as it may be used as an active fire station."

Immediately after presentation of this report, William DeFranco, member of the West Warwick Board of Tax Assessors, moved adoption of the following resolution:

"Voted that the taxpayers of the Natick Fire District assemble at an adjourned meeting of the regular meeting held July 8, 1947, do hereby grant, transfer, sell and convey all of its rights title and interests in and to all of its real and personal property to the Town of West Warwick for a token payment of \$10 at the time of the creation of a town fire department by the Town Council of the Town of West Warwick.

"Be it further resolved that Owen Martin, Vincenzo C. Santilli Henri W. Peltier, Secundo Siniscalchi and Charles E. Patnaude be and the same are hereby named and appointed a committee to meet with the Town Council to make necessary arrangements to contact for the transfer of the Natick Fire District's real and personal property to the Town of West Warwick at the time the Town Council declares and organizes a town fire department."

Moderator Patnaude ruled that discussion of the resolution might follow disposal of the report of the committee, but the debate involved both the report of the committee and the DeFranco resolution.

Mailloux Voices Opinion

Vincent Mailloux contended it was his understanding, based on legal advice, given the committee that the Town of West Warwick could not sell its services to the City of Warwick and, therefore, there would be a question of the legality of a contract between the Town of West Warwick and the City of Warwick that would make effective a vital part of the tentative agreement made by the committee with representatives of the City of Warwick and the Town of West Warwick, guaranteeing full protection for the Warwick section of the Natick Fire District by the West Warwick Town Fire Department.

It was for this reason, Mailloux said, that the committee has recommended that the West Warwick Fire Department enabling act be amended at the forthcoming General Assembly session so as to legalize any arrangement that might be made in the interim between the time the town sets up a town fire department and what he declares to be necessary legislation is enacted.

DeFranco attacked this recommendation asserting that its purpose was to delay the establishment of the town department.

Asks for Objections

Chief Anthony J. Amore of the Natick Fire Department asked Ernest E. Lefebvre of the Town Council what objection the town administration had to the reversion of the Natick fire station to the Natick Fire District whenever the town ceases to use it for fire purposes.

Lefebvre said there were several objections, among them that the town might have to enlarge the building and that there might be legal questions as to what it could do if it did not have a deed to the property.

He said that whatever political party was in power the Natick fire station would have to be retained because of the two sets of railroad tracks between the Central station in Arctic and Natick and because of the extensive real estate development in Brookfield Hills and Wakefield Street.

Anthony Gazzero said the town had spent considerable money in putting a switchboard in the Arctic fire station, notwithstanding that the Arctic fire station is on land not owned by the Arctic Fire District and he could see no reason why there should be any reluctance on the part of the town in using the Natick fire station even if the town did not own it.

Judge Roland Meunier, town solicitor of West Warwick, said that a part of the Arctic fire station is on land owned by the district and a very small part of it is on land owned by St. James parish.

Taxpayers to Get Fire Department Proposal at Oct. 21 Town Meeting

Special Financial Session, Called by West Warwick Council to Consider Purchase, Development of Districts' Assets

The West Warwick Town Council directed the town clerk last night to issue a call for a special financial town meeting Oct. 21 to present the proposal for the establishment of a town fire department to the taxpayers.

An enabling act, passed in 1933 and since amended, authorizes setting up of the fire department in West Warwick.

Members of the Council, convened in special session last night, also proposed in their resolutions to ask of the special financial meeting which will be held in the junior high school auditorium, whether the Council shall be authorized to expend whatever sum "may be necessary to purchase assets of the various fire districts."

Taxpayers will also be called on to approve or disapprove the appropriation of money for the purchase of equipment, land and buildings and future construction, or alteration of buildings for the proposed fire department.

In preparation for the special meeting of taxpayers, the Council also voted last night to sit as a board of canvassers at their regular meeting Oct. 14 to canvass the voting lists.

The resolution as adopted and addressed to the town clerk reads in part as follows:

"You are hereby requested to call a special town meeting of the taxpayers qualified to vote upon a proposition to levy a tax for the expenditure of money within that town commonly called 'financial town meeting,' to be held in the auditorium of the junior high school building in said town at 2 o'clock Eastern Standard Time in the afternoon on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1947, for the purpose of voting upon the following questions:

"1. Shall the town of West Warwick accept the terms of the act, Chapter 2077 of the Public Laws of 1933 as amended, authorizing the town to organize and maintain a permanent fire department;

"2. Shall the Town Council be authorized to spend such sum or sums as may be necessary to purchase assets of the various fire districts in accordance with agreements mentioned to you to be entered into with the respective fire districts, wholly or in part in the town of West Warwick;

"3. Shall a sum or sums of money be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing equipment, land, buildings, and for the construction, alteration and remodeling of buildings used or to be used for the town fire department;

"4. To transact any and all other business that may legally come before the meeting."

Other action transacted last night by the Council follows:

Voted to include a group of veterans among ex-servicemen who are granted tax exemptions and directed that the collector of taxes be notified of the resolutions adopted.

Authorized the town treasurer to refund to 30 veterans money they had paid for taxes from which they were exempt.

Voted to grant a horse show license to the Sgt. David Langevin Post, VFW. Voted to grant a license for a horse show to be held Oct. 12 at the Irmhild Poultry Farm, Crompton by the Langevin Post.

Referred to the highway commission for recommendation at a later Council meeting petitions of property owners and tenants of Young's Court for acceptance by the town of that street.

Accepted the offer of Albert C. Coutu of a parcel of land in front of the town

garage, measuring approximately 21 feet wide by 30 feet long.

Authorized to Emil Rajotte construction of a sidewalk at the corner of Main and Dall Avenues and to Lee V. Spencer the laying of a sidewalk at 46 Fairview Avenue.

Accepted a plat of 11 parcels of land owned by Albert C. Coutu and Anatole P. Coutu at corner of Payan and Curson Streets.

ARCTIC FIRE DISTRICT SESSION SET FOR OCT. 6

Taxpayers to Be Asked to Transfer Land on Which Fire Station is Situated to Town. Committee of Three Must Be Named As Appraisers.

With provision already made to dispose of the district's assets, excepting real estate, for the sum of \$10, taxpayers of Arctic Fire District will meet in special meeting next Monday night to authorize the transfer of the land on which Arctic fire station is located to the Town of West Warwick. This is a necessity to the establishing of a Town Fire Department.

Fire District Clerk Frank Kostecki has issued the call by having

in his possession the petition for the call with the 50 signatures.

In regard to the tract of land on which Arctic Fire Station is located, Town Solicitor Roland E. Meunier has publicized the factor that it was purchased by the Warwick and Coventry Fire District in August 21, 1891, from Rev. James P. Gibson, then pastor of St. James Church, for \$650 with the stipulation that the property be used solely for fire fighting purposes.

In Other Communities

Because Arctic Fire District is presently affording fire protection to portions of the Town of Coventry and the City of Warwick, there is included in the call provisions to appoint two committees of 3 members who are residents of the respective Town and City to the board of appraisers. This must be done in accordance with law which governs the establishment of a Town Fire Department.

The petition requesting the call, which has 60 signatures, follows:

1. To authorize, empower and direct the treasurer and chairman of the Board of Fire Wardens of the Arctic Fire District to transfer the land and buildings owned by the said Arctic Fire District to the Town of West Warwick in connection with the creation and organization of Town Fire Department.

Will Name Three

2. To appoint three citizens of the Arctic Fire District residing in the Town of Coventry to the board of appraisers as provided by law.

3. To appoint three citizens of the Arctic Fire District residing in the City of Warwick to the board of appraisers as provided by law.

4. To appropriate a sum or sums of money and to adopt such resolution or resolutions as may be necessary for the purpose of making an equitable division and distribution of the assets and liabilities of the Arctic Fire District in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 2077 of the Public Laws of 1933 as amended.

5. To appropriate a sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses incidental to the transfer of the assets of the District to the Town of West Warwick.

6. To consider any other matter which may legally come before said meeting.

SPECIAL FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING SET FOR OCT. 21

West Warwick Taxpayers to Be Called Upon to Act on Several Matters Pertaining to Setting Up Town Fire Department.

West Warwick taxpayers are asked by the Town Council to attend a special financial town meeting in the junior high school hall, Riverpoint, on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 21, at two to act on several important matters pertaining to the establishment of a town fire department.

The Council in special session last night directed Town Clerk Romeo A. Maynard to issue a call for the meeting. Included in the proposals for the session is that of giving the Town authority to expend such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to

purchase assets of various fire districts in accordance with agreement entered into or to be entered into with respective fire districts wholly or in part in the Town of West Warwick.

Another matter concerns whether a sum of money shall be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing equipment, land, buildings and for the construction, alteration and remodeling of buildings used, or to be used for the Town Fire Department.

On Oct. 14 at the regular meeting of the Council the voting list to be available at the town meeting will be canvassed.

P. V. Times
NOTICE
A Special Meeting
OF THE
Arctic Fire District
will be held at Turcotte's Hall, Brookside Ave., West Warwick, R. I., on Monday, the 6th day of October, 1947, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., Eastern Standard Time. A petition for this purpose having been made upon the written request of sixty (60) duly qualified Taxpayers of said Fire District.
FRANK KOSTECKI, Clerk
oct-1-46

FIRE DISTRICT IS ENJOINED FROM HOLDING MEETING

Arctic Unit Restrained from
Conducting Session Last
Night by Group of Members

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Arctic } 0182

An injunction granted by Judge Louis W. Cappelli of Kent County Superior Court restrained the Arctic Fire District from holding a special meeting last night, at which time disposal of the district's equipment and property to the town of West Warwick for use as a proposed town fire department was to have been discussed.

The restraining order was served on the district and on Moderator Walter E. Berard and Clerk Frank Kostecki to prevent holding of a special meeting which had been called after a petition bearing the names of 60 taxpayers had asked that such a meeting be called.

Non-Compliance Alleged

A bill of complaint filed by several taxpayers of the district set forth that the issuance of the call as published was illegal because of its being in violation of the bylaw governing such a call. They further maintain that, if the meeting were to be held it would retard establishment of a town fire department.

Contending the advertisement calling for the meeting did not set forth the purposes of the session, the bill of complaint pointed out that the bylaw dealing with the call reads in part: "And the object of said special meeting shall be stated in the call and no other business shall be transacted thereat."

The complainants further allege that if the special meeting was held, they, the Arctic Fire District and other taxpayers would suffer irreparable injury and the financial status of the district would be affected and endangered. This, they said, would be to the detriment of taxpayers and the protection from fire members of the district.

Criticizes DeCiantis

Ernest Lefebvre, Council president, criticized Michael DiCiantis, who represented the complainants and is legal advisor to the district, stating that he "certainly should hang his head in shame in not advising his clerk to do things according to the law."

He went on to say the clerk of the district was furnished "with the names of 60-odd district taxpayers and from that time on it was entirely up to them. All arrangements for the meeting from then on were made by the fire district, as it was their responsibility. Why then did the legal adviser allow the clerk to continue with arrangements for the meeting?"

Those district taxpayers who filed the bill of complaint were Clarence H. Brousseau, Hermengilde J. Nadeau, John J. Flanagan, Arthur Gro-leau and Omer deTonnancourt.

A hearing will come up in Court on Oct. 15.

TO THE TAXPAYERS of the ARCTIC FIRE DISTRICT

These are the true facts about the Special Fire District Meeting.

The President of the Town Council delivered to my home a petition for a Special Fire District meeting.

I did not contact Michael De Ciantis for any legal advice, ALL MY DEALINGS WERE WITH TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT ERNEST LEFEBVRE.

Signed:

FRANK KOSTECKI
23 Earl St.
West Warwick, R. I.

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THE EVENING BULLETIN, PROVIDENCE, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1947

Clerk Kostecki Absolves De Ciantis of Blame

Frank Kostecki, clerk of the Arctic Fire District, this morning absolved Michael DeCiantis, district legal adviser, of all responsibility in the drawing up of the call for the district meeting scheduled for last Monday. The meeting was forbidden by a Kent County Superior Court injunction on the grounds that the call was illegally issued.

In a statement addressed to "the taxpayers of the Arctic Fire District," Kostecki said that he at no time reached DeCiantis for legal advice in issuing the call for the meeting at which taxpayers were to have discussed turning over the district's property and equipment to the town of West Warwick for use by the proposed town fire department.

Kostecki said that Ernest Lefebvre, town council president, delivered to his home a petition for a special fire district meeting and that all his dealings had been with Lefebvre.

In a statement Monday Lefebvre said that DeCiantis "certainly should hang his head in shame in not advising his clerk to do things according to the law."

The injunction was granted Sunday night by Judge Louis W. Cappelli of Kent County Superior Court after a petition bearing the names of 60 Arctic fire district taxpayers had been submitted to him. The petition stated that the call was illegally issued since it did not state the purposes of the district meeting.

Arctic Fire Station Status Agreed Upon by Factions

**Resolution Under Which Property Would Revert to
St. James Church After Town's Need is Ful-
filled to Be Presented to Taxpayers**

Pawtuxet Valley Office
15 Washington Street,
Arctic Telephone
Valley 0570—
0182

A meeting of factions at odds over the legality of transferring property on which Arctic Fire Station stands to West Warwick for establishing a town fire department resulted in an agreement last night in the Town Hall.

Council members, together with Arctic Fire District officials and the board of fire wardens, agreed to present a resolution to Arctic taxpayers under which the property would revert to St. James Church, the original owner, when the town no longer has use for it.

The resolution will also contain a provision, as suggested by Town

Solicitor Roland E. Meunier, that a library be established on the property after the town discontinues use of the property as a location for fire equipment.

The resolution will be presented at a special meeting of Arctic Fire District taxpayers which will be called for Oct. 23, two days after the town financial meeting.

Voices Become Sharp

Early in the meeting voices became a bit sharp when Meunier intimated there seems to be "too much opposition from a few."

Democrats have been found "putting a stick into the wheel," Meunier said, referring to similar circumstances in other districts as well as in Arctic.

DeCiantis stood on his ruling that the deeds could not be transferred directly as the wording now reads.

"If you want to test this case we can do it and then we can find out who is right," he told Meunier.

DeCiantis, who also said he is not "a legal adviser" as he was never appointed as such, said the board of fire wardens could suggest to the Council that it can have the use of the station by some agreement for as long as it desires, and until such time as the town builds a fire station with one exception, mainly—as long as the district remains a corporate body.

If it wants more security, DeCiantis proposed that the Arctic Fire District give a deed to the town with a reversion in the deed whereby, when and if the town builds a fire station, the property reverts back to the fire district.

Too Much "Legality"

Lefebvre insisted there was too much "legality" involved when the matter chiefly concerned the taxpayers' wish.

"It is my opinion that no court would go against the taxpayers' own will of disposing of their own property," he said.

Albert Dionne, fire district committeeman, asked if it were possible to have a Supreme Court ruling remove the restrictive clause in the deed.

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"Others Beside You"

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Meunier and DeCiantis then exchanged personal observations about each other.

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Enough for Five Years

"If we play it fair, there will be enough work there to support us for five years," he said, suggesting that fish and game wardens inspect the catch of every tonger and bull raker and simultaneously check the dealers' establishments.

Narragansett Bay quahaugers carry rings measuring one and one-half inches in diameter. The law directs that quahaugs which will slip through the rings must be thrown back to mature and spawn.

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Arnold said he planned to call a special meeting of the association this week "to take action."

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Frank Kostecki, clerk of the Arctic Fire District yesterday absolved Michael DeCiantis, district legal adviser, of all responsibility in the drawing up of the call for the district meeting scheduled for last Monday. The meeting was forbidden by a Kent County Superior Court injunction on the grounds that the call was illegally issued.

In a statement addressed to "the taxpayers of the Arctic Fire District," Kostecki said that he at no time reached DeCiantis for legal advice in issuing the call for the meeting at which taxpayers were to have discussed turning over the district's property and equipment to the town of West Warwick for use by the proposed town fire department.

Kostecki said that Ernest Lefebvre, town council president, delivered to his home a petition for a special fire district meeting and that all his dealings had been with Lefebvre.

In a statement Monday Lefebvre said that DeCiantis "certainly should hang his head in shame in not advising his clerk to do things according to the law."

The injunction was granted Sunday night by Judge Louis W. Capelli of Kent County Superior Court after a petition bearing the names of 60 Arctic fire district taxpayers had been submitted to him. The petition stated that the call was illegally issued since it did not state the purposes of the district meeting.

LEFEBVRE DENIES FAULT IS HIS FOR SETTING MEETING

P. J. — 10-10-47
Say Kostecki Is Trying "to
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Ernest E. Lefebvre, West Warwick Council president and a taxpayer of the Arctic Fire District, whose meeting earlier this week was restrained by a Superior Court injunction, yesterday charged Frank Kostecki, district clerk, with "attempting" to shift elsewhere the blame for the call having been illegally issued.

This was in answer to a statement Wednesday by Kostecki that Michael DeCiantis, district legal adviser, had no part in drawing up the call and that all his dealings in preparing for the meeting had been with Lefebvre.

In his own statement, addressed to "the taxpayers of the Arctic Fire District," Lefebvre said he, as a taxpayer, had delivered a petition requesting the meeting to Kostecki "in due legal form." "There were no more 'dealings,'" said Lefebvre. "From then on, full responsibility of calling the special fire district meeting" was in the hands of Kostecki and the "legal adviser."

The Council president further said that because of determination by "some members of the Democratic party" to obstruct any move toward establishment of a town fire department, another meeting of the district would not be proposed until after the special financial town meeting scheduled for Oct. 21. Then, he said, a meeting may be arranged for Oct. 23.

He said that the delay in this meeting will place more work on the Council, which will have to be achieved in a shorter space of time. "We have met with all sorts of obstruction from a few people playing small-time politics to the detriment of property owners," Lefebvre charged.

"Our decision in delaying the Arctic Fire District meeting for a few days is to be sure to eliminate any legal flaw, whether important or not, and consequent legal obstruction for selfish political reasons.

"I intend to prepare the petition and secure the necessary amount of taxpayers' signatures within the next few days and present it again to the clerk of the district, and I hope that this time there will be enough civic spirit between officials of the district that they may not jeopardize the welfare of taxpayers."

This week's meeting, which was forbidden by court order on grounds that the purpose was not set forth in the call, was for discussion of procedure to turn over the district's property and equipment to the town for use by the proposed town fire department.

JUDGE LIFTS BAN AGAINST MEETING OF FIRE DISTRICT

10-16-47 P. J.
Agreement Is Reached with
West Warwick Council on
Real Estate Proposal

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Michael DeCiantis, attorney for five taxpayers of the Arctic Fire District, asked for termination of a restraining order against officers of the district in Superior Court at Providence yesterday. The motion was granted by Presiding Justice Jeremiah E. O'Connell.

DeCiantis informed the Court that he desired to remove the restraining order because of an agreement reached by officers of the district and the West Warwick Town Council last Friday night.

The injunction proceedings were instituted to prevent the holding of a meeting Oct. 6, called for the purpose of acting on a proposal to transfer title of fire district's real estate to the town.

A part of the real estate involved was deeded to the district for fire purposes by the late Rev. James P. Gibson as an individual when he was pastor of St. James Church. This property and an adjoining parcel, the use of which was given without deed by the late Rev. John F. Reardon, as pastor of St. James, is occupied by the Arctic fire station, which the town desires to use as the central station for the proposed town fire department until such time as a new station is erected.

The agreement provides that the town shall use the premises as a central fire station and, whenever such use is discontinued, the town shall maintain a public library there. Under the terms of Father Gibson's deed, a part of the land would revert, some attorney's hold, to his heirs. The taxpayers who brought the injunction proceedings are Clarence Brousseau, Hermenegilde Nadeau, John Flanagan, Arthur Groleau and Omer DeTonnancourt.

SPECIAL MEETING OF FIRE DISTRICT THURSDAY NIGHT

P. J. — 10-21-47
Five Measures to Effect Liquidation of Arctic Area Unit
to Be Acted On

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Five measures to effect liquidation of the Arctic Fire District will be acted upon under the call for a special district meeting Thursday night at 7:30 in Turcotte's Hall, Brookside Avenue.

The district is the largest in population and in valuation of ratable property in the Pawtuxet Valley. Most of it is in West Warwick. Small overlapping sections are in Bakerville, Coventry; and in Centreville, Warwick.

The call provides for action that will empower the district treasurer and the chairman of the board of fire wardens to transfer the land and buildings owned by the district to the town of West Warwick "in connection with the creation of a town fire department."

It provides also for the appointment of three citizens of the district residing in the town of Coventry and for the appointment of three citizens of the district residing in the city of Warwick, as boards of appraisers under the provisions of the West Warwick town fire department enabling act as amended.

The other two proposals call for appropriation of money and the adoption of resolutions necessary for the "equitable division and distribution of the assets and liabilities of the district"; and the appropriation of money necessary to defray the expenses "incidental to the transfer of the assets of the district to the town of West Warwick."

SPEED URGED

The West Warwick town administration, in a statement issued yesterday by Judge Roland E. Meunier, town solicitor calls upon taxpayers of West Warwick to attend the special financial town meeting today at 2 p. m. in the Junior High School auditorium, Royal Square, to ratify measures essential to the establishment of the proposed town fire department.

The administration also calls on taxpaying voters of each of the five fire districts of the town, acting within their districts, to expedite supplementary district action that is important in effectuating transition of fire-fighting activities from district to town control.

Steps Briefly Sketched

Centering its appeal for support in bringing about "realization of this progressive improvement that has been so long in progress," the administration sketches briefly steps taken in the General Assembly from time to time to overcome legal technicalities since the enactment of the town fire department enabling act in 1933 and its acceptance by the financial town meeting of that year.

The statement also reveals that the switchboard that will take care of all circuits in the town-wide fire alarm system has been installed and is in operation at the Arctic fire station; that lines to connect in all of the district systems have been extended to each of the district boundaries and that the town plans to operate four stations: the central station in Arctic and those in Natick, Crompton

station is to serve the Phenix district and part of the Riverpoint district. The section of the Riverpoint district not served by the Lippitt station will be covered from the central station.

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Arctic Fire District Unanimously Votes To Convey Real Estate to West Warwick

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The Arctic Fire District gave the town of West Warwick the nucleus of a municipal fire department last night when 76 taxpayers unanimously adopted a resolution conveying its real estate to the town. This completed action taken at an adjourned session of the annual meeting several months ago, authorizing the transfer of tangible personal property—all of the district's fire fighting and rescue apparatus and equipment as well as the fire alarm system, to the town for a token payment of \$10.

The special district meeting was held in Turcotte's Hall on Brookside Avenue and lasted 45 minutes. The program for the meeting, agreed upon last Friday night by the Town Council and district officers, was ratified without a dissenting vote.

In addition to authorizing the treasurer and chairman of the Board of Fire Wardens to execute all instruments necessary for the transfer of the real estate subject to two restrictions, the taxpayers at the general district meeting last night voted an appropriation not exceeding \$1500 to satisfy the equity of Coventry and Warwick property holders in the district, in district assets. An appropriation not to exceed \$50 to defray expenses incidental to the transfer of all assets of the district to the town was voted.

Appraisers Are Named

Action taken by Coventry and Warwick district taxpayers at separate group meetings during a recess of the general district meeting appointing boards of appraisers, was made a part of the record of the general meeting when it was reconvened. The boards of appraisers were named in accordance with Section 6 of Chapter 2077 of the Public Law of 1933 as amended, for the purpose of making an equitable distribution and division of the assets and liabilities of the district.

Ralph D. Petrarca, Arthur L. Holmes and Edward Parenteau comprise the Coventry Board of Appraisers, and Brenton Sunderland, Henry Hunt and Nelson Rice, the Warwick Board. These groups will deal with the West Warwick Town Council after the Town Council has established a town fire department, if there is disagreement on the terms of the transfer of the district assets and liabilities to the town.

The special district meeting was convened at 7:30 p. m. by Moderator Walter J. Berard. Immediately after Clerk Frank Kosticki had read the warrant calling the meeting, Michael De Ciantis, district administration floor leader, read a letter from the trustees of St. James parish protesting the transfer by the district of the real estate to the town. The letter,

dated Oct. 17, addressed to Joseph Ney Sr., district treasurer, and signed by Francis V. Reynolds, secretary of the church corporation, follows:

Church Protests

"The St. James Church Corporation through its trustees hereby protests any sale or disposal of any of its property now being used by the Arctic fire district for fire fighting purposes.

"This protest is made, however, with the offer on the part of the St. James Church Corporation to permit the continued use of such of its property as is now being used for fire fighting purposes with the distinct understanding that when its said property has ceased to be used for fire fighting purposes, the said property shall be used for no other public purpose whatever and shall revert to the St. James Church Corporation."

Purpose of Record

De Ciantis said his understanding was that the protest was made for the purpose of the record, to protect "its rights", and explained that Ney had received the letter by registered mail following the conference of the Town Council and district officers last Saturday night. He said that

he had made a careful study of the situation which had revealed that the first parcel of the St. James property had been conveyed by A. F. Angell and Michael English in 1872; that there was a slight flaw in this title because Mrs. English did not sign the deed; and that in 1891, the late Rev. James P. Gibson had sold a part of the property to the Arctic Fire district with the restriction that it be used for fire fighting purposes. A small triangular strip had later been conveyed to the district, he said. De Ciantis had stated on another occasion that the late Father Gibson, in his will, conveyed all of his property to the church corporation.

In presenting the resolution conveying the fire station and the land to the town, Town Council President Ernest E. Lefebvre, a heavy taxpayer in the Arctic district, said he believed the resolution complies with the wish of St. James parish. J. William Millette and Norbert J. Dionne asked whether the parish objection covered the small triangular strip. Lefebvre said that the resolution covered the entire situation.

The resolution directs the treasurer and the chairman of the Board of Fire Wardens to "execute such instrument or instruments necessary to transfer and convey to the Town of West Warwick, the land and buildings owned by the Arctic fire district and used as a fire station in connection with the establishment and operation of a town fire department. "The transfer and conveyance is to be made "forthwith, upon the declaration and organization of a town fire department by the Town Council of the town of West Warwick * * * subject to restrictions."

Two Restrictions

The restrictions are that when the premises are abandoned by the town as a fire station, they be used by the town as a public library; and that upon abandonment by the town of the premises as a public library, the title shall be deeded and conveyed by the town to St. James parish corporation without consideration.

The resolution appropriating not exceeding \$1500 to satisfy the equity of Coventry and Warwick property holders in district assets was presented by DeCiantis and the resolution \$50 to defray the expense incidental to the transfer of all assets of the district to the town was presented by Millette.

A resolution presented by Charles J. Bourgault providing for audit of the books of the Treasurer and of the Collector of Taxes as of the date of the establishment of a town fire department by the Board of Fire Wardens was adopted. The meeting adjourned after DeCiantis expressed thanks for support accorded the incumbent administration since 1934 and stated that the district will continue to function for a time after the town department is established; and Millette rejoined that the next meeting will be for the dissolution of the district and that that meeting should be held soon.

DeCiantis Calls Council "Gestapo"

Lefebvre Resents Lawyer's Charges;
Chief Reports on Beaudreau Case

The integrity of the West Warwick Town Council was questioned last night after it had heard a report from its chief of police on the charge of a resident that he had been abused while held in custody by the police department.

During the session, which at times reached riotous proportions, charges of "Gestapo" tactics were levelled against the Council for the manner in which it had handled the police case.

Michael DeCiantis, attorney for William P. Beaudreau, who claims he was mistreated by a West Warwick policeman, appeared after Chief Gustav Olson had told the Council the circumstances leading to Beaudreau being picked up on Nov. 24.

The Council earlier in the day had informed DeCiantis that it would hear his client's complaint against the police force. At that time he termed the 7-hour notice "outrageous", saying his client would be working and he, himself, would have no time to present his case properly.

Came Alone

DeCiantis walked into the meeting alone after Chief Gustav Olson had

finished giving the police report on the incident. His client, he said, was at work.

When asked by Ernest E. Lefebvre, Council president, if he had anything to say on the matter, DeCiantis said that "you are sitting as a Council of the Gestapo."

"You are holding a one-sided hearing in which you are attempting to whitewash the police department. We want a public hearing and we expect it."

When asked by Judge Roland E. Meunier, town solicitor, where the original copy of his client's affidavit was, DeCiantis retorted: "I'm afraid you would steal it." He again said the Council would "steal" it, when it was once more pointed out that only a copy of the affidavit had been filed with the Council.

Lefebvre took exception to the "Gestapo" charge, saying that "I resent that term." He also said he would match his reputation with DeCiantis when the latter said he was unwilling to let the Council have Beaudreau's affidavit.

"Not Dictating"

"You're not dictating to this Council," Lefebvre told DeCiantis. "The case is not closed. We will give you a hearing," he concluded.

In a lengthy 4-page report, Chief Olson reviewed the circumstances leading up to the apprehension and release of Beaudreau.

Chief Olson, in a statement submitted to the Council with his report on the Beaudreau case, also criticized DeCiantis for using the name "Gestapo" when finding fault with the police force.

He pointed out all the members of the force were veterans and to be called such "is a rank insult which could be offered only by a thoughtless, mud-slinging politician or by one who believes that the best fighter is one who makes the most noise or talks the fastest."

The chief said that too often is the police department criticized for trying to do its duty. He said he recommended "that Mr. DeCiantis be informed of these facts."

When Lefebvre informed DeCiantis that "this case is not closed," DeCiantis replied: "It better not be closed."

He said it was compiled after two days of intensive questioning of the circumstances and men involved.

Beaudreau was taken into custody early on the morning of Oct. 24 after a complaint had been received that a window in the Jordan Candy Store had been broken. After an intensive search of the neighborhood, Gustav reported, Beaudreau came out of a nearby alley just as officers were going to search that area.

He became "evasive" when questioned about the broken window, Olson said. Beaudreau said he had been drinking in a nearby cafe. Because police officers were not satisfied with his story he was taken to the station.

Became Abusive

When questioned by Cpl. Herbert Swanson, the man became abusive and wouldn't answer questions, the chief said.

When told to take a seat he refused, Olson said, and challenged Swanson. He was finally pushed into a seat, at which time Beaudreau raised his hand and Swanson grabbed it, Olson continued.

While Beaudreau was being detained, a search of police records revealed he had been fined on Jan. 12, 1946, for a similar violation, according to the chief. At that time he had been fined \$5 and costs on a charge of defacing property. He told police then he had broken a window but did not know why he had done it.

As for his being held until 4 a. m. that morning, Olson said, "he must have had his time element mixed up. The time sheet revealed Beaudreau was released at 2:40 a. m."

When asked by Councilman Norman Gillespie if the suspect hadn't

been held longer than two hours, Olson replied: "Just long enough to determine if anything had been stolen."

"Called Names"

"When at the station," Olson continued, "he cursed the desk sergeant and called him something he wouldn't have called me twice."

Lefebvre asked Olson if he was satisfied with the manner in which the questioning of Beaudreau had been conducted at the police station. Olson assured the council that "if they had done any less they would have been negligent."

Meunier asked the chief if there was any doubt in his mind that the man had been slapped.

"Not unless he calls pushing slapping as he certainly was pushed into a chair," Olson stated.

Chief Takes Exception to Department Being Called "Gestapo" by DeCiantis

Following the report by Chief Gustav Olson of the West Warwick Police Department of the findings of his department relative to the Beaudreau charges of abusive treatment, the chief presented the following letter to the Town Council in which he takes exception to his department being called the "Gestapo."

"This West Warwick Police Department has been attacked previously in a statement released to the press in which the policemen were called the 'Gestapo' and department policies likened to those of the infamous and cruel German military police. This, at the time was dismissed as so much hog-wash and considered a retaliation for the attempt to clean up the various stench holes for which the town won doubtful renown. In an effort to force a few liquor licensees to comply with the law concerning Sunday morning closing, selling to minors, and late closings the department drew the criticism of many persons who, for years, had either condoned or profited by these violations. When a sincere effort was made to rid the town of a horde of prostitutes who solicited everywhere, the methods of the department were criticized by persons who apparently approved of those things.

"At the request of the town fire

fighting agencies, a drive was made to eliminate illegal parking in the business section with special emphasis placed on parking in front of fire plugs and on corners and in fire zones. Courtesy tags were hung on cars for a period of one week, then the blue tags were given out. This drive was effective in that the fire apparatus when called out had less trouble than ever before in moving along our streets. This drive brought with it more name calling and the term Gestapo was used freely.

"I think it not unfitting that the chief name caller be reminded at this time that this department is composed mainly of men who were boys when they left home to fight the very same Gestapo that Mr. DeCiantis often refers to. They went overseas and fought him tooth and nail in his own backyard. To Mr. DeCiantis the word Gestapo is merely a term of which he has read, which one applies to a group which is cruel, unscrupulous, underhanded, and vicious. To the men of the department the term Gestapo is not only a word. It is something they would like to forget, because they, too, associate it with everything that is intolerant and cruel. Their knowledge of Gestapo tactics was gathered first hand. I

think Mr. DeCiantis should be reminded that these men were there and that to be called the Gestapo is a rank insult which could be offered only by a thoughtless, mud-slinging politician or by one who believes that the best fighter is one who makes the most noise or talks the fastest.

"I believe Mr. DeCiantis should be reminded, since he is evidently playing for the sympathy of the veteran, that this is a police department which, with the sole exception of myself, is composed of veterans who are proud of that fact and have every right to be. This department certainly would be the last to condone a policy of abusing anyone, (least of all a veteran), since it was placed here with the prime and foremost objective of preventing that very abuse of which it is charged. This department has lived up to that requirement.

"I recommend that Mr. DeCiantis be informed of these facts."

"Sincerely,

(Signed): "GUSTAV OLSON."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1947

Council Refuses Pacheco Exception to Zoning Law

Attorney DeCiantis and Members of Local
Body in "Hot" Verbal Clash; "Gestapo"
Charges Follow Verdict at Town Hall.

The West Warwick Town Council felt the blast of other "Gestapo" charges following the council's refusal to grant Joseph A. Pacheco an exception to the Zoning Ordinance to operate business under a Class B. victualling liquor license at 26 Wakefield street.

Immediately following this decision by the Council, Manuel Andrade who said he was a nephew of Antonio F. and Mary Pacheco who are owners of the premises let go a fiery blast: "I am a veteran and" he said, "and you are the Gestapo when you don't let a man get up and speak his piece."

Andrade was evidently referring to the refusal of the Town Council to accept the proof furnished by Attorney Michael DeCiantis which proof DeCiantis said showed there were more petitioners who favored the zoning change now than when the first petition was made and refused last Jan. 14th.

When Andrade was told by Council President Ernest E. Lefebvre that the Council didn't refuse to hear him he stated: "All right, but you brought back the case from the last time" referring to the statement of Lefebvre who earlier in the hearing stated: "We heard the same last Jan. 14 and spent two hours debating it and I can't see where circumstances have changed any."

No Fair Deal

Andrade continued: "Those people are relatives of mine and Pacheco is a veteran now going through college and when anyone calls you Gestapo they are right." DeCiantis joined in with Andrade in exclaiming: "You are just what this man told you and there is no use talking about it, no one can come in here and get a fair deal, but we can get one before the Supreme Court."

Another spectator who joined in

the hearing, which was all being taken down by a stenographer furnished by DeCiantis, was Zach Gonsalves who refuted the list of petitioners furnished by DeCiantis and claimed by him as all being members of the Holy Ghost Society. Gonsalves furnished a petition signed by the four officers of the Holy Ghost Society which he said was against anyone using the name of the Holy Ghost Society in this hearing. This petition was also refused by the Council as "proof for record."

On Lefebvre's insistence that the case was similar to Jan. 14th of this year DeCiantis said: "No, I have names of more people favoring it than against it so the circumstances have changed."

Being Tricked

When DeCiantis said the Town Council could grant the change of the zoning and yet refuse to give Pacheco a Class B victualling liquor license, Lefebvre said: "It looks as though the Town is being tricked." DeCiantis said that it was Lefebvre's "suspicious mind working now and that the Council could grant the change and yet stop the Class B license."

Following refusal by the Council to grant the petition, DeCiantis looked at his stenographer and then walked up to the Council table, presented the petition of about 190 names of members of the Holy Ghost Society and presented a paper which he said contained the names of four or five abutting land owners who favored the change and the plat of the neighborhood, and when Lefebvre said "I can't see here that these petitioners were properly advised," DeCiantis said: "I hope the Town Clerk recorded the Council's refusal of accepting these offers of proof."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1947

BEAUDREAU'S COMPLAINT "GREATLY EXAGGERATED" SAYS CHIEF GUS OLSON

Claims First Rough Treatment Was Brought
About by Beaudreau Himself; Charges of
"Gestapo" Resounds About Hall.

Charges of "Gestapo" resounded about the old town hall building at Riverpoint, last night, fired at the West Warwick Town Council by Attorney Michael DeCiantis, who walked in on the council while they were listening to a report of Police Chief Gustaf Olson in defense of his department being termed the "gestapo." A letter was presented by the chief following his report on the facts of his department against the

"abusive" charges of William Beaudreau, 23, of 774 Main St., West Warwick.

This action preceded the regular meeting of the council. Earlier in the day, it was reported by the council a hearing would be held and then later announced the hearing was postponed and instead, the council would hear the report of the case by the police.

The session reached such violence of verbal blasts between DeCiantis and the council that we suspect the movie show at the nearby theatre may have been disturbed.

Complaint Exaggerated

Chief Olson, in his report, stated that the complaint of Beaudreau that he was abused, called vile names and slapped in the face appears to be greatly exaggerated and when ordered to sit down he refused to comply and was seated forcefully; when ordered to go into a room for questioning, he was pushed into a room only after his refusal to go voluntarily and the first rough treatment was brought about by Beaudreau putting up his hands as though to strike an officer and then he was pushed down in his seat again.

Verbal Fighting

The verbal fighting followed this case when Chief Olson presented the council a letter defending his department against being called "Gestapo" by DeCiantis. The full report of the chief appears in another column of this page.

After Councilman Norman Gillespie read aloud the chief's letter, Council President Lefebvre,

aware that DeCiantis had entered the room asked if anyone attending had anything to say.

At this time, DeCiantis arose and said: "You are now sitting as a council of the gestapo. You are holding a one-sided hearing and are attempting to whitewash the police department, and we have asked for a public hearing and that is what we expect. We don't expect you to agree. I am willing to leave it to the town, not at a

DeCiantis Keeps Alive "Gestapo Tactics" Tiff With the Town Council

The most recent words in the "Gestapo Tactics" tiff between Michael DeCiantis and the West Warwick Town Council were spoken last night by DeCiantis, who said "Domenico Petrarca is a nice boy, but they don't tell him everything that goes on." DeCiantis indicated that "they" referred to leaders of Republican forces in the town.

Petrarca, Town Council member from Natick, had called on DeCiantis Saturday for a public apology for accusing the Council of "operating in the Gestapo way."

DeCiantis had used the phrase in commenting on the Council's handling of a hearing at which roughness charges against the West Warwick Police Department were to be aired. The charges were brought by William P. Beaudreau, who was represented by DeCiantis.

Hearing of the complaint was postponed to a later date.

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hearing called only a few hours before the hearing is to be held and yet arranged a week ago by you the Council Gestapo of West Warwick."

Lefebvre shouted here, "I resent that word." DeCiantis retaliated, "I think you are worse than a Council of the Gestapo. This meeting was sub-defined to keep people away."

Hears Police Report

Town Solicitor Roland E. Meunier said: "We have heard the police side which the people want to hear and if DeCiantis wants a public hearing, I will recommend it, and yet he hasn't produced the copy of the real affidavit. We have received a police report and are not holding a hearing."

DeCiantis replied: "Yes, with your mind already made up."

Lefebvre said: "You have your lines mixed up like in this case. This case is not closed."

DeCiantis replied: "It had better not be closed, because it is outrageous and you are not kid-

ding me, you are holding a hearing tonight."

To this reply Meunier said: "You are not at a hearing now because you haven't filed a petition."

DeCiantis said here: "I have not tried to show any evidence so that the case wouldn't be misjudged."

In closing this issue, Lefebvre said: "We will give you a hearing. However, there has been enough propaganda so people should know now there are two sides to the picture."

Council Member Demands Apology by De Ciantis

Petrarca Hits Attorney's Remarks At West Warwick Session Tuesday

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A public apology by Michael DeCiantis for accusing the West Warwick Town Council "of operating in the Gestapo way" is demanded by Domenico Petrarca, a member of the Council from the Natick section, in a statement issued this morning.

DeCiantis said he had no comment at this time regarding the demand for an apology. DeCiantis appeared as attorney for William P. Beaudreau at a meeting of the Council Tuesday night.

Beaudreau had filed charges that he was cuffed around by the police department and requested a public hearing. DeCiantis said that he had been given only seven hours notice that the Council would hear the charges at the Council session Tuesday. He did not present his client. After several heated exchanges, he was assured that the complaint would be heard at a later date.

The statement issued this morning by Petrarca follows in part:

"At the meeting of the West Warwick Town Council on Tuesday, Dec. 9, I was really astonished over the language used by an attorney-at-law. I have at all times had a great respect for members of the legal profession but the language used by Mr. Michael DeCiantis was really a disgrace to that profession. If he used that tone of voice in a court room and conducted himself in that way he certainly would have come close to losing his right to be a lawyer and certainly would be punished by the judge.

"After all, we, the members of the Town Council, have been elected by the majority of the voters of our town and we are doing our very best to serve all the people equally, regardless of party affiliations, and we

cannot have a man like Mr. DeCiantis come to our meetings, intimidate us in an insulting tone of voice using the word "Gestapo" and accusing the Council of operating in the Gestapo way.

"I myself, am a veteran of World War I, but I have the utmost respect for the laws, even more than a civilian, because I and all the GI's have fought just for that one thing, law and order."

"The bill of rights tells us that we shall at all times be free as long as we do not damage anyone else, by any acts of unlawfulness, and then have a man of Mr. DeCiantis temper insult the five members elected by the people, is an affront to all who voted for this administration at the last election.

"I think that Mr. DeCiantis should make a public apology to the Town Council and to the people of West Warwick, and at the same time he should advise his clients to respect the law even if they are GI's because that is what the veterans fought for, law and order."

Pacheco Petition Asks Council's Resignation

Statement With 57 Signatures Filed With West Warwick Town Clerk

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A written demand that members of the West Warwick Town Council "render a public service" by resigning bearing 57 signatures was filed with Town Clerk Romeo Maynard this morning by Joseph A. Pacheco of 9 Woodside Avenue, that town.

The statement protests the action of the Town Council Dec. 9 in refusing to grant the application of Pacheco for a change of the zoning ordinances from residential to business that would enable him to operate a Class B victuals alcoholic beverage establishment on Wakefield Street.

The statement sets forth that the signers are veterans of World War II; that they are "disgusted in that the Council" whenever that body is in trouble "attempts to hide behind the skirts of veterans to justify its position."

Pacheco held a license for premises at Clyde Square. The premises were taken over by the owner and Pacheco sought last year to secure a transfer to a location in a residential

zone on Phenix Avenue. This application was denied.

Several weeks ago he filed application for a change in the residential status of Wakefield Street to pave the way for a license there and this attempt was unsuccessful also.

Chief Gus Olson's Report to Council on Beaudreau

In addition to presenting to the West Warwick Town Council a written report of the case involving the police and William Beaudreau, 23, of 774 Main street, West Warwick, Chief Gustaf Olson told the following story to the Council on Tuesday night.

The chief said: "This report was made after two days of intensive investigation and everyone in the department was questioned and I believe we have all accurate facts concerning the case. I feel it is quite impossible to reach a fair decision without going into the background of the case.

He continued: "This Beaudreau was brought into the station because, and I will explain in brief, 'Shortly after midnight the police department received a call that a window was broken on Crawford street. Men on duty at the station went there at once and found a window broken at the Jordan confectionary store. There was no one in the vicinity. It was impossible to tell if entry had been obtained and an officer went into the store and found no one in there. After the officer came out a man was left at the post and the other returned to the station.

"More men were sent out under orders to pick up any suspicious persons. They searched the area. They saw Beaudreau coming out of an alley at the rear of J. B. Archambault building as they were about to enter the alley to search it, so naturally they stopped him to search him and I can't think of anything more natural to do.

"When questioned he gave his

name and address and said he heard the window breaking but knew nothing else. He said he'd had been in the cafe and had been drinking and that he had gone to the alley to answer the call of nature.

Became Abusive

"The police brought him to the station and turned him over to Cpl. Herbert Swanson. When questioned he became abusive and cursed at the desk man who was trying to do his job. He didn't answer questions. He wasn't drunk. No information could be obtained. When told to sit down he challenged Cpl. Swanson and asked who the hell he thought he was. The officer then pushed him back in his seat.

"The telephone rang and the officer told him to sit down but instead he got up again and followed him. Beaudreau raised his hand when forced to sit down and the Cpl. got a hold on his hands and pushed him down. The Cpl. then ordered him locked up. Further investigation showed as far as the police could tell there was no break and they could find no one else. On reporting this to Cpl. Swanson he ordered Beaudreau released.

"Beaudreau also has his time mixed up. The timesheet shows: 12:15, phone call received; 12:20, patrolmen at scene; 12:20 call from store; 12:50, Beaudreau out of alley and he said he had been there 20 minutes; 12:15 to 1:30, alley and vicinity searched; 2:30, officers reported to Cpl. nothing stolen, no entry made, the worse was a broken window; released at

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Chief Olson Speaks

There's quite a controversy going on in West Warwick between William P. Beaudreau, a resident of the town and Chief Gustaf Olson, head of the police department. Beaudreau claims the police treated him rough when he was picked up and asked a hearing before the Town Council. The hearing was held, and in the course of his report on the case, Chief Olson said to Town Solicitor Roland E. Meunier "that to my mind he (Beaudreau) wasn't slapped but was pushed, and if I had been there he would be going yet." What are we to assume from such a remark? Rightly, that Beaudreau would have been given some really tough treatment if the chief personally had been present to handle the case. Maybe the chief didn't mean it that way. But the point is he said it. And coming from the head of a department of town government, the remark left a bad taste. Chief Olson ought to tear a page out of the record of his predecessor. He ought to learn to smile and not go flying off the handle in a moment of exasperation. "If I had been there, he would be going yet." A fine statement from a public servant.

R. J. Pilot
Dec. 15, 1947

Christmas Season

on at Meeting Selects
; to Offer Greater In-
the Buying Public.

W. Warwick Council Urges Fire Districts to Sell Now

**Asks Natick and Crompton to Dispose of Equipment
and Real Estate So Town Can Give Good Protection; Leave Debts to Financial Session**

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The West Warwick Town Council last night called on the Crompton fire district and the Natick fire district to co-operate in enabling the town to provide uniform fire protection by turning over real estate and firefighting equipment immediately and leaving up to the annual financial town meeting in May the matter of assuming the debt of the Natick district and the paying of \$3300 to Crompton.

The council appointed two more permanent men and named 25 additional callmen to the fire department, called upon the Arctic fire district treasurer to turn over cash in that district estimated at \$3000 and announced that the callmen personnel has not been filled and that action will be taken on additional applications as they are filed.

The resolutions pertaining to the Crompton and Natick fire districts state that under Chapter 2077 of the Public Laws of 1933 Section 3 the town is not permitted to purchase personal property or to assume liabilities without an appropriation being voted for those purposes.

Conditions Delay Move

The lack of an appropriation precludes the acceptance by the town of one of the stipulations of the Crompton district on the transfer of its assets in that the Crompton condition is that the district sell its personal property to the town for \$3300. The Natick restriction of the transfer of its real estate and personal property is that the town assume the liabilities of that district in the sum of \$6000.

The resolutions propose that the town take over the real estate and the personal property (fire alarm systems and apparatus, etc) complete the installation and connection of the fire alarm system of the two districts until the annual town meeting when the matter of assuming the liabilities of the Natick district and of providing for the purchase of the Crompton assets are to be presented to the taxpayers for acceptance and approval.

Town Clerk Romeo Maynard was directed to mail to the chairmen of the board of fire wardens of the Crompton district and of the Natick district certified copies of the respective resolutions pertaining to those districts.

Edward Emmett Kelly of the Riverpoint fire district and Thomas Armand Gilman of the Phenix fire district were appointed temporary full time firemen until permanent appointments to the town fire department are made by the council.

Callmen's Pay \$50

Mrs. Olive Knight, town treasurer, was authorized to pay the salaries of these temporary full-time firemen out of the town fire department fund upon approval of the proper vouchers by the council.

The 25 additional callmen are to be paid at the rate of \$50 a year beginning Jan. 1 of this year. Of the 25, eight are residents of the Arctic district, seven are residents of the Riverpoint district and 10 are residents of the Crompton district. Those named for the Riverpoint-Phenix man are:

John D. DiPrete of 23 Better Street, Robert Kimber of 6 Maple Avenue, Francis E. Lawrence of 71 Wakefield Street, Joseph F. Pimental of 96 East Main Street, Lucias F. Reid of 10 Clyde Street, Alfred R. Tillier of 1059 Main Street. The Lippitt Town Hall will be the home station for these men. The additional callmen named for the central station at Arctic are Vitalin Boisclair of 27 Eddy Street, Ludovic H. Cayouette of 120 Andrews Avenue, Walter Gabry of 10 Grove Street, Reginald R. Gaudet of 1359 Main Street, Arthur J. Johnson of 1295 I Main Street, James F. Martin of 17 McGlynn Street, Gabriel J. Picard of 30 Center Street and Felix H. Valiere of 86 Second Street.

List of Those Named

The corpsmen named for the Crompton station are George Berard of 1676 Main Street, Elbridge C. Briggs and George F. Briggs both of 5 Fountain Street, Richard M. Gaudry of 64 Tiogue Avenue, Ralph Hotchins of 12 Spring Street, Anthony J. Kiselica of 12 Cowesset Avenue, George Prytula Jr. and Peter Prytula, both of 1644 Main Street, Joseph L. St. John of 20 Pennsylvania Avenue and Irving F. Yeaw of 31 East Greenwich Avenue.

Council President Ernest E. Lefebvre said that the reason the council has moved to take over fire protection in Crompton and Natick is because the chairman of the board of fire wardens of the Crompton district had told him that the firemen in that district seemed to be losing interest in firefighting and that expenses are piling up.

Lefebvre observed that the Crompton district has sold its waterworks, that someone will have to be responsible for water bills and that he had been informed by the chairman and a few of the other members of the board of fire wardens "that they would wholeheartedly support an arrangement whereby the town would take over immediately and leave the question of the \$3300 to the annual town meeting for an

appropriation at that time. He said that within the last few days, however, that attitude had changed and that the council had been requested to make known its proposal for giving fire protection in the district, the position to be set forth as a vote of the council.

Connection Takes One Day

Lefebvre said that it would take about a day to connect the Crompton fire alarm system with the switchboard at the central station thereby making the Crompton fire alarm system a part of the town fire alarm system. Lefebvre said that he feels that the people are concerned with protection of life and property and not when final arrangements for the transition of district to town control of firefighting activities is effected, and that the time has come for an end to the petty obstruction to the full functioning of the town's firefighting department.

He said that the administration from the time the town department was established in Nov. 5 has been anxious to afford the same protection and service for the entire town that has been provided for Arctic which became the nucleus of the town department on Nov. 5 and that the resolutions under consideration provide that be done.

He said that if the co-operation is given by Crompton and Natick that the town's administration asks the town department will be functioning fully on a town-wide basis within two or three weeks.

He said that in Riverpoint the town had been prohibited from connecting in the alarm system of that district until the fire station in the Lippitt Town Hall was ready to receive the apparatus and that this had imposed an unreasonable delay in connecting the alarm system of that district into the town system.

Points to Difficulties

Judge Roland E. Meunier, town solicitor, said that the enabling act clearly defined what the council can and cannot do and that it was impossible to present a resolution carrying an appropriation for the taking over of the various districts at the last annual town meeting because the terms of the district were not known at that time.

He said that fire protection must be provided legally and charged that the obstructionist tactics in the various districts have been used for political reasons.

He said that several legal opinions have been expressed publicly and privately concerning property of the district in that it is the legal consensus that the funds remaining in the various districts are public trust funds and that they can be used for only one purpose and that is for fire protection.

The council when it set up the town department last November established a pay for the permanent firemen at \$40 a week the pay for the callmen was established at \$50 a year at the meeting last night. At the November meeting 23 callmen, all residents of the Arctic district, were appointed so that the action taken last night gives the department a total of 48 callmen at present.

Claire Griffin, 19, Reverses Plea; Admits Thefts Paid for Romance

**Market Cashier's Case Continued for Sentence, But
Companion's Trial Opens on Charge of
Interstate Carrying of Stolen Money**

Changing her plea on the eve of her trial in Federal Court, a Providence supermarket cashier yesterday admitted embezzling between \$8000 and \$10,000 of her employer's funds to finance a romance with a Pawtucket man with whom she fled to Chicago.

Shortly after Claire Griffin, 19, of 1086 Narragansett Boulevard, Edgewood, had appeared before Judge John P. Hartigan with Donald O.

Burke, her attorney, and in a voice hardly audible pleaded guilty to an indictment charging her with carrying more than \$5000 in stolen money across state lines, her reputation was attacked by counsel for Edward J. Masterson, 30, of 1020 Central Avenue, Pawtucket, her Chicago companion.

Miss Griffin admitted that she had taken about \$2000 from the General Markets Co., concessionaire at Wilson's Big Chief Market on Eddy Street, between March, 1946, and Sept. 12, 1947, and between \$6000 and \$8000 on Sept. 16, 1947, he last day as cashier.

Assistant U.S. District Attorney Joseph Venezia asked that her case be continued for sentence, and trial of Masterson, who has pleaded not guilty of transporting stolen money, was begun.

Michael DeCiantis, court-appointed counsel for Masterson, over Venezia's objection, cross-examined Miss Griffin, after charging the prosecution intended to emphasize her youth and the possible influence of the older Masterson upon her in planning the theft.

DeCiantis got the girl to admit that she was accustomed to frequent local cafes, and cross-examining her on her relations with another man, drew the admission that she had had a child by that man.

DeCiantis said he was ready to substantiate that Miss Griffin also had given stolen money to the other man "with whom she was really in love."

Earlier, the girl had testified that Masterson had suggested they leave for California when she told him she was afraid auditor's reports would reveal her shortages. She said Masterson told her that as long as she had taken so much, "you might as well take more and we'll go away together." The girl testified Masterson told her he loved her and that they would some day be married. She had known Masterson six weeks.

Miss Griffin, who gave herself up to Chicago police after Masterson had jilted her for a blues singer, said also that Masterson had asked her at one time for \$75 "to buy a gun; that he wanted to hold up a place in Indiana with two other fellows."

Venezia, in his opening address, declared that Masterson was responsible for "tempting" Miss Griffin to steal the money, and charged that Masterson had received one-half of the total, "if not more."

The girl told the court she had

given \$1000 to Masterson on the train between New York and Chicago, and that after living with him in Chicago they had had a fight, and Masterson had taken \$3000 from her and, a few weeks later, left her.

The jury selected yesterday is headed by James H. Francis, laboratory assistant, of 372 Orms Street, as foreman, and includes Elsie E. Driscoll, housewife, 58 Oxford Street; Gladys M. Ferri, housewife, 19 Brookdale Boulevard, Pawtucket; Omer F. Fournier, janitor, 72 Ninth Street; Eugene A. Gaudet, jewelry worker, 102 Briggs Street; Thomas H. Horner, clerk, 24 Arch Street; Mary L. Mowry, housewife, 320 Lonsdale Avenue, Pawtucket; Joseph X. Ormond, chauffeur, 362 Smith Street; Margaret T. Rigney, housewife, 20 Elmdale Avenue; Margaret M. Tamboc, housewife, 63 New Fenner Avenue, Cranston; Margaret E. Walker, housewife, 391 Broadway, Pawtucket, and Howard M. Wall, service man, 48 Spicer Street.

Pawtucket Man Denies Knowledge Of Cashier's \$8000 Embezzlement

Masterson Claims He Was Merely Good Samaritan to Claire Griffin After She Told Him She Was Apprehensive of Auditor's Investigation

A Pawtucket man whom the government has accused of tempting a Providence supermarket cashier into embezzling thousands of dollars took the stand in his own defense in Federal Court yesterday and painted himself as a Good Samaritan to the girl.

Denying that he knew Claire Griffin had stolen more than \$8000 from an Eddy Street supermarket, Edward J. Masterson, 30, of 1020 Central Avenue, Pawtucket, said he had planned to go to Chicago to look for a job, and had agreed to let the girl go with him after she told him she feared an auditor's investigation would reveal earlier thefts.

Masterson testified Miss Griffin, daughter of a Providence attorney, said she planned to go on to California for "one big fling before they caught up with her" and that she would stay in Chicago only a few days.

The Pawtucket man admitted taking \$2000 from her after an argument during their first week in Chi-

cago. He said that the girl had given money to other men in Chicago, naming a "Ray Ryan" as one.

During the time he and the girl were in adjoining cells in Chicago, he testified, she told him she "didn't regret it, that she had a good time, now she was going to pay for it, but she would do it over again if she could."

Masterson is being tried before Judge John P. Hartigan and a jury on a charge of transporting more than \$5000 in stolen money across state lines, a charge to which Miss Griffin has already pleaded guilty and on which she is awaiting sentence.

Masterson, under cross-examination by Assistant U.S. District Attorney Joseph Venezia, said he could not remember a statement he gave FBI agents in Chicago at the time of his arrest.

This statement was read earlier in court. It quoted Masterson as saying that Miss Griffin would "get whatever money she could at her work before we left," and "on the train between Providence and New York, Claire told me she had taken about \$8100 from work."

But on the stand Masterson said he couldn't remember making any statement about Miss Griffin's getting "whatever money she could." He said that at the time of his arrest he was under a strain because his wife—the blues singer for whom, Miss Griffin told police, Masterson jilted her in Chicago—had been stabbed a few hours before.

Another prosecution witness yesterday linked Masterson with knowledge of the Griffin girl's embezzlement prior to the pair's leaving Providence.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. McCarthy of 208 Grand Avenue, Edgewood, testified that on the night before Masterson left Providence for Chicago with the Griffin girl, he boasted in a bar that Claire had given him money and that there was \$8000 in the trunk of the car.

U.S. SELLS 87 STEEL PLANTS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—(AP)—Private industry has taken over 82 per cent of the steel plant capacity built by the government for war, the War Assets Administration reported today. Of the 150 surplus plants and other units, 113 have been sold or leased. The 87 properties sold cost \$100,000,000, the government said. The bill gives detailed stipulations as to annuity and pension payments, to other municipal employees at 60, and firemen at a minimum age of 58. Providing for retirement of police and firemen at a minimum age of 58. Accounts of member municipalities would be maintained separately, subject to return if the municipality withdrew from the system, but administration of the system by the state at its expense would allow investment of contributions as a single fund.

Senator Broomhead said provisions for excluding teachers from membership would be desirable if a separate state teachers' retirement system should be adopted.

Gets 15 Months In 'Love' Theft

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (AP)—Edward J. Masterson, 30, of Pawtucket, was convicted by a jury in federal court of transporting more than \$5000 in stolen money across state lines, and was sentenced to 15 months by Judge John P. Hartigan.

Claire Griffin, 19-year-old former Providence supermarket cashier, who had pleaded guilty to a similar charge, admitting she had embezzled from \$8000 to \$10,000 from her employers and gone to Chicago with Masterson, was placed on probation until she is 21. She testified for the government against Masterson.

Masterson took his sentence impassively, but tears flowed down Miss Griffin's cheeks as she was given probation. She still must face an embezzlement charge in superior court, but her counsel told the federal court he hoped to get her a deferred sentence.

Miss Griffin surrendered to Chicago police last December after Masterson had jilted her there. She had only \$2 left of the more than \$8000 she had embezzled from her employer, General Markets Co., on Sept. 16.

Griffin Girl Gets Probation, Masterson 15-Month Term

Federal Court Jury Finds Pawtucket Man Guilty of Transporting \$5000 in Stolen Money; Former Cashier Still Faces Embezzlement Count

A former Providence supermarket cashier who admitted her guilt was given probation yesterday on a charge of transporting more than \$5000 in stolen money across state lines, and the Pawtucket man who fled with her was convicted by a Federal Court jury and given a 15-month sentence.

Neither of the pair looked at the other as they stood side by side before Judge John P. Hartigan to hear their sentences late yesterday afternoon.

But while Edward J. Masterson, 30, of 1020 Central Avenue, Pawtucket, listened impassively, tears filled the eyes of Claire Griffin, 19, daughter of a Providence attorney, and a few trickled down her cheek as she heard the judge place her on probation until she was 21 years old.

Masterson's counsel, Michael DeCiantis, said the Pawtucket man would not appeal the sentence. The girl still has to face an embezzlement charge brought by Providence police, but her counsel told the judge he

hoped to win a deferred sentence for her in Superior Court.

In giving Miss Griffin probation on the recommendation of the U. S. District Attorney's office, Judge Hartigan placed responsibility for her crime in a large measure on her parents.

Referring to reports from Probation Officer William L. Black, Judge Hartigan commented: "If her home life had been different during these years, she wouldn't be before this court or any court, in my opinion."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Venezia, in suggesting probation for the girl, said "her family life was so undesirable that the example set by her mother and father, I feel, are personally responsible for her act. She should have an opportunity to regain her place in society—she was a victim of circumstances, misguided by her affection for Masterson."

And the girl's counsel, Donald O. Burke, told the court that she was "an exemplary scholar and daughter" until she was 18, when things "were bad at home. There was no one to care for her. She turned to the wrong companions and to drink and it's a short, short road down to the bottom."

Burke told the court that Miss Griffin is now living with an aunt and since she went to live with her "has not had a drop to drink."

Employer Asks Probation

A letter from Miss Griffin's present employer, Ernest V. Halligan of the M. W. Dunton Co., 670 Eddy Street, requesting probation, was read to the court.

Judge Hartigan warned Burke that if Miss Griffin was reported to the court as associating with "idle and dissolute persons," she would be brought in and sentenced regardless of any pleas in her behalf.

In sentencing Masterson, Judge Hartigan said he could not overlook Masterson's age nor the latter's two previous convictions for assault and forgery.

He thanked DeCiantis, court-appointed counsel, for his "conscientious and able defense without fee," and said he regretted Congress does not provide reward for counsel in such cases.

Jury Out 2 Hours, 3 Minutes

The jury, which deliberated only two hours and three minutes before returning a verdict, was given the case at 2:42 p.m., after the judge's charge.

The final day's testimony was marked by the re-appearance of Miss Griffin as a rebuttal witness for the government. She testified that Masterson was with her when she placed more than \$8000 of stolen money in her suitcase before leaving Providence for Chicago.

She said she had taken the suitcase from a locker in a Liggett drugstore in Masterson's presence and placed the money in the piece of luggage.

Under cross-examination, the girl said she had not recalled until yesterday the placing of the money in the suitcase in the presence of the Pawtucket man. After her testimony, the government rested.

Venezia, in his summation for the prosecution, termed Masterson "a type of human parasite, an imitation of humanity, the kind of man who is the downfall of many a good girl."

"He is a man with a champagne appetite and a beer income—so when he met Claire and found she was a free-spender, he undoubtedly made her believe he was interested in her."

Venezia said that Mrs. Elizabeth B. McCarthy, the witness who testified Masterson had told her Miss Griffin had \$8000 before Masterson left Providence for Chicago, was a friend of Masterson's and would "have no reason to lie."

He scoffed at Masterson's testimony of planning to go to Chicago to find work, and said the Pawtucket man had not worked for nearly a year, and did not look for work when he reached Chicago.

The prosecutor asked the whereabouts of Masterson's wife—"the wife he says his heart is bleeding for."

DeCiantis described Masterson as "the underdog, a man alone with no one to help him," in the defense summation. He called Miss Griffin a "vindictive woman," determined to have revenge on the man who jilted her for another woman.

He contended that Miss Griffin proved the downfall of Masterson, and said that the Pawtucket man had the night before he left for Chicago registered at the Crown Hotel here using the same alias and Chicago address that he later used in Chicago. Such action, DeCiantis contended, gave no indication that Masterson planned flight in leaving for Chicago.

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West Greenwich Conducts Special Financial Meeting

Independent Party Regime and GOP-Democratic Coalition Break About Even in Test of Strength at Session Ending in Uproar

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The West Greenwich Independent Party administration and Republican-Democratic coalition forces broke about even at a special financial town meeting last night in the town hall at Nooseneck. It was the third test of strength between the two groups in the last two months.

The three and a quarter hour session adjourned in an uproar precipitated by lightning-like activity of moderator Edwin J. Hoxsie Sr. in ruling a motion to amend the \$1800 deficiency snow removal resolution out of order, declaring the motion carrying the appropriation adopted by voice vote and declaring a vote to adjourn carried by voice vote.

The meeting appropriated a total of \$3655 which added to the total of \$17,500 voted at the annual town meeting Mar. 15 makes the total of appropriations for the fiscal year \$21,155 of which \$19,355 is to be covered by tax revenue and \$1800 by proceeds from the state sales tax.

Coalition Forces Lose Here

The coalition forces led by former Sen. John H. Potter were defeated in effort by the administration to secure an appropriation of \$900 for the contingent fund. This sum was sought by the town council to meet ordinary drafts from that account take care of extra charges arising from two primaries and the election this year and to finance an audit of the financial records of the town either by the State Bureau of Audits or by a firm of certified public accountants, council president, Francis M. Luther said.

Potter amended the amount to \$500 contending that that sum would be sufficient to cover expenses the appropriation was designed to meet, and as he sought to elaborate with a reminder that the coalition sought an audit of the snow bills, he was ruled out of order.

A ballot taken on Potter's amendment reducing the appropriation to \$500 resulted in adoption of the amendment by a vote of 91 yes to 70 no, a margin of 21 votes. The second test of strength came on the administration resolution appropriating \$100 for the salary of the collector of taxes this was amended to \$200 by Potter and the amendment prevailed by a margin of 22 votes; 91 for the amendment and 69 against.

Tide Turns

The tide turned on the next ballot which was on an appropriation for repairs to the town hall. The administration resolution called for \$500, Potter amended to \$50. During the bitter debate Sen. Henry C. Hoxsie said that the \$500 was sought in order to paint the interior and exterior of the building, put in bulkheads for the cellar entrances and have repairs made to wiring and to one of the chimneys. He said that nothing had been done to the building since it was constructed seven years ago.

Luther said that several times during the winter a back draft in one of the stoves had filled the room with smoke while it was occupied by children using the overflow of accommodations provided there for school session and that the children had to leave the building in the bitter cold. He said that oil burning heaters had been put in several of

the schools and he could not understand why one had not been installed in the town hall.

Potter said that provision was made in the school budget for repairs to school buildings and since the town hall was being used for school purposes he believed that some of this money could be used to make repairs to the town hall so that the appropriation sought by the council would not be necessary and the \$50 provided in his amendment would be sufficient.

Immediately after the meeting had been declared adjourned shouts went up that this can't be done. He had no right to do this. Moderator Hoxsie ignored the shouts and put his gavel in his pocket while Town Clerk Matteson was gathering the voting lists and other papers. Group discussions continued for some time after the meeting had adjourned.

Moderator Hoxsie was surrounded by Independent Party leaders who congratulated him on the manner in which he had conducted the meeting. Coalition groups in other parts of the hall at the same time were condemning moderator Hoxsie for not having the controversy over the deficiency appropriation settled by ballots rather than by voice vote.

Skirmish At Outset

At the outset of the meeting there was a skirmish between the opposing forces over an appropriation of \$105 for a telephone red network service for firemen. The administration resolution and an amendment offered by Potter called for the same amount of money and the same number of telephones, but differed in the manner in which the telephones should be allocated. Potter wanted the town fire wardens to make the allocations and the administration wanted the allocations to be made by the fire companies. Potter finally withdrew his amendment. The measure went through with the understanding that the chiefs of the West Greenwich and the High and Lowland companies will allocate the two telephones allocated to each. The fifth telephone is for the Robert Bonner Fire Company.

Appropriations voted last night in which there was no controversy were social welfare, \$150; salary of the director of social welfare, \$200; and assessors of taxes salaries, \$200.

Arctic Fire Wardens Order Assets of District Shifted

Treasurer Directed to Turn Over \$5113 in Cash to Town of West Warwick and to Pay Final Bills

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The Arctic Board of Fire Wardens last night voted to turn over to the town of West Warwick cash assets of \$5113 thereby closing the last link in the transfer of the Arctic fire district to the town.

The action followed reading of a statement signed by Michael DeCiantis district adviser counselling the move, but asking that the action taken by Arctic taxpayers "not be taken as a precedent for the other districts to follow."

Members authorized the treasurer, Joseph V. Ney to pay final bills amounting to \$23.54, and, at Ney's suggestion, voted \$30 to engage the services of Leonard F. Hennessey, former district auditor for a final audit of the books before turning them over to the town.

Protests Books Removal

District Tax Collector Clarence H. Brousseau protested the removal of his books from the fire station to the town hall claiming that it was his intention also to have them audited before transfer.

The collector's records were removed to the town clerk's office several days ago.

"I didn't even know they were

gone until I read about it in the papers," Brousseau said.

DeCiantis said in his statement that his advice was not based "on any legislative act which the town has acted, as it is my opinion that it is of no effect." He said the taxpayers "should not be coerced, intimidated or whipped into line" by the town's administration, but added that because it was the wish of the taxpayers to transfer all assets "their wish must be honored."

Idea Is Scored by Ney

In a brief but heated statement prior to the actual transfer Ney scored the idea of placing the district funds in the town's hands, and said "it would have been more appropriate to donate it to the Pawtuxet Valley District Nursing or a future West Warwick Firemen's Relief Association."

"They would have been able to do a lot more with it than by our giving it to the town's general fund," he said.

Other members seemed to agree with Ney in that respect and one, John J. Flanagan, actually refused to sign the voucher which legally gave the town the money.

Brousseau submitted a list of taxes collected for the past 10 years totaling \$646.89 which was added to the cash on hand to make the final total.

Trustees of Kent County Hospital at Dinner



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Kent County Memorial Hospital hold an after dinner chat at the first report meeting of the advance gifts division of the \$800,000 building fund campaign last night at the Log Cabin, Arctic. Left to right, are: George Roche, Homer A. Gelineau, Charles T. Algren, John C. B. Washburn and Albert W. Bradley.

Total donations of \$75,716 in the first week of the Advance Gifts phase of the Kent County Memorial Hospital \$800,000 Building Fund Campaign were announced last night at the first report meeting of the Advance Gifts Division at the Log Cabin, Arctic.

The total announced last night included the \$35,100 donated at the opening meeting of the Advance Gifts Division a week ago.

The largest contribution reported last night by division co-chair-

men, Col. Patrick H. Quinn and Francis Hall Brown, was a gift of \$7500 from the Riverpoint Lace Works, Inc., presented by George A. Hayes, president of the corporation. The gift will be for a four-bed ward in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Hayes, parents of George Hayes and John E. Hayes, treasurer of the corporation.

Presented simultaneously was a personal contribution of \$750 from George Hayes and an equal sum from John Hayes.

A donation of \$3600 was received from Mrs. George B. Parker, of Washington, who named a private room in memory of her husband, George B. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick contributed \$1950 to name a waiting room in memory of Mr. DeCiantis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luigi DeCiantis, and the anesthesia supply room in memory of Mrs. DeCiantis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Glenn.

Mrs. Robert H. Champlin, wife of

the campaign chairman, donated \$1050 and named a secretary's office in memory of her parents, Alfred R. and Amy A. Johnson.

Other large contributions announced last night were: \$1050 from the Simons Distributing Co. of Warwick; \$1000 from Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Bradley of Coventry; \$1000 each from Dr. Whitman Merrill of Washington, Dr. Peter C. Erinakes of Centerville, and Dr. Fernand J. Hemond of Arctic.

Rocky Hill Fair Purchases Site In E. Greenwich; Booths Planned

Purchase of a 25-acre tract on Division Road by the Rocky Hill Fair, Inc., was revealed last night with the filing of a mortgage deed in the East Greenwich Town Hall.

It marks the first step of a previously announced long range plan to establish the fair on a permanent basis. Included in the purchase, from Victor Nelson of Barton's Corner, is a large barn.

The barn, according to John Hamilton, a member of the fair's board of directors, will be used to

house exhibits of fancy work and 4-H club activities.

"We intend to build during the next few years a set of permanent booths and stands for exhibits," said Hamilton. He said the tract is the same land that the fair rented last year from Nelson.

Also filed was a \$7000 mortgage for the property with Nelson as grantor. Elmer Benson is president of the corporation, Michele DeCiantis, vice president; and Warren Moorehead, secretary-treasurer.

W. Warwick Decides On Budget Tomorrow

The West Warwick Republican administration will give an account of its stewardship during its first full year of control of the town's fiscal activities at the annual financial town meeting tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the junior high school, Royal Square.

The administration will present a tentative budget calling for appropriations totaling \$642,539.25, \$71,951.78 more than the amount voted last year to meet operating expenses.

In addition there are eight special items to be acted upon, including appropriation of \$8000 to take over the Natick fire district and one of \$33,000 to acquire the Crompton fire district.

If action is favorable on both proposals, West Warwick will be able to complete organization of a town fire department.

Chief Points at Issue

Chief controversial matters are teachers' salaries and an appropriation for memorial services.

The West Warwick Teachers' Association wants a salary scale carrying a maximum of \$3800. The administration proposes a salary scale with a maximum of \$2700.

The West Warwick Veterans' Council has given notice that it will seek an increase in the administration budget allocation of \$750 for memorial services.

The teachers, in supporting their

demand for \$3800, contend they are fighting to get a maximum sufficient to provide a liberal retirement pay for a number of teachers who will be leaving active service in the schools within the next several years. Favorable action by the taxpayers on the teachers' program would increase the appropriation for the schools by approximately \$11,555, according to John J. Kelly, president of the teachers' association.

Statement By Meunier

Judge Roland E. Meunier, town solicitor, this morning issued the following statement relative to the administration stand on the teachers' salary question.

"The question of the teachers' salaries and the interest stimulated requires that a clear statement of policy be given by the administration. The following points are the results of long and careful consideration of all departments and the general financial picture of the town, plus the teachers' salaries, as compared with other towns and cities throughout the state. Furthermore, it is issued on a sincere desire to establish as high a level as possible for all town employees.

"(1) That teachers have been treated fairly by the administration is shown by last year's record and by this year's proposal. We submit that teachers' salaries are now at least on a decent level.

"(2) Administration proposal is aimed at correcting inequalities which have existed for years. A teacher should have certainly reached the maximum after 25 or 30 years of service. There are teachers in West Warwick with more than 30 years' service who are still under the maximum.

As Far As Town Can Go

"(3) The administration takes the position that this proposal is as far as it can go this year (\$2700 maximum). The fact that it is an election year is significant. It is difficult to refuse these demands in an election year but good business and sound financial policy dictate a refusal. It is the administration's desire and policy to remove the school department from political pressure.

"(4) The administration feels that school teachers' salaries can fairly and justly be set only in comparison to other teachers' salaries elsewhere in like communities and that a comparison to tradesmen or businessmen or other professional men, doctors, lawyers, etc., is not valid. A businessman or a lawyer or a dentist would not settle for either a maximum or a minimum. Neither could he make a living if he matched hours or working days with a teacher, nor has he any security other than his own health and customer good will. The teachers point to the businessman who accumulates a fortune or is well-to-do. They forget the one who is wiped out overnight by misfortune.

Need in All Departments

"(5) The administration proposal recognizes the need for increases in all departments. The teachers must realize that other employees as well as other taxpayers throughout the town are affected by the increased living costs. There is no need to point out that highway laborers and policemen and firemen pay just as much for a pound of butter or a pair of shoes or a loaf of bread as do teachers. Their children become just as hungry. Sickness and hunger do not recognize training or background. We believe that a general increase affecting all employees is reasonable and just provided we can do it without increasing the tax rate which in effect would be cutting the salaries or wages of the taxpayers throughout the town.

"(6) The administration proposal presented at a teachers' association meeting recently was rejected by the teachers. This is the first time within memory that teachers have rejected offered increases. The situation is unique, to say the least. In the discussion up to date the teachers have neglected to mention that they were receiving increases as a matter of fact in our 'down the line' policy.

"It must be interesting to the taxpayers to know that before this administration came into power the teachers' salaries, based on a 52-week year, were \$31.34 in grammar schools, \$33.59 in the junior high schools, and \$37.56 in the senior high school. These figures are based on a 52-week year but include approximately 16 weeks of vacation with pay. The adjustments made for the period 1947-48 gave each teacher a raise of \$11.00, including the state grant of \$600.

Administration Proposal

"The administration proposal of adjustment for the year 1948-49 raises the average weekly 52-week pay of grammar school teachers to \$58.97; junior high school teachers to \$60.36; and the senior high school teachers, \$63.88. It can't be said that school teachers cannot under these salaries make a decent living.

"If we base these same figures on a 36-week year of actual working time, the grammar school teachers under the administration proposal receive a weekly salary of \$35.13, the junior high school teachers a weekly salary of \$37.19, and the senior high school teachers a weekly salary of \$39.27. All of these salaries are averages for the respective schools.

"With these facts in mind the administration will be prepared to present its case in all details to the taxpayers tomorrow afternoon. The word 'fight', as used by the teachers, is an attempt, we believe, to place the administration in an unfavorable position. The teachers have never had to 'fight' with this administration for increases. Recently requests have been honored. We believe it to be significant that teachers in West Warwick probably for the first time in the history of the town have no fear of voicing their requests to the public. We submit that this is proper and must remain so under our form of government. Mr. Kelly's statement that 'if we lose we are all done' we hold to be unfair in that it implies political pressure. We submit that nothing in our records points in that direction. Apparently the teachers are not yet acquainted with new found freedom of speech."

Teachers Win Salary Scale Battle At West Warwick Town Meeting

\$3800 Maximum Plan Carried; Vets' Appropriation Increased

West Warwick teachers won their fight for a \$3800 maximum salary scale after a two-hour debate at the town's annual financial town meeting yesterday afternoon.

In two defeats for the GOP town administration, taxpayers turned down the counter program by town officials for a \$2700 maximum and increased the appropriation for veterans' memorial observance by \$500 to \$1500.

The administration won ratification of the rest of its program and slapped down a Democratic attempt to control the insurance committee.

Only the poise of State Sen. Raoul Archambault Jr., the moderator, prevented the hectic three-and-a-half-hour session in the junior high school, attended by 448 property voters, from degenerating into a wrangle of personal vituperation and a partisan political forum when tempers flared during the long debate on the teacher salary issue. At one point in the meeting he ordered both Town Councilman Norman E. Gillespie and Michael DeCiantis to their seats and at another gave warning that any person injecting personalities in the debate would be removed by police from the hall.

Elected moderator without opposition Archambault received unanimous consent to a condition he placed on accepting the post—the privilege of turning over the gavel to Town Clerk Romeo Maynard and discussing from the floor any issue that might arise. In exercising this right in the debate on the teacher salary issue, Archambault supported the teacher salary scale carrying the maximum of \$3800 and opposed the administration counter proposal for a \$2700 maximum.

Lefebvre Presents Budget

At the outset of the meeting Ernest E. Lefebvre, president of the town council, presented the administration a 38-item budget carrying appropriations totaling \$640,689.25 to cover operating expenses of the town government for the new fiscal year and to be financed out of new tax revenue.

Fourth District Court Judge James W. Leighton objected to two items—the administration proposal of \$224,234 for schools and the administration proposal of \$48,700 for the police department. Thaddeus Kraus, president of the West Warwick Veterans Council, and department commander of the VFW, objected to the administration proposal of \$1000 for memorial services. The 35 appropriations, items to which no objection was raised were adopted by unanimous vote.

Judge Leighton amended the school appropriation increasing it to \$230,034, and opened the debate on the major controversial issue of the meeting, after his amendment had been seconded by John J. Kelly, president of the West Warwick Teachers' Association. Judge Leighton said that his amendment would make effective the teacher salary program worked out by the fact-finding committee and adopted by the teachers' association.

He said that no large amount would be required; that on the school appropriation tentative figure of \$226,334 cited by the administration at the budget hearing last week his amendment would require \$3700 to make the fact-finding teachers' association program effective, but on the reduced budgetary figure of \$224,234 before the meeting before he presented his amendment an increase of \$5800 would be required.

Lies with School Board

Continuing, he said that the teachers realize that the legal power to make effective the salary scale they want lies with the school committee, approval by the taxpayers of the amendment would indicate that those who pay the bill want the \$3800 maximum plan put into effect. If the school committee should fail to inaugurate the program if the money for it were voted it would be the first time since the town was organized in 1913 that any body in the town government had gone against the clearly expressed wishes of the taxpayers. "If the teachers, the members of the police, fire and highway departments are not receiving a living wage, this town should be ashamed and should not boast of an operating surplus of \$54,000," he added.

M. Irene Guertin, a former chairman of the school committee spoke in favor of the amendment.

DeCiantis insupporting the amendment flayed the administration for giving out one figure at the budget meeting and presenting a different one at the town meeting.

"They should bow their heads in shame when they do that," he declared. He said the town could afford to give the teachers what they ask for and reduce the tax rate at the same time.

Brindamour Offers Explanation

Henry Brindamour, a resident of the town employed by the administration as accountant and auditor in preparations for the town meeting, said that the difference between the tentative amount for the school appropriation presented at the budget meeting and the amount recommended in the budget before the town meeting was due to computing on a basis of 12 months in arriving at the tentative budget hearing figure and on a basis of eight months in the actual budget figure.

He said that the teachers' demand set the maximum of \$3800 the minimum at \$1800 annual increments for the first and second years of \$100; third year, and thereafter, \$300; 20 to 29 years, \$300. The administration differed with this on the allocation for the second and third years and on the span on the last increment the administration favoring a 25 to 30 year period.

In summarizing the differences between the scale the Leighton amendment would provide and the plan of the administration Brindamour said the Leighton amendment would give the elementary teachers 88 cents a week more than the administration plan; the junior high school teachers 53 cents a week more and the senior high school teachers \$1.44 more.

He stressed that the plan de-

manded by the teachers covered by the Leighton amendment makes no provision for the substitute teachers and warned that the teachers' plan if continued in effect for five years will necessitate a teachers' salary appropriation of \$263,000 at that time as contrasted with the allocation this year of \$183,101 the computation being based on the premise of employment of the same number of teachers.

Kelly concluded his plea for adoption of the amendment with the statement "if we are worth 88 cents more a week than we are getting now give us the increase; if we are not vote it down."

Charles J. Bourgault said he had requested Brindamour to appear before the fact finding committee but that Brindamour had not appeared before that body when it was making its study of the salary question. He said the findings of the fact finding committee of which he was a member were not objected to by the Republican members of it, and that they were favored by the Democratic, labor and general public representatives on the committee.

Judge Roland E. Meunier, town solicitor said that the administration is not against the teachers; that the controversy was over two plans; that the administration has granted substantial increases to the teachers during the past year; and that the administration felt in duty bound as the administrative agents of all the people, since they had been given that responsibility in being elected to office to protect future interests of the taxpayers.

Meunier Sees Tax Rate Rise

The plan offered by teachers will necessitate a substantial increase in the tax rate within the next four years; that the administration felt it must have a substantial operating surplus to meet emergencies such as that posed not so long ago by widespread unemployment and consequent heavy drains on the department of social welfare.

"Where were Judge Leighton and DeCiantis when the Democrats controlled the town. Did they speak up for the teachers then?" Meunier asked.

Judge Leighton said that he had appeared on the floor of the town meetings several times in the past 20 years in the interest of increased pay for the teachers and that the record would bear out this assertion.

"If the teachers have a friend in this town it is Judge Leighton," Kelly remarked.

Frank LaChappelle wanted to know how the increase would affect the tax rate this year.

Leighton replied that it would not affect it at all.

"We have spent two hours wrangling over \$6000," Guertin complained.

Norman E. Gillespie said the increase in the tax rate in the coming years the teachers' plan will entail may cause the loss of some of the mills which are the economic backbone of the community. He said he would favor the scale demanded by the teachers if the \$3800 were eliminated.

Kelly insisted that the maximum remain and Leighton refused to change his amendment.

Carl Olson observed that he was glad to see that the "teachers have discarded the ball and chain that kept them in silence for a long time and are free people once more."

Francis Mullen, principal of the senior high school, noted that in the debate up to that point no one had mentioned the most vital point the welfare of the children. He contended the town should have the best in teachers in the interest of the children and reminded that the best teachers are entitled to good pay.

Archambault Takes Floor

Taking the floor Senator Archambault said that he had served on the fact finding committee; that all members of the committee had exhibited a sincere desire to dig up all facts they could on a fair salary for the teachers and the ability of the town to pay; and that he was convinced the plan of the fact finding committee adopted by the teachers and before the meeting in the form of Judge Leighton's amendment should prevail.

The vote came at 4:15 p.m. exactly two hours after the convening of the session. The vote revealed only three in opposition to the amendment and the school appropriation providing for making the fact finding committee-teacher association program effective was declared adopted.

Upon motion of Judge Leighton the administration sponsored for the police department, \$48,000 was adopted unanimously. Upon motion of Kraus the appropriation for veterans' memorial observance was increased by \$500 to \$1500. Kraus explained why the added sum was needed—bands and plants for Memorial Day; expenses for observance of Armistice Day.

Harry F. McKanna Jr. presented a resolution naming John J. Clarke, Richard Coogan and Joseph Z. LaChappelle a committee on insurance, after Judge Meunier had presented a resolution continuing the present committee, William DiFranco, Raoul L. Pineau, Ernest E. Lefebvre and Norman E. Gillespie. The McKanna resolution was defeated and the Meunier resolution adopted.

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Newton Avers W. Warwick Won't Be 'Wide Open' If Democrats Win

Democratic Candidate for Council President Also Challenges Republicans to Answer Two Questions Relating to Schools at Lippitt Rally

West Warwick will not be a wide open town if the Democrats win next Tuesday if Mortimer W. Newton has his way. Newton, candidate for president of the town council, addressing about 150 voters of precinct one of the first representative district last night in Eagles Hall, Lippitt, said: "Don't worry about me getting mixed up with gambling, slot machines and foolish things like that because I won't."

Continuing, he challenged the Re-

publicans to answer two questions relating to schools: "Does the Republican Party favor separate election of the school committee on off political years? Will the Republican organization agree not to interfere with the operation of the school department?"

Charging that 90 per cent of the press throughout the country is against the Democratic Party, Newton said "their faces will be red Nov. 3 when they see what Truman does to Dewey." He said that in the town the Democrats want a city form of government; and a new town hall that will be a credit to the town.

Former State Senator Alfred Richard, new town committee chairman, opened the meeting and presented Harry F. McKanna Jr., as chairman. Gerard Di Fiore, representative from the first assembly district, answered Republican charges that Democrat members of the General Assembly did not help in the enactment of a bill that would have changed the time of the annual financial town meetings from afternoon to night.

Di Fiore said his aid was not asked; that the bill was presented on the last day of the session; that he went to the State House library to get a copy of it in order to read it and found that no copy was available. He charged the Republicans with inconsistency in accusing the Democratic members of the General Assembly in doing nothing for the town and at the same time criticizing Ulysses Laroche, (Dem.) representative from the second district, for trying to get several of the highways in the town on the state system of public roads.

Dion Archambault, candidate for state senator, said he will work to "cut in half the working hours of the firemen." He said the firemen work 84 hours a week. He challenged Ernest E. Lefebvre, president of the town council, to explain "why it is that with better equipment and more of it, the roads he has referred to are in worse condition than they ever were under the Democratic administration."

Michael DeCiantis, a member of the town committee, said a short strip of road on Parker Street had been improved at a cost of \$500 to the taxpayers. "I invite the voters of this town to take a look at a strip of land which is located on the easterly side of Parker Street in Phenix. This strip of land lies between the properties owned by the chairman of the school committee and that of the highway commissioner."

"This is a fine example of good road building, but built only for the favorite Republicans and in this instance, town officers. This is a very short strip of land, but it cost the taxpayers of this town approximately \$500."

Other speakers were Thaddeus Kraus, candidate for representative in the third district; Robert Harrop, candidate for town treasurer, and Mrs. Susan V. Lamb, candidate for town clerk.

SAYS GOP PLANNED GAREAU DISCHARGE

Deciantis Says 'Double Cross' Was Rigged for Fire Head, Cites Johnson Deal

A charge that the Republican administration "would never have appointed Lionel Gareau chief of the town fire department if they had thought they could get away with it," was made last night by Michael DeCiantis, West Warwick Democratic town committeeman.

"They had the double cross rigged for Gareau," DeCiantis told more than 500 persons at the final Democratic rally in Turcotte's Hall, Arctic.

DeCiantis charged that "Arthur Johnson, at that time captain of the old Arctic Fire Department, requested in 1946 that the administration give him the job of police chief and that the administration had refused but offered instead to make him chief of the town fire department when it was established."

"Johnson, a staunch Republican, refused this offer and told them 'no, Gareau is my chief and I will never go against him,'" DeCiantis said.

Johnson Supports Charge

Johnson, in the rally audience last night, supported DeCiantis' remarks by standing before the crowd. Later he differed with DeCiantis only in that he claimed he had not sought the police chief job, but that the Republicans had approached him and offered the position to him.

"And those are the Republicans that are whispering that the Democrats, if elected, will fire Gareau as fire chief," DeCiantis concluded.

Thaddeus Kraus, candidate for representative from the third district, in which the rally was held, in an attack on what he called "government by a triumvirate, Meunier, Lefebvre and Gillespie," said that "all we have heard from the Republicans during the campaign is on the record of the Democratic Party in the town for 24 years."

"They have in fact only been criticizing you, the people, who with your honest, intelligent votes, kept the Democrats in power for 12 consecutive terms," Kraus said.

Gives Archambault Credit

Kraus handed the credit for instigation of the anti-gambling campaign in the town to the West Warwick Veterans Council, which, he said, led the drive through Raoul Archambault Jr.

Mortimer Newton, candidate for town council president charged that "the Democratic platform, which in-

cludes a city form of government, permanent police and fire department employees, divorcing school teaching from politics and the holding of school committee elections on off years, has not to this minute been attacked by the Republicans."

Dion Archambault, senatorial candidate, reaffirmed the points in his own platform, including lessening the hours of firemen, a pension and retirement plan for town employees, and establishment of an electric rate for Rhode Island which "would be more in keeping with the rest of the country." He attacked the Republi-

cans for a lack of fulfillment of 1946 campaign promises.

Mrs. Aime GrosLouis, president of the West Warwick Women's Democratic Club, which sponsored the rally, introduced the speakers.

DE CIANTIS TO ASK PRIMARY ACT TEST

W. Warwick Lawyer, Political
Protege of Judge Quinn, to
Fight Ruling by Cote

Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick, a political associate of Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn, yesterday said he will make an effort to test one section of the new direct primary law.

DeCiantis made the statement after Secretary of State Armand H. Cote, answering a letter from DeCiantis, ruled that party committee-endorsed candidates for nomination are entitled to have their names placed in a preferred position on the voting machines in the September primaries.

"I certainly will try to find a way of contesting the ruling, even if it is necessary to go to the State Supreme Court," DeCiantis told a reporter.

He argued in his letter to Cote that the names of primary candidates should be listed in the same column perpendicularly so that organization-endorsed candidates would not be given the preferred first column.

Archambault May Back Move

It was learned last night that if DeCiantis brings his case before the Supreme Court, he probably will be supported by Sen. Raoul Archambault Jr. of West Warwick, who is seeking the GOP nomination for governor against the wishes of the Republican organization.

While DeCiantis is a Democrat, Archambault, it was said, would fight the case along with him.

It was not clear last night why DeCiantis is entering the picture. His political mentor, Judge Quinn, has been mentioned as a possible primary opponent against U.S. Sen. Theodore Francis Green, but Democratic sources said they did not believe Quinn had decided to make the bid.

Some Democrats speculated that DeCiantis possibly might be acting because he has local primary fights in mind.

Request for Interpretation

In effect, DeCiantis was asking Cote for the secretary's interpretation of Sec. 15 of the untested primary law which, in stating the method for setting up the ballot, says:

"The secretary of state shall forthwith cause the proper ballots or ballot labels to be prepared for use in the various voting districts. Names of party candidates for a particular office shall be printed alphabetically opposite and to the right of the names of the office they seek and shall not appear on the ballot more than once for the same office; provided, however, the names of candidates having the endorsement of their party committees shall be printed in the first column at the right of the title of the offices they seek and shall be marked with an asterisk (*)."

"Certain Persons" Advised

DeCiantis wrote Cote that he had advised "certain persons" intending to be candidates in their party primaries that the names of candidates for the same office will be placed perpendicularly in the same column, as follows:

U. S. Senator	Candidate A
	Candidate B*
	Candidate C
Governor	Candidate A
	Candidate B
	Candidate C*
	Candidate D

Note: The asterisks denote the endorsed candidates.

Then DeCiantis asked Cote this question: "Do you propose to arrange the names of the candidates on the voting machine in the order that I

have set them forth in this letter?"

Cote told a reporter that he answered DeCiantis' letter yesterday, pointing out that the names of candidates for nomination for the same office will be listed horizontally, as follows:

Office	Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3
U.S. Senator	C'n'te B*	C'n'te A	C'n'te C
Governor	C'n'te C*	C'n'te A	C'n'te B

Thus, all committee-endorsed candidates would have their names fall on the first column of the voting machines, with an asterisk, all the way down the organization-supported ticket.

Promises Court Fight

When a reporter told DeCiantis about Cote's decision, the West Warwick attorney announced his intention of fighting it in court.

He said he will base the fight on the construction of Sec. 15 of the new primary law, which he contends does not exclusively reserve the first column of the voting machine for committee-endorsed candidates.

He said he had not studied any constitutional question involved, such as whether the legislature in this instance can enact a law giving preferential positions on the voting machines to some candidates and denying them to others.

Cote explained it would be physically impossible to set up the voting machine ballots in the manner suggested by DeCiantis.

Technical Problems Cited

He pointed out that the space to the left of the voting machine face reserved for listing the offices sought is much broader than the columns in which the names of candidates appear. He said the offices, such as U.S. senator, U.S. representative and governor, must be listed in that space.

The secretary went on to say that there are only 30 lines arranged horizontally on the voting machines. Thus, if names of candidates seeking the same nomination were set up in the manner proposed by DeCiantis, only six or seven offices could be placed on any one voting machine.

Yet the primary law, as Cote sees it, requires him to list all federal, state and town offices on the one voting machine wherever that is practicable.

WIDER AUTHORITY FOR TOWNS URGED

West Greenwich Improvement
Group Hears James Watson
of Expenditures Council

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Broader power for cities and towns as a means of strengthening local government was advocated by James Watson of the Rhode Island Public Expenditures Council last night at an open meeting of the West Greenwich Improvement Association in the town hall at 400senek.

Because of limitations placed on municipalities in this state it is necessary for them to go to the legislature and ask for special acts to perform local functions in contrast with the practice in other states where broad powers enable local governments to cope immediately with local problems, he said.

The strengthening of local government not only conforms to the principle of home rule but also serves as a safeguard against the encroachments of the federal and state government, he contended.

Discussing the financial problems faced by towns particularly small towns, Watson said that annual audits should be made for the protection of honest officials as well as for the protection of taxpayers. He pointed out that where the practice of having regular audits made was not followed, the first audit would be the most expensive. He said that the State Bureau of Audits has prepared a form which it would like all towns to use in keeping financial records in order to make those records uniform throughout the state.

Only Practical Way

"Voting machines are not adaptable to the system DeCiantis suggests," Cote stated flatly. "The way I propose to do it is the only way that would be practical to take in all offices and all candidates."

He pointed out that since there are nine columns on each voting machine, then nine candidates for the same nomination can get their names on the machines where there is space to list 30 offices.

The West Warwick attorney said he did not know how the question could be taken quickly to the Supreme Court, but added that, in his opinion, it was a question of public policy which should be decided as soon as possible so that candidates will know before September just where their names would appear on the primary ballot.

While the secretary of state's decision is to list names horizontally, DeCiantis raised this question:

"Suppose no candidate is endorsed by his party committee, who uses the first column on the voting machine?"

"I believe these questions should be straightened out long before September," DeCiantis said.

DeCiantis explained the decision to ask Cote on the ballot line-up came out of a "conference with some people who want to run for office." He declined to identify the "people," saying only that among them were members of both major political parties.

Total Voted Is \$774,989

Surplus Will Be
Used to Meet
\$53,000 of Amount

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Appropriations totaling \$774,989.25 were voted by West Warwick taxpayers at the annual financial town meeting yesterday. Of this amount \$671,989 is to be met by tax and other income and \$53,000 out of surplus. The \$774,989.25 is made up of the operating budget total of \$646,989.25 and the total of special appropriations. These special appropriations are:

Transfer of \$25,000 from general fund revenue to postwar fund; town ambulance, \$7000; road grader, \$6700; all purpose loader, \$9000; Crompton fire district assets, \$3300; assumption of Natick fire district note indebtedness, \$6000; blue prints, etc. for memorial town hall, \$3000; major repairs to school buildings, \$9000; for playground equipment, \$7000.

The tax resolution sets the minimum and maximum at \$505,000 and \$535,000 respectively. The tax is to be assessed as of June 15 at noon; the roll is to be completed by Sept. 1; the tax is payable between Sept. 15 and Oct. 2, taxes unpaid Oct. 2, to carry interest at 6 per cent until paid. The tax may be paid in four quarterly installments, Oct. 2, Jan. 3, Apr. 2, July 2.

The operating budget of \$646,989.25 is \$76,401.78 over the total appropriated last year. It follows:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 25,700.00
School department	230,034.00
Police department	48,700.00
Police department equipment	1,800.00
Highway department	42,100.00
Highway department equipment	5,000.00
Highway widening and straightening	20,000.00
Sewer operation and maintenance	26,000.00
Sewer disposal plant improvements	5,000.00
Clerical hire—town hall	10,300.00
Supplies and expenses—town hall	4,000.00
Telephones	2,500.00
Public welfare department	6,500.00
Service memorial	300.00
Town property maintenance	5,200.00
Debt service:	
4½% Jr. H. S. bonds—retirement	15,000.00
5% serial funding bonds—retirement	9,000.00
2½% Jr. H. S. bonds—retirement	4,000.00
2½% sewer bonds—retirement	20,000.00
2½% sewer bonds—retirement	5,000.00
2½% sewer notes—retirement	3,000.00
2½% sewer notes—retirement	2,000.00
Interest on bonds and notes	25,323.25
Claims for damages	500.00
District meetings	5,000.00
Insurance on town buildings	7,000.00
Libraries	1,950.00
Memorial services	1,500.00
Public health	500.00
P.V. Visiting Nurses Association	1,000.00
Southern R.I. Farm Bureau	300.00
Street Lighting	25,700.00
Town officers' bonds	400.00
Mosquito control	5,000.00
Sidewalk construction	6,500.00
Miscellaneous	10,000.00
Playgrounds and recreational centers	5,000.00
Fire Department	60,282.00
Total	\$646,989.25

HELP FOR

East Greenwich Council Reserves Decision on Petition of Lombardi

Series of Heated Exchanges Between Petitioner and Police Chief Johnson Marks Hearing; Mather Awarded Sewage Contract

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A Sunday license petition hearing, the first such hearing in the history of East Greenwich, according to Thomas J. Freeman, council president, was conducted yesterday in the town hall.

The council reserved decision after a series of heated exchanges between the petitioner, Sandro Lombardi of 429 Main Street, and Chief Charles R. Johnson of the police department. Lombardi, who was denied permission to operate a fruit stand and grocery store on Sunday when he applied May 3, petitioned the council through Michael DeCiantis for a chance to be heard. The council had previously ruled that operation of the

stand created a traffic hazard at a narrow portion of Post Road.

Chief Johnson testified that even obligatory parking in rear of the shop would not alleviate the congestion which he said will begin when summer week end traffic becomes heavy.

DeCiantis argued that there is little difference between granting such a license to stores outside the town, and that other cities and towns have them. Said Lombardi, "I just want a chance and a fair trial of this." The council took the matter under advisement after Freeman said, "Speaking for myself alone, I feel that there is no need for such a store to operate on Sunday."

A marked drop in costs of upkeep of the town sewage disposal plant was noted when a bid of the Walter Mather Construction Co. for cleaning sewage beds was opened. Mather was awarded the contract at \$4.25 per cubic yard of sand, and a flat \$552 for labor involved. Previous costs, prior to the institution of a sealed bid system of letting out the work, had been much higher.

Grange Member Protests Permit Given Rocky Hill Fair by Council

Dissension Among Grangers Disclosed Concerning Conduct of Last Year's Event; New Group Proposes Purchase of Land, Equipment

Opposition to a fair permit granted by the East Greenwich Town Council to Rocky Hill Fair Inc., June 14, was voiced by a member of the Rocky Hill Grange yesterday.

The council took no immediate action on the protest voiced by Reuben A. B. Hart of South County Trail, who described himself as an abutting property owner and denounced the fair scheduled for Aug. 17-22 inclusive on nuisance grounds. His action disclosed dissension among Rocky Hill Grange members relative to the conduct of their fair last year, however, by a group of officers who propose to repeat the fair this season "on their own."

Michael DeCiantis, who was

present at the council session on another matter, revealed that he had been retained as counsel by the fair incorporators and requested that he be heard prior to any reconsideration of the permit.

The fair group was reported headed by John Hamilton, chairman of the Rocky Hill Grange dance committee, brother of Richard Hamilton, the Grange treasurer, and related to several other officers at Rocky Hill Grange.

It was learned that the fair group intends to purchase 25 acres of the Victor Nelson property immediately west of Barton's Corner, and Hart reported as a Granger that the group also intends to purchase "for a song" fair equipment acquired by the Grange during the past two years.

"This isn't a Grange affair," Hart said. "Although these people are members of the Grange, they come from all over and are strictly on their own. This would be a nuisance for two or three weeks prior to and after the fair during construction and destruction phases."

He informed the council he will submit a written petition asking rescinding of the fair permit, but whether the petition was to present only Hart's protest or include others, was not clarified at the session.

With no one remonstrating, the council authorized extension of a Class B limited liquor license to Class B with full privilege for Finn's Sea Grill upon application of Walter W. Finn. The council was informed the premises have been leased to Warren B. Finn Jr., and that a transfer of the license be sought at a later date.

Spraying of the town's 342 elm trees as a protection against the elm beetle was authorized in a resolution granting the contract to Leander B. Spencer Jr., for \$300. The price is the same that prevailed last year when Spencer, the low bidder, was awarded the contract.

The council failed to designate the town-maintained state highways on which \$3000 in state funds will be expended this year, but instead will submit the entire list aggregating 13.39 miles on any of which work may be done. Included are Frenchtown, Carr's Pond, Moosehorn, Middle and Pierce Roads, Division Street, Cedar and Kenyon Avenues.

Complaint of a stench and sanitation nuisance on Queen Street was referred to Dr. Fenwick D. Taggart, health officer.

Town Treasurer Herbert J. Couper and Kurt G. Haeseler, director of public works, failed to report on a central purchasing plan for several municipalities, and Haeseler and Councilman Arthur Rose submitted only a partial report of their survey for street signs.

Rhode Island Summer Theater, Inc., was given permission to span Main Street with a banner, extending from the Greenwich Theater to the town house.

Jesse W. S. Lillibridge was named a police constable.

The council is to meet July 6 at 7:30 p.m., to conduct a public hearing on the petition of John McKenna to change the zone of Post Road property from farming to business and from farming to residential.

Sitting as a court of probate, the councilmen disposed of the docket as follows:

Estate of STEPHEN B. CAPWELL—Inventory showing \$1434.92 personal estate accepted and ordered recorded. Petition for sale of personal estate granted.

Estate of MARION H. KENYON—First and final account is allowed and ordered recorded.

Estate of ELIZABETH A. GIFFORD—Petition for distribution of stock, granted.

Estate of MILDRED E. BAYCROFT—Irene C. Miller appointed administratrix in bond of \$2500 with Aetna Surety & Casualty Co. as surety. Frank Clarke, appraiser.

Estate of MANUEL F. DE MELO—Final account is allowed and ordered recorded.

Inaction Charged In Two-Year-Old Shellfish Case

The Attorney General's Department said today that it will check up on a shellfish case which has been before the Rhode Island Supreme Court for more than two years without any action being taken on it.

Lester W. Arnold, president of the Rhode Island Shellfish Protective Association, called attention to the case last night at an association meeting in East Greenwich.

The case he cited involves Warren B. Finn Jr. of East Greenwich, who was charged in January, 1946, with illegal possession of undersized quahaugs.

Court records show that Finn was found probably guilty in district court and bound over to the grand jury, which indicted him. He pleaded not guilty to the indictment in Kent County Superior Court on Jan. 30, 1946.

A week later, Finn's attorney, Michael DeCiantis, filed several special pleadings. One was a demurrer in which constitutional questions were raised. A second attacked the jurisdiction of both the grand jury and the Superior Court in the case.

On May 29, 1946, Judge Robert E. Quinn heard the demurrer and certified the constitutional questions to the Supreme Court. The records from that date show no notation that the case ever was assigned for a hearing before the Supreme Court.

When these facts were brought to the attention of Assistant Attorney General Guillaume Parent this morning, Parent said that the attorney general's office will look into the matter and try to discover the reason for the delay.

Arnold last night denounced what he called lax enforcement of existing laws by the State Fish and Game Division, saying that there has been a "complete letdown in enforcement of shellfish laws in this state."

He charged that the Fish and Game Division gives only lip service to the prosecution of law violators. The association, he said, is "going to work for proper enforcement even if we have to land in the governor's office."

The action came in the form of a motion "reiterating the association's former stand pertaining to the governing and control of shellfishing... including taking of undersized quahaugs, working in areas closed because of pollution, and any and all illegal dredging operations."

Know Things Going On
"We know these things are go-

ing on," Arnold said, "but we don't know why they are allowed to continue. The fish and game department has absolutely fallen down in carrying out the laws as they are written."

The association, now numbering about 370 members as local 13175, United Mine Workers, has publicly stood for strict enforcement since its organization in 1945, he said.

"There is no group in the world as dependent upon conservation as the fishermen," Arnold declared. "A short supply which these things cause can, in only two months' time, place dealers in a position where they must compete for fishermen's trade."

"That inevitably tends to increase the number of dealers who will accept undersized quahaugs."

"Not Entirely Clean"
Arnold pointed to laws which he

said were passed by the General Assembly over a year ago calling for confinement of from 30 to 120 days for fishermen dredging with mechanical power, and appropriating \$40,000 for two patrol boats.

"To my knowledge the dredging law has never been used," he charged, "and the two boats have never passed the blueprint stage."

The law covering shellfish taken from waters declared polluted calls for 30 days to one year, a fine of \$100 to \$500 or both. Yet violators apparently are being prosecuted under the older and much less harsh penalties, Arnold said.

"We are not entirely clean, but we don't intend to protect those members of our association who break the law. We want enforcement without fear or favor."

DECISION IS HELD BY ZONING BOARD

Simeon Lavigne's Petition for 12-Room Apartment House Heard in Warwick

The Warwick Zoning Board of Review last night reserved decision on a controversial petition by Simeon Lavigne of 1100 Toll Gate Road, Apponaug, to erect a 12-family apartment building in the rear of that address.

The petition was a modification of an earlier appeal by Lavigne for a 16-unit apartment house in the same location, which the board denied May 12.

Armed with an attorney, a recording secretary, pictures and blueprints, Lavigne outlined plans for a one-story modern brick apartment house. It was revealed however, that no more than two apartments would have more than one bedroom, and that the average rental would be \$65 a month.

Lavigne maintained that the building, proposed for a residential B area, would be more attractive than a number of single units housing as many persons, and pointed out the need for apartment facilities in the city.

Eugene Martin of 1116 Tollgate Road, told the board he and other nearby property owners were "more than opposed to the plan than ever before."

"A building of that type suggests a barracks to me, and it is certainly out of place in our section," he said. "It would create a traffic hazard in an already congested area, which would in turn effect the Kent County Hospital by jamming the main artery leading to the hospital site."

"Mr. Lavigne," he added, "built his own home on Tollgate Road because he had been living in an apartment. He wanted to have more than four rooms to live in."

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FILES TWO LIBEL WRITS

Mortimer W. Newton, Democratic candidate for president of the West Warwick Town Council last night began separate actions of trespass on the case for libel against Norman E. Gillespie, Republican candidate for state senator, and the Pawtuxet Valley Daily Times Inc. Damages in each instance is placed at \$25,000. Writs of summons were filed by Michael DeCiantis, counsel for Newton, with Thomas F. Barry, sheriff of Kent County.

The return day on the writs of summons is Dec. 17 in Kent County Superior Court at East Greenwich.

FOUND NOT GUILTY OF 'NEST' CHARGE

Providence Man, Accused of
Having Stolen Autos in
Coventry, Is Freed

A verdict of not guilty was returned by a Kent County jury yesterday for William H. Anthony, 36, of 627 Prairie Avenue, Providence, accused of operating a "nest" in Coventry for reduction of stolen cars to junk parts.

Edward F. J. Dwyer, assistant attorney general, immediately moved that Anthony be freed of \$2000 bail in the case involving possession of a car the state charged was stolen from Everett L. Remington of Coventry.

Anthony is under similar bail in two other indictments on which Dwyer said he plans no immediate action.

The jury deliberated one hour and 40 minutes and queried Judge Harold A. Andrews once on whether a stolen car in a man's garage in and of itself is sufficient evidence to convict for possession of stolen property, Judge Andrews said it is evidence, but not conclusive evidence.

The trial yesterday was marked by no defense other than testimony of Anthony DiOrio that he has sold automobiles to the defendant to break up, and disclosure by Chief Gerald Shippee of Coventry and Lt. Harold E. Shippee of the state police through cross-examination by Michael DeCiantis, defense attorney, that Anthony had told them he had given the keys of his garages to "a Mr. Rampone" on Apr. 9, two days prior to a police raid in which three allegedly stolen vehicles were found in the buildings.

Cross-examination also brought out that the window in the rear of the barn where Remington's truck and another vehicle were found, had been smashed in at the time Lieutenant Shippee saw it. DeCiantis repeatedly objected to testimony with regard to other cars found at the farm of Harold W. Sweet off the Nooseneck Hill Road in Coventry, which the state in the other pending indictments alleges were stolen property of Marvin Webber of Coventry and Don's Motor Sales of Providence. Sweet testified earlier that he rented the barn and smaller building to Anthony as garages.

Col. Quinn, Richard Will Be Feted at Testimonial

Banquet at 400 Club Next Sunday Evening for
Retiring Chairman of West Warwick Democratic
Town Committee and His Successor.

A testimonial dinner will be held Sunday, December 5th, at six o'clock at Club 400 honoring Colonel P. H. Quinn retiring chairman of the Democratic Town Committee and for former Senator Alfred Richard, newly elected committee chairman.

At a recent meeting the following committees were appointed:

Speaking Committee—Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, Probate Judge Harry McKenna, Charles Bourgault, Town Treasurer Robert Harrop.

Entertainment Committee—Council President Mortimer Newton, Representative Ulysses LaRoche, School Committee Chairman Vincent Lukowicz, Manuel Silva; Gift Committee—Fire Chief Lionel Gareau, Representative Thaddeus Kraus, Councilman Joseph Holmes, School Committee member Edward Hand, Democratic Town Committee Treasurer John McGill; Ticket Committee—Police Chief Arthur Groleau, Police Captain Henry Miller, Jack Flynn, and Antonio Paul; Reception Committee, Frank George, Councilman Toby Putino, Robert J. Quinn, William Mailloux; Decoration Committee—Town Clerk Susan Lamb, Women's Democratic Club President Mrs. Aime GrosLouis, Mrs. Ovila Blanchette, Founder of

Women's Democratic Club, and Mrs. Henry Miller, Past President of Women's Democratic Club.

Publicity Committee, Representative Gerard DiFiore, Councilman Manuel Mello, Councilman Herve Niquette, and Senator-elect Dion Archambault.

Toastmaster for this occasion will be Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis.

CK—SOUTH COUNTY

300 Attend Testimonial Banquet For Col. Quinn and Alfred Richard

West Warwick Democratic Chairman and Predecessor
Hailed as Two Men Largely Responsible for
Success of Party in That Town

Col. Patrick H. Quinn, who recently retired as chairman of the West Warwick Democratic Town Committee, and Alfred Richard, his successor in the position, were feted last night as "two men largely responsible for the success of the Democratic Party in the town," at a testimonial dinner held at the Club 400, Natick.

The 300 persons attending heard glowing testimonials of respect paid Colonel Quinn and former Senator Richard by Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn and Alberic A. Archambault, Judge James W. Leighton, of Fourth District Court, Mrs. Margaret M. Sullivan, national Democratic committeewoman, and Democratic office holders in West Warwick.

All the speakers dwelt on the length of service of the two men to the party, and the record of that party in office.

"Colonel Quinn," said Judge Leighton, "as the first president of the first town council of the Town of West Warwick in 1913, assumed the gigantic task of organizing an administration for the new town and setting the town on its feet. There has never been a year since 1913 when he was not closely identified with the affairs of the town."

Lauds Richard, Too

Continuing, Judge Leighton remarked that "nobody held the office of town council president in more hazardous times nationally and locally than Fred Richard when he assumed that office in 1928. In spite of a drastic drop of 25 per cent in taxable property in the town, the man who is now your party chairman was able to bring the town through with a financial security that it still retains."

In point of length of service, Judge Archambault stated that "to look back to the time when Fred Richard became active in Democratic affairs would be to go back to the division of the old Town of Warwick in 1913. To look back to the time when Colonel Quinn became active in the affairs of the party, one must go back almost to the Garden of Eden."

"Both men possess a record of honesty and service, given without thought of reward, with only the purpose of serving the citizens and the town," Judge Archambault concluded.

Judge Quinn, congratulating Richard on his new position as party chairman, said: "He is lucky to start out with the sort of team he has in the present town officers. The inordinate demands made on any party chairman, particularly during difficult times, will require all possible co-operation and support to give Fred Richard the support as party chairman that he deserves."

Identical gold medals bearing the Democratic donkey insignia and each set with a diamond were presented to the two guests of honor by Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, on behalf of the testimonial committee, which was headed by Michael DeCiantis.

Colonel Quinn, in a speech which ended the evening's ceremonies, remarked that "it is a pleasure for me to know, on retiring as chairman, that our party is again in the saddle in West Warwick. I ask for you, Fred Richard, the same active, substantial, and honest support given to your predecessors."

Colonel Quinn Reminisces

Colonel Quinn dug up numerous reminiscences of the old days in the town and in the party, and of former chairmen of the Democratic Town Committee.

The wives of the two guests of honor also came up for their share of praise from Susan V. Lamb, town clerk, and each was presented a floral bouquet.

Remarks were also made by Dion Archambault, senator-elect; Gerard DiFiore, representative from the first West Warwick district; Thaddeus Kraus, representative-elect from the third district, and Robert Harrop, town treasurer. DeCiantis was toastmaster.

Seated at the head table, in addition to the speakers, were Mrs. Ovila Blanchette, founder of the West War-

wick Women's Democratic Club; Mrs. Aime GrosLouis, president of that group; Mrs. Robert E. Quinn, Mrs. Patrick H. Quinn, Mrs. Richards, and Ulysses Laroche, representative from the second district.

Preceding the speech-making, numerous songs were offered by Charles Kennehan, Kent County deputy sheriff; DeCiantis and Edward Hand, school committeeman, in a duet, and others.

West Warwick Council Appoints 4 Additional Men to Police Dept.

Action Completes Personnel of Regular Force; Henry Petarca Is Named Highway Commissioner; Permit Granted for Work on Pulaski Street Bridge

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The West Warwick Town Council completed the personnel of the regular police force by appointing four additional patrolmen at a special meeting last night in the town hall. The new patrolmen are: Anzele J. Zwolenski, 43 Crompton Avenue; Raymond Miller, 29 Vine Street; Manuel G. Barreto, 1076 Main Street, and Carroll E. Wilcox, 5 Gough Avenue. All are new men excepting Miller, who served on the regular police force up to two years ago under the Democratic administration which went out of office at the 1946 election.

Henry Petarca was appointed highway commissioner. He served in that office following the death of the late William Rathbun but failed of reappointment when the GOP came

into power two years ago. The department has been administered since the election by Natale Muschiano who took charge without title but at unrecorded direction of the council.

Barnabe Harpin, Anthony Tessitore and Henry Clarke were appointed auctioneers.

A permit was granted the A. E. Bragg Construction Company of Greenwood to make excavations in Pulaski Street; to remove planking of the footpath of the Pulaski Street bridge, and to suspend a water main of the Crompton Company beneath the bridge. This work is to be done without expense to the town which is to be free of any liability.

The cost will be taken care of by the Crompton Company. The change in the piping of the old Crompton fire district water system is a result of the transition from district to town control of fire protection in the Crompton area. Under an agreement between the district and the Crompton Company the company released its equity to the district assets and deeded the land on which the fire station stands as consideration for the deed to the district to the company of the Huckleberry Hill reservoir, pipes and hydrants on company property.

After the town had taken over fire protection in the Crompton district, the district sold what was left of the water system to the Warwick and Coventry Water Company.

While a part of Pulaski Street and a part of the bridge are torn up to permit the changes in the Crompton Company water system, the Warwick and Coventry Water Company will remove a large main from the vehicular section of the bridge.

Arrangements with the Bragg Company and with the Warwick and Coventry Water Company for the conditions under which the work is to be done without expense or liability to the town were made by Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, whose report, confirmed by Douglas Smith, superintendent of the Bragg Company was the basis for the granting of the petition.

The request of Albert Muschiano for an additional street light on Greenhill Road Natick was referred to Stanislaw Maznicki, superintendent of lights.

The petition of George Richotte and nine others that a nameless court in the rear of 12 West Street be named Ritchotte Court was referred to DeCiantis. The solicitor said that there may be some question as to the town's liability in keeping the road in repair and other technicalities that should be considered before action is taken on the request.

The application of the Amel Club for a class D limited (club) alcoholic beverage license for 228 Providence Street was heard in part and continued to the regular meeting Tuesday night. Petitions for and against the granting of the license have been filed with the council. Louis D. Colletta, president of the club, James Padua and John DiMartino urged that the license be granted. No one spoke against it. The matter was continued in order that opponents as well as additional proponents of the application may be heard. Mortimer W. Newton, council president announced.

Mrs. Yvonne Paquet of 114 Warren Avenue, Pawtucket, was granted a license to operate the Quick Service Laundry at 71 Pulaski Street.

A dance license was granted to Polish Falcons for Dec. 31 in their hall, Barnold Street. Amedeo Palazzo of 70 Providence Street was given permission to exhibit moving pictures in Sacred Heart Church auditorium Dec. 12.

A constable with power to serve civil process and 43 police constables in addition to 50 named at a previous meeting were appointed.

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Norman E. Gillespie today made public the following letter:

"Dear Mr. Newton:
"On October 29, 1948, at a Republican political rally, in the course of my speech, I made the following remarks:

"Mortimer Newton who also held a state job, paying about \$6000 a year, didn't resign, he got fired."

"The above statement appeared in the Pawtuxet Valley Daily Times on October 30, 1948. When I became aware that the statement was offensive to you, I investigated it further, and I found that the information which I had received with respect thereto, proved to be unsound.

"I assure you that the statement was not designed to question upon your ability and integrity as a private citizen or as a candidate for public office.

"I am sorry and apologize if I have caused you any trouble or embarrassment.

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quale Among Speakers.

West Warwick's Town Solicitor, Michael DeCiantis, was feted by 200 of his friends, at a testimonial dinner last night at the 400 Club, Natick.

With the snow and cold out of doors there was plenty of warmth indoors, given in remarks by the guest speakers, all introduced by toastmaster Horace Petrarca who was also chairman of the committee in charge.

Seated at the head table were: Superior Court Judges Robert E. Quinn and Alberic Archambault;

District Court Judge Luigi DePasquale; Rev. Anthony DeAngelis, pastor of Sacred Heart church, Natick; Col. and Mrs. Patrick H. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Richard, past and present chairmen of the West Warwick Democratic Town Committee; Senator Dion Archambault, Town Council President Mortimer W. Newton and Mrs. DeCiantis.

Gifts Presented

Mrs. Ovila Blanchette, past president of the West Warwick Women's Democratic Club was presented by the toastmaster.

Judge Quinn said: "The Town of West Warwick is to be congratulated on securing the services of Michael DeCiantis as town solicitor, a very important office. A large responsibility rests on the legal advice of a town solicitor."

Perhaps the finest tribute was given by Judge Archambault. He said in part the following: "There is no country in the world where a young man or woman, who has ability, courage and honest purpose can succeed as one can in this country."

School of Life

He pointed to the biographies of Abraham Lincoln and Cordell Hull as examples of men who took this opportunity without enjoying the facilities of the schools in their early life. He continued, "Schools do not make men. Schools may help men, but the finest school of all is the school of life. The first teachers are our fellowmen whom we meet each day and men like DeCiantis attended this school and learned what was going on. No man ever became a statesman, sitting in an



MICHAEL DE CIANTIS

easy arm chair. DeCiantis is successful because he strives to be."

Entertainment was given thru songs sung by Charles Wagner and Ovila Blanchette.

Among those introduced were Senator George Roche of Coventry, Rep. Thaddeus Kraus, Police Chief Arthur Groleau, Police Captain, Henry Miller, Fire Chief Lionel P. Gareau, Probate Judge Harry McKanna, former Representative Joseph Laurence and Mrs. Aime GrosLouis, president of the West Warwick Women's Democratic Club.

West Warwick's Sand Loader to Dig Into Snow

The West Warwick Town Council last night directed Henry Petrarca, highway commissioner, to install a new \$3494 boom on the town sand and gravel loader to convert the machine into a snow loader.

Petrarca said the machine, for which delivery was promised in November, had arrived in Providence and could be assembled today. He promised that he would begin clearing accumulations of snow from the Arctic business district as soon as the assembly was completed.

An old snow loader, in a repair shop since last June with a broken motor, was ordered repaired. The machine, subject of embarrassment to the departing Republican town administration because it was taken out of service without formal council action, was ordered held as reserve equipment.

De Ciantis Asks West Warwick Athletic Center, Assures Bill Creating Permanent Fire Force

Citizens Corporation Proposed To Undertake Civic Gym Plan

A town athletic center and gymnasium to be built by public subscription as a community project in West Warwick was proposed by Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis last night.

The program, outlined to members of Station No. 1 of the fire department as "urgently needed in the town," drew the immediate support of Fire Chief Lionel P. Garceau.

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"The town is progressing rapidly," he said, "and the time is close at hand when we will have to build a new central fire station, in which the police department might be included. Whether it would be advisable to have this building and a new town hall combined I don't know."

Discussing the gymnasium proposal, DeCiantis said he did not think that the taxpayers could assume the financial burden of such a project, and asked response and opinions on the plan from men in business, professional, and church life.

Purpose of Building

The purpose of the building was described as primarily athletic, DeCiantis stressed that there is no place in the Pawtuxet Valley for the general public to hold indoor athletic contests, and said that a place should be provided where boys can congregate and participate in athletics.

The town solicitor said he believed the project could be self supporting, and suggested that a corporation be formed by interested citizens to undertake the building of such a center.

During the proceedings Chief Garceau looked over the 14 months elapsed since the formation of the town fire department under the last administration.

"We have been fortunate in having the co-operation of all firemen in all ends of the town," the chief said. "We have had a lot of problems to straighten out, but we are now running efficiently. We have all worked hard during this period of organization."

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Mortimer W. Newton, chairman of the West Warwick Town Council, was honored as "a conscientious and capable public servant" at a testimonial dinner attended by more than 200 persons yesterday afternoon at the West Warwick Elks' Auditorium, Clyde Street.

"It is a great thing for the town to have Mort Newton at the head of its government," said Judge Robert E. Quinn of Superior Court, "and the Town of West Warwick should be congratulated as well as Mr. Newton."

"We in West Warwick have reached the stage where we are gradually turning into a city," Judge Quinn said, "and there are questions of expansion to be met and solved. This is a time for serious thinking and planning, requiring a man of integrity and good judgment at the helm. Newton is that man."

Along the same line Mrs. Margaret M. Sullivan, National Democratic Committeewoman, who said that she had wheeled Newton in his baby carriage and has been a close friend of his ever since, proposed that "there could be no better choice for the first mayor of the City of West Warwick, if such a step comes, than Mortimer Newton."

Among the guests were Thomas H. Bridge, chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Board, a position formerly held by Newton, and a delegation from the Unemployment Commission.

Many of the words by the speakers centered around Newton's mother, the first National Democratic Committeewoman from Rhode Island, and Newton's days with the unemployment board.

George Roche, Coventry senator and town solicitor and chairman of the Coventry Democratic Town Committee, suggested that "West Warwick is getting a bargain in Mortimer Newton. The state paid him up to \$8000 a year, but West Warwick is getting his services for \$150."

Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, who said he has served Newton as counsel in both private and public life, said that "with Newton at the head I don't think the town has anything to worry about."

Other speakers introduced by the toastmaster, Judge James W. Leighton of Fourth District Court, were Judge Alberic A. Archambault of Superior Court, the Rev. Robert C. Cassidy, pastor of St. James Church, who also offered the benediction, Mrs. Susan V. Lamb, town clerk, and Senator Dion Archambault. Also seated at the head table were Mrs. Newton, Alfred Richard, West Warwick Democratic Town Committee chairman; Arthur Groleau, chief of police, and Eugene J. Sullivan, former state representative from Providence.

Ralph Cinquegrana was chairman for the testimonial dinner.

WEST WARWICK NO LONGER COUNTRY TOWN SAYS QUINN AT NEWTON TESTIMONIAL

Judge Declares Town Reaching Stage When
Change to City Government Will Be Ad-
visable.—Time for Serious Think-
ing at Hand.

"West Warwick is no longer a country town," was the keynote of the address of Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn at the testimonial dinner given yesterday to Town Council President Mortimer W. Newton.

Speaking at the West Warwick Elks home to the 200 persons attending, the former governor said "It is a great opportunity for the Town to have a man like Mortimer W. Newton with his back-

ground at the helm because we are reaching the stage when we will have a city. There are questions and answers to be met and solved and it is time for serious thinking and planning and the town must have men of integrity and ability to guide its progress."

Tribute to Guest's Mother

Superior Court Judge, Alberic A. Archambault in his talk gave tribute to women who serve in the public life. He said: "It is women like Mortimer Newton's mother who are greatly responsible for the situation of the country as it is today. Newton's mother was the first Democratic national committeewoman from Rhode Island."

Toastmaster Judge James W. Leighton of the Fourth District Court also called on the others sitting at the head table including the following: Senators Dion Archambault of West Warwick and George Roche of Coventry; Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis; Town Clerk, Mrs. Susan Lamb; National Committeewoman, Margaret Sullivan; Rev. Robert C. Cassidy, pastor of St. James Church who gave the opening prayer.

Also Thomas H. Bridge, chairman of the State Unemployment Commission and Eugene Sullivan, an attorney in that department; Alfred Richard, chairman of the West Warwick Democratic Town Committee; Chief of Police Arthur Groleau, Dr. Alfred Marcella and Ralph Cinquegrana, chairman of the committee in charge.

Musical Program

The toastmaster at the outset of the dinner presented Mrs. Newton an orchid corsage. Music was given by The Modernnaires orchestra. Mrs. Mary Appleby sang several selections.

Among those who were introduced were James Higgins, town solicitor of Scituate, Police Captain Harry F. Miller, Dr. George B. Farrell, Mrs. Ovila Blanchette and Mrs. Aime GrosLouis, founder and president, respectively, of the West Warwick Women's Democratic Club, Fire Chief Lionel P. Gareau, Superintendent of Schools, Miss Maisie E. Quinn and Representative Gerard DiFiore.

Telegrams were read from Rep. John E. Fogarty, Senator J. Howard McGrath and Governor John O. Pastore.

DeCIANTIS ACTS TO AVOID TOWN SPECIAL SESSION

Asks Department Heads
to Stretch Out Funds

West Warwick Town Solicitor Points to Highway and Police Branches in Move to Keep Within Budget Until May.

Department heads of West Warwick are being requested to stretch out their operating funds to avert necessity of calling a special financial town meeting.

West Warwick Town Council at its last regular monthly meeting, hinted they would probably call a special town meeting to call for appropriations to institute the garbage and rubbish collection re-

moval programs and also to give relief to the police and highway departments, miscellaneous fund, and wipe out the deficits in the highway construction and improvement department and in the police equipment funds.

This morning, in answer to questions made by this newspaper on whether or not plans had been made to call this special town meeting, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis said he had personally talked to department heads asking them to economize as much as possible to run their department with what money they had on hand until next May, the month of the annual town meeting.

Would Be Difficult

He added: "I did this fully realizing it would be a difficulty especially in the highway and police departments but the heads of those two departments pledged to do all they could to operate with what money they have until next May."

When asked at his office to give the amounts those two town units had remaining in their operating funds, DeCiantis was without the figure to date but he did give the amounts each had when they took over last Nov. 15.

They follow: highway department, appropriation last May, \$42,100, receipts, \$7,106.11, total, \$49,206.11; expenditures, \$35,379.84, total left on Nov. 15, \$13,826.47; police department, appropriation, last May, \$48,700, receipts, \$86, total, \$48,786, expenditures, \$31,325.22 total left on Nov. 15, \$17,460.78.

Court Acts on Slot Machines

Orders Four Seized in Centreville Destroyed; Charge Discontinued

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Four slot machines seized by West Warwick police in a Centreville raid last month were displayed, identified and ordered destroyed by Judge James W. Leighton in Fourth District Court, West Warwick, this morning.

Michael DeCiantis, West Warwick town solicitor, after asking the clerk for the destruction warrant by 10 a.m. Thursday, announced a police crackdown on all gambling in the town.

Said DeCiantis: "These machines have been in operation for two years, but we are going to clean them out. This police force is going to pick up every other machine in town."

After Judge Leighton ordered the machines destroyed, publicly, by Police Chief Arthur Groleau at the end of a five-day appeal period, a request by DeCiantis for discontinuance of a common gambling charge against Hector Coutu, 56, of 8 Revere Avenue, West Warwick, alleged proprietor of a variety store at 177½ Warwick Avenue, where the machines were found Jan. 14, was granted.

"We are mostly interested in the destruction of these slot machines," DeCiantis told the court. He described Coutu who was not present yesterday as "a reputable life-long resident and businessman with no record," and submitted a letter from Dr. Louis J. A. Legris of West Warwick which told Coutu's ill health and held he should not be submitted to "mental or physical strain."

Judge Leighton, in allowing the discontinuance said that although the court felt a responsibility in considering the charge, "is wants not part of endangering the health of a sick man." The discontinuance is on payment of court costs, effective Thursday when the machines are destroyed.

Judge Leighton also ordered police to open the machines before destroying them and to submit to the State treasury all money in them with a record to be returned to the court next Friday.

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West Warwick Council Puts Off Action on Garbage Collection

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A committee was appointed by the West Warwick Town Council last night to draft an ordinance regulating installation of television antennas in the town. The action was taken after Fire Chief Lionel P. Gareau warned that life and property will be endangered if antennas come in contact with high tension wires by falling on them or being blown against them in storms. Michael DeCiantis and Gareau constitute the committee and they will report at the March meeting.

A resolution was adopted requesting enactment by the General Assembly of legislation validating the action of the town in agreeing to provide fire protection in sections of the City of Warwick that were in the Arctic and Natick fire districts prior to the establishment of the West Warwick town department and also to validate the action of the Natick fire district in transferring its property to the Town of West Warwick, placing a lien on uncollected Natick fire district taxes and dissolving the Natick fire district.

De Ciantis, who was directed to draft bills covering these points and have them presented at the current session of the General Assembly, said that he had recommended that the validating legislation be sought after conferring with two other attorneys, Charles J. Bourgault and Harry F. McKanna Jr.

Move Held Illegal

It was the consensus of this conference that the agreements made by the town to afford fire protection in another municipality—Centreville, East Natick and Westcott sections of the City of Warwick—were illegal.

Municipal collection of garbage and trash was deferred until after the annual financial town meeting May 17. The council at a previous meeting had considered bids for garbage collection submitted in response to legal notices requesting bids. One of the bids was approximately \$6000 and was accompanied by a certified check for \$100.

The proposal to have garbage collected under contract stirred up a bitter controversy and the council deferred action. A group headed by Dr. M. Irene Guertin, a former chairman of the school committee spearheaded the opposition to contract collection and maintained that garbage pick-up service should be provided by the town itself and the garbage disposed of in the Warwick incinerator.

Mortimer W. Newton, council president, was authorized to engage public accountants to audit the books and financial records of the town in

preparation for the annual financial town meeting.

Asks Tax Exemption

The petition of the Warwick Dyeing and Finishing Company for tax-exemption was referred to the town solicitor. The firm, located in a part of the Crompton Company property, states in its petition that it will soon operate with three shifts; employ from 75 to 80 persons and have a payroll of from \$2500 to \$3500 a week. The petition is signed by C. A. Gaudette, president of the firm.

Angelo Tomasso who holds a drainage license alleged that present regulations discriminate against drain layers and favor plumbers. Newton assured him that the council will examine the regulations with a view of revising them.

Ernest Crepeau of 69 West Street was reappointed forest fire warden.

Zoning exemptions were granted Yvonne and Edward Lemay to permit them to have a variety store at 22 Tampa Street and to Giovanni Di-Christoforo to permit him to have a variety store at the corner of Phenix Avenue and Garnet Street.

Council Requests

Requests of the West Warwick Veterans Council were referred to Councilmen Pucino and Thomas F. Mello, both World War II veterans. They are: that a time clock be purchased to regulate the perpetual light in World War I monument; that the council name new streets for World War dead; that a break down be made of appropriations for memorial services in the town; that funds available for Memorial Day, V-J Day and Armistice Day observances be made known; that the council have World War II honor roll at Columbus Square repaired; that the committee appointed by the council draw up plans for the proposed war memorial based on recommendations of the War Memorial Committee and approved by the financial town meeting; and that "any time in the future when subjects concerning veterans' affairs arise, that the Veterans Council be notified in writing making it unnecessary for us to be seeking information we rightfully feel should be made known to us."

A communication from West Warwick post, American Legion, was referred to De Ciantis. In this letter the post stated that a committee it appointed Feb. 3 recommends that a post home should be erected on the site of the town-owned building the post has occupied for many years and that the land and improvements be deeded to the post.

Another letter from West Warwick post requesting that the plaque on World War I monument containing the names of 18 World War I dead be removed and be replaced with one containing the names of the 18 World War I dead and the 52 World War II dead.

DeCiantis Hits Back at Critics of West Warwick Police, Points Out 10 of 14 on Regular Department Are Veterans



GRADUATION: Mortimer W. Newton, West Warwick Town Council president, hands Capt. Harry Miller of the town police department a certificate denoting completion of the 12-weeks police training course.

Town Solicitor Speaks at Training School Graduation

Michael DeCiantis, West Warwick town solicitor, last night struck back at recent statements regarding the percentage of war veterans of the current West Warwick police force, asserting that, with the exception of the chief and captain, 10 of the 14 regular police officers are veterans.

DeCiantis, addressing the graduating class of the West Warwick police training school at the Club 400, Natick, named the 10 officers and quoted war service records ranging from two to four years in length, nine of them with overseas service.

"I read this record to show the people that anything said about a non-veteran police force in West Warwick is baseless and false," DeCiantis said.

He further stated: "It is the hope of this administration to start in the near future a police training school so that any man, regardless of political affiliations, will have an opportunity to study and become a police officer in the town as vacancies

"Any vacancies in the permanent department to be established will be filled by the town council on recommendation of the police chief," DeCiantis concluded.

During the ceremonies last night 15 regular police officers, and 15 special officers received certificates denoting completion of the 12-week police training school course. The presentation was made by Mortimer W. Newton, council president.

Judge James W. Leighton of Fourth District Court, charged the police department with the protection of "18,000 citizens, about \$20,000,000 in property, and one of the largest business districts in the state."

"As a citizen of this town I certainly appreciate your work and effort during the training school," Judge Leighton told the police officers. "But remember that the job of learning is never done."

Judge Leighton added that the department was fortunate in obtaining the services of the FBI and the state police during the period of instruction.

Other speakers during the evening were Chief Arthur Groleau, Sen. Dion Archambault and Judge Harry McKenna.

Graduation Banquet



His Honor: Judge James W. Leighton of the Fourth District Court as he congratulated members of the West Warwick Police Department at a graduation dinner last night in Club 400, Natick, attended by federal, state and local police as well as town officials and state representatives. The department officers were awarded diplomas for completion of a 12-week training course, with Council President Mortimer W. Newton making the awards. Shown at the head table are: (l-r) Sen. Dion Archambault, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, (Judge Leighton) Probate Judge Harry F. McKenna and Councilmen Herve Niquette, Thomas Mello and Tobey Pucino.—Staff Photo.

Other Guests

Other guests in addition to the police department were: Harold Langlois and Norman Valentine of the F.B.I., Representatives Gerald DiFiore and Ulysses LaRoche, Councilmen Herve Niquette, Toby Pucino and Thomas Mello, and the following state police officers: Capt. Harry Gill, Lt. Harold Cassidy, Lt. Harold Shippee, Sgt. William Leahy, Sgt. Andrew Casey, Sgt. Leo Collie, Cpl. Harold T. McGovern, Cpl. Ralph Gallagher and Trooper Trendino Petrarca.

Members of the force listed by DeCiantis as war veterans are: Cpl. Joseph F. Pontarelli and officers Manuel Simas Jr., John J. Bruno Jr., Joseph G. Razza, Fredrick Rzemien, Lionel Valliere, William A. Gallucci, Anzle J. Zwloenski, Garroll E. Wilcox and Manuel G. Barreto.

Other members of the regular force receiving certificates were: Chief Groleau, Capt. Harry Miller, Sgt. Edward Jalbert, Raymond E. Miller, Telford Lefebvre and Leo Ritchotte.

Special officers receiving certificates were George Lancellotta, James Ruzzo Jr., David Paul, Emil Paul, Michael Rossi, Frank Dayton, Ira Cook, Albert Brozoza, Paul Mailoux, Theodore Gourd, Helidore Picard, Louis Boudreau, Aime Gros-louis, Alger H. Richard and Ernest Iannotti.

ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT EXPECT POLITICS IN POLICE DEPARTMENT

West Warwick Policy Stated by Town Solicitor De Ciantis at Training Graduation Ceremonies.—Banquet Held.

The Democratic administration does not expect politics to enter into the police department, Michael DeCiantis told an audience of more than 50 federal, state and town policemen at training graduation ceremonies last night for the West Warwick department at Club 400, Natick.

DeCiantis, who serves as town solicitor in West Warwick, also branded as false recent opposition statements to the effect that the former all-GI force has been replaced by non-veterans. In support of his statement, DeCiantis read off a list of ten names of men now on the department, all of whose records show extensive service with the army and navy, most of it overseas.

The ten men named by the solicitor are all members of the regular department which comprises 16 men. Sixteen additional special constables are also part of the force.

The dinner ceremony last night was in observance of the department completing 12-weeks of intensive training covering all phases of police work. A general air of good humor, banter and in-

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'TYPICAL GRIPE' IS DiCIANTIS ANSWER TO OLSON'S BLAST

Terms Ex-Chief's Criticism of Police Permanency Bill as Ex-Officeholder's Cry

Michael DiCiantis, West Warwick town solicitor, last night branded as "the typical sing-song of a disgruntled ex-officeholder" criticism yesterday by former Police Chief Gustav Olson of the Democratic permanent police bill.

Olson claimed the Democratic bill would give permanent jobs to 14 Democratic policemen who succeeded the Republican force headed by Olson. He termed it "a bold-faced attempt to freeze in office a police department figuratively not yet dry behind the ears."

DeCiantis, in his answer last night, said the creation of a permanent police department by the Democratic administration was the fulfillment simply of a campaign pledge in the last election.

People Fired GOP Administration

"The people of this town fired the Republican administration, including Mr. Olson, in the last election and elected a Democratic town government. In spite of the head of the new 'disorganization' of the Republican Party, the Democratic administration will keep its pledge to the people of the town.

"Mr. Olson's criticism is the usual Republican performance of being too late with too little."

Olson's criticism of the administration bill charged that the 30 men on the Democrats' top eligible list, despite special training, lacked experience.

"Any storekeeper, mill owner, businessman or mechanic can inform this administration that the most important part of a man's training is his on-the-job training."

The former chief said he favored a law giving tenure to policemen at the end of three years' service upon the successful completion of a qualifying examination.

Without Exam After 10 Years

Olson said he favored tenure without a qualifying examination to men with 10 years' cumulative service.

"If this administration is seeking to give reward, then let them give reward to those who have served the community for years as police officers rather than those who have served a few short months."

Olson listed nine points which he said should be considered in any permanency bill:

- 1) The bill should have the general welfare as its prime purpose.
- 2) Examination should follow training and police should be granted tenure after three years' service.
- 3) Immediate permanency should be granted after three years' service and an examination.
- 4) Immediate permanency should be granted without examination after more than 10 years' service.
- 5) Servicemen should be given preference in examinations.
- 6) Pensions should be given after 25 years' service.
- 7) Training should be available to anyone wishing to make police work a career.
- 8) Expert examiners should pass on candidates.
- 9) The bill should be rewritten and presented at current General Assembly session with request for immediate consideration.

W. Warwick Rezoning Committee Named

The West Warwick Town Council last night carried out another of the Democratic campaign pledges by appointing a committee to rezone the town.

This committee is authorized to add to its membership. Appointed last night were Charles J. Bourgault, chairman; Willie J. Regnaire, building and plumbing inspector; Lionel P. Gareau, fire chief; Lionel J. Brodeur and Horace L. Petrarca.

The council recommended that the committee be increased to a membership of 11 and requested those appointed to submit names of proposed additional members.

Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, reporting for a committee named last month to draft an ordinance regulating the installation of television antennas, reported progress. He said that firms making installations have adopted a rigid set of regulations, many of which should be embodied in the proposed ordinance.

It was voted that all persons secure applications for permission to install television sets from the fire department pending the printing of proper forms. When these forms are available applications will be made to the building inspector who will have the installation checked by the electrician of the fire department.

DeCiantis said that he expected to have a draft of an ordinance ready for consideration at the April session of the council.

Two applications for the transfer of Class B victualling alcoholic beverages licenses

were granted. The license for the Dew Drop Inn at 395 Washington Street, was transferred from Wilfred Pepin to Joseph Lukowicz and the Class B victualling alcoholic beverage license for 744 Providence Street was transferred from Silvio Parente to Pasquale Parente.

Upon recommendation of Ernest Crepeau, forest fire warden, the following were appointed deputy forest fire wardens: Edward Kelly, 15 Vine Street; Armand Gilman, Ames Street; Peter Pryfula, 1644 Main Street; Lionel St. John, 1555 Main Street; and Jerry DiChristofaro, 662 Providence Street.

Seven police constables were appointed upon recommendation of Chief Arthur Gro-leau. They are: Attino Furtado, 26, of 33 West Warwick Avenue; William E. Mazza, 47, 115 Phenix Avenue; Armand O. Guertin, 49, 132 West Street; Arthur Regnaire, 27, 37 Robert Street; Arthur J. Hamelin, 30, 16 Douglas Street; Frank B. Perry, 31, 36 Gough Avenue; William Serpa, 28, 2 Linwood Street.

Vicuallling house licenses were granted John M. Urbank for 947 Main Street; Joseph F. Lukowicz for 395 Washington Street and Silvio Parente for 744 Providence Street.

A laundry license was granted Anthony Pahotta for 14 Providence Street.

Miscellaneous licenses granted were: carnivals, Holy Ghost Brotherhood Society, May 29, 30, 31, June 1, 2, 3 and 4, Ventura Street; West Warwick Post, American Legion, May 9 to 14, Legion Way; Warwick Aerie of Eagles, July 4 to 10, Ventura Street; Leo Council Building Association, Aug. 8 to 14, Providence Street; West Warwick Post, Amvets, Perennial grounds, Main Street, Apr. 25 to 30.

Also, sidewalks, St. Anthony's Church, 60 feet at 14 Maple Avenue; gasoline tanks and pumps, Lionel LaRoche, 12 Blossom Street; John F. Powell, 92-94 West Warwick Avenue. The Powell application was granted under an exemption to the zoning ordinance.

Class F alcoholic beverage licenses were granted West Warwick Post, Amvets, and Leo Council, Building Association.

The application of Tuxet Valley Woolen Mills, Inc., successors to the Hendon Woolen Mills, Inc., located in the Centreville Mills Building for a five-year tax exemption on personal property was referred to the town solicitor for investigation.

The Narragansett Electric Co. was granted

ed pole locations as follows: Tampa, Well and Leas Streets, one each; Intervale Road, three.

Charles J. Bourgault was granted permission to purchase for Normand Plourde and his wife, Rita Plourde, lot 119 on tax assessor's plat 1 for back taxes and interest totaling \$30.72. The town solicitor was authorized to give a quitclaim deed conveying the property to the Plourdes.

Applications of 20 ex-servicemen for tax abatements totaling \$133.95 and of nine other persons for tax abatements totaling \$124.03 were granted on recommendation of the board of tax assessors.

POLICE, FIRE DEPT. BILLS CONSIDERED West Warwick Democrats for Measures, Republicans Seek Amendments

West Warwick Democratic administration leaders and members of the General Assembly from that town yesterday urged the Senate committee on corporations to report out immediately without change and with recommendation of passage bills setting up permanent fire and police departments in that municipality.

Spokesman for the Republican town committee and others prominent in GOP councils pressed for incorporation of amendments that would satisfy their objections to some of the provisions of both measures.

Resolutions of the West Warwick Veterans' Council, objecting to both bills in their present form as published yesterday and of the GOP town committee suggesting several changes were filed with the committee.

Sharp verbal clashes enlivened the public hearing which lasted an hour and 45 minutes. It was attended by about 40 political leaders, most of them Republicans, and was delayed in getting under way because of the caucus of Democratic senators.

Sen. James J. Brady, vice chairman, presided. Other committee members present were Sens. William Smith, chairman; Raymond A. McCabe, Florence K. Murray, John G. Coffey, William J. Gearon and Joseph W. Griffin.

Roland E. Meunier, GOP town chairman, charged that the bills were "badly drawn" and that their purpose was to freeze the present appointees in office. He said the measures should include minimum standards requirements and provisions for referendum.

Other Republicans who spoke in opposition to the bills included Ernest E. Lefebvre, former town council president; Norman E. Gillespie, former councilman, and Gustav Olson, former police chief.

Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, and Michael DiCiantis, town solicitor, both Democrats, said the bills were their party's answer to the people's mandate at the polls.

BILL WOULD EASE QUAHAUGING CURB

Hayes Proposes Allowing Up to Five Per Cent Under Legal Diameter

A bill easing slightly the laws aimed at the taking of small quahaugs was introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday at the request of Edward C. Hayes Jr., administrator of the State Division of Fish and Game.

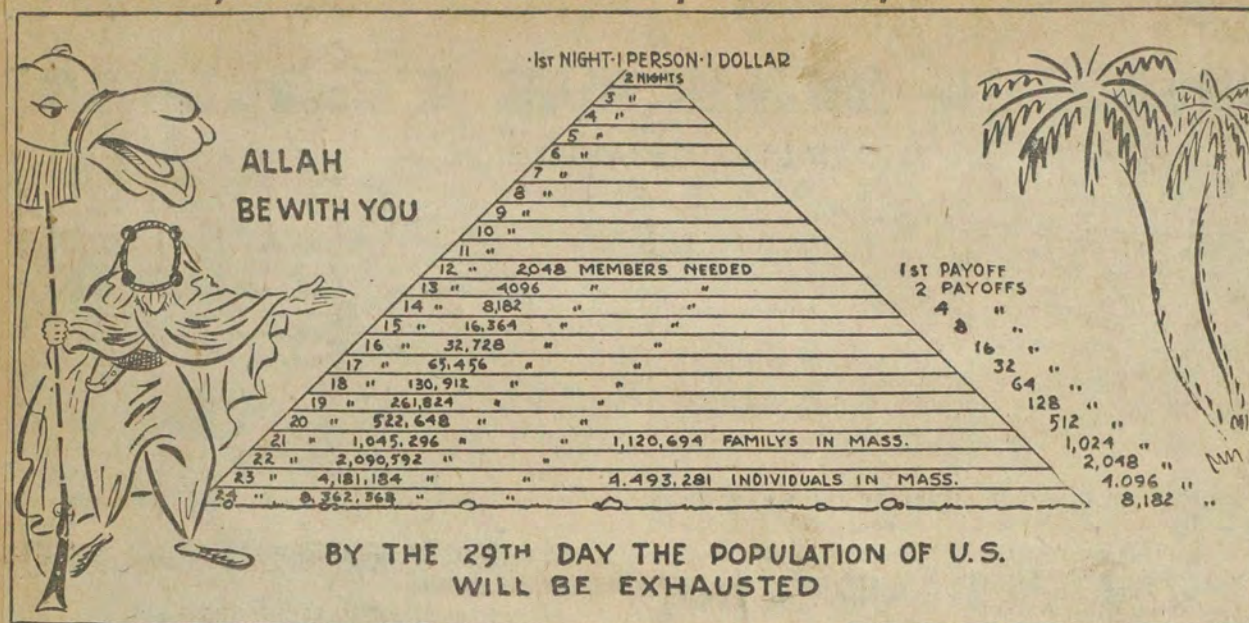
Under the terms of a measure offered by Democratic Majority Leader James H. Kiernan of Providence, the state would allow a fisherman to take up to five per cent of his quahaug catch in sizes smaller than the legal diameter minimum of one and a half inches. The bill went to the fisheries committee.

In a letter to Kiernan, Hayes explained the bill, a copy of the Massachusetts law, would make it easier for his division to enforce the minimum size law. He said the five per cent allowance would take care of fishermen who took smaller quahaugs "through haste."

Rep. Edward E. H. Browning (R-Charlestown) acting, he said, at the request of the Charlestown Town Council, offered a bill to give the towns more money for maintaining roads which are part of the state highway system.

The towns now receive \$300 a mile up to a maximum of 10 miles for maintaining those highways, but under Browning's bill the contribution by the state would be hiked to \$500 for each mile, up to 10 miles. The bill was referred to the finance committee.

How One Pyramid Club Could Use up Entire Population



BOSTON TRAVELER, TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1949

Who Gets Left Holding Bag Main Pyramid Question, Say Harvard, Tech Savants

Take it from the professors,
ladies and gents, the pyramids
sure to collapse.

And that's likely to happen before you collect your \$2048 for your buck. It's even possible you won't get your original \$1 investment back.

Listen to what Norbert Wiener, professor of mathematics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology told the Associated Press about the get-rich-quick fad that has hit New England.

"Mathematically, the thing behind pyramiding is who gets left

Thus he gets \$8 from 256 pyramids or a total of \$2048. This is all well and fine for the people who got in on the ground floor of the club.

On the second payoff night, or the 13th day of the club's existence, two people are ready for their payoff. These are the two

holding the bag. There isn't enough in the world to pay off everyone who gets into this thing."

Says Garrett Birkhoff, professor of mathematics at Harvard: "It goes on as long as there are suckers. It's strictly a problem in logic, not mathematics."

The modern gold rush operates in this fashion.

A person joins the pyramid club for a dollar. She or he gets two friends to kick in a buck each. They in turn get two more and the thing branches out until new pyramids rise.

friends which our friend who set up the club, induced to join. Now to pay these two off, it is necessary for the 256 pyramids of the previous night to double to a total of 512, eight bringing in eight new members whose money goes towards paying off the two people in the number one position on

the 13th night. Thus \$8 multiplied by 512 gives a total of \$4096 to be split up by two.

And so it goes, the number of pyramids in the club doubling each night in order to insure a payoff for the people moving into the number one position.

By doing a little multiplying, it is very easy to figure out why the entire bubble is due to break in the very near future. On the 12th day of the club's existence, there are 2,048 members. The following day the total doubles and must continue to double each day if the people in the number one position are to be paid off.

Just one week after a club begins to pay off, i.e. on the 19th day, a total of 261,000 members is necessary to support the rapidly ballooning club. Two weeks later the fantastic total of more than 30,000,000 people would be needed to support such a club.

PYRAMID CLUB FAD IS RULED ILLEGAL

Prov. Journal - March 29, 1941
West Warwick Town Solicitor

Gives Opinion at Request of Police Chief

Michael DeCiantis, West Warwick town solicitor, last night ruled that "Pyramid clubs are definitely illegal," in response to a request from Police Chief Arthur Groleau for a legal opinion.

Informed of DeCiantis' ruling last night, Chief Groleau said that he would confer with DeCiantis this morning regarding possible prosecution of persons conducting pyramid clubs which, the chief said, have become widespread in the town in recent days.

Chief Groleau's request for a legal opinion came as a result of a dozen anonymous telephone calls to the police station yesterday asking whether it was legal to participate in a pyramid club. The callers were advised that no legal stand had yet been taken by town authorities, the chief said.

DeCiantis, at the close of his opinion, stated: "While the pyramid on the face of it seems to be harmless, from what I have read of such clubs they can become so extensive as to develop into a racket."

DeCiantis hinged his opinion on a Rhode Island Supreme Court ruling (State v. Big Chief Corporation, recorded in 64 Rhode Island, page 448) stating that "the text writers and reported cases on this subject seem to be in agreement upon the rules that three elements must be present in order to constitute a lottery within the meaning of the word as used in the criminal statutes and that these elements are: a prize; chance and a consideration."

"In my opinion," DeCiantis said, "these three elements are present in the conduct and operation of a pyramid club as follows:

"The sum pyramided is the prize.
"The contribution or non-contribution is the chance.

"The cash payment of one dollar or any other sum is the consideration."

DeCiantis quoted from section 1 of chapter 612 of the General Laws, 1928, as follows: "Every person who shall directly or indirectly set up, put forth, carry on . . . publicly or privately any game of any nature or kind whatsoever or by whatsoever name same may be called, for the purpose of disposing of any money . . . shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be imprisoned not more than two years or fined not exceeding \$2000."

DeCiantis concluded: "The device of pyramiding money, which at intervals is paid to a recruit who has reached the number one spot on a list of names, is a chance game of disposing money contrary to and in violation of the above statute."



West Warwick Event: Gov. John O. Pastore (seated) hands a bill to Sen. Dion Archambault, creating permanent police and fire departments for the Town of West Warwick. Left to right (standing) are: Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor; Al Richard, chairman of Democratic town committee; Rep. Girard DiFiore; Rep. Ulysses LaRoche; Mortimer Newton, president of town council; Senator Archambault; Police Chief Arthur Groleau and Police Capt. Harry Miller.

—Staff Photo

West Warwick Will Not Prosecute Its Promoters of Pyramid Clubs

Pyramid clubs may be illegal in West Warwick, as the town solicitor has ruled, but their operators won't be prosecuted for their part in the get-rich-quick mania.

Police Chief Arthur Groleau and Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis announced yesterday after a conference that "there doesn't appear to be any need of prosecution against those persons conducting pyramid clubs."

Also, although the town officials delicately refrained from mentioning it, the town jail isn't big enough to hold town residents who have been smitten by pyramid club hysteria.

DeCiantis, who ruled Monday the clubs were "definitely illegal,"

said yesterday. "The safety and well-being of the townspeople do not appear to be threatened by the pyramid clubs, which are on the way out in the community anyway."

That obit appeared to be slightly on the premature side for the rest of the state; in fact, for the rest of New England.

West Warwick Bills Signed

Pawtucket Valley Daily Times



Final Touch: Governor John O. Pastore affixes his signature to bills placing the West Warwick Police and Fire Departments on a permanent basis. The ceremony, held yesterday morning in Governor Pastore's office at the State House, is being watched by (l-r) Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, Democratic Town Committee Chairman Alfred Richard, Rep. Gerard DiFiore, Rep. Ulysses LaRoche, Council President Mortimer W. Newton, Sen. Dion Archambault and Chief Arthur Groleau and Captain Harry F. Miller, of the police department. (Staff P photo)



WEST WARWICK NOW ON THRESHOLD OF CITY FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Act Presented in Assembly

Proposed Charter Would Go Before Special Election of Taxpayers.—51 Provisions Drafted by Town Solicitor DeCiantis.

The Town of West Warwick is on the threshold of becoming a City. "The City of West Warwick."

Its delegates to the State General Assembly were this afternoon to introduce the act in the Senate and House of Representatives incorporating the City of West Warwick.

If the charter is passed by the General Assembly it will go before a special election meeting of the Town's taxpayers for their approval or rejection of it.

The charter contains 51 provisions and it was drafted by Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis.

Mayor, 5 Councilmen

Principal parts of it call for election of a mayor, five councilmen, including two at large and the other three, one from each representative district, the school committee and the board of tax assessors. All other officers previously elected will be appointed by the mayor with consent of the city council.

It provides for annual budget hearing meetings open to the residents of the City; establishment of a planning board to work towards development of the city.

The status of the police and fire departments remain unaffected and they will continue to function under their new permanency provisions.

Town Solicitor DeCiantis in pointing out the above stressed that the charter also provides for the continuation of election of the school committee and board of tax assessors which groups should and ought to be made responsible to the people rather than solely to the city council and mayor.

51 Sections Explained

The 51 sections of the charter contain the following principal phrases.

1. Change of West Warwick from a town to a city.

2. The city government shall be administered by a mayor and five councilmen.

3. Any qualified voter is eligible to become a member of the city council.

4. The mayor is the chief executive; the mayor is the presiding officer of city council meetings; the mayor has no vote except in case of a tie vote; the mayor shall prepare the annual budget for the fiscal year; the mayor has the right to call special meetings of the city council.

After 10 Days

5. The Mayor may approve or veto any resolution passed by the city council; if a resolution is vetoed and not returned to the city council after 10 days it shall go into effect; if a resolution is passed on again by a majority vote over the mayor's objection it shall go into effect; B. the mayor has the authority to disapprove any part of a resolution involving the expenditure of money; C. A majority vote of the city council will override the veto of the mayor of any resolution.

6. The Mayor is ex-officio and a justice of the peace.

7. The mayor has power to discontinue any complaint brought against any citizen for violation of a city ordinance.

Chosen in January

8. The president of the city council is chosen during the month of January by the city council and he shall preside in the absence of the mayor.

9. The city council has the power of a licensing board.

10. The city council shall act as a board of canvassers.

11. The city council shall have the powers formerly vested in the town council.

12. The city council shall be composed of five members, of which shall be elected three at large and two shall be elected, one from each of the representative districts.

Once Per Month

13. The council shall meet at least once a month.

14. A. The council shall keep records of all its proceedings; B. the council shall be judge of its own election; the council in case of failure of election or of a vacancy shall order a new election; a quorum shall consist of three members.

15. The council has the authority to pass ordinances for the management and prudential business of the city.

16. The city council shall levy and collect taxes for the purpose of which the towns and cities are now authorized under the State law.

17. The city council may require bonds with surety on officers handling funds of the city.

18. The city council has the care and management of all city property.

Report to Public

19. The city council at least once a year shall make and publish a report to the people of the condition and doings of the administration of the city.

20. The city council shall affix salaries.

21. The city council shall fill vacancies of appointive officers.

22. The mayor shall, annually with the advice and consent of the city council appoint officers of the city on the first Monday of January including the following: city clerk; deputy city clerk; city treasurer; collector of taxes; city auditor; chief of police; chief of fire department if and when a vacancy exists; probate judge; highway commissioner; superintendent of public health; director of public aid; city sergeant; city solicitor and any other officers necessary.

23. A. certain officers will continue in office until a successor is appointed or elected in the election of November, 1950; B. the city council may affix the salary of the mayor; C. the salary of each member of the city council shall be \$500 each year.

Every Two Years

24. Officers to be elected in the election of 1950 and each succeeding two years include: mayor, five councilmen; members of the school committee and members of the board of tax assessors.

25. The mayor and members of the city council will hold office for terms of two years.

26. The city council shall give notice of 10 days to the people of West Warwick of the proposed budget by advertisement in the newspaper published in the City of West Warwick for purpose of giving the people an opportunity to be heard.

27. The city council shall report to the people each year the financial condition of the city.

Duties of City Clerk

28. The duties of the city clerk shall be to keep records of the city council, probate judge, etc.

29. Members of the city council are to be nominated and elected as prescribed under the General Laws.

30. In a failure to elect any officer, another election is to be held to fill the vacancy.

31. A. provides for office of probate judge; B. the city clerk sits as probate judge in case of absence of the probate judge.

32. The provisions which constitute the permanent fire and police departments are incorporated and made part of the city charter.

33. A. The city council may appoint a planning board, the number to be determined by the city council, to study and recommend the needs of the city with regard to the physical growth, development as affecting health, safety, morals and general welfare of the people; B. the planning board shall be appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation of the city council.

General Welfare

34. The city council may recommend plans and schemes of development in interest of promoting general welfare of people and the planning board shall report annually to the city council and shall recommend plans for development and progress of the town.

35. The Fourth District Court shall have jurisdiction in the City of West Warwick.

36. A vacancy in the school committee shall be filled by the city council until another is elected and qualified.

37. A. The school committee and board of tax assessors shall consist of three members, respectively elected; B. the election of the school committee and the board of tax assessors in the same manner as present; C. the present members of the school committee and board of tax assessors shall continue in office until their successors are elected and qualify; D. all powers now conferred on the school committee and board of tax assessors shall remain; E. the city council shall affix the salaries of the members of the school committee and the board of tax assessors; F. the powers now conferred on the tax assessors shall remain in transferral of the Town to a City.

Transferred to City

38. All monies in the hands and possession and custody of the town treasurer shall be transferred to the city.

39. All indebtedness to the town shall remain the same.

40. All contracts and agreements and liabilities entered into is binding upon the city.

41. All ordinances, rules, and regulations shall remain in full force and effect in the City.

42. The Town Council and all other officers elected and appointed shall remain in office until the city officers provided in this act shall have been elected and qualified.

43. The town council, officers of the town and the existing political committees shall perform the same duties as provided for by law relative to the elections prior to and the elections to be held in Nov., 1950 for the purpose of selection for the election of the mayor, five councilmen, school committeemen and tax assessors.

Oath to Mayor

44. At the first meeting of the city council the Mayor shall be given his oath. (Inaugural).

45. After the election the city council shall meet the first Monday of January.

46. All acts of the taxpayers at previous town meetings shall remain in force.

47. The city of West Warwick shall be divided into three representative districts with the same boundaries as present.

48. The election officials shall be appointed as they presently are.

49. After enactment of this act the town council shall name a date of a special election for the approval or rejection of this act by the taxpayers; shall prepare ballot votes with the question on the ballot: "Shall the Town of West Warwick adopt an act passed at the January session, 1949, entitled 'An Act incorporating the city of West Warwick?'"

50. The political parties shall remain the same.

51. If the majority of taxpayers approve this act at the special election, the Town of West Warwick shall cease to exist as a town and the City of West Warwick shall be incorporated and established in its stead.

TOWN SOLICITOR CHARGES FORMER ADMINISTRATION SPENT FUNDS UNWISELY

Asserts Town Balance Not Sufficient for Fiscal Year

Michael DeCiantis, West Warwick town solicitor, last night charged the former Republican administration with having spent more than three quarters of the annual appropriations, leaving several departments with insufficient funds with which to operate the balance of the fiscal year which ends April 30.

DeCiantis' remarks were made at a testimonial dinner last night at Club 400, Natick, before a large gathering present to honor Henry Petrarca, highway commissioner, and Natale Muschiano, assistant commissioner. Col. Patrick H. Quinn, dean of Kent County lawyers and former Democratic town committee chairman, served as toastmaster.

Drafting of Charter

Another disclosure during DeCiantis' talk was that a charter is being drafted and is now in the hands of the state librarian to be put in its final form for presentation to the General Assembly. The town solicitor said: "we intend to keep the promises of the Democratic administration, and already the town committee has voted to keep the pledge in making West Warwick a city."

In speaking on the highway appropriation, DeCiantis said that \$42,000 for road maintenance was appropriated at the annual financial town meeting a year ago, yet when the Democrats regained power approximately \$32,000 had been spent in six months time.

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"The highway department was faced with having \$9,800 left with which to operate the remaining six months, with a winter coming on," he charged.

The same holds true of the police department, DeCiantis stated, charging that as of Tuesday of this week that department is \$4300 in the red.

"The Republicans went on the worst spending spree in the history of the town, and the finances of this town have never been so

bad," the town solicitor stated. Pointing out that the Town of West Warwick was financially sound when Democrats were defeated in 1946, DeCiantis said he spent a whole day with an accountant going over the town's books and that the most that could be raised as stop-gap funds to keep pending deficits low was the sum of \$7300.

As a result, DeCiantis noted, the police department will run a deficit of around \$1000, while the road department to date is \$6000 in the red and must continue to remain that way until financial town meeting May 18.

Playground Issue

Taking a shot at an article which appeared in yesterday's edition of this paper, in which the GOP scored Democrats for lack of playgrounds, and a recreation program, DeCiantis said "in the course of 10 or 15 weeks the Republicans spent almost every cent in the recreation fund and left about \$300 for the Democrats to work with."

He promised that recreation for children will be instituted under jurisdiction of the school committee and that properly qualified men will be available to supervise children and "not place them in danger."

"The Republicans are trying to fool the people with canned speeches," DeCiantis charged, adding that "the people don't want them in power."

DeCiantis said that a detailed report will be forthcoming, showing what expenditures have been made. "If they, (GOP) had kept going," he said, "they would have spent 40 percent more than the taxpayers appropriated."

Other speakers heard last night included Chief Arthur Groleau and Captain Harry F. Miller of the police department and Dr. Augustus Marsella, all of whom congratulated both Petrarca and Muschiano. Col. Quinn presented each with a gift on behalf of the gathering at the close of the program.

In his remarks before calling on other speakers, Col. Quinn noted that "about every department will be in the red by the end of the fiscal year April 30." He stated that "it is something to keep in mind as we approach financial town meeting time," and noted that although last night's gathering was not of a political nature, the crowd was made up largely of taxpayers.

"You won't be voting for the Republicans, the Democrats or the Independents, but to protect your own pocketbook," Col. Quinn said in referring to the forthcoming town meeting.

The affair last night was arranged by Luke Senerchia as chairman, assisted by Charles Cannon, Manuel Silva and Norman Picard, all highway department employees.

Assembly Nearing End

Legislators Wonder If Usual All-Night Session
Can Be Avoided at Adjournment This Month

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THE question being asked with increasing frequency around the State House these days is whether the all-Democratic General Assembly of this year still will feel that no session is complete without an all-through-the-night windup.

In other years, it has been the dickering and haggling between the Democratic House and the Republican Senate which has kept the legislators in the State House through at least one night at the end, and sometimes still another night.

But this year, for the first time since 1935-36, the Democrats, technically, are in complete control of both branches. There is some doubt that the Democrats actually do control the Senate because absences have whittled down the 22-all count they hold with the GOP, but their domination of the committees has been sufficient up to now to guarantee them their way.

House Leaders Against It

Leaders on both sides of the House, James H. Kiernan, Democrat, and Richard D. Windsor, Republican, insist they see no need for an all-night session this year, and they'll be durned if they will stay in the State House all through the night.

The Democratic leader in the Senate, Raymond A. McCabe, has been more guarded in his comments, indicating perhaps that the strategy which could keep the legislators in the chambers until dawn well might start in the Senate.

Most Democrats admit that the reputation of the party wouldn't be enhanced by an all-night session. Here's a typical comment: "People can understand Republicans and Democrats fighting, but they can't figure out why two Democratic chambers should stay here and squabble and make deals all night."

Up to now, the Republican Senate leader, Howard S. Proctor, has been quiet in the upper chamber, a factor which is causing many Democratic senators to wonder just when he will jump and in what direction. On all days for the past three weeks, Proctor has had a majority in the Senate, but he hasn't shown any signs of anything more than alertness.

The first serious discussion of the all-night possibility is said to have come several days ago when Gov. John O. Pastore, with an eye on party harmony in the legislative halls, offered to buy all 144 legislators a dinner in a downtown hotel if they would adjourn sine die by 6 p.m. of Apr. 26, the 60th legislative day and the last for which the Assembly members are paid.

The governor's proposal is an optimistic one. Most legislators would be happy if they could get out by 6 p.m. Apr. 26, which is the Friday of that week. It is an unwritten law almost that no legislator can move for final adjournment until a Friday. What's the sense of not finishing out a week?

Governor Pastore's suggestion has some basis in history. The late Frederick Peck, Republican finance director, managed to get an all-Republican legislator out early in 1929 by throwing a dinner for the boys on the night of the 60th day.

The legislators were late for the dinner, arriving downtown well after 10 p.m. instead of about 7:30, but the important thing is that they left the State House after closing up the session early in the evening, rather than about noon the next day.

Peck tried the same plan later with considerably less success and grad-

ually the Assembly drifted back to the all-night sessions.

When the Republicans regained control of both branches in 1939, GOP Gov. William H. Vanderbilt put the Peck idea to use, and with some success during the first year of his administration. That was the year during which the massive re-organization act was passed and getting the law makers downtown to an evening meal after enacting that law was considered a feat.

Senate Democratic Leader McCabe will play a big part in the situation. Ever since the session opened, McCabe has been battling with his counterpart in the House, Kiernan, and there haven't been any signs of a reconciliation.

House Democrats make it plain that any kiss-and-make-up act would have to be initiated by McCabe, who is far younger than Kiernan. The split between the two top legislative Democrats appears to result from the feeling of each man that he is the spokesman for the party in the Assembly.

Kiernan's friends emphasize that "Jim" has earned that right by virtue of his long leadership of a Democratic majority in the House, while McCabe, they say, is a relatively young man holding down his first job as a majority leader.

Friction in the Senate

Four instances this year have shown that the Senate Democrats are not all as one.

First, Sen. John G. Coffey, young East Providence attorney and a veteran of the House, made a bid to unseat McCabe as leader.

Not long after the session started, a Coventry attorney, Sen. George Roche, a Democrat who has served in other years, decided to ask for a roll call on an action he didn't like, and he won, with GOP support. The Roche situation developed when Lieut. Gov. John S. McKiernan referred a bill to judiciary committee when Roche thought it ought to go to the committee on special legislation.

Roche asked for a reversal of the ruling, was denied, appealed and on a roll call won hands down against McCabe, who had supported the lieutenant governor.

A recent display of a lack of enthusiasm among Senate Democrats occurred early last week when Sen. Stephen W. Macomber, asked if he were planning to resign, gave this answer:

"The Senate is the best noon-day club for a man of leisure I have ever belonged to. Why should I resign?"

Only last Friday, Sen. William J. Smith, veteran Warren Democrat, gave the Senate a start when he refused to attend a Democratic caucus.

His reason, he said, was that the Senate was "a one-man show," and he made it plain his remark was aimed at McCabe.

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Rhode Island was in a fair way yesterday to acquiring an eighth city—the City of West Warwick.

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The bill is the first major charter revision to get by the legislature this session. It now goes to Gov. John O. Pastore for his signature.

The bill sets up a "strong mayor" type of government with a five-member city council. Two councilmen would be elected on a town-wide basis. Three others would be elected on a district basis, one from each of the community's three voting districts, thus making minority representation possible.

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Groleau Toastmaster

Toastmaster Chief Arthur Groleau also introduced those at the head table including Judge James W. Leighton of the Fourth District Court; Senator Dion Archambault; former Representative Horace Petrarca; Democratic Town Committee Chairman, Alfred Richard; John Carley; Police Captain Harry Miller; Lorenzo Cayouette, father of Miss Jeannine Cayouette the bride elect and John Galucci, father of the honored guest.

Captain Miller presented Patrolman Galucci with a table model radio on behalf of the police department. DeCiantis gave the honored guest a gift of money on behalf of the gathering.

Others introduced by Chief Groleau included Sgt. Joseph Pontarelli, Frank Galucci, James Ruzzo Sr., Michael Galucci, Ernest Cayouette, Ernest Brown, Horace Cayouette, Pat Parente, Joseph Galucci and Telesford Lefebvre.

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Born in Italy

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In elaboration the Judge pointed to the biographies of Abraham Lincoln, and Cordell Hull as examples of men who took this opportunity without enjoying the facilities of the schools in their early life.

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Interested In Law

He first became interested in practicing law when a student in high school he would spend time each week at Fourth District Court. He borrowed a set of Harvard Law Books from former Governor Robert E. Quinn and nights after work spent his time pondering over them.

Following two years of study at Boston he read law in 1922 in the office of Quinn-Kernan-Quinn and in the year 1923 he was admitted to the Bar.

In 1933 he became fourth Assistant Attorney General of Rhode Island and later was appointed third assistant attorney general. At the request of Judge Quinn who was then Governor he resigned to become chief of the Division of Public Utilities of the State on July 7, 1937.

While an Assistant Attorney General he tried a great many difficult cases. The two most im-



MICHAEL DE CIANTIS

portant to which he was assigned for the prosecution were cases involving alleged fraudulent stock transactions. One of those cases was completed after twenty-five court days and in sentencing the defendants after a verdict of guilty the trial judge Judge Charles Walsh, said "Mr. DeCiantis should be commended for having conducted a long and arduous trial in an exemplary manner, and for the way which he presented the case and carried it through."

Other cases with which he was connected as prosecutor were those involving entire shell fish industry at Newport. He obtained several convictions and broke up the shell fish racket in Rhode Island.

Four Murder Cases

He has tried four murder cases and has won them all. In one notable Newport murder case the defendant, prosecuted by Mr. DeCiantis, was convicted although there were eye witnesses to the affair. He was successful in the prosecution and conviction of several men who were engaged in an insurance and a lottery furniture racket in the state. The Better Business Bureau of Providence in its monthly journal complimented him upon having ended certain reprehensible rackets that were being practiced upon the people of Rhode Island.

While chief of public utilities he had reduced the car fares from Washington to Providence and from East Greenwich to Providence and other parts of the state, five cents in all cases. He also was responsible for doing away with the 25 cent extra charge imposed for use of the "French Telephones."

DeCiantis also required the gas companies of the State to return to the people the deposit they demanded against applications for gas installation. \$175,000 was returned as a result.

He established a rate base in the hearing against the electric company which brought about a reduction of electricity costs in the State.

He also compelled the water companies throughout the State to eliminate payment of bills in advance. One of his actions to have a five-cent car fare established in Providence was defeated.

The Town Solicitor states that he first became interested in politics when 17 years of age. He thought, he stated, that this was the place where someone could help people through government.

He first became city minded when at the financial town meeting of 1946 he publicly declared "It is about time West Warwick did away with being a Town and should become a city," and on the spot drew up a resolution to that effect.

He drew a charter in 1946 which he states is practically the same as today and then made up his mind that if ever he became in a position he would put it into effect.

DeCiantis has also served for 14 years as legal advisor for the Arctic Fire Department.

He also served as treasurer from 1946-48 of the State Democratic Committee.

W. WARWICK CHARTER GIVEN ASSEMBLY O.K.

City Government Plan Goes to Gov. Pastore

The charter bill which would make the Town of West Warwick the eight city in Rhode Island has been cleared through the State Legislature.

The Senate passed the measure yesterday afternoon and now it

goes to Governor John O. Pastore for his approval and signature.

All that is needed now for West Warwick to become a city is approval of the town's taxpayers at a special election meeting to vote their approval of the measure.

The Senate also passed the act asking the UER to have a one fare zone in West Warwick. According to the measure which was previously introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Ulysses LaRoche of West Warwick the director of business regulations is requested to direct the public utilities administrator to ask this approval by the UER.

W. WARWICK BILL AWAITS SIGNATURE

Governor Seen Signing City
Charter Measure Soon; Tax-
payers Must Act on It

Pawtuxet Valley Office, 15 Washington Street, Arctic. Telephone Valley 0370-0182

Gov. John O. Pastore is expected to sign early next week the bill advancing West Warwick toward the status of Rhode Island's eighth city.

Town officials, who pushed the bill through the General Assembly, are expected to be present for the State House ceremonies.

These authorities said yesterday that they will seek quick ratification by town taxpayers. The bill, which awaits only the governor's signature, was passed in concurrence by the Senate Wednesday.

The town council and Democratic town committee will confer next week to discuss ratification details, it was announced yesterday by Mortimer W. Newton, council president and coauthor with Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of the charter bill.

There are some 5000 taxpayers eligible to cast a vote. Town authorities will have to decide whether they should meet in one place or cast their ballots in the town's seven voting districts.

The charter would give West Warwick a strong mayor type of city government. A campaign to inform townspeople of its terms will be waged by Democratic leaders between now and the date of the special ratification vote.

The bill is the first major charter revision to get by the legislature this session.

No Vote on City Charter May 17 Seen

West Warwick Step Requires Study by Taxpayers

Taxpayers of West Warwick will not vote whether to approve or reject the city charter bill at the coming annual financial town meeting scheduled May 17th.

In answer to that question asked this morning, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis that "The change of government in West Warwick is an important factor to the people and before they vote on it I believe they should receive explanations on what the charter does."

Continuing he stated: "It is their government and they are the ones to decide whether or not they want the change to the city form. I don't believe in pushing it along before they know what the charter does."

In answer to how the people shall be informed, DeCiantis stated that he believed a meeting should be called where the taxpayers can ask and have answered their questions on what the charter will do.

Governor Signs W. W. Charter Bill

Town Officials Attend Ceremonies; DeCiantis Issues Statement

Whether or not West Warwick becomes the eighth city in Rhode Island is now entirely in the hands of the voting taxpayers of the town. The bill granting West Warwick a city charter was signed into law by Governor John O. Pastore, Tuesday morning, in the presence of an official delegation from the town.

To complete terms of the bill, the present town council must issue a call for a special meeting of the taxpayers to ratify or reject the charter. In the event of their approval, the change in the government of the town would take place in 1950.

Council President Mortimer W. Newton headed the official delegation from the town who witnessed the signing of the bill. Others making up the official party were town solicitor Michael DeCiantis, co-author of the bill with Newton; Senator Dion Archambault, Representatives Gerard DiFiore, Thaddeus Kraus, and Ulysses LaRoche; Councilmen Joseph Holmes, Hervey Niquette, and Thomas Mello.

After the Governor had penned his name on the document, he presented the pen he had used to Mr. DeCiantis.

If approved by the taxpayers, the charter would provide West Warwick with a strong mayor form of government. A five member city council would be set up with three members elected by district and the other two at-large. The members of the school committee, and the board of tax assessors would remain elective offices. All others would become appointive offices.

Shortly after Governor Pastore had affixed his signature to the West Warwick City Charter measure, DeCiantis said in an interview that he believes "this measure will give the citizens of West Warwick a real good city government."

Emphasizing that he was speaking as a private citizen and taxpayer in West Warwick, DeCiantis said that he could see no reason why there should be any haste in calling a special meeting of the taxpayers of the town to implement the charter measure until ample opportunity has been afforded for study of the provisions of the law by the people. On this point, the author of the measure said "I believe the people should have the opportunity to look into every phase of this thing and be afforded a chance to tell of anything they think ought to be changed to give us better government in West Warwick." Continuing he declared, "Before any ratification action is called for, I feel it would be wise to listen, and consider very carefully, any suggested changes or additions which the people, after they have had an opportunity to study every provision made in the charter, might care to offer."

The Town Solicitor said that he would personally "invite and welcome any just criticism of the measure" and urged that townspeople assure themselves, through first hand knowledge, that changing the form of government from town to city will give them the most modern and efficient type known yet provide this added service without increased cost to them.

W. WARWICK BUDGET CALLS FOR \$662,666

\$28,000 for Rubbish Garbage Collection

Town Solicitor De Ciantis Sees \$692,000 Income from Taxes and State Grants.—\$10,000 Expenditure for Shovel Dozer Urged.

West Warwick for the fiscal year of 1949-50 will not follow the pattern of other cities and towns of the state in calling for a higher budget with consequent higher tax rate if taxpayers in annual financial town meeting adopt the administration's budget.

Figures released by the Democratic administration show a 34-point budget with total appropriations of \$662,666.50. To this amount and included in the call of the meeting is \$28,000 to be either approved or disapproved by taxpayers for institution and operation of the rubbish and garbage program. The total of the two, both to be taken from revenue, is \$690,666.50.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis stated that he figures the income for the town in the fiscal year to be \$692,000, from taxes and state grants. This would leave the town with a \$2,000 balance.

Two other amounts of money to be acted on at the meeting is \$25,000 to be transferred from General Fund Surplus Revenues to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund and \$10,000 to purchase a shovel dozer for the highway department out of the General Fund Surplus revenues.

By comparison with figures of last year, \$697,989.25 was appropriated for the 1948-49 fiscal year.

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Town Budget is Announced

West Warwick's administration has prepared the following budget for submission to the Town's taxpayers who will assemble in annual financial town meeting next Tuesday afternoon at the junior high school auditorium:

Recommended Appropriations	
Town officers' salaries	\$ 25,700.00
School Dept.	242,889.00
Teachers' pensions	7,000.00
Police Dept.	51,477.00
Police dept. equip.	1,500.00
Highway dept.	42,100.00
Highway dept. equip.	5,000.00
Highway widening and straightening	10,000.00
Sidewalk constr.	6,500.00
Mosquito control	5,000.00
Sewer oper. and maintenance	28,716.00
Sewer disposal plant improvements	5,000.00
Clerical hire town hall	12,718.00
Supplies & expense	
Town Hall	4,000.00
Telephones	2,000.00
Public Welfare	6,500.00
Service memorial	300.00
Town property maintenance	5,200.00
Debt Service retirements	57,000.00
Interest	23,352.50
Claims for damages	500.00
District meetings	2,000.00
Insurance on town bldgs.	6,400.00
Libraries	1,950.00
Memorial services	1,500.00
Public health	500.00
P. V. Visiting Nurse Ass'n.	1,000.00
So. R.I. Farm Bu.	300.00
Street lighting	26,000.00
Town offl. bonds	400.00
Miscellaneous	10,000.00
Playgrounds and recreation	5,000.00
Fire Dept.	54,164.00
Hydrant rental	11,000.00
Total	\$662,666.50

GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION PLAN TOLD BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

To give to people of West Warwick an outline of how the garbage and rubbish collection program will function a report was given by Council President Mortimer W. Newton, last night.

The program has been set by the administration to cost \$28,000 and it is included in the call of the annual financial town meeting of May 17 to be either approved or rejected by the Town's taxpayers.

Newton pointed out the following highlights: After a conference with five men who are now doing this work in West Warwick the administration has agreed that con-

tracts for the collection and disposal of both grabage and rubbish should be given to five men with a truck apiece; collections should be done five days per week to cover the town; the cost per man, per year, will be \$5000.

Also, the town dump shall be used to receive the collections and an exterminating company should be contracted with to do away with rat menace, now present, before the initial dumping is made. In connection, the exterminating company, at a cost of \$15 per month, will keep out the rat menace.

Also, a superintendent is to be appointed at a salary of \$40 per week; a governing ordinance will be adopted.

Also, the town's people using the collection shall keep their rubbish and garbage in metal containers not less than 15 feet from the highway on the day designated as collection day.

Newton said the men who were contacted on the program and who are now doing the work privately are Paul Grandchamp, Albert Cantara, Edward Beauchaine, Paul Gauvin and Al Cloutier.

\$662,666 BUDGET SOUGHT IN VALLEY

W. Warwick Solicitor Doubts

If Higher Figure Will Raise

Tax Rate

The West Warwick Democratic administration will ask the taxpayers to appropriate \$662,666.50 for operating expenses for the new fiscal year at the annual financial town meeting May 17 at 2 p.m. in the junior high school auditorium.

The 34-item operating budget, released yesterday by Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, calls for appropriations of \$25,677.25 above those of last year.

De Ciantis said that this would not disturb the present tax rate of \$2.25 on the \$100 valuation.

In addition, the administration will ask for two special appropriations totalling \$38,000. These are \$28,000 for garbage and rubbish removal and \$10,000 for the purchase of a dozer shovel for the highway department. It is planned to finance the \$28,000 out of operating revenue and the \$10,000 from the general reserve fund.

In the operating budget there are two new appropriations, five appropriations are increased and seven are decreased. The new appropriations are: teachers' pensions, \$7000; hydrant rental, \$11,000, a total of \$18,000. The \$7000 recommended for teachers' pensions is 3 1/2 per cent of the present teachers' payroll.

The five increases total \$20,900. They are: schools, \$12,889; police department, \$2777; sewer operation and maintenance, \$2716; clerical hire, town hall, \$2218; street lighting, \$300.

The decreases total \$23,188.75. They are: highway widening and straightening, \$10,000; telephones, \$500; debt retirement, \$1000; interest on bonds, notes, \$1970.75; district meetings, \$3000; insurance on town buildings, \$600; fire department, \$6118.

While the administration is convinced that its budget will provide for the proper functioning of the town government for the 1949-1950 fiscal year without disturbing the present tax rate, DeCiantis made it plain that it will not oppose changes

resulting from the public hearing. The director of research is Cal-
Tenn., is chairman of the commit-
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West Warwick's Cash Balance \$278,029

Treasurer Notes
\$25,000 Debt Cut
In Five Months

West Warwick had a cash balance of \$278,029.81 in the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, according to the report of Town Treasurer Robert J. Harrop covering the period of the incumbent Democratic administration, Nov. 16 to Apr. 30, released today.

The cash balance of \$360,662.60 existing when the Republicans relinquished control was augmented by receipts of \$248,882.56 giving the new administration \$609,545.16 with which to meet operating expenses for the remaining five months of the fiscal year. Disbursements totaled \$278,029.81.

Gross Debt Reduced

Although many of the appropriations were overexpended, the unexpended balance total at the end of the fiscal year was \$3991.69. The gross debt was reduced during the past five months by \$25,000.

When the present regime assumed power the gross debt was \$778,000. The figure stood at \$753,000 at the end of the fiscal year.

Balances in the various trust and special funds Apr. 30 were: sewer construction fund, \$17,521.91; post war capital investment fund, \$145,787.78; Benjamin R. Vaughn Trust Fund, \$126.70; probate funds claimed by treasurer, \$1156.14; sewer assessment fund, \$129,190.22.

The composition of these balances is: sewer construction fund, cash in bank; post war capital investment fund, cash in bank, \$64,669.78; securities at maturity value, \$80,800; uncashed interest coupons, \$318; Vaughn Trust Fund, and probate funds, cash in bank in both instances; sewer assessment fund, cash in bank, \$18,890.22; securities at maturity value, \$110,000; uncashed interest coupons, \$300.

General Fund Summary

A summary of the cash receipts and disbursements in the general fund follows:

Receipts, balance Nov. 16, \$360,662.60; cash receipts, revenue receipts, \$247,987.06; employee's savings bond account, \$68.50 (net); poll taxes, \$172; dog fund, \$655; total, \$609,545.16.

Disbursements, revenue disbursements, \$325,669.17; employee's withholding taxes (net), \$921.55; licenses due state (net), \$139; expenditures from surplus, \$4758.63; total, \$331,515.35; balance, \$4785.63; total, \$331,515.35; balance, \$278,029.81. Of the cash balance, \$277,879.81 is deposited in banks.

The allocation of the general fund cash balances is:
Dog account, \$784; poll tax account, \$1595; employee's savings bond account, \$169; employee's withholding tax account, \$2940.84; license fees due state, \$200.50; Catherine Hughes estate, \$655.52; other special purpose accounts, \$55.83.

Appropriations Account
In the appropriations accounts the unexpended balances are:
Town officers salaries, \$227.61; school department, \$2699.68; highway construction and improvement, \$306.82; sewer operation and maintenance, \$54.38; sewer disposal plant improvements, \$28.50; clerical hire,

Council Will Hold
Public Hearing
On Budget Tonight

The West Warwick Town Council will hold a public hearing at 8:30 tonight in the town hall, on the budget to be presented at the annual financial town meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the junior high school auditorium.

Although the total of \$662,666.50 is \$15,677.25 above the appropriations voted last year, Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, has stated that the present tax rate of \$2.25 on the \$100 valuation will be sufficient to cover the total requested by the administration for operating expenses and several special items.

A meeting at 8 p.m. of the board of canvassers to correct the property voting lists to be used at the town meeting will precede the hearing.

Tax Income
For Fiscal Year
Put at \$507,570

West Warwick's income from property taxes, interest, tax penalties and poll taxes for the fiscal year ending Apr. 30 was \$507,570.23, according to the annual report of Miss Amy A. Saute, tax collector, to be presented at the annual financial town meeting next Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the junior high school auditorium.

In addition she collected \$725.68 in fire district taxes. Of this amount \$627.61 was in the Arctic district and \$98.07 in the Natick district. She lists uncollected property taxes for the years 1932 through 1948 at \$94,620.68.

Miss Saute's report of the sewer assessment collection showed the total received \$59,182.42.

The breakdown of the property tax col-
\$47,963.02; 1946, \$675.16; 1945, \$190.07;
1944, \$116.15; 1943, \$81.26; 1942, \$106.46;
1941, \$97.60; 1940, \$71.50; 1939, \$56;
1938, \$76.20; 1937, \$151.60; 1936, \$153;
1935 and 1934, \$40 each year; 1933, \$39;
1932, \$40; Total \$504,415.04.

The total interest collected was \$149.09;

poll taxes, 1595; tax penalties, \$61.10.

Uncollected property taxes were listed at \$94,620.68. The amount by years follows:
1948, \$66,819.92; 1947, \$5069.50; 1946,
\$3184.58; 1945, \$1949.04; 1944, \$1791.03;
1943, \$1979.84; 1942, \$2236.34; 1941,
\$2538.76; 1940, \$1661.98; 1939, \$1790.64;
1938, \$2497.30; 1937, \$1372.20; 1936,
\$466.60; 1935, \$395.40; 1934, \$345.80; 1933,
\$229.35; 1932, \$292.40.

A summary of the sewer assessment collection follows: on original assessment (1941) total prepayments \$28,826.22; installment payments, \$16,937.96; total, including assessment interest of \$12,786.85 and delinquent interest of \$95.12, \$59,182.42.

\$12,855 INCREASE IN TOWN SCHOOL BUDGET OVER 1949

West Warwick Committee Asks Taxpayers to
Appropriate \$242,889 Tuesday.—Total In-
cludes Automatic Boost in Teachers' Pay.

The financial report and school budget to be submitted to taxpayers of West Warwick at the annual financial town meeting next Tuesday has been completed by the school committee. The appropriation sought totals of \$242,889, which is \$12,855 above that of last year and is due to the automatic

teacher salary increases included in the new salary schedule.

The report for 1949-50 follows:

Receipts	
Balance from major	
school repairs	\$ 1,292.01
Balance	2,699.68
From the state	54,626.00
Poll taxes	1,595.00
Dog taxes	748.00
Tuition	2,500.00
Other revenues	20,000.00

Total

Expenditures	
Gen'l control	\$ 7,650.00
Instruction	243,948.00
Operation of school	
plant	38,860.00
Maintenance of school	
plant	10,091.69
Co-ordinate activities..	1,800.00
Aux. agencies	24,000.00

Total

Total receipts, excluding town appro. \$ 83,460.69
Appropriation required from town to run schools for year beginning May 1, 1949, \$242,889.00

EYEBROWS RAISED AT GOP'S APATHY

W. Warwick Democrats Wonder if Budget Is Flawless, or if Silence Means Storm

The West Warwick Democratic administration today was wondering whether its political opponents plan opposition to its budget to be recommended at Tuesday's annual town meeting, or think it is flawless.

A public hearing on the budget last night in the town hall lasted only seven minutes.

Practically all of the abbreviated hearing was taken up by reading of the proposed \$662,666.50 budget item by item by Mortimer W. Newton, town council president.

Only a score of persons attended the session, most of them town department heads and employees who were there to answer the questions which didn't materialize.

The only spectator to ask a question was Richard Hughes Jr., president of the veterans' council, who wanted to know for what service memorial a requested \$300 appropriation would be used. Newton told him it was for one at Arctic Square.

In reading the budget, which is \$25,677.25 higher than last year's, Newton remarked that \$7000 for the teachers' retirement fund is new this year, and is compelled by state law.

When the meeting, which was marked by absence of any Republican town committeemen or former GOP officials, elicited no questions, Newton concluded, "If there aren't any questions, I suppose the only thing to do is to adjourn. We want to give everybody a chance to question the appropriations recommended."

W. WARWICK NOTES

\$278,029 BALANCE

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FACES AT WEST WARWICK TOWN MEETING

Taxpayers Vote \$662,666 Budget

Get Assurance \$2.25 West Warwick Tax Rate Will Not Be Disturbed

Pawtuxet Valley Office, 15 Washington Street, West Warwick Telephone Valley 1-0570 1-0182

An operating budget of \$662,666.50 was adopted by the West Warwick annual financial town meeting yesterday afternoon at the junior high school, an increase of \$25,677.25 over 1948.

To support the appropriations in the budget, the meeting ordered assessment and collection of a tax of not less than \$515,000 nor more than \$560,000.

Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, gave the meeting assurance that the present tax rate of \$2.25 per \$100 valuation would not be disturbed as a result of the increased budget.

The administration defeated Republican attempts to boost the tax rate by increasing several appropriation items in the operating budget.

The three and half hour meeting was attended by 333 of 5000 eligible taxpayers.

Entire Budget Read

At the outset, the entire administration budget was read by DeCiantis, with 10 items being challenged from the floor. The unchallenged portion of the budget, was adopted collectively.

Despite protracted discussion on the challenged items and several motions to amend, none was changed and all finally were adopted as presented by the administration. At the end of the budget discussion, the taxpayers, on a motion put by Dr. M. Irene Guertin and seconded by Judge James W. Leighton, voted passage of the budget as a whole.

The school appropriation of \$242,889 was challenged by Henri Brindamour, who later said that amount of the appropriation did not provide sufficient funds to carry on the teachers' single salary plan as adopted more than a year ago by a fact-finding committee.

Superintendent Explains

Miss Maisie E. Quinn, school superintendent, countered by saying that the budget as prepared by herself and approved by the school committee would provide for every salary increase for every teacher in the public schools in accordance to the fact-finding committee's report.

Brindamour also challenged the public welfare appropriation of \$6500 as being exactly the same as that of last year, which was overexpended by \$2994.82.

Roland E. Meunier, West Warwick Republican Town Committee chairman, who asked the reason for a \$2777 increase in the police department appropriation, was told by DeCiantis that the jump was necessary to cover a \$3500 deficit from last year and certain added incidental expenses.

The administration budget for the police department was placed at \$51,477, as contrasted with \$48,700 last year.

Fights for Fire Pay Boost

Norman E. Gillespie, a former town councilman, fought unsuccessfully to bring firemen's pay up to police pay. He submitted that the fire department budget of \$54,164 would not be sufficient to do this.

Gillespie also was unsuccessful in obtaining an appropriation of \$5000 for playground equipment and bleachers above the \$5000 budgeted for playgrounds and recreation.

Meunier challenged a highway improvement item of \$10,000, asking DeCiantis whether the administration had specific plans for spending this money.

Col. P. H. Quinn, former Democratic Town Committee chairman, speaking on a \$2000 item for district meetings, said he saw no reason to make the appropriation in a non-election year.

Meunier asked DeCiantis why an \$11,000 item for hydrant rental had been kept separate from the fire department and moved that the two be combined for adoption.

DeCiantis said that the items had been kept separate to make clear to the taxpayers how much of their money was going for hydrant rental, but added that he was perfectly willing that Meunier's suggestion be adopted.

Meunier's Motion Carries

Thereupon Meunier's motion was placed before the meeting and carried, the only opposition proposal to gain passage during the whole session, and the two appropriations were passed as one.

In a lengthy discussion on the school budget Brindamour suggested that the reduction of school maintenance from \$4000 to \$2000, the only reduced item in the school budget, would not leave sufficient maintenance funds but Miss Quinn stated that the school budget plus a balance of almost \$4000 would be sufficient.

An amendment by Brindamour adding \$8000 to the school budget was defeated and the budgeted sum

was voted, \$12,880 more than last year.

DeCiantis stated in support of the increased police appropriation that although no men had been added to the police force and that no pay raise had been made except in the case of the captain, there was a deficit of \$3500.

This was challenged by Gillespie who said he understood that the average weekly pay in the department was several dollars higher than when the Republicans were in power. DeCiantis denied this and there was considerable discussion on the point, after which Gillespie moved adoption of the administration's figure stating "if this is what the administration feels will give proper wages to the men, I am in favor of it."

Questions Road Fund

Meunier in questioning the highway improvement appropriation said "last year we asked \$20,000 because of the hard previous winter and used all of it plus a small deficit. All of the town roads were put in shape last year."

DeCiantis disagreed and named several roads which he said are badly in need of attention.

Discussing the public welfare appropriation Brindamour said "we have no reason to suppose that the demands on this department will decrease in the coming year what with mills closing and going on short time."

"If we needed \$10,000 last year, and we had to over-expend our appropriation to get it, we certainly will need as much in the coming year. I move that we increase the appropriation to \$10,000."

DeCiantis stated that the administration had been advised by a welfare expert from the state to leave the appropriation at the same level because "you can't tell just what the need will be." He added that over-expenditure could be taken care of by transfer from another appropriation.

Points to Delay in Rebate

Robert C. Harrop, town treasurer, then explained that under General Public Assistance the 70 per cent return from the state takes about two months to come through and that a rebate is still due from the state for some of last year's expenditures which would account for a part of the deficit.

Brindamour was unimpressed, stating that the carry-over holds true for every year and that the income of the department last year included some of the return from the state for the year before.

"You will need \$10,000 whether you appropriate it or not," he warned. Nevertheless Brindamour's amendment to increase the amount was defeated and the original amount was voted.

Gillespie in his arguments to have the fire appropriation increased by \$2912 to provide for increased pay for firemen said that the men work 84 hours one week and 94 hours the next for an average hourly pay of about 50 cents.

Conferred with Firemen

DeCiantis said, "We have conferred with the fire chief, who suggested a raise and we reached a figure which we and the men themselves considered reasonable." DeCiantis added that the administration intends to bring the two pay scales closer together "as we go along." Gillespie's amendment to add \$2912 was defeated.

Gillespie doubted that \$5000 could operate a recreation program and provide equipment as well.

DeCiantis answered "we have been accused of letting the playgrounds go to ruin but the truth is that when we took over in November there was no money left in the fund."

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Borrowing Ordered

The town treasurer was authorized to borrow on tax anticipation note, and was authorized to redeem junior high school serial bonds, junior high school addition serial bond and serial funding bonds maturing this fiscal year and the amount required by law to redeem the sewer bonds and notes, maturing this fiscal year.

It was voted that monies received by the town during the new fiscal year not specifically appropriated at the meeting yesterday be appropriated for such general purposes of the town as may be determined by the town council. All such monies are to be a part of the miscellaneous appropriation.

The council was authorized for a period of one year to convey or cause to be conveyed for highway purposes land, the title to which is in the town and also with power to convey or powers to be conveyed any land or part thereof, title to which is in the town and intended for highway purposes but which in fact is not now used for highway purposes.

The council also was authorized to convey or caused to be conveyed any real estate purchased by or for the town at tax sales all such conveyances to be upon such terms, and in such forms as the town council shall direct in each instance.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

WEST WARWICK WILL CONDUCT REFERENDUM

ADMINISTRATION PLAN APPROVED AFTER LONG DEBATE; 333 ON HAND

Tax Rate of \$2.25 to Remain.—Col. Quinn Unsuccessful in Attempt at Town Session to Delete \$2,000 Item for District Meeting. Hand Vote 115-97.

West Warwick's Democratic Administration, won out and had passed their budget and special appropriations totaling \$690,666.50 from revenues and \$35,000 from surplus at the annual town meeting yesterday, but it was a tough three and one-half hour struggle.

The garbage and rubbish collection program and the transfer of deeds for "a nominal sum" of the Legion home and grounds at Arctic were passed along with the 34-point budget. From surplus \$10,000 was appropriated for a shovel dozer for the highway department.

Democratic administrators told the 333 persons attending the session in charge of Moderator Judge Harry McKenna that the tax rate consequently would remain at its

present rate of \$2.25 per \$100 assessment.

Rebuff not only came from Republican administration leaders but from Col. Patrick H. Quinn, former chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, who sought but was defeated by a nine vote margin in attempt to delete the \$2000 item in the budget for district meetings. The vote counted by hands was 115 to 97.

Quinn when told by Council President Mortimer W. Newton that the \$2000 appropriation was for the referendum election on the city charter asked why it had to be rushed when it wouldn't go into effect before 1950 and when only a few voters will understand it.

The former Democratic chairman stated he was in favor of the city plan but he wants people to be sure what they are going to adopt before they vote. He began to point out items in the charter bill which he termed absurd but was ruled out of order by McKenna through objection of Raoul Archambault, State GOP chairman who rose to point of orders on two instances when Quinn attempted to explain the charter weaknesses. In comment on Archambault's move Quinn stated, "I can see the charter is not a Democratic move but a bipartisan one."

Visibly Moved

Town Solicitor Michael DeCianis attempted to argue in favor of the city charter bill, but was ruled out of order when William DiFranco, Republican town committeeman, objected. Judge Charles Bourgault among the other Democratic administrators visibly moved by Quinn's unexpected stand on the city charter hearing stated that if Quinn was successful in deleting the \$2,000 item it would be a tremendous change of procedure. He added that maybe the town would have to call a special election in event of death of any of the General Assembly representatives or senator from the town.

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Student Says on Oath He is Communist

Hans Freistadt Was Recipient of U. S. Fellowship

Washington, May 18.—(INS)—Hans Freistadt, self-admitted communist who received an atomic energy scholarship, testified today that "events would decide" his role in case of war between Russia and the United States.

He told the Senate-House atomic energy committee:

"If contrary to what I believe—in a very improbable case—Russia attacked us, I would use all my strength to defend this country."

"If we go out of our way to attack Russia, I would not (fight). I don't think that will happen. I think the American people have too much sense."

Rep. Ellston (R-Ohio), commented:

"In other words, you yourself will decide whether you will protect this country in event of war," Freistadt replied:

"I think events would decide that for me."

Freistadt has been awarded a \$1600 fellowship to further his studies of atomic energy under the sponsorship of the atomic energy commission.

He opened his testimony before the committee today by admitting under oath that he is a Communist, but also considers himself a "loyal American."



The New Look: Council President erects the first of more than 10 on utility poles throughout the town department. The work is being carried out by Ephraim Langlais, highway committee member, and clearly visible form a

Town Budget

Town officers' salaries	\$ 25,700.00
School Dept.	242,889.00
Teachers' pensions	7,000.00
Police Dept.	51,477.00
Police dept. equip.	1,500.00
Highway dept.	42,100.00
Highway dept. equip.	5,000.00
Highway widening and straightening	10,000.00
Sidewalk constre.	6,500.00
Mosquito control	5,000.00
Sewer oper. and maintenance	28,716.00
Sewer disposal plant improvements	5,000.00
Clerical hire town hall	12,718.00
Supplies & expense	
Town Hall	4,000.00
Telephones	2,000.00
Public Welfare	6,500.00
Service memorial	300.00
Town property maintenance	5,200.00
Debt Service retirements	57,000.00
Interest	23,352.50
Claims for damages	500.00
District meetings	2,000.00
Insurance on town bldgs.	6,400.00
Libraries	1,950.00
Memorial services	1,500.00
Public health	500.00
P. V. Visiting Nurse Ass'n.	1,000.00
So. R.I. Farm Bu.	300.00
Street lighting	26,000.00
Town offl. bonds	400.00
Miscellaneous	10,000.00
Playgrounds and recreation	5,000.00
Fire Dept.	54,164.00
Hydrant rental	11,000.00
Total	\$662,666.50

W. WARWICK RITES HELD FOR FIREMEN

Are Built Around Fire Bell
Dedicated to Those Answer-
ing Call to Blazes

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A memorial to West Warwick firemen, built around the bell from the tower of the Riverpoint Fire Station was dedicated "to those who have answered the call of fire bells in our town" yesterday afternoon at the Lippitt Fire Station.

Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn, in making the formal presentation of the bell on behalf of the old Riverpoint Fire District, said that "we can best honor the memory of these firemen by continuing to improve the Pawtuxet Valley until it is Rhode Island's finest community."

The former governor called upon the people of West Warwick to continue the improvement of their town, and to provide specifically, more playgrounds, a central library, a better parking system, and parallel highways in congested areas.

Remembers District Leaders

Judge James W. Leighton of Fourth District Court urged that the leadership of men in the old fire districts and their sense of responsibility to the community be not forgotten.

In a dedicatory address Superior Court Judge Alberic A. Archambault extended congratulations to Chief Lionel Gareau of the West Warwick Fire Department, all of his men, and to all men who have ever done fire department service in the history of the community.

The memorial, consisting of a plaque surmounted by the Riverpoint bell which is suspended by a rugged wooden frame, was unveiled by Deputy Chiefs Ernest Crepeau and James Pryor, while Chief Gareau placed a wreath of roses at the base of the monument.

Others Introduced

Also introduced by Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, were Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, Mrs. Susan Lamb, town clerk, and Ernest E. Lefebvre, former town council president, under whose administration the town fire department was organized.

The invocation was spoken by the Rev. Laurent Bourke, M.S.C., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Natick, and the benediction was said by the Rev. Walter M. Stone, pastor of the Riverpoint Congregational Church.

Prior to the ceremonies the firemen paraded to Lippitt from the Arctic Fire Station. The parade was headed by a delegation from Langevin Post, VFW, in uniform and led by Conrad Boudreau. Music was provided by the Warwick Drum and Bugle Corps.

Observances Elsewhere

Elsewhere in the Pawtuxet Valley, several fire departments observed Firemen's Memorial Sunday by attending church services.

The Hope and Jackson Fire Department, led by Chief Otis M. Luther, attended morning services at the Hope Methodist Church, and then proceeded to Knotty Oak Cemetery, where Ernest Gifford, department chaplain, read a ritual at the grave of Everett Fish, most recently deceased department member.

The Harris Fire Department, led by Chief Doria Lebrun, attended morning services at the Phenix Methodist Church, and also participated in the West Warwick parade.

The Fiskeville Fire Company attended services in the Fiskeville Tabernacle Baptist Church, and at the close of the service ceremonies for department firemen were conducted outside the church by Chief Robert Joslin.

RISQUE SHOWS OUT IN WEST WARWICK, COUNCIL DECREES

Newton Is Authorized to Re-
voke License of Any Show
That Goes Too Far

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The West Warwick Town Council gave notice last night that all carnivals must eliminate risque shows or anything else out of line. Mortimer W. Newton, council president, was authorized to revoke the license of any carnival that attempts questionable practices.

This action was taken after Newton disclosed that he, Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, and Arthur Groleau, chief of police, had prevented a "bathing girl" show being staged by a carnival that was in town last week as the result of numerous complaints. Newton said he does not intend to censor shows but will ban risque shows before they go on.

A letter from Charles J. Bourgault, chairman of the commission appointed by the council to examine the zoning ordinances and prepare a revision of them, recommending that a new map be issued by the town to replace the "obsolete ones now in use" and that changes be made in street names was ordered filed.

Public Hearing Planned

It was voted to view the streets mentioned by Bourgault and others that may be called to the attention of the council and to invite residents of streets where name changes may be advisable to attend a public hearing and give their views.

Streets having more than one name mentioned by Bourgault are the road between Pulaski Street and West Warwick Avenue the southerly portion of which is Pawtuxet Terrace and the northerly end Pleasant Avenue; a street part of which is called Main Avenue and another part Kent Street; the street between Fairview and Maple Avenues one end of which is Sunrise Avenue and the other Brook Street.

He suggested that Pawtuxet Terrace be the name of the street between Pulaski Street and West Warwick Avenue. This he said would eliminate Pleasant Avenue as a name which sometimes is confused with Pleasant Street. He suggested that what is now Main Avenue and Kent Street be Kent Street but offered no name for what is now Brook Street and Sunrise Avenue.

He called attention to the need for a name for a new short street between Greene and Beach Avenues; to the advisability of eliminating the duplication of Greene Avenue, Greene Street; Pleasant Street, Pleasant Avenue; Main Avenue and Main Street and of the confusion of giving three names to the route between Washington Street and Apponaug-West Warwick and Warwick Avenues and Centreville Road.

It was the consensus that the matter of street names should be straightened out first and then authorization given for a new map estimated to cost \$500.

Asks Tax Exemption

The application of Charles Fowler for tax exemption for five years on 24 looms and other machinery he may install on the third floor of the No. 4 building of the Crompton Co. was held for further consideration. Fowler said his concern, the West Warwick Weavers, has not yet gone into production but has set up 24 looms. Samples have been run off of upholstery, novelty and apparel fabrics. The plant at first will operate on a one-shift basis with 12 to 14 employees; hopes to expand to two shifts and later to double capacity. It will employ local help, men for the most part and the yearly payroll on the one-shift basis will be from \$30,000 to \$40,000 and on the two-shift basis \$60,000 to \$70,000, he said.

Thomas Ferretti, business agent of Local 667, Motion Picture Operators Union, AFL, requested that an ordinance be enacted requiring employment of a minimum of two licensed operators in each projection booth and the setting up of a local examining board. He was given assurance that an ordinance will be enacted as soon as one can be drafted that will not conflict with the state law.

Chamber Calls on Town Officials To Print Copies of Charter Bill

Also Asks Member of West Warwick Administration
to Discuss Measure at Future Meeting; Group Rec-
ommends Purchase of Street Sweeping Machine

A resolution urging the West Warwick town administration to have printed official copies of the city charter bill as passed by the January session of the General Assembly, to be made available to the public as soon as possible, was passed last night by the Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce, which also requested that some member of the administration be made available to discuss the charter at a future chamber meeting.

Also recommended at the meeting was the purchase of a mechanical street sweeper, after Norman E. Gillespie had criticized West Warwick streets, particularly in the Arctic shopping district, as being "filthy and a positive disgrace to the town."

The chamber urged inclusion of funds for such a sweeper in the 1950 budget. Temporary measures to insure that streets in the business section be clean for Sunday morning church-goers also were requested at the session in the Club Frontenac.

At the suggestion of Gustav Olson

the group went on record favoring the use of the Arctic School as a rest room to satisfy the need in the shopping district for comfort facilities. Olson, former chief of police, stated that a separate set of entrances to the school toilet facilities could be provided during the summer months while school is not in session.

After J. William Millette Sr., had suggested that 75 per cent of the dirt in the streets comes from uncovered trucks, Paul Gauvin, a trucker in the town, said that the truck owners are receiving more than their share of criticism.

Gauvin said he anticipated a need for rubbish removal services even after the town collection service is established.

"There's a lot of stuff that the town isn't planning on collecting, that we have always hauled away for the usual 25 cents a week," Gauvin said. "The City of Warwick has rubbish collection, but we still have a lot of customers there."

RUBBISH, GARBAGE PICKUP SET AUG. 1 IN WEST WARWICK

Newton Announces Program
After Talk With 5 Who
Will Sign Contract

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Municipal collection of garbage and trash in West Warwick will begin Aug. 1. This announcement was made last night by Mortimer W. Newton, president of the town council, following a conference with the five men who are to do the work under contract.

The meeting was held in the law offices of Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor. Besides the council president, solicitor and the contractors, Deputy Sheriff Alfred Richard, chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, was present.

The session was devoted to a discussion of details as to the setup of the five districts into which the town is to be divided for collection purposes with an idea of equalizing the work to be done. Considerable attention also was given to details of the contract. From the mass of memoranda formal contracts are to be drawn and made ready for signature following a special meeting of the town council to be called during the latter part of next week.

Newton said that considerable time has been spent in providing the foundation for as foolproof service as it is possible to devise and expressed confidence that the service will run smoothly from its beginning.

Collection of Garbage Opens Aug. 1

Collectors and Town
Officials Com-
plete Plans

The municipal collection of garbage and rubbish in West Warwick will begin on Aug. 1.

This announcement was made late yesterday afternoon following a meeting of the five collectors and representatives of the West Warwick administration including Alfred Richard, chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, and Mortimer W. Newton, council president.

In the meantime ordinances and routes will be made and decided upon and information will be given the public so they will be familiar with the collection plans.

Taxpayers of West Warwick, acting on request of the administration, appropriated \$28,000 for the collection program at the last financial town meeting.

SITE SELECTED FOR COMFORT STATION IN ARCTIC SECTION

Located on Easterly Side of Intersection of Bedard and Gareau Streets; DeCiantis Locates Tract.

A tract of land has been chosen on which to build a comfort station to service the Arctic business district.

It is that site, a part of the town highway system, located at the easterly side of the intersection of Bedard and Gareau Sts., directly at the rear of the one-family house which stands at the Union Trust Co. Bank.

The site at present serves no use whatsoever. It is approximately 20 by 30 feet in area.

A Times reporter visited the

site this morning with West Warwick Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, who three weeks ago, in this newspaper, pointed out that he, as a member of the committee appointed for this purpose by the Democratic Town Committee, was investigating a section of land on which to build a comfort station.

In answer to a direct question on how he happened to locate this spot, DeCiantis stated as follows:

"I have looked around for a site in the Arctic business district where we believe the Merchants would want one and where it would best serve the public. I personally have made contact with property owners and have not been able to have anyone sell any real estate. There really isn't any spot."

"As a result of the investigation, I, as a member of the committee, looked around the Arctic section and finally noticed this piece of land which is closest to Arctic center, which is an advisable one for a comfort station and one which I believe, can take care of two purposes now and in the future." Here he referred to the possibility of Bedard some day becoming another large business street.

In regard to reaction to the project which will have to be financed through an appropriation by the town's taxpayers at a financial town meeting, DeCiantis stated he invites the public to express their views on this site of land as to whether or not this is the place.

Will Probe Odors from Dye Plant

P. V. Times
July 12-1949
Coventry Council and Health Officer to Investigate

An investigation of the Metro Dye Stuffs Corp. plant, in Quidnick, will be made by the Coventry Town Council, accompanied by the town health officer, to determine what can be done to eliminate pungent and offensive gas odors originating from the plant.

The decision to investigate the plant came after the council heard protests from a large group of property owners of South and Quidnick streets, represented by attorney Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick.

Some residents said trees in the neighborhood have been burned yellow as a result of the chemical fumes drifting through the area, while others said the fumes bring about a choking sensation and prickly skin irritation.

Dr. Henry W. Grimmel, plant manager, said that mechanical apparatus has been installed at the plant to cope with the problem but that the smells spread over the area when workmen at the plant forget to turn it on. Dr. Grimmel admitted the fumes were irritating, but that the chemicals involved, hydro-chloride gas was non poisonous.

Chief Gareld Shippee said his department first received complaints on the matter about three months ago and that Dr. Grimmel promised from then on to rectify the offensive condition. Attorney DeCiantis said it might involve the problem of determining whether or not such a plant should be permitted to operate in the confines of a built-up section or be forced to move to an open area.

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION SEEKS PARKING METERS FOR BUSINESS DISTRICT

Votes to Send Letter to West Warwick Town Council Regarding Matter.—Demand for Cleaner Streets Made.

The Arctic Merchants Association yesterday voted to send a letter to the West Warwick Town Council informing that body they favor installation of parking meters in the Arctic business district of the town.

The decision to seek action by the council on the question of

parking meters came after several merchants present made it clear they feel business in the Arctic area is being hurt for lack of proper parking control.

Another letter to be sent the town fathers by the AMA will include a demand for cleaner streets through Main and Washington Streets, in Arctic, with a copy of the communication to be sent also to Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor.

Several merchants said they are aware the task of cleaning Arctic streets falls to the state board of public roads, but feel it is the responsibility of the town in seeing that it is carried out. "We don't care how they do it, we just want it done," was the general opinion voiced at yesterday's session. The AMA stressed that highways and gutters are in a deplorable condition after a heavy weekend of business and should be cleaned up before people begin attending church services Sunday mornings.

During Night

Other merchants in the gathering said street cleaning should be carried out during the night hours in order to include all parts of the streets and thus avoid missing stretches of gutters because of parked cars which begin lining curbs from 6 a.m. on.

Promises Full Consideration

Newton, Town Council Head, Refers to Plea for Meters

Whether parking meters in the Arctic business district would assist in solving the traffic problem which now exists, especially during heavy week-end shopping hours, "will be given every consideration" when a request of that nature is received from the Arctic Merchants Association, Morimer W. Newton, West Warwick town council president, stated today.

The AMA voted yesterday to forward a letter to the West Warwick council, urging that installation of the parking devices be given consideration as a possible means of relieving traffic congestion on Main and Washington Streets in the business district of the town.

Although Newton declined to offer a personal opinion whether meters are really needed, he did state "the matter will require a complete survey and good study." The council head also asserted he was unaware if meters covering the distance from Columbus Square to a point beyond the Palace theatre would prove a solution to the problem and reiterated the council will study the "feasibility of it."

A move to have the parking meter question placed on voting machines for a referendum vote during the last election was advocated by the Pawuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce, with former Councilman Norman Gillespie, then president of the Chamber, appointed at that time to press the issue. However, no further action was forthcoming and the matter did not reach the referendum stage.

Meanwhile, some confusion was evident last week in East Greenwich where parking meters were placed in operation for the first time, with the outcome more than living up to expectations as \$325 was recorded for the first week's take.

Police Chief Charles Johnson reported the devices have apparently solved Main Street parking problems for East Greenwich and pointed out they definitely have eliminated the all-day parker, permitting the daily shopper to find a parking space for a change.

New Highway Equipment



The new shovel dozer, ordered by West Warwick taxpayers at the last financial town meeting and covered in a \$10,000 appropriation has arrived in the town and is now being put to use. Assistant Highway Commissioner Natale Muschiano, expert heavy equipment operator, is running the machine this week at Park Boulevard, Arctic Hill. In the above photo he is shown operating the shovel dozer with its attached scoop in picking up the old road surface. The machine cost the town, \$6,961, including a \$2,000 allowance granted by Tractor's Inc. of Providence for the old snow loader and sand-loading boom and conveyor. (Staff Photo)

Garbage, Rubbish Collection Will Begin on August First

Thomas B. Flynn, Son of Former West Warwick Councilman, Named Superintendent at Salary Expected to Be \$2,080.

West Warwick Town Council in special meeting last night furthered plans for the garbage and rubbish collection program which will start in the town beginning next Aug. 1.

Thomas B. Flynn of 44 Maple Avenue, son of former Council President John J. Flynn was appointed superintendent of the collection. His salary was not announced but according to the \$28,000 program appropriated at the last town meeting there was a provision of \$2080 included for the salary of a supervisor.

According to the contract to be signed by the five collectors at a future meeting with the council president, Mortimer W. Newton, there shall be one collection a week in each of the five zones into which the town will be divided. The collectors are Paul Grandchamp, Albert Cantara, Paul Gauvin, Albert Cloutier and Eugene Harpin.

The council approved a seven-point regulation program on the collections which follows:

Beginning Aug. 1, 1949, the following regulations for the collection of house refuse will be rigidly enforced by the Town of West Warwick. After this date the collectors of rubbish and garbage will be instructed to leave on the premises any refuse placed there

Regulation 1. No refuse of industries or commercial establishments will be removed. Only household refuse and garbage will be taken.

Reg. 2. All receptacles of household refuse to be taken must be no larger or heavier than ordinary ash cans; to be of approximately 24-gallon capacity. Any receptacles of a larger capacity or of a weight in excess of 60 pounds will not be taken.

Reg. 3. Demolished ceilings from dwellings, any plaster or other debris resulting from repairs or building operations will not be accepted.

Reg. 4. Household refuse will be considered to mean all refuse incident to the ordinary conduct of the household including garbage discarded floral decorations, Christmas greens, small branches of trees if tied in a bundle and not longer than 4 feet. Household refuse does not include ashes, earth, gravel, bricks, dead animals, garden refuse or briars.

Reg. 5. All receptacles should be placed 15 feet in from the property line in open view of the collector.

Reg. 6. Persons must not keep or heap rubbish in the streets, or sidewalks.

Reg. 7. Collection dates falling on legal holidays or on severe stormy days will be omitted and collection will be made upon the first opportunity.

New Parking Lot Likely

Land at Rear of Police Station Possible Site

It was revealed today that the West Warwick Democratic administration is concerned over the parking problems in Arctic and that the powers in charge are going to do something about it.

Alfred Richard, chairman of the West Warwick Democratic Town Committee, is arranging a meeting with the chief of police and the town council and they will study the feasibility of turning that stretch of land located behind the police station, into a parking lot.

Richard stated that he feels that area can care for parking about 150 automobiles.

Parking facilities in Arctic are needed. Last week, the Arctic Merchants Association went on record favoring installation of parking meters in the business district. Several members of the group stated they felt that business is being hurt because of the parking situation.

Town Parking Lot Urged

Democrats Request W. Warwick Council Act on Legion Way Site

The West Warwick Democratic Town Committee has requested the town council to make available town-owned land facing Legion Way for parking purposes, Alfred Richard, Kent County deputy sheriff and chairman of the committee, said yesterday.

The request probably will be filed formally by Chief of Police Arthur Groseau for action by the council at its monthly meeting tonight.

Believed immediately available is a section fronting on Legion Way, directly in the rear of the police station garage, that is large enough to accommodate about 150 cars.

The town committee has suggested that the council look into the advisability of making additional provision by utilizing another park of the so-called civic center tract fronting on a continuation of Gardner Avenue for parking until such time as the town is ready to utilize it as the site for the proposed central fire station.

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Sewer Commissioner Andrew Gough, rebuffed the complaints when he stated in his nine years of employment there he never had a bad report or a complaint from the State Board of Health. That unit tests the plant regularly for its bacteria count in the outflow after the sewage leaves the plant.

However, it was accepted by the council that the odor was coming from the sewer plant and they promised technical assistance to alleviate the problem. It is expected the council will communicate with the sewer construction company, Jenks & Ballou, for aid.

Rep. Gerard DiFiore, who opened the discussion as spokesman for the group termed the situation serious. He also said complaints are coming from Warwick. A Brookfield resident stated "Our appearance here wasn't planned, we just got together tonight and decided to come before the council to have something done about it."

The West Warwick Town Council last night voted to hire engineers to seek the cause of and do something about bad smells Natick residents say.

Mortimer W. Newton, council president said the town should hire the firm of Jencks and Ballou, which designed the sewer system and disposal plant, or some other engineers to find out what if anything is wrong with the plant.

The council made available for free parking purposes a part of the civic center tract, in the rear of the police station garage fronting on Legion Way. This space will accommodate about 150 cars. The action was taken upon request of Alfred Richard, Kent County deputy sheriff and chairman of the Democratic Town Committee. Chief of Police Arthur Groleau said that the lot would be made available immediately. As soon as arrangements can be worked out, he said the grass will be replaced with an asphalt surface by Highway Commissioner Henry Petrarca.

Town Land at Rear
of Police Station
to Be Used

Alfred Richard, chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, was granted permission to establish a public parking lot at the rear of the police station which he stated could care for about 150 cars. That "island" of land will be prepared and re-surfaced by the highway department and will be ready for use this weekend. This assurance came from Highway Commissioner Henry Petrarca and Police Chief Arthur Groleau.

Action on the parking lot came after one of three communications was read from the Arctic Merchants Association which announced it favored installation of parking meters in Arctic Town. Solicitor Michael DeCiantis stated this plan needs legislative approval and accordingly nothing could be done until the next session of the General Assembly.

At request of the Arctic Merchants Association the Council appointed itself a committee to have the streets cleaned each weekend in the business area.

A complimentary letter was included in the three letters received from the businessmen's group on the selection of a site in Arctic for a comfort station. It stated they approved the location selected at intersection of Gareau and Bedard Streets. Town Solicitor DeCiantis was named to take necessary procedure to establish the station there.

The council constituted itself a committee to remedy the littering of Main and Washington Streets on Saturday nights. This action was taken at the request of the Arctic Merchants' Association. Letters from the association, commending the council for voting to erect a comfort station and for selecting as its site town-owned land at Bedard and Sinnott Streets, were ordered filed.

Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, was authorized to institute legal procedure to make the comfort station site available. The land was acquired by the town to widen Bedard Street, but was not used. DeCiantis has held that the town can abandon the land for highway purposes and then use it as a site for the comfort station. He was authorized to obtain the assistance of Ray C. Matteson, town engineer, in drawing necessary sketches.

Upon recommendation of Lionel P. Gareau, fire chief, the application of four men for appointment as call men were granted. They fill vacancies caused by resignations. Those appointed are Herve L. Vanasse of 12 Harmony Street, Joseph A. Cote of 9 Phenix Avenue, George Luz of 18 Sisson Street, and Antonio Messier of 23 Central Street.

Applications for town aid in building permanent sidewalks were granted to Joseph E. and Rose LeBrun, 100 feet on Main and Crossen Streets; Adolard and Cecile Peltier, 48 feet on Crossen Street; Nicholas Gemma, 180 feet at 18 Oakland Drive.

Frederick Lemay was granted permission to operate a radio repair shop at 17 Standard Avenue under an exception to the zoning ordinance.

Dr. John A. Mack, health officer, was authorized to deputize someone to serve for him during his vacation.

Antonio Comeau was granted a kennel license for 15½ Walnut Street.

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West Warwick Council to Hire Engineer To Probe Objectionable Smell in Natick

21 Residents Blame Strong Odor On Sewage Plant

Acting on complaints of Natick residents, the West Warwick Town Council last night voted to hire engineers to investigate and remedy an objectionable odor in the area.

This odor, residents claim, disturbs their sleep, affects their digestion and morale and threatens to depreciate real estate values in the village.

The council action was taken after 21 Brookfield Hill property owners appeared before it and blamed the smell on the town sewage disposal plant in the Natick Meadows, lowest point in the town.

Gerard DeFiore, representative from the first district; Thomas DiMasi, Donat Soucy, Lawrence Mailoux and Frank Colavichio told the council that when the winds blow they close windows and nostrils to the stench they say originates at the disposal plant.

Nearly all attributed the odors to failure of a burner to burn off gases.

Calls System Efficient

Andrew B. Gough, sewer superintendent, said that the plant is not guilty. The bacteria count of the effluent indicates that the system is handling the sewage, he said.

The smells, he said, come from the use of the storm drains in Natick for the disposal of sewage by property holders who have failed to connect with the sanitary sewer system. Also they originate in nearby dumps.

Asked why the burners, supposed to dispose of surplus gases, fail,

PARKING METERS DELAYED

The West Warwick Town Council last night deferred action on the request of the Arctic Merchants' Association for the installation of parking meters.

Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, advised the council that legislative authority would be necessary. He said that an act authorizing the town to install the meters should include a referendum clause. This practice, he said, was followed by Providence and East Greenwich.

Gough admitted that in some instances down drafts put them out. When pressed, he said that taller stacks might help.

DiFiore and Soucy said that they were not concerned so much about the other odors mentioned by Gough. Those that bother them, they said, clearly come from the disposal plant.

Mortimer W. Newton, council president said the town should hire the firm of Jencks and Ballou, which designed the sewer system and disposal plant, or some other engineers to find out what if anything is wrong with the plant.

Parking Space Approved

The council made available for free parking purposes a part of the civic center tract, in the rear of the police station garage fronting on Legion Way. This space will accommodate about 150 cars. The action was taken upon request of Alfred Richard, Kent County deputy sheriff and chairman of the Democratic Town Committee. Chief of Police Arthur Groleau said that the lot would be made available immediately. As soon as arrangements can be worked out, he said the grass will be replaced with an asphalt surface by Highway Commissioner Henry Garca.

The council constituted itself a committee to remedy the littering of Main and Washington Streets on Saturday nights. This action was taken at the request of the Arctic Merchants' Association. Letters from the association, commending the council for voting to erect a comfort station and for selecting as its site town-owned land at Bedard and Sinnott Streets, were ordered filed.

Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, was authorized to institute legal procedure to make the comfort station site available. The land was acquired by the town to widen Bedard Street, but was not used. DeCiantis has held that the town can abandon the land for highway purposes and then use it as a site for the comfort station. He was authorized to obtain the assistance of Ray C. Matteson, town engineer, in drawing necessary sketches.

Four Firemen Named

Upon recommendation of Lionel P. Gareau, fire chief, the application of four men for appointment as call men were granted. They fill vacancies caused by resignations. Those appointed are Herve L. Vanasse of 12 Harmony Street, Joseph A. Cote of 9 Phenix Avenue, George Luz of 18 Sisson Street, and Antonio Messier of 23 Central Street.

Applications for town aid in building permanent sidewalks were granted to Joseph E. and Rose LeBrun, 100 feet on Main and Crossen Streets; Adelard and Cecile Peltier, 48 feet on Crossen Street; Nicholas Gemma, 180 feet at 18 Oakland Drive.

Frederick Lemay was granted permission to operate a radio repair shop at 17 Standard Avenue under an exception to the zoning ordinance.

Dr. John A. Mack, health officer, was authorized to deputize someone to serve for him during his vacation. Antonio Comeau was granted a kennel license for 15½ Walnut Street.

WEST WARWICK G. O. P. SAYS DEMOCRATS RIDING IN "REPUBLICAN TRAIN"

Party Speakers Assert Present Administration Does Not Know Where It is Going. Auto Parking Discussed.

Charges were made last night that the West Warwick Democratic Administration is riding in a Republican train on a Republican railroad only they don't know where they are going.

They were filed by members of the West Warwick Republican Club at a picnic meeting held at the grove at the home of former Councilman Boleslaw Zelazny at Crompton. Over 50 attended including State GOP Chairman Raoul Archambault.

Implications, that the Democratic Administration is copying after the Republican Administration which served from 1946-1948 and are fumbling in the attempt, were made in reference to the following four services.

Auto Parking

They follow: 1, parking: Secondo Siniscalchi stated "The Democrats sold that piece of land between Centerville Bank and the Post Office and now they are trying to make the people believe they are trying to provide a parking area by marking off that piece of land behind the police station. Now we will have to park a long way off from the shopping center." Norman Gillespie stated "The Democrats are only duplicating what the Republicans did in their two years. We had that spot at the rear of the police station open for parking and in addition provided a public parking lot at Curson Street and marked off the principal highways of Arctic to allow more cars to park."

Recreation

2. Recreation, Luke Smith stated in part, they have a \$5,000 appropriation for recreation and are going to spend it in three months. He continued, we spent the appropriation on equipment, which they don't have to buy today and kept the playgrounds open for eight months and now they will be open for three months. Gillespie said, "In addition with the ap-

propriation we built bleachers at the town athletic field, took the kiddies to the Shrine Circus and put on a mammoth V-J Day celebration for the returning veterans and their families."

Kiddies of Town

At this point, the group went on record urging the town's recreation committee to provide a V-J Day observance and to provide the kiddies of the Town with an excursion to the Shrine Circus as was done last year.

Parking Meters

3. Parking meters: When this topic was brought to discussion the Club's President Gustav Olson stated as far as parking meters are concerned we have done one half of the work by having painted off the parking spaces for the automobiles. Gerard Laboissonniere stated that the Republican attempt to have parking meters put through the General Assembly was stopped by the Democrats in control and as part of the 1948 platform a bill would have been introduced by the West Warwick Republican Representatives, if they had been elected, to have parking meters installed in Arctic.

Building Inspector

4. Building Inspectors office. Former Building and Plumbing Inspector Louis R. Samson stated that the Republicans set up the system in that office which is now being used by the Democrats. He stated that presently when a permit application is granted a duplicate is sent to the office of the tax assessors. Previously, he continued, the permit was given on the street and no word was sent to the office of the tax assessors. This present procedure Samson stated has given the Town of West Warwick considerable revenue.

Following these discussions the group formulated plans for a membership drive to be launched next September.

A chowder dinner was served by Alphonse Leduc. Movies were shown at the close of the speaking program.

Members of Kent County Bar Fail To Decide Who Is 'Town Solicitor'

Witnesses hadn't a chance yesterday as Michael DeCiantis and George Roche were tried on a charge of "who is town solicitor of West Greenwich" before Judge Alberic A. Archambault.

In fact, there weren't any witnesses around the summer home of Judge Wilford S. Budlong of Warwick's probate court at Quonochontaug—just 45 lawyers on the annual outing of the Kent County Bar Association.

A six-man jury could not reach a verdict. Judge Archambault, who regularly sits as justice of the Superior Court, ordered a rehearing of the mock trial, but did not set a date.

The "highly irregular" proceedings were more suited to the outdoor court than to the stern courtrooms of the Kent County circuit, and DeCiantis at one point bolted for the woods. He finally surrendered and

was brought back by High Sheriff Thomas H. Barry.

Eloquent pleas were entered by Joseph W. Grimes, who was host for this year's outing and who represented Roche in the mock trial. Mortimer W. Newton, who is town council president of West Warwick and who represented DeCiantis, made stentorian pleas for his client.

Both DeCiantis and Roche cited cases at length to justify their own claims. Spellbinding by them did not unbend the emotions of the jury of six.

Sheriff Barry had difficulty keeping order in the mock court. He left the bench to the mercy of eloquence from the gallery when he pursued DeCiantis.

The lawyers cooled their courtroom fervor with a dip in the ocean and feasted on a chicken dinner. A short, business meeting was conducted with more smiles than serious demeanor.

Drug Stores Blocked in Attempt To Get Granted Liquor Licenses

**Permits Were Approved by E. Greenwich Council
June 30; However, Appeal Taken by Romanos
Held Stalling Issue Pending Outcome**

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An attempt by two East Greenwich drug stores to pick up unlimited Class A liquor licenses, granted them by the town council June 30, was forestalled by that body yesterday pending an appeal from its own ruling.

Michael Romano, president of the council, and his brother, George, both operators of liquor package stores, were revealed as the appellants from the council's decision to transfer the limited Class A (drug store) licenses to full-privilege Class A licenses under a recent amendment to the liquor laws.

Letters received by the council

from James S. Daneker, acting liquor control administrator, indicated that hearing on the appeal has been indefinitely postponed "at the request of counsel" since it was set down for Aug. 2. Michael DeCiantis is representing both Romanos in their appeal, according to Daneker's letters.

Joseph G. Reed, counsel for Earnshaw's and Koch's drug stores, appeared yesterday with surety for bonds and checks to pay for the extended licenses, pro-rated at \$400 annually, to Dec. 1.

Seen Up to Council

When Council President Romano remarked that he "doubted whether the council should issue the licenses during an appeal," Reed answered that "that places the council in the unique position of having granted, but failed to issue licenses. And there was no reason why the licenses were not issued on June 30," Reed added.

When called upon for an opinion, Clinton G. Clough, town solicitor, said he felt the licenses "should not issue" while an appeal is pending, but added that the council may issue them if it sees fit.

Councilman I. Glenn Seavey said he would favor holding up issuing the licenses a month, for the hearing, but not to delay the issue until Dec. 1 when the drug stores would have no redress under the law, a fear expressed by Reed for his clients.

Romano remained in the chamber while Seavey and Councilmen Hugh McGraw and Raymond Crompton withdrew to confer with Clough. When they returned Seavey moved to continue the matter one month and it was carried unanimously with Romano putting the motion.

Mounting relief costs under the general public assistance program, were reported for the first six months of the year by Leita H. Eddy, director of public welfare. She reported \$5862.33 expenditures through June, compared with \$4894.09 spent during the corresponding months of 1948.

Arctic Comfort Station Site Action Is Planned

**DeCiantis Prepares Resolutions to
Make Highway Dept. Land Available**

Michael DeCiantis, West Warwick town solicitor, said today that he is preparing resolutions for action at the August meeting of the town council clearing the way for the erection of a comfort station at Sinnott and Bedard Streets.

The land to be used is a part of the old Labreche estate condemned for highway purposes in WPA days when Bedard Street was widened and Gareau and Nolan Streets were widened and extended to intersect Bedard Street.

Sinnott Street is a private lane between Washington Street and Arctic Square and Bedard Street. A relatively small piece of land at the intersection of Sinnott and Bedard Streets was not needed when Bedard Street was widened. This land is what the town wants to use for a comfort station site.

After an examination of the law, DeCiantis is convinced that the town council will have to abandon the land since it was acquired for highway purposes, and then reclaim it to make possible its use for the erection of

the long-promised comfort station for the business center of the town.

The resolution DeCiantis is preparing would take care of these technicalities, he explained.

The West Warwick Democratic Town Committee, acting through a subcommittee, approached real estate owners in the shopping district with a view to purchasing a site for the station that would have provided a larger land area. They found, they said, that owners were unwilling to sell any of their property.

"The upshot was the decision of the administration to use the small lot at the Bedard-Sinnott Street intersection, and this they hold is of sufficient size to provide a comfort station adequate to meet the needs of the community at this time.

The site has been approved by the Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Arctic Merchants' Association, as well as by many individual businessmen in the shopping area, and the two civic organizations have commended the town council for moving to meet a long-felt need in the shopping center of the town.

FOUR ZONES IN TOWN'S GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION PROGRAM

Herewith are the four zones in the program of garbage and rubbish collection to be inaugurated in West Warwick next Monday, as announced by Superintendent Thomas Flynn:

Zone I

Begins at Quidnick bridge and includes Washington street and all streets from the left of Washington street as far as Ames street in Phenix. This will include streets from the left of Main street in Phenix, Lippitt, Riverpoint and Arctic.

Washington St., Rita St., Hoxie Ct., Andrews Ave., Barnes St., Tucker St., Hebert St., McGlynn St., Tuckerman St., Rathbun St., Holmes St., Ann Ct., Bassett St., Mill St., Jodoin Ct., Bennett St., Bedard St., East St., Willow St., Gareau St., West St., Jodoin St., Lemoine Ct., Weaver St., Agnes St., Gardner Ave., Virginia Ave., Baker St., Gough Ave., Nolan St., Ellison St., Walnut St., Lavioie St., Harris Ave., Payan St., South St., Gendron St., Woodside Ave., Coutu Ct., Green St., Shippee Ave., Potter Ave., Plante St., Tobin St., McNiff St., Youngs

Zone II

From Pulaski street in Quidnick including all of Crompton to the town lines, all of Quidnick including West Warwick and Warwick avenues as far as town lines, and all of Arctic Hill.

Pulaski St., Cowesett Ave., Earl St., Main St. (Crompton) to Veterans Sq., Church St., Border St., Centre St., Arnold St., Gerald St., Wells St., School St., St. George St., First St., Leaf St., Spring St., Second St., West Warwick Ave., Pearson St., Third St., Standard Ave., Epworth Ave., Atlantic Ave., Kent St., Wells St., Fountain St., Winthrop Ave., Lexington Ave., Pennsylvania Ave., Capron St., Perkins Ave., James St., Cottage St., Lenox Ave., Field Ave., Carpenter St., Revere Ave., Tyler St., Greene Ave., Mason St., Fairmount St., Matteson Ave., Ethel Ave., Orchard St., Pleasant Ave., Tampa St., Hamley St., Arthur St., Miami Ave.,

Lonsdale St., Main Ave., Ontario St., Chester St., Colonial Way Hamilton St., Freemont St., Robinson Way, Emery Ct., Narragansett Ave., Aldrich St., Warwick Ave., Tiffany Ave., Barnold St., New London Ave., Manchester St., Factory St., Crompton Ave., Hilltop Ave., Tiogue Ave., Park Blvd., Field Ave., Queen Ave., East Greenwick Ave., Rex St.

Zone III

All streets from the right of Washington street from Quidnick bridge to Arctic Square. All of Main street from Veterans Square to Phenix on both sides and all streets and sections from the right of Main including Phenix, Lippitt, village of Riverpoint and Providence street to Royal Square.

Bank St., Hoover St., Main St., (from Veterans Square to Phenix), St. Mary St., Harding St., Legion Way, Cleveland St., Ventura St., Grove St., Elbow St., Packard St., Eddy St., Knight St., Linwood St., Brookside Ave., Westly St., Ledge St., Roosevelt St., Vine St., Woodbine St., St. John St., Oak St., Robert St., Harmony St., Crossen St., Smith St., Baker St., Clyde St., Walnut St., Hillcrest Ave., Nolan St., Walker St., Lanphear St., Brayton St., Levalley St., Pike St., Pleasant St., East Main St., North Pleasant St., Bridge St., Broad St., Central St., Richard St., Elm St., Summit Ave., Branch St., Parker St., Buringame Ct., Phenix Ave., Junior St., Aberdeen St., Providence St., (Arctic crossing to Royal Sq.), Wakefield St.

Zone IV

From Providence street at Royal Square including Lowerpoint, Westcott, Natick and Brookfield Plat.

Providence St. (from Royal Mill to Natick), Lafayette Ave., Greenhill St., Cantara St., Pontiac Ave., Moran St., Elk St., Fornelli St., Prospect Hill Ave., Ivy St., Prospect St., Newell St., Diaz Ct., Evergreen St., McTeers Ct., Auburn St., Fiume St., Riverway St., Barber's Ct., Wilson St., Di Masi Ct., Bowen Ct., Nobile St., Rhodes St., Water St., Gage St., Ball Ave., Burns St., River Ave., all of Brookfield Plat, Circle Drive, Blossom St., Arbor St.

West Warwick Council to Name Advisory Unit for Planning Work

Town Solicitor Discloses Plan During His Address
at Annual Democratic Outing,
Attended by 1000 Persons

The West Warwick Town Council will appoint at its August meeting a non-partisan advisory committee to assist it in mapping long-range plans for civic improvements.

Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, made this announcement during his address at the annual outing and clambake attended by 1000 West Warwick Democrats yesterday afternoon at the Club 400, Natick. More than 900 who filled the main dining hall for the clambake were joined for the speechmaking program, by 100 others who preferred a chicken dinner and were served in the club annex. Alfred Richard, chairman of the Democratic town committee, presided.

DeCiantis praised Henry Petrarca, highway commissioner, for oiling many of the town roads in all sections of the town which DeCiantis said had been neglected during the two-year Republican regime preceding the return of the Democrats to power in the last election.

He said the town recreation committee has taken the recreation program out of politics and that progressive improvement is being made under the direction of Frank (Monk) Maznicki.

The administration, he said, has tried to ease the parking congestion in the business center by making town-owned land available for parking purposes and plans further improvements by widening Weaver Street and developing the governing of traffic flow by establishing additional one-way streets.

He said that construction of a comfort station at Bedard and Sinnott Streets will begin as soon as legal technicalities are overcome at a special town meeting has been held to appropriate the money to build the station. The special town meeting will be called as soon as the legal kinks concerning the site have been cleared, he said.

As to the advisory committee to be named by the council, DeCiantis said it will not be a planning board since a planning board must be named by a town meeting and not by the council. The advisory committee will perform virtually the same function, however, and will be able to formulate suggestions that will be the groundwork for future development when West Warwick becomes a city. He said that the Democratic Party has taken the police and fire departments out of politics by making them permanent departments under legislative authority enacted

at the last session of the General Assembly.

Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, said the attendance at the outing indicated satisfaction with the job being done by the administration. He gave assurance that the council will continue its policy of giving all citizens hearings on all matters they decide to bring before it and consideration of points made at those hearings. He said that the party is fulfilling its campaign promises as rapidly as possible.

He cited establishment of permanent fire and police departments, the well advanced plans for the comfort station, enactment of legislation that will enable the town to become a city if the citizens vote for such a change in the form of government in a referendum. He stressed the importance of co-operation in making garbage and trash collection by the town a success. This service will be inaugurated at 7 a.m. today. He thanked the newspapers and town-folk for their co-operation in making effective progressive measures inaugurated by the administration.

West Warwick Task Begins

Rubbish Collection
Service in Town
Gets Under Way

Town removal and disposal of garbage and rubbish in West Warwick began at 7 a.m. today under the direction of Thomas Flynn. About half of the 1200 houses in Zone I had been serviced by mid-forenoon by five trucks each manned by a driver and a helper.

Flynn estimated that about six tons of garbage and refuse had been collected. He expects the work in Zone I to be completed well in advance of schedule.

Collection will be made to about the same number of houses in Zone 2 tomorrow.

Flynn said that the householders co-operated in Zone 1 with very few exceptions and the exceptions were due to misunderstanding of regulations.

Police, Fire Departments Out of Politics Declares Town Solicitor DeCiantis

**West Warwick Official Says No Member Can
Be Discharged Without Hearing. 1000
Attend Democratic Clambake.**

"The West Warwick Police Department and the Fire Department are out of politics. Some of the members are Republicans. No member can be discharged until after a hearing," said Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis at the annual Town Democratic outing and clambake at 400 Club yesterday afternoon.

"We are going to have a non-political planning committee of citizens of the Town—men who understand government to recommend to the Town Council what the Town needs most, particularly in recreation and highway expansion," Mr. DeCiantis added.

There were 1,000 in attendance. Deputy Sheriff Alfred Richard, chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, presided.

The Town Solicitor cited the good showing made by the party in its return to power in 1948 and predicted further gains in 1950.

Petrarca Commended

He commended Highway Commissioner Henry Petrarca for his able work in supervising the road work, including improvements. "I ask you to take a tour of our roads and compare what you see with the condition of the highways under the Republican party," he said.

Regarding recreation Mr. DeCiantis said he believed the recreational activities, supervised by the school department, are in the right hands. "There are Republicans and Democrats on the recreational committee, so you see we are not playing politics in this department," he said. He also praised the plan to use the vacant lot east of the police station for free auto parking to relieve the Arctic situation.

Sees Special Town Meeting

Mr. DeCiantis said it is proposed to make Weaver street a one-way street. He also pointed out the securing of a site for a public comfort station on land owned by the Town at the corner of Bedard

and Sinnott streets, just off Arctic Square. It will be necessary to hold a special financial town meeting to appropriate necessary money, he informed his hearers.

In closing the Town Solicitor exclaimed: "West Warwick will soon be a city and we want it to be the first Democratic city in this part of Rhode Island!"

Newspapers Thanked

Council President Mortimer W. Newton thanked the newspapers for the extensive publicity given in heralding the garbage and rubbish collection program which got under way today. He asks full cooperation of the general public in complying with the regulations. Mr. Newton urged his hearers to submit any criticisms they might hold against the present town administration. "Anyone who wishes to be heard can be heard—this is our policy," he added.

He maintained that the present forces are doing a good job, the Town Council is working as hard and putting in as much time as any Council in the State.

Col. Patrick H. Quinn, former party chairman, said he had often been referred to as the oldest Democratic leader in Kent County but he added that this is not so. "Tom Trainor of Coventry is older than I." He urged every loyal Democrat to work for another victory in 1950.

Women's Club Leader

Mrs. Aime GrosLouis, president of the West Warwick Women's Democratic Club also spoke briefly, as also did Senator Dion Archambault, whose voice over the public address system sounded like that of Walter Winchell of radio newscasting fame.

Others heard were Representative Thaddeus Kraus and School Committeeman Edward Hand. The latter told of renovation work inside the Natick, Crompton and Phenix schools, and that plans are well under way for a colorful observance of V-J Day at the Town Field on Monday, August 15.

Municipal Collection Of Garbage Begun Here

Municipal collection of garbage and rubbish in West Warwick began at 7 o'clock this morning.

Five trucks began to roll through Zone One at that time and at 10 o'clock about six tons had been picked up. The collection was expected to be completed in that zone early this afternoon.

Supervisor Thomas Flynn stated that pick ups will be made according to schedule and tomorrow the trucks will be working in

Zone 2. On Wednesday collection will be made in Zone 3 and on Thursday in Zone 4.

There is an open day set aside in event of inclement weather.

Seven Regulations

Regulations for the collection program follow:

1—"No refuse of industrial or commercial establishments will be removed. Only household refuse and garbage will be taken.

"2—All receptacles of household refuse to be taken must be no larger or heavier than ordinary ash cans; to be approximately 24 gallon capacity. Any receptacle of a larger capacity or of a weight in excess of 60 pounds will not be taken.

"3—Demolished ceilings from dwellings; any plaster or other debris resulting from repairs or building operations will not be accepted.

"4—Household refuse will be considered to mean all refuse incident to the ordinary conduct of the household including garbage, discarded floral decorations, greens, small branches of trees if tied in a bundle and not longer than four feet. Household refuse does not include ashes, earth, gravel, bricks, dead animals, garden refuse or briars.

"5—All receptacles should be placed 15 feet in from the property line in open view of the collector.

"6—Persons must not keep or heap rubbish in the streets or sidewalks.

"7—Collection dates falling on legal holidays or on severe stormy days will be omitted and collection will be made upon the first opportunity."

CIVIC LEADERS SEE TOWN BENEFITING

**Valley Men Aver Success of
Proposed Plan Body Hinges
on Personnel Caliber**

Whether West Warwick will benefit from appointment of an advisory planning board will depend upon the caliber of the personnel, two civic leaders declared last night. Neither saw any advantage if political hacks are made. Both envisioned an important progressive step if men of proven capacity, business acumen and civic pride are selected.

Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, said during his speech at the Democratic clambake Sunday at the Club 400, Natick, that the town council will appoint an advisory committee at its August meeting.

Asked for comment last night on the proposal Gerard Laboissonniere, president of the Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce, also president of the Arctic Merchant's Association, said that appointment of an advisory planning committee will be a forward step if capability rather than political affiliation govern the selection of the members of the committee.

Dr. Maurice Lague, who recently completed his term of office as president of the West Warwick Lions' Club, said that an advisory committee made up of men of proven capability can render a great service by bringing about a better industrial balance for the Pawtuxet Valley.

Such a committee, he said, can work to retain the textile industry and at the same time to induce plants manufacturing automobile parts, engaged in other metal production, and in jewelry manufacture to locate in the town.

DECLARE QUIDNICK ODORS PERSISTING

**15 Residents Appear Before
Coventry Town Council to
Renew Complaint**

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Residents of the Quidnick area again appeared before the Coventry Town Council last night to report that irritating odors from the Metro Dye-Stuffs Corp. which occupies the old Quidnick Lower Mill, have not improved during the past month.

About 15 persons who live near the mill testified to choking gasses emitted by the chemical concern, which manufactures textile dyes.

Terrence E. Duffy, council president, reported that the council spent two hours looking over the premises two weeks ago, and that Dr. Royal Hudson, health officer, will inspect the chemical plant when he returns from a vacation. Duffy said further that council members have visited the area on several occasions to sniff the air, but have not yet caught a whiff of the bad smell.

The council will make a report on the situation at the next council session, Duffy said. The Quidnick residents reported that the smell has not disappeared and that it is not regular in its appearances, but makes itself felt at any time of day or night.

Michael DeCiantis, attorney who represented the group, suggested that the council call in the State Department of Health for help in analyzing the situation.

WEST WARWICK TAXABLE PROPERTIES VALUED \$26,780,916; TAX RATE \$2.25

No Change In Levy Due September 15 In Town

West Warwick Tax Assessors have completed assessment of all properties in the Town and report the assessed value of land is \$3,601,944; assessed value of buildings and improvements, \$15,162,543 and that the total of land, buildings and improvements, together with tangible personal property and intangible personal property is \$26,780,916.

Members of the Tax Assessors are Medard Caron, Hermenegilde Nadeau and Richard Hughes, Sr. Miss Amy Saute is clerk.

The amount of tax to be yielded this year is \$553,433.18. The rate of tax is \$2.25 per \$100, same as last year. The taxes are payable September 15.

Summary of Report

The summary of the Assessors' report follows: Assessed value of land, \$3,601,944; Assessed value of Buildings and improvements, \$15,162,543; Assessed value of Tangible Personal Property, \$6,588,499; Assessed value of Intangible Personal Property, \$1,427,930; Total assessed value of land, buildings and improvements, tangible personal property and intangible personal property, \$26,780,916.

Amount of exemption under Chapter 1867 Public Laws: Real estate and tangible personal property, \$1,004,870; Intangible Personal Property, \$600; Amount of exemption, "Gold Star" Mothers: Real estate and tangible personal property, \$5,050.—\$1,010,520; Total assessed value of real estate and personal property, less amount of exemption, \$25,770,396; Amount of Tax—\$553,433.18.

Tax rate on land, buildings and improvements, tangible personal property, \$2.25 per \$100; Tax rate on intangible personal property, 40c per \$100.

West Warwick Keeps '49 Tax Rate at \$2.25

Valuations on Real Estate and Tangible Personal \$489,746 Higher

West Warwick's tax rate will remain the same this year as it was in 1948. Hermenegilde J. Nadeau, chairman of the town's board of assessors, said today the rate will be \$2.25 a \$100 valuation.

Real estate and tangible personal property valuations are increased \$489,746 this year after anticipated exemptions in comparison with the 1948 total.

The total value of land, buildings, improvements and tangible personal property is \$24,353,066 this year, com-

pared with \$23,853,320 last year, the assessment summary indicates. Assessed value of intangible personal property this year totals \$1,427,930.

Exemptions on real estate and tangible personal property are \$1,004,870 and on Gold Star mothers' real estate and tangible personal property, \$5050. The anticipated exemptions on intangible personal property are \$600.

The total assessed value of real estate and personal property, less exemptions, is \$25,770,396, and the amount of the tax is \$553,433.18.

ADVISORY BODY HERE APPOINTED

28 Named As Planning Board, West Warwick

A 28-man advisory commission with function to make recommendations on further development of West Warwick was named by the Town Council in meeting last night.

Included are prominent residents of West Warwick, chosen from many walks of life. Council President Mortimer W. Newton stated this selection should give the Council which will receive their recommendations as a planning board the best representation.

Appointment of this group was suggested July 31 at the West Warwick Democratic outing by Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis. At that time DeCiantis stated

"We are going to have a non-political planning committee of citizens of the Town—men who understand government to recommend to the Town Council what the Town needs most, particularly in recreation and highway expansion."

Members of the commission follow:

Hon. Robert E. Quinn, Judge of Superior Court; Hon. Alberic A. Archambault, Judge of Superior Court; Hon. Felix Hebert, Former U. S. Senator and Lawyer; Col. Patrick H. Quinn, Lawyer; Joseph Rivard, Dry Goods Merchant Owner of Rivard's; Hon. James O. McManus, Former Lt. Governor and Lawyer; Robert H. Champlin, Lumber Dealer, Pres. and Treas. of Champlin Lumber Co.; Homer A. Gelineau, Real Estate; Hon. James W. Leighton, Judge of 4th District Court and Lawyer; Ernest Lefebvre, Owner of Pawtuxet Valley Oil Co.; Antonio Miller, Owner of West Warwick Bakery; Alfred Richard, Deputy Sheriff; Clarence Brousseau, Druggist; Horace Petrarca, Automobile Dealer; Frank Mullen, Principal W. Warwick Senior High; Albert C. Coutu, Owner of Coutu Lumber Co.; Gerard Laboissonniere, Hardware Dealer; Richard Sinnott, Sinnott Bros. Dry Goods Store; Hector Gilman, Manager of Union Trust Company; Mozart Holmes, Personnel Manager of Warwick Mills; Augustus Simas, C. I. O. Union Officer; John J. Flanagan, Merchant; Ralph DeCiantis, Owner of DeCiantis Dairy; Armand O. Guertin, Recreation, Sports; Yvon Archambault, Owner of Archambault Furniture Store; Dr. Harry F. McKanna, Dentist; Leonard L. Kernan, Office Manager; Lawrence Mailloux, Chemist.

Comfort Station Assured

West Warwick Town Council Further Arrangements

West Warwick Town Council last night took steps toward establishment of a comfort station in Arctic by abandoning a stretch of land located northwesterly of Gareau Street and southerly of Bedard Street as a public highway.

It is on this site that the Council plans to have erected a public comfort station. The area measures 798 square feet.

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To Investigate Road

Council President Mortimer W. Newton and Councilman Toby Pucino were named a committee to investigate a private road leading to Bowens Court which was declared by Joseph Pastore as causing damage to this property through insufficient drainage.

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His measure, he said, would not apply to small business. It would, he explained, apply only to companies with at least \$3,000,000 in assets and with at least 300 securities holders.

Judge Quinn Heads Council Advisory Committee of 28

West Warwick Town Council Sets Up Site For Arctic Comfort Station

Non-Partisan Group Will Advise Officials On Civic Improvements

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Letters notifying those named of their appointment were sent out this morning by Mortimer W. Newton, council president.

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Letters ordered filed were from the West Warwick Veterans Council expressing appreciation for having the perpetual light in the World War I Monument restored; another reminding the council that the Veterans Council has the support of the committee named to revise the zoning ordinances, and from the West Warwick Post Office requesting that the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II be given to any new streets and to any streets that are renamed.

Complain About Water

Joseph Pastore complained of water flowing on his property and of water being splashed on his house on Bowen Court, a private lane in Natick. The matter was referred for investigation to Mortimer W. Newton, council president; Councilman Toby Pucino, Henry Petrarca, highway commissioner, and Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor.

The recommendation of Eugene White, tree warden, that several trees be removed and that others be trimmed was referred to Newton and Pucino.

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The reports of the inspector of building and plumbing and of the police department were accepted.

The police report for last month lists investigation of 375 complaints and nine automobile accidents; injury to five men in automobile accidents; 55 arrests; 96 escorts furnished banks, 21 escorts furnished for funerals; 1035 radio calls; 51 doors secured; 33 ambulance trips; 19 fire alarms answered; 52 street lights reported out; stolen property valued at \$22.58 recovered; and two transient persons put up for a night.

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COMFORT STATION ACTION LAUNCHED

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ROMANOS' APPEAL DECISION PUT OFF

Daneker Postpones Verdict in
2 East Greenwich Cases Un-
til Court Ruling Is Made

State Liquor Control Administrator James S. Daneker yesterday postponed decision on the appeal of the two Romano brothers of East Greenwich against the granting of unlimited Class A, commonly called package store, liquor licenses to two East Greenwich drugstores.

Postponement was agreed upon pending action in the state courts challenging the constitutionality of the law under which the East Greenwich Town Council granted the licenses, issuance of which is being held up by a Superior Court temporary injunction.

The law was passed by the 1949 General Assembly. It abolishes, effective next Dec. 1, the limited Class A license under which five drugstores in Rhode Island operated in conjunction with the Class E license given druggists. Under the limited Class A license only one bottle could be sold to a customer.

Granted Licenses

The new law provided, however, that drugstores holding the limited Class A license would have the privilege of applying for an unlimited Class A license, and it was under this clause that the East Greenwich Town Council on June 30 granted unlimited licenses to Raymond V. Crothers, doing business as Koch's Drug Store, and to Walter T. Boren and Howard E. Ericson, partners, doing business as Earnshaw Drug Co.

The council's decision was appealed by George A. and Michael Romano, who operate, respectively, Romano's Package Store and Greenwich Liquor Store. Michael is president of the town council.

On behalf of the two Romano brothers, Michael DeCiantis and Clifton I. Monroe, attorneys, last Saturday filed a bill in equity before Superior Court Justice Robert E. Quinn testing constitutionality of the law. Judge Quinn issued a temporary injunction preventing the town clerk from actually issuing the unlimited licenses to the two drug companies and set the case down for hearing Aug. 24.

To Await Court Ruling

Daneker yesterday after hearing arguments from Monroe and Joseph Reed, attorney for the drug companies, said he will render a decision after the Superior Court hands down its finding on the restraining order.

Appearing before the administrator yesterday, besides the five principles, were all members of the East Greenwich Town Council, including Romano, Hugh E. McGraw, Raymond Crompton, I. Glenn Seavey and Bernard C. Bernstrom. Miss Ruth E. W. Brown, town clerk, was also present.

Councilman Seavey told the administrator that the unlimited license would not have been granted if the present limited licenses were to remain in effect.

Council Acted Correctly

Benjamin Winicourt, counsel for the liquor control administrator, said the town council had acted correctly under the law and that it was not up to the council to say whether a law is constitutional.

When he was asked by Seavey what would happen to the two drug companies if a permanent injunction were granted against issuance of unlimited licenses to them, Winicourt expressed the opinion that the town council could renew their limited A licenses in spite of the law. A final decision had been handed down on its constitutionality.

POLICEMEN URGED TO SELL TICKETS

Republican Wants Men on
W. Warwick Force to Aid
Their Outing, Too

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Repeating rumors that uniformed members of the West Warwick permanent police force had sold tickets to a Democratic outing recently, a West Warwick Republican last night called upon the policemen to sell tickets for a GOP powwow Sept. 11.

Norman E. Gillespie, a former town councilman, made the suggestion at a meeting of the West Warwick Republican Club at the home of Bolesaw Zelazny, another former councilor.

"Let's make it even Steven," Gillespie asked. "As long as they sold tickets for the Democratic outing, let's have them sell tickets for our state outing."

He recalled that one of the reasons given by the Democratic administration for creation of a permanent police force was to remove the force from politics. He said that the permanent fire department, created by the Republicans, had successfully been removed from political domination. He regretted that he could not say the same for the police.

Additionally, Gillespie took Police Chief Arthur Groleau to task for, he said, representing himself as host for the children's outing at the Shrine Circus. Actually, he said, the affair was town-sponsored and paid for by the town treasury.

Gillespie reversed his oratorical guns for a moment to chide his own party for its failure at the polls last November. "The leadership of our party has failed miserably," he said. "We lost the election. If the leadership had given us a good platform and the right support we would have won."

Gustav Olson, president of the club and former police chief, presided. Luke Smith, former third district representative, asked what the Democrats are doing with \$5000 earmarked for mosquito control.

DeCiantis Asserts Residents Must Obey Rules on Garbage Collection

West Warwick Solicitor Says Regulations Cannot Be
Changed Without Breaking Contract, Collectors
Can Refuse to Go Beyond 15-Foot Sidewalk Limit

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Regulations governing the collection of garbage and trash in West Warwick cannot be changed without breaching the contracts in force with the collectors, Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, said last night.

Because of this the collectors are within their rights in declining to go beyond 15 feet from the sidewalk line, and landlords and tenants desiring to avail themselves of the free service provided by the town will have to put their containers where the regulations require them to be, he said.

DeCiantis explained that it was only by adopting the regulations that are in force that the council was able to contract for the service within the appropriation voted at the annual financial town meeting in May. To provide town service that would require the collectors to go into back yards would make the costs of town collection of garbage and refuse prohibitive, DeCiantis said.

He further pointed out that he told

the taxpayers all of this when the appropriation resolution was under discussion at the annual financial town meeting. He contended that the people as a whole understand that their co-operation is essential to the success of the service and also called attention to the fact that the regulations received wide publicity in the press before the contracts were signed.

COUNCIL SLATES SEPT. 21 SESSION

West Greenwich Board Will
Draft Call for Special
Town Meeting Then

The West Greenwich Town Council last night voted to hold a special meeting at 8 p.m. Sept. 21 in the town hall at Nooseneck to draft a call for a special financial town meeting. The special town meeting is to determine the controversial consolidated school issue and to make deficiency appropriation for roads and for social welfare.

The discussion which preceded the council's decision revealed that while some progress has been made in effecting agreement between the majority members and the lone minority member on the form the call should take, the council is not in accord as to the makeup of a committee to supervise the building of the school.

Gordon E. Cadwgan, the minority member, said the council had agreed on two members of the committee. These are Bernice Capwell, chairman of the school committee, and Charles K. Palmer, council president.

Small Committee Best

Under the enabling act authorizing the issuance of bonds for the consolidated school, the council is authorized to have charge of floating the bond issue. The question to be settled Cadwgan said is who the third member of the committee should be. He indicated that the council was in agreement that a small committee would be more efficient than a large one and had practically agreed that the number should be three.

He held that it is not up to the council nor to Waite Albro, chairman of the Independent Party, nor John H. (Smoker) Potter, former GOP town committee chairman, to decide who the third member should be.

This decision, he said, should be made by the taxpayers at the special financial town meeting. He started to poll the majority members as to how they felt on the question as to whether the council or taxpayers should name the third member. Councilman Russell Franklin countered with a question as to how the third member was to be elected at a special financial town meeting.

Sees Additional Expense

This diverted the discussion and Councilman Charles Koszela said the construction of a school would put additional expense on the town and that more money will have to be appropriated for roads and bridges. He pointed out that the wooden bridges are rotting and will have to be replaced, that no money is available for this work.

It was brought out that a vote adopted at the annual financial town meeting preventing the transfer of money from one appropriation to another precludes the supplementing of the depleted social welfare and highway appropriations from balances in the forest fire and several other appropriations totalling approximately \$1000. The councilmen decided that additional study should be given the contents of the call at a special meeting rather than to be determined last night.

A letter from Axel T. Person complaining of protruding rocks and other obstruction in Bates Trail and requesting that the highway be put in safe condition for travel was referred to Koszela for investigation.

Sale of two small buildings at the former Nooseneck CCC camp to Leo J. Driscoll for \$5 each was authorized.

THREE TRACTS OF LAND TO BE USED BY TOWN

Crompton Library Lot and Building and Two Parcels in Arctic Are Contributed

The Town of West Warwick last night received through its Town Council three valuable pieces of land and one building including: the Crompton Library lot and library as a donation with no cost; the use of the large tract of land that borders Bedard, Gareau and Jodoin streets; use of the tract of land located on both sides of Roberts and Ottawa streets.

The latter two are to be used

as parking lots to aid the congested parking situation for the Arctic business district. They are being loaned by Yvon Archambault and Camille Saute, respectively, who are the landowners.

Crompton Company in its donation of the library lot and library building made only one request, and that is that the land be used for town purposes.

Letter from Crompton Co.

Notification of the donation of this land was made to the council in a letter from Raymond T. Joyce, Crompton Company treasurer who revealed he had discussed the proposal with Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis. The council will study the continued operation of the library.

Chief Arthur Groseau laid the proposition to the council to accept those tracts of land offered by Yvon Archambault and Camille Saute for parking purposes which he stated would be a great help to the parking situation.

Gerard Laboissonniere, chairman of the Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce and President of the Arctic Merchants' Association, who was in attendance, called the move a step towards offering great relief in the Arctic parking problem.

It was estimated by Chief Groseau, who was named, together with DeCiantis to complete details for opening of these lands for parking areas, that about 300 cars can be cared for at these spots.

38,634 Square Feet

The tract offered by Mr. Archambault contains 38,634 square feet of land and it is situated in relation to Main street, Arctic, to the rear of the Sinnott block. It measures 270 feet on Bedard street and 152 feet on Gareau and Jodoin streets.

The two lots of land separated by Robert street and offered by Mr. Saute contains about 10,000 square feet.

Pertinent to land, the Town Council ordered that section of Gareau street, on which it intends to build a comfort station, to be abandoned. The Town Clerk was authorized to advertise this move for benefit of the abutting land owners.

COUNCIL ACCEPTS LIBRARY BUILDING

Crompton Firm Gives Site to
West Warwick to Be Used
for Town Purposes

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15 Washington Street, Valley 1-0570
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The gift by the Crompton Company to the town of West Warwick of the Crompton library building, its contents and the large lot surrounding it was accepted by the town council at its monthly meeting last night.

The large "library lot" long has been the center of community outdoor activities and a part of it has been used for some time as a playground in the town recreation setup. A vote of thanks was given the company. The offer was made for the corporation by its treasurer, Raymond T. Joyce, a former town council president. The only stipulation is that the premises be used for town purposes.

The way for early construction of a comfort station for the Arctic shopping center was paved by the abandonment of an unused part of Gareau Street, at Bedard Street, acquired by the town in WPA days when Bedard Street was widened and Gareau and Nolan Streets were widened and extended to intersect Bedard Street. This is the site designated by the council for the comfort station. It is at the foot of Sinnott Street which intersects Washington Street at Arctic Square.

Voting Lists Asked

The written request of Raoul Archambault Jr., chairman of the Republican state central committee that he be provided a certified copy of the voting lists used at the Republican primaries Sept. 20, 1948 in accordance with the provisions of section 31 of Chapter 2100 of the Public Laws of 1948 was granted by the council acting as a board of canvassers. The town clerk was directed to mail a certified copy of the lists to Archambault.

The request of the Rev. Edgar H. Malmstrom, pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church, for street lights on Wells and Leaf Streets was referred to Stanislas Maznicki, superintendent of lights.

The request of Boleslaw Zelazny, a former councilman, and Vernon Byrom, supported by a petition bearing 63 signatures for fire alarm boxes on Pulaski Street and on Colonial Way, both in Crompton, was referred to Lionel P. Gareau, chief of the fire department.

Sidewalk Aid Asked

Applications for town aid in constructing sidewalks granted are: Benedetto Marino, 3 Alden Drive, 120 feet; Arthur Groseau, 13 Shippee Avenue, 100 feet; Hugh J. Finnegan, 75 feet on Buena Vista Road, 100 feet on Sunrise Avenue; Thomas C. Morgan, 150 feet on Rex Street.

The Narragansett Electric Company was granted pole locations on New London Avenue, Green Hill Avenue and Tilton Street. John J. Powell was given permission to cut curb at Main Street and Brookside Avenue under the direction of the highway commissioner.

Thirteen items of personal property from which the town will derive \$122.85 in taxes were ordered added to the assessment list. Taxes totaling \$165.38 were ordered abated upon recommendation of the board of tax assessors.

The invitation of the Pawtuxet Valley Poultry Association to attend its show at the Club 400 Oct. 28, 29, 30 was accepted. The request for financial aid was denied because of lack of an appropriation for that purpose.

Bourgault to Be Invited

The town clerk was directed to invite Charles J. Bourgault, chairman of the committee named by the council to recodify the zoning ordinances to appear at the October meeting of the council and explain the need of and give an estimate of the cost of a new map of the town declared by the committee to be essential in completing its work.

Upon recommendation of Willie J. Regnaire, building and plumbing inspector a request for acceptance of a plat of land on Wakefield Street, Natick, was continued. Regnaire objected to the frontage of the lots on the plat streets which he said was too narrow. The lots he said were too long.

Gerard Lavoie complained that Highway Commissioner Petrarca will not buy gravel from his pit near Crompton but buys it in Coventry. The matter was continued in order that the council may hear Petrarca's side of the argument at the October meeting.

The highway department was directed to clear brush from premises of Christ the King parish at New London and Bridal Avenues made available by the parish for playground use.

As a board of sewer commissioners the council signed and directed the town clerk to certify a roll of new sewer assessments on property assessed at \$407,465. The revenue to the town from the new assessments is estimated at \$31,192.34.

FINANCE SESSION CALL IS APPROVED

Sept 28 Prov. Jour.
West Greenwich Town Council
Gives Green Light to School
Plan Meeting

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The West Greenwich Town Council last night approved a call for a special financial town meeting Oct. 18 to consider construction of a consolidated school, and provide supplementary funds for the highway and public welfare departments.

The town meeting will be the second to be called for discussion of the consolidated school. On July 6 a similar meeting was adjourned in confusion before any vote was reached on the school. The meeting was reconvened but Independent leaders were unable to get the records of the second half of the meeting accepted by the town clerk. Later the second half of the meeting was declared illegal by Michael DeCiantis, council legal adviser.

Although the call, accepted last night as drawn up by DeCiantis, provoked only a small amount of discussion, the action of the council in appointing a three-man building committee for the proposed school was the subject of comment.

Rep. Howard Albro, following the meeting at the town hall, Nooseneck, said that although he had no objection to the men named, he felt that such a committee should be named by the special town meeting itself.

Charles K. Palmer, council president; Bernice A. Capwell, school committee chairman, and John Titus Andrews, a local contractor, were named to the committee. Should the town meeting reject the council's selection, no provision is made in the call for an alternative committee to be named from the floor.

The provisions of the call for the meeting, to be held at 8 p.m. in the town hall, are:

"To accept or reject the act authorizing the town of West Greenwich to issue serial bonds not exceeding \$50,000 for the erection of a new school.

"To authorize issuance of said bonds for construction and equipping of said school.

"To appropriate a sum for construction and equipping said school.

"To authorize the expenditure for highway purposes of \$2000, which was appropriated at the annual financial town meeting Mar. 21, and which was not matched by state or federal funds.

"To transfer \$1000 from the general fund to the Department of Social Welfare.

"To transfer \$175 from the Forest Fire Fund, to be equally allotted to the printing fund and the town officers fund to defray expenses of special town meetings."

Advisory Committee Airs Views On Town's Development Needs

W. Warwick Group Holds First Meeting Since Appointment Last Month by Council; Judge Robert E. Quinn Presides; Public's Ideas Invited

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1-0182

The initial meeting of the West Warwick Advisory Committee was held last night at the town hall on Pike Street, with each member giving his views on how the group can best fulfill its object of planning for the civic, industrial and business development of the town.

Superior Court Judge Robert E. Quinn presided over the non-partisan group which was appointed as an advisory body by the town council at its August session.

Foremost among the suggestions offered by the 21 men in attendance were the need of a master plan to map the course of the town, and the division of the membership into smaller groups to consider individual problems.

At the conclusion of the discussion the group voted that Judge Quinn, a former governor, in collaboration with the town council, may name an executive committee, the members to constitute the heads of individual project committees.

Judge Quinn emphasized that suggestions of the townspeople on town improvement will be welcomed by his committee. The town clerk will make arrangements to receive such suggestions.

Some Needs Listed

Among the projects listed by Mortimer W. Newton, council president, for possible consideration by the advisory group are: highway improvements, sewer extensions; beautification, cleaning up the Pawtuxet River, playgrounds, financial structure of the town, tax income.

At the outset Judge Quinn warned that "work will undoubtedly be slow, gradual, and governed always by the town's financial ability to progress." He added to Newton's list a town incinerator, a parallel highway for Arctic, and the possibility of federal funds for the development of the Pawtuxet River.

Among comments made by committee members last night are:

"Must Conserve Youth"

Judge James W. Leighton of Fourth District Court: "We should subdivide this group to consider and investigate the individual problems."

James O. McManus, former lieutenant governor: "I compliment the council on the manner in which it has approached this problem and its selections to the committee."

Ernest E. Lefebvre, former town council president: "We must see that the most urgent of these problems comes first, but always consistent with the town's ability to pay."

Francis E. Mullen, West Warwick Senior High School principal: "We must ask ourselves, 'Have we factory space open? Are there opportunities for diversification of industry?' Year after year I have seen our fine young people go out of West Warwick to find different types of jobs. We must conserve our youth, and the boys and girls do not want to go into a field as unstable as the textile industry."

Yvon Archambault: "It would be best not to spread the committee too thin over too many sub-committees."

Col. Quinn Speaks

Horace Petrarca: "I would suggest a master plan on which most important projects would be placed first, always with the availability of federal funds in mind."

Col. Patrick H. Quinn, former town Democratic committee chairman: "We must remember that Arctic Square is not the only section of the town that is developing, and we must consider the town as a whole. As far as I can remember this town has not received anything from the state in the way of new highways for a number of years. I can't understand why we can't get some projects through."

Dr. Harry F. McKenna: "There are hundreds of industries developing throughout the country that depend greatly upon water. We have this water supply, where many areas do not, and we should capitalize on it."

Leonard Kernan, former town councilman: "What is the use of working to better the town if we don't get the people to participate? Right now our townspeople aren't interested enough to take sides informally on the city charter question. We must see that the people take an interest in the town and its affairs."

Clarence Brousseau: "Parking meters would be a good subject for the committee to consider."

Mozart Holmes: "We should think first of security for our people, which means employment. I sincerely believe that textiles are still the life's blood of the town, and we should make every endeavor to keep the industry that we now have. This means that we can't afford to force industry out by over-taxation."

Other committee members who spoke briefly are Albert C. Coutu, Alfred Richard, town Democratic committee chairman; Gerard Laboissonniere, president of the Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Arctic Merchants' Association; Augustus Simas, Wilton P. Hudson, Louis DeCiantis, John J. Flanagan and Hector Gilman.

McGrath Is Listed Among Owners Of Pilot, Pawtuxet Valley Weekly

Says He Made Small Contribution but Does Not Know What It Entitles Him to in Way of Ownership; Fanning Refers Share Queries to Roche

Attorney General J. Howard McGrath was listed this week along with a dozen or more other prominent Rhode Island Democrats, as among the owners of the Rhode Island Pilot Publishing Co., publishers of the weekly Rhode Island Pilot, which circulates in the Pawtuxet Valley.

McGrath, in Washington, said that when the Pilot was started, he was asked to make a contribution. He said he made a small contribution and does not know what it entitles him to in the way of ownership.

McGrath said he did not believe the paper has any stock. If his contribution made him an owner, he said, his share in the ownership is "quite small."

Stephen A. Fanning, Democratic state chairman and treasurer of the Pilot Publishing Co., was asked last night how much stock McGrath owns.

"I wouldn't care to say," he replied.

"How much is a share of stock worth?"

"I wouldn't care to say."

"How many shares are there outstanding?"

"Ask George Roche about that," Fanning said, referring to Sen. George Roche of Coventry, one of the listed owners, who was identified by Alcides E. Durand, business manager, as attorney for the publishing company.

Roche could not be reached.

Others listed as owners in the paper's statement of ownership are: Margie Fanning, wife of the Democratic state chairman; Judge Harold C. Arcaro of this city; William A. Borrecia, secretary of the Democratic State Committee; Attorney General William E. Powers, Edward J. Higgins, administrative assistant to U.S. Sen. Theodore Francis Green; James H. Doorley, prominent in Democratic politics in North Providence; John J. Egan Jr., former chief motor vehicle inspector; Rep. Umberto Patalano of this city; Harry Schwartz of Pawtucket, George E. Conley, FEPC chairman; and Horace Senerchia, Frank Georgio and William Mailloux, all of West Warwick, the latter three among those listed as incorporators of the paper a year ago.

Dance or Party is the Question; Judge Decides It Was a Dance

Adelbert Hawkins of Cranston Fined \$5 and Costs In District Court at Johnston on License Charge; Jury Trial to Be Sought

Last Aug. 20 there was an affair at Del's Hall on William Henry Road in Scituate. Yesterday, Judge Edward C. Drinkwater had to decide in district court at Johnston whether it was a dance or a party.

If it was a dance, then Adelbert Hawkins of Scituate Avenue, Cranston, stood in violation of Section One, Chapter 362 of the General Laws of 1938. If a party, then Police Chief John J. Crowley was mistaken in pinching Hawkins for conducting a dance without a license.

The judge decided that the affair was a dance and fined Hawkins \$5 and costs. Michael DeCiantis, Hawkins' attorney, said he would appeal and take the case before a jury as quickly as possible.

Chief Crowley testified he heard music and saw dancing in the hall.

Nobody disputed the chief. There was music and there was dancing—only it was a party, not a dance, said Christopher H. Arndt. He had been the prompter.

Arndt had gone to the hall to find the orchestra "hitting it up," he said. One of the musicians was his mother, Mrs. Winifred Arndt of Gloucester, who was sawing away on the fiddle.

Dancing, said he, had been his hobby since he was 9 years old. When he got to the hall he took over the duties of prompter. Part of these duties, he averred, was passing the hat. Customary, he said. The collection was \$14.39.

"This was a regular old-fashioned party," he said. "What we call a party is, you have a gang come. It don't matter who it is. They come to the door and ask what's going on and they're welcomed in. We don't

care who they are but they've got to behave."

"If you turn young people away from the door they go out and raise hell, if I can say that. A fight starts and you get into trouble."

"At a dance, on the other hand, refreshments aren't free—you have to pay for them, Arndt said."

"I've always danced," Arndt said. "It makes me mad when anybody stops and thinks they're going to break it up."

Basil Smith of Providence, a guitar player, said he got there late but tuned up anyway. He got \$4.39 from the collection.

The prompter's mother testified that she plays for dances at Cherry Valley, where the refreshments are not free.

"Instead of playing post office and that other junk, we'd rather dance," she said. When asked about the money, she replied, "My son took hisn and the other boy took hisn. You don't get much when you pass a hat."

Mrs. Hawkins testified she had decided to have the party and had prepared tuna fish sandwiches, cake, coffee and punch made of grapes and lemons. She even brought along milk for several children.

Hawkins told the judge he had nothing to do with arrangements for the affair. DeCiantis argued the complaint had been made against the wrong person.

James A. Higgins, who prosecuted as town solicitor, recalled testimony that Hawkins had been refused a license for a dance. The gathering of 50 to 55 was rather large for such a little village, he said.

West Greenwich Approves \$60,000 Centralized School

Town Meeting's Unanimity Ends There as \$1000 for Welfare Department Is Cut to \$300 and Release of \$2000 for Highway Work is Defeated

All political factions joined in an unanimous vote for construction of a \$60,000 consolidated West Greenwich school but split on other issues at a special financial town meeting last night in the town hall at Nooseneck.

The unanimity with which the administration's school program, presented by John H. "Smoker" Potter Sr., was adopted was broken when the administration's bid for \$1000 for the social welfare department was cut to \$300 and its effort to release \$2000 for general highway purposes was defeated, and that sum was kept frozen as a reserve highway appropriation.

Admittance to the hall was limited to taxpayers, the press, Michael DeCiantis, legal advisor to the town council, and George Roche, legal advisor to the Independent Party. Of the 355 taxpayers eligible to vote, 168 were checked at the door. On the three ballots taken, the total number voting was 160 on the first, 154 on the second and 161 on the third.

Immediately after the meeting had been convened at 8 p.m. by Moderator Wallace Albro, the call was read by Town Clerk Erving D. Matteson, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was waived and the majority report of the consolidated school building committee was accepted.

Potter, as administration spokesman presented three resolutions providing for construction and financing a \$60,000 consolidated school building, all of which were adopted by unanimous vote without debate.

By adopting these resolutions the town accepted Chapter 2249 of the Public Laws of 1949, the enabling act passed by the General Assembly this year and signed by the governor Apr. 29 authorizing the town to float a bond issue not exceeding \$50,000 to help finance the school project, authorized the town council to issue the bond and accepted and appointed a committee appointed by the town council to build the school. Charles K. Palmer, president of the town council, Bernice Capwell, chairman of the school committee and John T. Andrews, constitute the committee.

"Vested With Full Power"

This committee is vested with "full power to enter into contract for the construction and equipping of a new consolidated school building for the town . . ." the sum or sums to be expended by it not to exceed \$60,000. In taking this action the taxpayers flatly rejected the Englehardt survey report recommendation that West Greenwich refrain from building a school.

Another resolution presented by Potter was adopted by unanimous vote without debate. This authorizes the council to transfer \$175 from the forest fire fund, half of the amount to be allocated to the appropriation for printing and the other half to the appropriation for town officers' salaries, the total transferred to meet the cost of calling and holding the special town meeting.

The "honeymoon of the political factions" ended at this point in the meeting. Potter's resolution authorizing the council to transfer \$1000 from the general fund to the social welfare fund was amended to \$300 by Waite Albro, chairman of the Independent Party. Gordon Cadwgan, independent member of the town council amended the amendment making the sum \$500. Potter said that the town now owes social welfare department bills of \$300 which had been approved by the council but cannot be paid until funds are available.

"In Debt Before You Start"

"If you make the amount \$300, you will be in debt again before you start," he added.

Albro contended that when the town is reimbursed by the state the fund will be okay and that since \$300 has been enough for the first half of the fiscal year an additional \$300 should suffice for the second half.

Mrs. Cora Lamoureux, town treasurer, said that the state social welfare worker assigned to the town has said that it will be dangerous to cut amounts available for social welfare and added that many new cases have come in recently.

"In the event we run short we will have to have another town meeting," Albro observed.

Cadwgan said that the council now is holding an unpaid bill of \$120 and has another for \$70 awaiting approval and in consequence the town is \$190 behind before it can get money from the state. He reminded that the town has to pay the bills and await reimbursement by the state and warned that the town will be "skating on thin ice" with a \$300 appropriation. He amended the Albro \$300 amendment to \$500.

Argue On \$500 Figure

Fred Brown, a member of the GOP town committee, supported the \$500 figure. Edwin J. Hoxsie Sr., an Independent Party leader, opposed it, saying that action taken in providing for the school will place a heavy burden on the taxpayers and that savings should be effected whenever they can be. He predicted that it will take the town 20 years to pay off the school debt.

Potter said that the administration "is trying to get enough to pay the welfare bills, to keep storekeepers from waiting for their money and thus keep the town's credit good."

Mrs. Lamoureux warned that if the town does not do its share and meet state requirements it may lose the 70 per cent state reimbursement for welfare expenditures.

At the suggestion of DeCiantis it was agreed that a vote be taken on the \$500 figure and in the event of the defeat of this measure that a vote be taken on the \$300 figure. The \$500 was defeated 87-73, the \$300 was adopted, 94-60.

\$2000 for Roads Defeated

A resolution presented by Potter which would release \$2000 for general highway work that was voted at the annual town meeting was defeated 116-45. This appropriation was earmarked at the annual meeting for matching with state and federal funds for a joint highway improvement project.

At the request of Potter, Cadwgan told of a visit Potter and he made to the State Department of Public Works. George H. Henderson, principal highway engineer, had informed them, Cadwgan said, that \$2000 was too small an amount to be considered for a town-state-federal project and that the last of such projects undertaken was the Scituate \$800,000 highway improvement program. Henderson had advised, Cadwgan said, that the \$2000 be used by the town on its roads.

Albro said it was "up to the people who tied the appropriation up to decide what they want to do with it."

Frank Weigert, GOP town committee secretary, said that it has cost the town \$8000 thus far for roads including repairs to the town grader and called upon the highway surveyor, John H. Potter Jr., to explain the highway expenditures. Potter Sr. said it was up to Potter Jr. to do what he pleased. Potter Jr. said nothing whereupon Albro put the question to vote and the taxpayers decided to keep the \$2000 frozen.

The consolidated building committee appointed at the annual meeting was given a vote of thanks and discharged. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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East Greenwich Superior Court

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Tax Exemptions for Firms Endorsed by Town Council

W. Warwick Body Requests Bill to Permit Local or State Governments to Grant Tax Free Periods to New Industries; Move Aimed at Unemployment

The proposal of Gov. John O. Pastore that the investment of private capital in plant modernization, equipment and improvements be encouraged was supported by the West Warwick Town Council in resolutions adopted at a special meeting last night.

One of the resolutions recommends that legislation be enacted by the General Assembly at its next session giving the town councils and the cities of the state authority to grant tax exemptions on such investments at either the local or state level.

The other resolution requests Sen. Dion Archambault and Reps. Gerard DiFiore, Ulysses Laroche and Thaddeus Kraus, the town's delegation in the General Assembly, to

prepare and introduce a bill at the January session of the legislature to make effective the legislation recommended in the preceding resolution.

The council granted two applications for exemptions from taxation for a period of 10 years on manufacturing property to be located in the town in accordance with the authority vested in the town council in a resolution adopted at the annual financial town meeting May 17. Each of the concerns will operate at least 60 looms and other machinery for the manufacture of cotton, rayon and other fabrics.

One of the concerns is the Mastercraft Linen Fabrics Corp. of New York and the other is the Adolph Berli Corp.

Col. Quinn Represents Firms

Col. Patrick H. Quinn, attorney for both concerns said that each has substantial financial backing, each will pay the current wages in the industry, and that the town should strive to get its vacant manufacturing space occupied by granting encouragement to applicants in the form of tax exemption on new property. He pointed out that the town cannot exempt from taxation any existing manufacturing property. He said that there is about 75,000 square feet of vacant space in the Royal Mill where looms and spinning frames once operated that there is some vacant space in the Phenix Mill and some in other mill buildings.

He said that the Esmond Mill, the Ann and Hope Mill in Lonsdale and the Riverside Worsted Mill in Olneyville are all competing with West Warwick manufacturing concerns to get vacant space occupied. He said that within five weeks an effort made to get a concern to locate in West Warwick failed because this concern was able to get space at five cents a square foot cheaper at the Riverdale Mill. He said that many of the people now unemployed will be given opportunities to work in new plants that may be induced to locate in the town.

Sees Payroll Benefits

Colonel Quinn recalled that the town had granted tax exemption to the Clyde Print Works which at the end of the 10-year period was subject to taxation and is now paying on a valuation of one half million dollars and that tax exemption was instrumental in inducing one of the first lace mills to be operated in this state to locate in West Warwick. He said that during the tax exemption interim the community benefits from the payrolls that are brought into the town by the new industries.

In discussing the resolutions supporting Governor Pastore's proposal that private capital be encouraged to invest in plant modernization Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, said that encouragement given to established concerns under such a program would enable them to expand.

Copies of the resolutions were ordered forwarded to Governor Pastore and to the subcommittee on industries of the town advisory planning committee.

Pastore Tax Incentive Proposal Greeted With Varied Reactions

West Warwick Council Votes Support; Instructs Assembly Members to Present Bill; Two Industrialists Call It Helpful; Sharpe Is Critical

Industrialists, faced with Gov. John O. Pastore's tax incentive proposal to encourage plant expansion and modernization in Rhode Island, greeted it with varied reactions yesterday.

The governor had proposed tax exemptions at the state or local level for capital expenditures on modernization, expansion or construction of plants, thus inviting risk capital to invest and expand job opportunities in Rhode Island.

Last night a reaction also came from a municipal body when the West Warwick Town Council passed resolutions supporting his proposal.

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The council also granted two applications for exemption for 10 years on manufacturing property to be located in the town. The authority for the latter exemptions was given the council at last spring's financial town meeting. Mastercraft Linen Fabrics Corp. and Adolph Berli Corp. received the exemptions.

Two industrialists considered the plan "helpful" in the statewide hunt to keep jobs at a high peak. A third, Henry D. Sharpe, president of Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co., said the plan was "opportunistic" and violated the constitutional principle of a "fair distribution" of the tax burden.

Even those who backed the governor's plan, however, said that other factors—including tax barriers drying up risk capital—will have to be corrected before job-giving industries will take big expansion strides in this state.

The governor outlined his plan at the closing session of the two-day convention of the state branch, American Federation of Labor.

He suggested that new plant or new machinery installed by an industrialist now operating in Rhode Island, or by a newcomer be made exempt from either local or state taxation. It would require enactment of legislation to bring this about.

The governor feels that such tax relief might be the incentive that would encourage a wavering manufacturer to go ahead with plant modernization, since new machinery or any new plant he built would be tax-exempt.

The governor believes his plan will help everybody who wants to modernize.

Sharpe's Reaction

When asked for an opinion yesterday, Sharpe said:

"The Pastore plan for revitalization and modernization of industry in Rhode Island as reported in this morning's Journal is, of course, opportunistic, and I believe neglects the fundamentals of taxation, infringing upon our state constitutional provision which sets forth 'that the burdens of the state ought to be fairly distributed among its citizens.'"

"It would grant immunity from taxation to a certain class of industry which in itself implies heavier burdens on existing industry. They are already far too heavy."

"I submit that the fault lies in the bad name of hostility to industry and companies which serves it. This hostility the state certainly practices. Existing legislation and the annual threat of new unfriendly legislation from the Assembly which characterizes Rhode Island is thoroughly discouraging to the coming-in of new industry."

Sees R.I. in "Dog-House"

"More industry is, of course, the source of new jobs which the governor desires. A mass of already existing laws and thoughtless administration of same naturally drives away new sources of employment. This hostility of these laws and its administration does not need any description here. Rhode Island is in the 'dog-house' for the time being."

Harry H. Burton, president of the Lonsdale Company and author of a plan for the fostering of industrial expansion here, said it was encouraging to know that the governor recognizes industry's problem and has given it such thoughtful attention.

"Nobody wants Rhode Island to lose the social gains it has made," he added, mentioning the workmen's compensation program. "But I think the administration can be greatly improved to the advantage of industry. If cheating and chiselling were stopped without removing the gains, it would mean reductions in taxes."

"Will Compare Costs"

Burton contended that taxes in Rhode Island are more than three times what they are in Pennsylvania.

W. Allen Traver, president of the Franklin Process Co., said:

"Any manufacturer seeking a new location or a manufacturer presently operating in this state and considering expansion will naturally compare costs and all other advantages and disadvantages in various states."

"If conditions in Rhode Island are as favorable as in other states you will find that capital for expansion or new building will be available."

"If towns or cities wish to grant tax exemption for certain periods this will of course help. I want to see Rhode Island industry financed by private capital as it always has been."

Burton expressed the opinion that the governor is quite wrong in thinking that capital for industrial growth or expansion can be readily procured.

Says Loans Hard to Get

"The banks won't loan on capital expenditures," he said. "And it is practically impossible to get risk capital in a state where manufacturing already has two strikes on it. It just isn't available."

Burton regarded the several plans under consideration as constructive. "I do not have enough pride of authorship in my own program to be unwilling to welcome suggested changes that would make it work," he said. "I would be delighted for any amendments that would make it fit the needs of the state."

"The immediate program," he added, "is to improve existing conditions—administer present laws efficiently so industry will not be handicapped here in Rhode Island."

Norman D. MacLeod, chairman of the board of Abrasive Machine Tool of East Providence, and a director of the National Association of Manufacturers, said he didn't think the governor's plan would be much of an incentive to entice risk capital.

He pointed out that many local communities have already granted tax exemptions to new plant, and that the good from this goes to whatever business organization occupies the plant. It serves no stimulus to the investor to put up venture capital, he said.

Federal Legislation

"The only thing that is going to encourage private investment is federal legislation that will help the fellow who provides the venture capital," MacLeod said.

He emphasized he was giving his views without having read the news accounts of the governor's suggestion.

Antonio DiPinto, secretary-treasurer of the State CIO, asked to comment on the governor's plan, said it involved a policy question which he could not answer for the CIO.

The president of the state branch, AFL, Arthur W. Devine, who is also state labor director, said he favored the governor's idea.

W. Warwick Council Moves To Publicize Charter Plan

Considers Newspaper Advertising, 3500 Pamphlets
for Free Distribution; Legion Post Asks About
Transfer of Deed on Town-Owned Property

The West Warwick Town Council moved last night to give the proposed city charter wide publicity by newspaper advertising and by making 3500 printed copies available for free distribution at the town hall, police and fire stations before the end of next week.

Local architects were invited to submit sketches of the comfort station to be erected at Bedard and Gareau Streets in the heart of the shopping center.

Headed by Comdr. Jules DuBeau, a delegation from West Warwick Post, American Legion, asked when the council will turn over to the post the deed of town property the post long has occupied adjoining Memorial Park in accordance with a reso-

lution adopted at the last annual financial town meeting.

Mortimer W. Newton, council president, said that the resolution authorizes the council to place restrictions in the deed. He explained that the council wants to know what kind of a building the post intends to build, details of construction and design, and the estimated cost of the structure before executing a deed, in order that Memorial Park and other town-owned property may be protected.

Next Monday night was set as the time for a conference between the council and a committee representing the post on the matter. The conference will be held in the town hall.

Tax Exemption Granted

Tax exemption for 10 years was granted the Herbert Harris Co. of New York after Col. Patrick H. Quinn, attorney for the firm, had assured the council that the concern will locate a rayon and cotton manufacturing plant in the town immediately.

The quitclaim deed of the Crompton Co. on the library building and lot on Main, Remington and Manchester Streets, Crompton, to the town for the sum of \$1 was accepted. A salary of \$9 a week was voted Mrs. Marion Ionnatta, the librarian. This item and other expenses are to be paid out of a balance in the Crompton library treasury of \$1300 which is to be turned over to the town.

Councilman Joseph Holmes was authorized to act for the town in accepting land from the Rev. A. Ernest Oliver, pastor of Christ the King parish, Centerville, for widening the intersection of Bridal Avenue at New London Avenue, Centerville.

James Antonelli was granted a victualling house license for a building at the corner of Cowesett Avenue and Quaker Lane under an exemption to the zoning ordinances.

Council Is Thanked

A letter from Ernest R. Leclair, thanking the council and highway commissioner, Henry Petrarca, for the improvement of Fair Street, Crompton, was ordered filed. A complaint of residents of Davis Street, Centerville, about water pools on that street was referred to Petrarca. The River View Plat, off Greene Avenue, Centerville, was accepted.

A committee headed by John J. Kelly, vice principal of the senior high school, was authorized to sell tags, Nov. 18 and 19. The proceeds are for the high school band.

Joint pole locations were granted the Narragansett Electric Co. and the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. for Crossland Road and Oakland Drive. Pole locations were granted the power company for Noxon and Kinne Streets and the telephone company for Main Avenue.

Tax Abatements

Seventeen tax abatements totaling \$163.79 were granted veterans, and nine totaling \$181.25 to other applicants. Seven refunds totaling \$136.57 were granted also. An assessment on \$1500 personal property of Edward Lambert of 1742 Main Street was added to the tax list.

Appropriation transfers authorized are: \$3000 from sidewalk construction to public welfare; \$1300 from miscellaneous to insurance on town buildings; \$1000 from miscellaneous to town property maintenance; \$1000 from sewer disposal plant improvements to town property maintenance.

The application of J. Edward Parker for permission to install gasoline pumps on Providence Street, Westcott, was denied without prejudice.

Applications for town aid in constructing improved sidewalks were granted Ernest Calande for 63 feet on Epworth Avenue and Henry Calande for 60 feet at 16 Epworth Avenue. Reports of the building inspector, police department, highway commissioner and dog officer were accepted.

COUNCIL GRANTS LIQUOR PERMITS

West Warwick Board Approves
68 Requests, Freezes Number at Present Total

Pawtuxet Valley Office, Telephone
15 Washington Street, Valley 1-0570
West Warwick 1-0182

As a board of license commissioners, the West Warwick Town Council last night granted 68 applications for alcoholic beverage licenses, three victualling house licenses for taverns, 34 class B victualling licenses, 30 non-alcoholic beverage licenses and several amusement permits.

The council set a limit on the number of alcoholic beverage licenses it will issue this year virtually freezing the number now in force in classes A, B, Tavern and D Club limited. But permitting a leeway of one in class B victualling and of three in class D club.

All of the alcoholic beverage and restaurant licenses granted last night are renewals of those in force which expire midnight Dec. 1.

The fees and bonds, the same as last year, are: A—\$500; B tavern and victualling, \$550; D—\$250; D limited, \$100; E—\$10. Bonds required in the classes granted are: A—\$1000; B tavern, \$1200; B victuallers, \$1000; D and D limited, \$500 each; E—\$100.

Alcoholic beverage licenses granted are:

CLASS A, PACKAGE—Lionel J. Cardin, 751 Main Street; Harry Erinales, 95 Washington Street; Frank J. Harrop, 1013 Main Street; James G. Lamb, 1252 Main Street; Leo and Theodore Lussier, 980 Main Street; Elynore Senerchia, 22½ Brookside Avenue; Robert M. Smith, 7 Washington Street.

CLASS B, TAVERN—Joseph Dessert, 18 Highland Street; Blaise Gannon, 10 Brookside Avenue; Robert L. Pelletier, 981 Main Street.

CLASS B, VICTUALLING—Domenic Angellone, 12 Gage Street; Edward Borowski, 1626 Main Street; Treffe Boucher, 54 New London Avenue; John B. Brouillard, 1286 Main Street; Alfred D. Burton, 1304 Main Street; Emilio Di Padua, 1157 Main Street; Pasquale Di Padua, 162 Washington Street; Hugh J. Finnegan, 806 Main Street; William French, 154 Washington Street; Stefan Gawek, Cowesett Avenue; Luigi Giusti, 653 Providence Street; Jimmie Cafe, Inc., 49 Providence Street; Henry Lada, Cowesett Avenue; Alfred Lefebvre, 1316 Main Street; Joseph Lombardi, 287 Washington Street; Joseph Lukowicz, 388 Washington Street; Salvatore Marsocci, 221 Washington Street; Frank Mello Jr., 993 Main Street; John J. Miller Estate, 54 Providence Street; Raymond E. Miller, 949 Main Street; John Millette, 13 Curson Street; Guido Nardella, 21 Crawford Street.

Raymond F. Nester, 1647 Main Street; Cleophas Noel, 172 Washington Street; Frank Palazzo, 4 Blossom Street; Silvio Parente, 744 Providence Street; Frank Penardo, 180 Washington Street; Alfred D. Petrarca, 458 Providence Street; Horace Ruzzo, 732-736 Main Street; James Ruzzo, 59-61 Brookside Avenue; Joseph St. Jean, 94 Robert Street; Angelo Q. Senerchia, 11 Brookside Avenue; Daniel Silva, 87 East Main Street; Emile H. Urban and Frank Plazlak, 106 Washington Street.

CLASS D CLUB—Caserta Social Club, 6 Market Street; Club Frontenac Inc., 1145 Main Street; Club Instrucao e Recreio Portugues, 918 Main Street; Phoenix Sportsman's Club, 715 Main Street; Polish Falcons of America Club, 11 Barnold Street; Polish National Alliance, Group 1770, 11 Pulaski Street; Portuguese-American Citizens Club, 97 East Main Street; Portuguese-American Sport Club, 12 Bridge Street; Sergeant David Langevin Post No. 449, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Main Street and Warwick Avenue; West Warwick Eagle's Club, 826 Main Street; West Warwick Lodge of Elks, No. 1697, 60 Clyde Street; West Warwick Post No. 2, American Legion, 5 Providence Street.

CLASS D, CLUB Limited—Amiel Club, 228 Providence Street; Club American, 1630 Main Street; Gesang Verein Lyra Club, 25 Ball Avenue; Hillside Athletic Club, 13 Prospect Hill Avenue; Holy Ghost Brotherhood Society, Ventura Street; Italiano-American Club, 65 Prospect Hill Avenue; Roma Social Club, 226 Providence Street; Sergeant Omer Duquette Post, Amvets, West Warwick Post No. 6, Amvets, 34 Bridge Street.

CLASS E DRUGGISTS—Lionel J. Cardin, 751 Main Street; Frank J. Harrop, 1013 Main Street; Leo and Theodore Lussier, 980 Main Street; Robert M. Smith, 7 Washington Street.

Victualling house licenses in addition to those granted to class B tavern and class B victuallers alcoholic beverage licenses are: Bessie Aloucos, 99 Washington Street; Marcel Archambault, 1200 Main Street; Lionel J. Cardin, 751 Main Street; Albert A. Coutu, 64 Washington Street; Maxine and Annette Dansereau, 176 Washington Street; Eugene Denizer, 66 Brookside Avenue; Albert DiCandito, 693 Providence Street; George Erinales, 23 Washington Street; John W. Fluigerado, 331 Washington Street; Arthur C. and Doris W. Forest, 750 Main Street; Florida Goulet, 60 Cowesett Avenue; Marie L. Joubert, 137 Washington Street; Roland J. Leboissonniere and Robert M. Smith, 127 Washington Street; Leo Lavallee, 1457 Main Street; Gervais Lima, 850 Main Street; Leo and Theodore Lussier, 980 Main Street; Stanley J. Maciag, 1629 Main Street; John J. Mello, 996 Main Street; J. J. Newberry Co., 37-43 Washington Street; Gerard Ottaviano, 193 Washington Street; Ermanno Parente, 1163 Main Street; Jim Poy, 926 Main Street; Irene Roch, 1289 Main Street; Sgt. David Langevin Post, VFW, Main Street and Warwick Avenue; Anna B. Shogren, 809 Main Street; Wilma Skurka, 1634 Main Street; George and Emile K. Williams, 1117 Main Street; Woonsocket, Donut Kettle, Inc., 1216 Main Street; Woo Sea Ken, 77 Washington Street; Antonio Zoglio and Anthony Fusco, 199 Washington Street.

Dance and entertainment licenses granted are: Portuguese Instruction Club, dance Nov. 26, Holy Ghost Hall, Ventura Street; Polish Falcons, dance Nov. 23, Falcons Hall, Barnold Street; Les Franco-Americaines, charity performance, Odeon, Robert Street, Dec. 3; Temple Club, musicale, Masonic Assembly Hall, Main Street, Nov. 16.

COVENTRY 'NEST' TRIAL IS OPENED

Providence Man Is Accused of
Possessing Stolen Cars;
Demurrer Overruled

A Providence man went on trial before Judge Harold A. Andrews and a jury in Kent County Superior Court, East Greenwich, yesterday, on three indictments for receiving stolen goods.

William H. Anthony, 36, of 627 Prairie Avenue, is charged specifically with operating a "nest" in Coventry in which stolen cars allegedly were cut up and sold for parts or junk, police said after a raid on the premises last Apr. 11.

Most of the day was taken up with arguments by Anthony's counsel, Michael DeCiantis, on his demurrer questioning the legality of a jury panel from which women "have been systematically excluded." This was overruled on all grounds by Judge Andrews, who also denied certification of the questions of constitutionality to the Supreme Court.

Harold W. Sweet, Coventry milkman, testified he rented two buildings to Anthony as garages. It was in these buildings that the state, through Edward F. J. Dwyer, assistant attorney general, is contending the state and Coventry police raiding party found a truck and two cars which they described as stolen property.

Several photographs he took on Apr. 13 at the premises were identified by J. Clement Grimes of the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation. He was preceded on the stand by Everett L. Remington, owner of one of the cars recovered in the raid, and by Daniel W. Beaton, an automobile salesman.

GAREAU RENAMED TOWN FIRE CHIEF

Job as Head of West Warwick
Department Is Declared
Not Permanent

Lionel P. Gareau, chief of the West Warwick permanent fire department, is among the town officers reappointed by the town council last night. Michael DeCiantis explained that this was necessary in that under the law Gareau's appointment in the fire department is permanent as a fireman, but not as head of the department.

It was made clear when the act creating permanent police and fire departments became effective that the head of the police department was not a permanent officer, but many of the townspeople were under the impression that the chief of the fire department was. Arthur Groleau was reappointed chief of police. Other reappointments are:

DeCiantis, town solicitor; Harry F. McKenna Jr., probate judge; Margaret E. Conlon, deputy town clerk; Henry F. Miller Jr., captain of police; Thomas A. Petrarca, highway commissioner; Henry A. Flynn, superintendent of collection of rubbish and garbage; Dr. John A. Mack, health officer; Carl J. Rosati Jr., town auditor; Adelard Boucher, custodian of the town hall; Stanislaus Maznicki, superintendent of lights; Alexander Lautieri, sealer of weights and measures; Thomas F. Cawley, inspector of kerosene; Hector L. Poulin, weigher of cotton; Gordon P. Andrew, M. Margaret Boyle, Peter J. Gorgio, A. Corrente, Nicola Cubellis, Louis Degenais, Eugene B. DaSilva, Frank L. Dayton, Pasquale DelGigante, Albert D. Desmarais, Roland Dessert, Pasquale M. DiCarlo, Philip Eldridge, Altino J. Furiado, Joseph Furiado, Salvatore Gambini, James V. Gazzero, Nicholas Gemma, Pietro Gentile, Alfred E. Goguen, Theodore Gourd Sr., Robert Graham, Francis E. Greenan, Wallace E. Greene, Arthur Groleau, Aime J. Grosillis, Armand O. Guertin, Armand O. Guertin Jr., Leon R. Hebert, Robert T. Hunter.

Also Ernest Janotti, Amedeo Imbriglio, Thomas F. Kerr, Emanuel Kindele, C. Franklin King, Roland J. Laboissonniere, Emile L. Lacroix, Paul A. Lague, Vincent Lamb, Noe G. Lambert Jr., George E. Lancellotta, Alexander LaRose, George J. Larrow, Virgil Laurence, Benedetto Lautieri, Joseph Lawrence, Oswald V. Lefebvre, Norman H. Lemay, Manuel Lopes, Joseph N. Mailloux, Augustus F. Marsella, Clarence G. Matteoni, Gerard O. Maynard, William E. Maza, John J. Mello, Stanley Mlyniec, Arthur Montign, William H. Morris, Vincent A. Muschiano, James McAlary, Emile A. Nadeau, James F. O'Connell, James J. O'Connell, Ferdinand Ottaviano, John Padula, William Palazzo, John Paluch, George Pare, Alex Parent, David L. Paul, Emile Paul, Frank E. Perry, Helder Picard, John E. Pignolet, Frank Plazlak, Stanley J. Plazlak, Joseph Ponte, Julio Puenca Jr., Lionel J. Raboin, Michael Regaud, Arthur D. Regnaire, Ovide Regnaire, Alger H. Richard, Sylvio Rochefort, John Roma, Michael E. Rossi, Joseph Saccoccio, Albert St. Armand, George St. Aubin, William Serpa, Leonard Shapiro, Lee V. Spencer, Frank Szarek, Arthur Vanasse, William F. Varr, Joseph E. Wittig.

LIQUOR STORE ROW FACES HIGH COURT

George and Michael Romano of
East Greenwich Challenge
Public Law of 1949

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A citation was issued returnable Dec. 5, when the hearing date is expected to be assigned.

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They contend Daneker's action is illegal and void and in violation of Section 10 of Chapter 164, General Laws of 1938 as amended by Section 10 of Chapter 1038 of the Public Laws of 1941, which provides that Class A licenses of any town or city shall not exceed more than one for each 400 of its inhabitants as determined by the last census, with the exception that only two licenses may be issued in every town in the state irrespective of population; provided further, however, that no further new original Class A licenses shall be granted until the number of such outstanding shall have been revoked or the holders of such licenses fail to apply for renewals.

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Romanos Challenge 1949 Law, Request
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REPUBLICAN CLUB TOLD TO SIT TIGHT

Advised to Wait Until West

Warwick GOP Body Acts
on Charter Issue

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West Warwick Republican Club members were urged to "sit tight" last night until the GOP town committee takes a stand on the proposed city charter.

Leadership of the party was condemned by Norman E. Gillespie and Michael Gallucci for refusing to recognize the club that was formed last January.

Gallucci called on a member of the town committee to tell the 27 members of the club in Turcotte's Hall, Brookside Avenue, what action the party leaders had taken in recognition of the splinter group.

"So far as I know," John Gillespie Jr., a town committeeman, replied, "your request for recognition still is on the table."

Until the town committee takes a stand on the city charter issue, Norman E. Gillespie said, "the GOP Club should sit tight."

"I am in favor of a city charter," said Norman Gillespie, "but not the charter that was published in the local newspaper by the town on Monday."

Norman Gillespie said that the published charter gives dictatorial power to a mayor. "He could lock me up for speaking my mind tonight and hold me for 24 hours," Norman Gillespie declared, "and with Mortimer E. Newton, the town council president, in the mayor's chair, that's what would happen."

Moreover, the proposed charter is poorly written, Norman Gillespie continued. A proposed provision gives the mayor the right to vote in case of a tie among the council members, but the charter also provides for five council members. How could there be a tie, he asked.

"One thing I favor is provision for seven councilmen, one from each of the present seven voting districts," Norman Gillespie said, but he added, "Increased salaries for councilmen and the salary for the mayor provided raise the cost of our government when we should be economizing."

Provided the town committee takes a "proper stand," Norman Gillespie said, perhaps the forces of the Republican Club and the party leaders can be joined.

ZONING EXCEPTION TO BE REQUESTED

An exception to the zoning ordinance so that a drive-in theater may be built in the Oakland Beach section of Warwick will be sought at a meeting of the zoning board of review Dec. 14, according to an application filed yesterday with the zoning clerk.

Leo T. Martineau of 151 Camp Street, Providence, is seeking the variance for approximately 13 acres of land he owns at Warwick and Oakland Beach Avenue.

Three previous petitioners who appeared before the zoning board within the last few years for authorization to erect open air theaters have been turned down.

Michael DeCiantis, West Warwick attorney who represents two men interested in buying the Martineau property for theater purposes, described the proposed project as one that will cost considerably more than \$100,000.

Two Quahaugers Cleared in Trial; Defense Hits Pollution Line Policy

Court at East Greenwich Told Fishermen Must Imagine Where Boundaries Lie; Pair Acquitted After Witnesses Place Them in Legal Areas

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A stinging denunciation of the manner in which pollution lines are marked for fishermen by the state marked the acquittal of two quahaugers at conclusion of a trial in Fourth District Court, East Greenwich, yesterday.

Michael DeCiantis, counsel for Samuel C. Greer, 55, of 29 Edythe Street, Warwick, and George Burningham, 19, of 260 Fountain Street, Pawtucket, said in his argument that "no one knows where the pollution line is. The fishermen must imagine where it is. It's high time the state did something to distinguish the lines by discernible markers."

The men, charged with fishing

north of the pollution line at Conimicut Point Oct. 11, were adjudged not guilty by Judge James W. Leighton after several of their witnesses had testified they were south of the line. Cesaer Scotti, senior warden of the Division of Fish and Game, prosecuting officer, said the men were north of the line. Both sides admitted it was foggy. Judge Leighton held that the state had failed to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

DeCiantis directed a scathing attack against "wardens who frighten fishermen with possible revocation of the license that means their livelihood" and said "it is high time the citizens realize they can fight the state as well as their next door neighbor in our courts." He referred, he said, to fishermen who previously had pleaded nolo to similar charges resulting from a roundup of fishermen by the marine shell patrol boat off Conimicut Point Oct. 11.

In his summation, Judge Leighton said the pollution law "had been established to protect the health of the people. Violators endanger the health of a community and their own business," he said. "The people feel there is danger in purchasing from certain fishermen and from dealers except those in whom they have full confidence."

Tax Exemption Is Granted To Hubbard Lace Company

West Warwick Council Votes 10-Year Freedom From Levies for Concern; Move to Town Will Enable Firm to Expand

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Continuing a policy approved by the town meeting of granting tax exemptions to new industries, the West Warwick Town Council last night voted a 10-year exemption from all taxation for Hubbard Laces, Inc.

Kenneth G. Matteson, vice president of the firm, which now operates in Coventry said the company will occupy 20,000 square feet of the north end weave shed at Warwick Mills, Brookside Avenue.

Matteson said in a petition for tax relief that the move to West Warwick will enable the firm to expand activities and to employ about 45 persons, whereas it now employs only 20.

Indications that further industries might be set up in the weave shed, came from a statement in the petition that the B & L Realty Corp. has agreed to purchase the shed with its 130,000 square feet of space and to divide it for small plants.

The realty company, it was learned, is a subsidiary of Hubbard Laces, Inc.

The lace firm noted that it is now enjoying "a very favorable tax sit-

uation" in Coventry, but that it must move to expand.

In other business, the council gave the West Warwick American Legion post a quitclaim deed to town property on Legion Way and Gardner Avenue, Arctic, with limitations that it be used only for a post home and headquarters and only during the post's existence. The post has been using the property, but it lacked a deed.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis explained that the transfer deed had been worked out by him, on behalf of the council, and Probate Judge Harry F. McKanna Jr., representing the Legion.

Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, presented the deed to Comdr. Jules DuBeau of the post. Post leaders said they planned renovations in their present building and later construction of a representative new home on the 20,230 square feet of land.

Chairman Thaddeus Driscoll of the post deed committee said the post had tried for years to obtain the property, but had met difficulties under previous administrations. He complimented the council for carrying out the mandate of the last town meeting, which had approved the transfer.

600 Attend Testimonial Dinner For West Warwick Police Chief

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Some 600 townspeople and friends attended a testimonial dinner last night in honor of Arthur Groleau, chief of West Warwick police, who celebrated his 51st birthday yesterday.

Several members of the judiciary, police chiefs of other communities and many prominent in local politics were among the guests at the affair held at Club 400, Natick.

Climax of the dinner was Town Council President Mortimer W. Newton's presentation of a traveling bag and other gifts to the guest of honor. In a brief acceptance speech, Groleau said: "I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart."

During the affair, guests at the head table paid tribute to the chief and his department, wished him a happy birthday, and spoke glowingly of his past achievements.

Speakers included William E. Powers, attorney general; Associate Justice Jeremiah E. O'Connell of the Rhode Island Supreme Court; Judge Robert E. Quinn and Judge Alberic R. Archambault of Superior Court;

Judge Luigi Pasquale of Sixth District Court; Judge James W. Leighton of Fourth District Court, and Col. Patrick H. Quinn.

Also: Lt. Harold E. Shippee of Scituate barracks, state police; Sheriff Alfred Richard, and police chiefs Charles A. Higgins of Providence; Nelson G. Bourret of Cranston; Forrest R. Sprague of Warwick; Gareld A. Shippee of Coventry, and James R. Crosby of East Providence.

The Rev. Donat Fagnand, assistant pastor of St. John's Church, Arctic, gave the invocation. Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis was toastmaster.

Sgt. Joseph Pontarelli of West Warwick police, who headed the arrangements committee, presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Groleau.

The arrangements committee, which provided a birthday cake said to weigh more than 100 pounds, comprised: Capt. Harry F. Miller Jr.; Aime GrosLouis; Horace Ruzzo; William Millette, and Patrolmen Telford Lefebvre, Raymond E. Miller, Frederick Rzemien, Joseph Razza, William A. Gallucci, Lionel Valliere, John Bruno, Carroll E. Wilcox, Manuel Simas Jr., Manuel G. Barreto and Anzle J. Zwolenski.

BROTHERS PURSUE STEAKHOUSE FIGHT

Henry and Frank Reynolds

Urge Council to Deny Place a License

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Picking up where they left off in Superior Court last week, North Kingstown's Reynolds brothers continued their determined efforts to close up the Quonset Steakhouse yesterday at a hearing on a virtualizing license before the North Kingstown Town Council.

The brothers, Henry L. and Frank H., claimed through their attorney, Michael DeCiantis, that the Steakhouse, which they own and lease to William Missler, is a noisy nuisance in the wee hours of the morning.

They have made this charge plus others in three similar actions against the restaurant this year—a district court case, which they lost, a hearing on a curfew ordinance before the council which they lost, and an appeal before the Superior Court which they won last week.

Essentially the same parade of witnesses appeared before the council as were on hand in district court this summer and at Kingston last week. For the plaintiff they included a local Protestant clergyman, a state trooper and several property owners living near the Steakhouse in addition to the Reynolds brothers.

The defense witnesses included a Navy shore patrolman, a nearby property owner, two Steakhouse waitresses, a dairy deliveryman and Missler and his wife.

When all the evidence was in—a process which took more than two hours—the council took the issue—whether Missler should be re-issued a virtualizing license—under advisement and promised a decision at its Jan. 10 meeting.

In his final argument before the council, attorney for Missler, Walter R. Orme of Wickford, pointed out that his client had built up a business establishment valued at \$35,000 out of nothing and now his landlords wanted to deprive him of the labors.

DeCiantis told the councilmen they could throw out the testimony of everyone except the Rev. Norman S. Townsend, pastor of the Quinnesett Baptist Church, in reaching their decision.

"If you can't believe this man (the Rev. Townsend) you can't believe anyone," DeCiantis pointed out.

Townsend had previously termed the Steakhouse "An undesirable place" in his testimony and described how from 40 to 50 per cent of his parishioners near the restaurant had registered a complaint of the place with him.

REPUBLICAN CLUB URGES REVISIONS

Also Calls for All-Day Voting
on Charter Referendum
for West Warwick

The West Warwick Republican Club last night urged changes in the proposed city charter to eliminate police and pardoning powers granted the mayor and to increase the number of councilmen from five to seven.

Club members also advocated that the Democratic administration conduct an all-day poll on the charter referendum and not just a meeting similar to a regular town meeting. Only taxpayers qualified to vote at a town meeting may vote on the charter under terms of permissive legislation.

Specifically, the club urged that sections six and seven of the proposed charter be stricken out. Section six gives the mayor police powers, including power to commit to prison for a term not exceeding 20 hours "any person who may be revelling in the streets, committing any mischief, quarreling or otherwise behaving in a disorderly manner." It also makes him a justice of the peace and gives him disciplinary powers over subordinate city officers in cases of neglect or violation of duty.

"Of Any Person"

Section seven of the proposed charter would give the mayor power "to discontinue all actions and complaints brought against any persons for violation of any city ordinance and to order the discharge from jail of any person complained against for the violation of any city ordinance, either before or after conviction, whenever in his judgment the good of the city requires it."

The club would change section 12 of the charter to provide for election of seven councilmen, one from each of the seven voting districts. The charter as drawn provides one councilman to be chosen in each of the three representative districts and two at large.

Heightening a split which has resulted in failure of the GOP town committee to recognize the club, Norman E. Gillespie, former town council president, scored Roland E. Meunier, GOP chairman, for failing to make known the GOP stand on the charter.

"Not Too Far Away"

Referring to a recent GOP town committee meeting after which Meunier announced only that the charter had been discussed, Gillespie declared that the rank and file in the GOP is being kept in the dark on party policy.

"How does Mr. Meunier expect the support of the Republican people, if they have no inkling as to what position he intends to take?" Gillespie asked. "If he wants support, he will have to let the people know just what they are going to support."

Gillespie revealed that Meunier had been invited to speak on the charter at the meeting, but had not done so, and added "apparently Mr. Meunier believes this would be either unwise or unnecessary. I predict the day is not too far away when he will be happy to talk to us."

Gustaf Olson, club president, suggested that the city charter be referred to the bi-partisan advisory council named by the town council

WARWICK TO HAVE OUTDOOR THEATER

Zoning Board Breaks Precedent by Okaying Petition
for \$100,000 Arena

The Warwick Zoning Board shattered precedent last night by granting a petition for an outdoor theater in the city.

The five-man board unanimously approved the petition of Leo Martineau of 151 Camp Street, Providence, to erect a \$100,000 drive-in movie arena on Oakland Beach Avenue, between Woguagonet Avenue and Stanfield Street, extending to Sefton Avenue in a residential "B" area. Only one resident, living near the site objected.

William G. McClarnon moved that the board approve the request for the 500-to-600-car theater for the following reasons:

- 1—It will provide additional tax revenue for the city.
- 2—It will give young couples with children an opportunity for recreation and eliminate the high cost of baby sitters.
- 3—Because Chief Forrest R. Sprague of the Warwick police department said that his men can handle the traffic adequately.

This was the fourth petition for a drive-in theater that the board has acted on in the past two years. On Aug. 11 it denied the petition of the County Amusement Corp. to erect a theater in Pawtuxet, and on Oct. 6 it turned down the petition of Flormino A. Gomes to build an outdoor movie in Hillsgrove. Gomes' first petition on Dec. 10, 1947, also was denied.

Michael DeCiantis at West Warwick represented the petitioners last night. He declined to name the financial backers of the venture which will be in operation next June. The operators, Baigio V. Petrella of Warwick and Gerard Dietch of Providence, appeared before the board. Dietch told the board that construction will begin in the spring and that the theater should be open in June.

The recommendations of Chief Sprague adopted as a part of McClarnon's motion were:

1. That three exits be built on Woguagonet Avenue.
2. That direction signs be installed on the basis of police recommendations.
3. That traffic signal lights be installed.
4. That the owners pay for all patrolmen necessary to maintain order and control traffic.
5. That Woguagonet Avenue be surfaced and that a street between Woguagonet Avenue and West Shore Road also be properly surfaced.

McClarnon wrote in another stipulation that the owners provide fire protection by having a fireman assigned to the theater or installing a fire alarm box. Edwin M. Prellwitz, a board member, wrote in a final stipulation that the operators landscape the theater to block the screen from view along Oakland Beach Avenue.

The only objector, Arnold Briggs of Sandy Lane, told the board that he opposed erection of a theater because it is a seasonal business and also makes a blot on the landscape. He said that the traffic on Sandy Lane would be hazardous.

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CHARTER CRITICS DRAW NO ANSWER

Official West Warwick Parties
Silent on Maverick

GOP Attack

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West Warwick Democratic officials and the official Republican camp last night maintained silence on criticism of the proposed city charter this week by the unrecognized West Warwick Republican Club.

Indications were that leaders of both parties were waiting for a time nearer a coming public charter hearing to unlimber their heavy artillery.

The GOP club has urged that the mayor's police, pardoning and other powers be eliminated and that seven councilmen instead of five be elected.

The club also asked for assurances from the Democratic administration that a city form of government would not mean higher taxes and demanded that the charter election, scheduled sometime after the coming hearing, not be held at a meeting similar to a town meeting.

The GOP club apparently feared there might be a town meeting vote on the charter, because only voters qualified to vote at a town meeting may vote on its acceptance or rejection.

However, inspection of the act passed at the last General Assembly disclosed that the administration is bound to conduct the vote on the charter in the same manner as a general election. This would require that polls be open all day for voting.

Roland E. Meunier, GOP town chairman, had no comment to charges by the officially unrecognized club that he is keeping Republican voters in the dark by not announcing GOP policy on the charter proposal.

ADOPTION OF CITY CHARTER URGED

West Warwick's Town Council
President Says Economy
Would Be Result

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Economy would be the natural result of better administration under a city form of government, Mortimer W. Newton, West Warwick town council president, declared last night at a meeting of the Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce called to discuss the proposed city charter.

Newton outlined the charter on which taxpayers will be asked to vote soon and advocated its adoption at a session marked by a plea from GOP leaders for study of the possibility of streamlining the present charter.

While not openly opposing a city form of government, Roland E. Meunier, Republican town chairman, and Ernest E. Lefebvre, former GOP town council president, advocated study of the town manager, budget commission, representative town meeting and other types of government.

Pointing out that he was influential in early consideration of a city charter, Newton asserted it would provide better management of municipal affairs, attract more business, encourage businessmen in the state's third largest shopping center and add to West Warwick's prestige.

Newton declared that West Warwick, a highly compact, industrialized community with a population of about 20,000 in its eight square miles, is ready to become a city. He pointed out it is the second largest town in the state, being exceeded only by East Providence.

The charter was drawn to include the best phases of other city charters and the administration tried to make it as simple as possible to keep the city administration from being expensive, Newton said. He urged all preparation for a coming public hearing and pointed out copies are available at fire stations and the town hall.

West Warwick to Change Names Of Streets at Hearing Tonight

Public Airing at Town Hall Will Seek to Remedy
Duplicate Names as Well as Streets Which
Have Two Names in Different Parts

Moving to eliminate duplicate street names and conditions where the same street has two names in different parts, the West Warwick Town Council will hold a public hearing tonight at 8 in the town hall at which some street names will be changed.

Mortimer W. Newton, council president, said last night that, if there are too many objections to changes in the names, some of them might be put over to a later hearing.

The council also plans to discuss the naming of streets now without names, Newton said. In this connection the council probably will be besieged with suggestions for new names, and some system will have to be worked out for selecting them without hurting anyone's feelings, he added.

Where there are duplicate names which have long been troublesome to postal authorities, deliverymen, physicians and others, the council expects to change the name of one duplicate in each case tonight, Newton said.

The duplicate names must be eliminated also to enable Ray Matteson, engineer, to complete an up to date map of the town which the council has ordered for the special rezoning committee, Newton pointed out. The map is ready except for the street name problem.

An example of names which definitely will be changed tonight, Newton said, is Angell Court. It now has been cut through to make a street and should be called Angell Street, he said.

Newton urged residents of the following streets, which will be involved in the name changing, to attend the meeting to give their opinions on the proposed changes: Pawtuxet Terrace, Pleasant Avenue, Warwick Avenue, Greene Avenue, Greene Street, Centreville Road, River Avenue, River Street, Brook Street, Sunrise Avenue, Main Avenue, Main Street, Prospect Street, Prospect Hill Avenue, Peter's Lane, Ocean Street, Park Boulevard, Parker Street, Centreville Park Avenue, Burlingame Road.

Also, Burlingame Court, Carroll Court, Carol Street, Haven Street, Haven Court, Terrance Court, Terrance Avenue, Youngs Avenue, Youngs Court, Sheldon Court, Sheldon Street, Gardner Street, Gardner

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Solon Would Annex Areas In Warwick to W. Warwick

Senator Archambault Plans to Offer Bill to Take
Over Sections of Centreville, Westcott, Natick,
E. Natick at New Assembly Session

Sen. Dion Archambault (D-West Warwick) said last night he plans to introduce in the General Assembly a bill to annex to West Warwick sections of Centreville, Westcott, Natick and East Natick, located in Warwick.

The principal area that Archambault proposes to annex is the O'Donnell Hill section, extending from the railroad tracks at Pasco Senerchia Memorial Square in Westcott to East Natick.

The people in that area, he said, would derive these benefits from the shift:

1. They could avail themselves of the West Warwick sewer system.
2. They would be assured of permanent fire protection from the Natick fire station, which is closer than the Apponaug station.

The bill will be introduced "as early as practical," Archambault said.

He drew up a similar measure during last year's General Assembly session but did not introduce it.

At that time, he contemplated seeking the annexation of sections of Westcott and Centreville—an area including the homes of 600 to 700 people. When his plan became known last year, a strong movement arose to include East Natick and all of Westcott in the proposed area to be annexed.

Archambault said he would like to include in the new bill provisions to annex "as much as Warwick will let us take and as much as West Warwick can afford to take."

The resulting tax revenue to West

Warwick will be "as much or greater than the necessary expenditure involved," he said.

"I am under the impression that much (of the area) at present is a liability to Warwick," he added.

A canvass of the section seven or eight months ago, he said, revealed that "75 per cent of the people there appeared eager" for the change and "only one or two persons were sincerely opposed."

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3-Man Majority on Council Would Control Power in City

(This the first in a series of three articles explaining provisions of the proposed city charter for West Warwick, on which taxpayers qualified to vote at a town meeting will vote on a date to be set by the town council after a public hearing Jan. 12. The mayor's duties are described here. Later articles will cover the city council and other offices.)

By JOHN B. LAKE JR.

Contrary to some beliefs, the proposed charter which would make West Warwick the state's eighth city would not provide a so-called strong mayor form of government.

Examination of the charter discloses that most power in the city administration would be in the hands of a three-man majority of the city council, which would be made up of only five members all told.

The three-man majority would have power to override the mayor's veto on any resolution or appointment of a town officer.

However, although a resolution could be passed over the mayor's objections by a majority vote of the council, the situation differs in the case of officer appointments. If a majority should fail to approve an appointment by the mayor, he would continue submitting names until approval was gained.

Even though the mayor would prepare and submit the annual budget to the city council, its adoption would be subject to approval by a majority of the council.

Investigation of police and pardoning powers provided for the mayor, subject of criticism by the West Warwick Republican Club, reveals that

they are not uncommon in other charters. The nearby city of Warwick, where Mayor Joseph Mills has asserted he doesn't have enough powers, grants them to the mayor.

The powers would give the mayor a sheriff's authority and allow him to commit a person to prison for not more than 20 hours, pending prosecution in cases of revelling, mischief making, quarreling or behavior in a disorderly manner. They also would give him power to discontinue actions brought against anyone for violation of any city ordinance and to order the release from jail of anyone complained against for a city ordinance violation, either before or after conviction.

These same powers are given the mayor of Warwick under that city's charter. Observers in that city cannot recall that the powers have ever been abused. In rare instances, a Warwick mayor has apprehended a speeder in a residential section and prosecuted him.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, who wrote the West Warwick charter, has asserted that the mayor's police and pardoning powers are parts of most city charters.

The mayor would preside over the small city council, but would vote only in case of a tie, which could result from absence or sickness of a councilman.

Under the charter, setting of the mayor's salary would be left to the city council. As yet, Democratic administration leaders have not indicated what it might be, but they have scoffed at suggestions that it would be as high as \$3000 for the part-time position it would be at the outset.

Subject to approval of a city council majority, the mayor annually on the first Monday of January would appoint a city clerk, deputy city clerk, city treasurer, tax collector, city auditor, chief of police, fire chief, when and if a vacancy exists in that permanent position; probate judge, highway commissioner, superintendent of public health, director of public aid, city sergeant, city solicitor "and all other officers not otherwise provided for, and which may be necessary for the proper administration of the affairs of said city."

If taxpayers approve the city charter, the mayor chosen at this year's election would take office in January 1951, and hold office for two years from that time.

Another power granted the mayor, again subject to approval of a majority of the council, would be appointment of not more than four taxpayers to serve on any school building committee with the three school committee members. This apparently would give the city administration's four appointees majority control over such a seven-member board, which would direct school construction.

The charter establishes the duty of the mayor to promote an efficient and businesslike administration of

Warwick Border Residents Strongly Favor Annexation to West Warwick

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Strong secessionist sentiment were expressed last night along the Warwick side of the border with West Warwick.

Residents and businessmen interviewed favored the proposal of State Sen. Dion Archambault (D-West Warwick) that the Centreville, Westcott, Natick and East Natick sections of Warwick should be legislated into the boundaries of the town he represents.

Only a few of those questioned held any loyalty for Warwick. The consensus appeared to be "we bank, buy, worship, pay bills, pursue social activities in West Warwick. All we do in Warwick is pay taxes."

Comment ranged from an immediate "lets move over," to a cautious, "Warwick's police protection is better." Some berated Warwick for "not knowing we exist down here," and others said "we get our mail from West Warwick Post Office, we do our business in West Warwick, our fire protection is from West Warwick, our friends are in West Warwick, we might as well be inside the town as over the line."

The West Warwick sewer system runs under the middle of Providence Street, the dividing line in the Natick section. Homeowners on the Warwick side of the street cannot connect their sanitary facilities with the modern system of disposal. That was a loud cry for grabbing the offer of union with West Warwick in the Natick neighborhood.

Warwick schools are too far away was another reason some parents and recent graduates gave for wanting to adopt a new home town. West Warwick High School is in the center of the Westcott section, a half mile away from Natick and close by East Natick and Centreville. The closest Warwick high school is Lockwood in Apponaug, four miles away.

• More reasonable taxes in West Warwick was pointed out as a reason to make a change. West Warwick residents pay \$2.25 a hundred, while in Warwick homeowners pay a 15-cent higher tax rate. However, valuations in Warwick are lower than in the neighboring town, some said.

Divided in 1913

The town and the city were divided in 1913. West Warwick continued as an industrial center, and

Warwick became a suburban home community.

Warwick officials yesterday expressed opposition. Along the border, brothers, both professional men, took opposite sides of the secessionist move. Each of them has taken an active part in the past in trying to promote the annexation movement or in defeating it.

Dr. Giovanni Senerchia of 525 Providence Street, Natick, who ran unsuccessfully for the Warwick City Council as a Republican in 1944, said he was one of the backers of a similar movement in 1943. He said about his only connection with Warwick "is to pay taxes." Eighty per cent of the residents of the border area favor joining West Warwick, he said.

His brother, Vincenzo R. Senerchia, 53, of 673 East Avenue, Natick, an Apponaug druggist, who was city councilman for four years and served in the General Assembly for 10 years until 1938, declared he has lived all his life in Warwick and wants to continue to do so. "Most of my neighbors want to stay in Warwick," he said.

Oakland Beach Body Hopes to Obtain Injunction

the lunch program is educational as well as nutritional. Elementary school children are at the age where their minds are not set so they can be talked into eating foods at which they first balk, she explained. In high school the problem is different with girls afraid to eat certain foods and boys afraid to eat certain foods at all.

Oakland Beach Real Estate

Drive-In Dispute

The meeting last night started off as a routine annual meeting to elect officers. Thomas Cosanant was elected to succeed George H. Moore as president and after the election of the other officers Cosanant was installed and took the chair.

Oakland Beach Realty Owners Admit Little Headway Has Resulted

He said he will confer with association members to plan the next move.

Meunier said there is a question in his mind whether, in annexing the territory, the town might also have to assume a proportionate share of the city of Warwick's debt.

The charter establishes the duty of the mayor to promote an efficient and businesslike administration of the affairs of the city.

Democrats to Ask Recessed Town Meeting

Greenwich Party's
Lead Feels Move Will
Benefit Taxpayers

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At Greenwich, Democrats, who
unsuccessful last year in chang-
ing the time of the financial town
meeting, this March will seek a re-
cessed town meeting, Walter R. Haz-
ard, Democratic town chairman, said.

His move by Hazard last March to
call a referendum a change in
the time of the financial town
meeting was defeated after a
vote of 31 to 19 after spirited
debate.

Democrats believe people are
more likely to benefit by recessed town
meetings after they are called in
the morning as it will give more tax-
payers a chance to vote on issues,"
Hazard said.

"It's just a farce, the way it exists
now," the Democratic leader de-
clared. He said more taxpayers
should be given the opportunity
to recessed financial town
meetings to help conduct the town's
business and plan future expendi-
tures.

His move last year to have a change
in the time of the annual fiscal session
from morning to night included on a
public referendum since held on
the same day was defeated after
a vote of 31 to 19.

skating rink in East Natick.



GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS: Paper work begins for new officers of the Moosup Valley Grange after their induction into office last night. Left to right, are: Fred A. Kettle, master; Fred J. Kennedy, treasurer and past state master, and Mrs. Bertha Bennis, secretary.

—State Staff Photo

Moosup Valley Grange Installs

Fred A. Kettle began his second
term as master following the an-
nual installation of officers of
Moosup Valley Grange last night in
grange hall.

Fred J. Kennedy, past state master
and treasurer of the Moosup Valley
Grange, was assisted in conducting
the induction by his wife as marshal.
Mrs. Catherine. Ball as emblem

Copies of Survey Report Still Available In North Kingstown

Complete copies of a report on a
survey of North Kingstown town
departments excepting the school
department are still available for
the public at the town hall. Harold
L. Corey, town clerk announced
yesterday.

Warwick ties and joining forces with West Warwick.

Fireworks Co. Gets Go-Ahead

Foster Police Chief
Renews Permits Issued
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They're Talking About Annexation:

Comments of Warwick Residents Are Varied

Range from Definite 'Let's Go,'
To Indifferent 'Doesn't Matter'

Interest in Warwick continued to
mount today over the proposal by
State Sen. Dion Archambault (D-
West Warwick) that four sections of
the city be annexed to his town.

Comment by residents and busi-
nessmen of the four sections of
Natick, East Natick, Centreville and
Westcott ranged from an enthusiastic
"let's go!" to an indifferent "doesn't
matter."

Here are the comments of those in-
terviewed in a Journal-Bulletin sur-
vey:

Larent Bouthillier, a clerk in
Hunt's Market at 1475 Centreville
Road, Centreville, wants to live in
West Warwick. "All our customers
are from West Warwick across the
street," he said.

'Immaterial' He Says

Although he said a change is im-
material to him, Anthony Paliotta,
operator of the Security Cleaners
in Westcott, said "Warwick has been
good to me." He pointed out, how-
ever, that many of his customers are
from West Warwick.

Mrs. Frederick Paice, of 341 Provi-
dence Street, Westcott, is undecided

about a change. "Sometimes I think
it's a good idea and sometimes I
think it's bad."

"Let's go," was the way Nicholas
Lombardi, proprietor of the Natick
Hardware at 561 Providence Street,
Natick, viewed annexation with
West Warwick. He pointed out that
he is dependent upon fire protection
from West Warwick and that is only
guaranteed for five years.

Bennie Davide, 40, who runs Ben-
nie's Barber Shop at 718 East Ave-
nue, East Natick, is strong for annex-
ation, says most of his customers are
in favor of such a move. "They have
been talking for months about East
Natick becoming part of West War-
wick," he said.

Joseph Cipolla, 21, of 35 Elmer
Avenue, Westcott, who lives "a
stone's throw from the West War-
wick High School," said he had to
travel several miles to attend Lock-
wood High School, Warwick. He
would like to see Westcott in West
Warwick.

Won't Oppose Annexation

Tribute to the "wonderful protec-
tion" given by the Warwick police
was paid by Ernest E. Young, 54, of
Coventry, operator of the Riverside
Rink in East Natick. Once strongly
in favor of having his roller skating
rink located in West Warwick, Young
said now he is not so sure. However,
he said he wouldn't oppose annexa-
tion.

John DiCarlo, 48, who runs Di-
Carlo's Cafe at 692 East Avenue, East
Natick, likes the idea of seceding. He
said "about all my patrons agree with
me." He was joined in this senti-
ment by his brother, Joseph DiCarlo
of 690 East Avenue, and Vincent Di
Carlo, a cousin, who lives at 42 Pon-
tiac Street, both East Natick.

Norman Dube, 22, of 71 New Lon-
don Avenue, Centreville, was unde-
cided whether he wants his commu-
nity to remain in Warwick. He said
most of his social activities are in
West Warwick. Since he is a vet-
eran and owns no property, taxes
make no difference because he re-
ceives a veteran's exemption.

'Might as Well Belong'

"We're so close to Arctic, the cen-
ter of West Warwick, that we might
as well belong to that town," Owen
Martin, 56, of 1116 Tollgate Road,
Westcott, said. He called secession
"a good idea."

"I'm in favor of it," Mrs. Simeon
Lavigne of 1100 Tollgate Road, West-
cott, said. "I do all my shopping in
West Warwick, the only thing embar-
rassing in Arctic is the parking."

While Santo Lombardi, 32, of 563
Providence Street, Natick, who at-
tended high school in Warwick, said
he would like to live in West War-
wick because he "doesn't see his
school friends anyway, his com-
panion, Milton Randall, 24, of 567
Providence Street, Natick, said he is
"satisfied living in Warwick."

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Westcott Grille at 479 Providence
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Council Is Strong In Charter Plan

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Council Is Strongest Unit Under City Charter Plan

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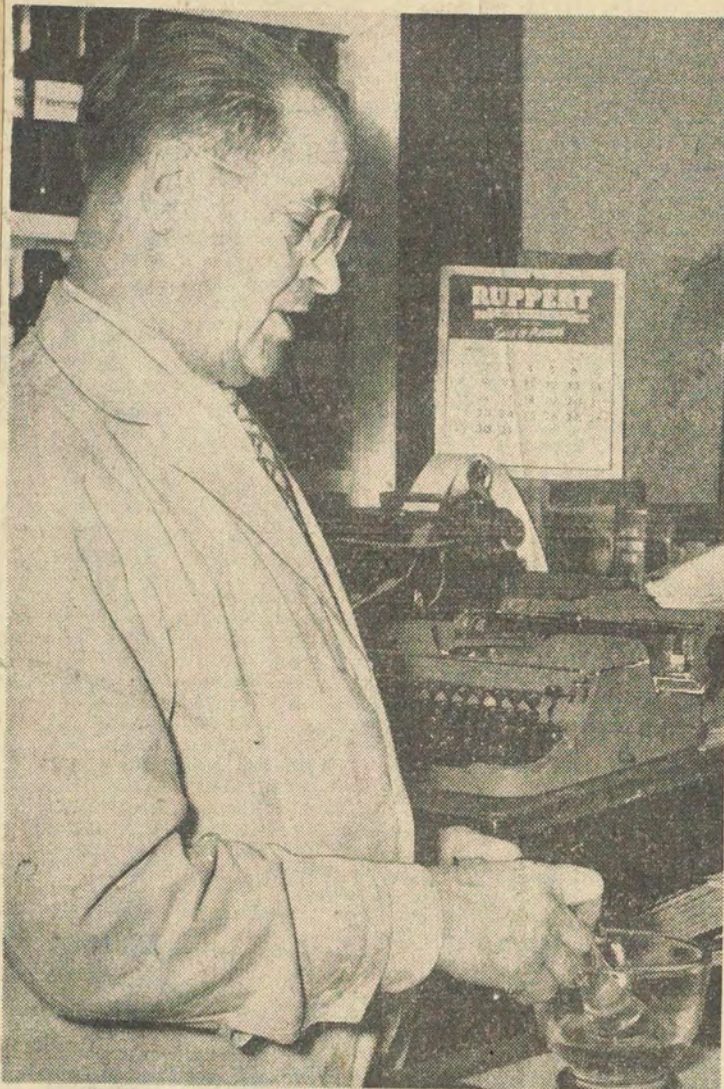
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Natick Brothers Differ on Annexation Question



HE'S AGAINST: Vincenzo C. Senerchia, of 673 East Avenue, Natick, a Warwick pharmacist, opposes his physician brother. 'Most of my neighbors want to stay in Warwick,' he says.

—State Staff Photo

Vincenzo Senerchia Says 'No' Doctor Claims Plan Is Good

Two prominent Warwick brothers, one a physician and the other a druggist, are on opposite sides of the fence on the proposed annexation of several Warwick communities by West Warwick.

Give Warwick's communities of Centreville, Westcott, Natick and East Natick to West Warwick? "Never," says Vincenzo R. Senerchia of 673 East Avenue, Natick, an Apponaug druggist.

Dr. Giovanni Senerchia of 525 Providence Street, Natick, answers just as emphatically, "Yes."

"Better than 80 per cent of the people living along the border want to become part of West Warwick," the doctor claims.

"Practically all of my neighbors want to stay right in Warwick, where the school system is excellent and the bus transportation for pupils is best," the druggist declares.

Sen. Dion Archambault (D-West Warwick) set tongues to talking in Centreville, Westcott, Natick and East Natick the other day when he announced his intention of proposing in the General Assembly that they be put into West Warwick.

"Even though the tax rate in Warwick is higher than in West Warwick, tax bills are cheaper because valuations are more reasonable," the champion of the "stay in Warwick" side says.

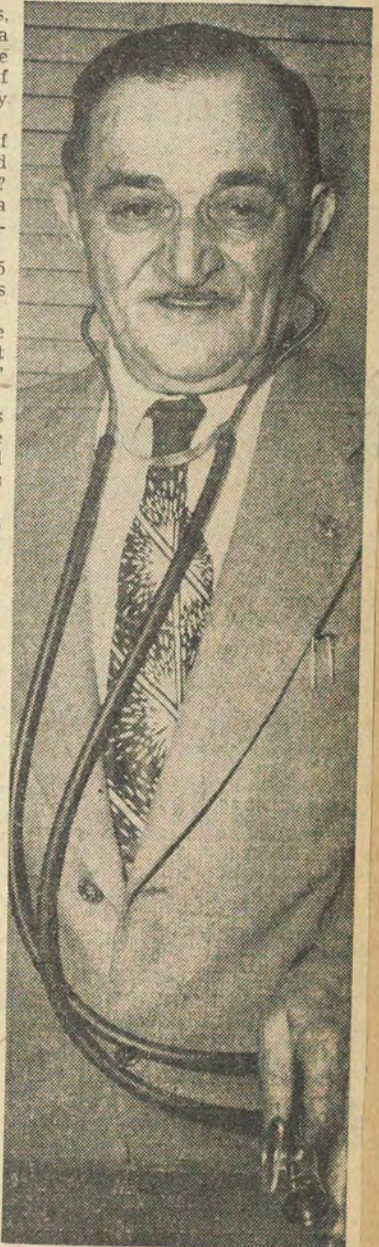
On the other hand, the doctor points out that one big advantage of becoming part of West Warwick is having the use of the sewer system that runs along Providence Street, a dividing line between the two municipalities in Natick. People living on the West Warwick side use the sewer installation, while those on the Warwick side cannot.

"We never see our city officials; we only know them by name," the doctor said. "About our only connection with Warwick is to pay taxes."

The druggist, who also served as a member of the town council in Warwick between 1924 and 1928, says that he's pretty sure the Archambault bill, if it is presented, will not pass both houses. Anyway, it'll never be passed in referendum, he says.

The doctor says that "we might as well make these areas of Warwick a part of West Warwick, in name as well as fact." He said that people living along the border do all their shopping in West Warwick, have most of their social activities there and worship in churches in that town.

"Our mail is handled in West Warwick, and most of us are in the Valley telephone exchange," the doctor said.



He's For: 'The people around here don't know their city officials,' says Dr. Giovanni Senerchia of Natick. 'Apponaug is too far away. Our only connection with Warwick is to pay taxes.'

—State Staff Photo

2 Resign Places on West Warwick GOP Body

Leadership Of Party Hit By DiFranco

Leadership of the West Warwick Republican Party was scored this morning by one of two town committee members who announced their resignations.

William DiFranco asserted that Roland E. Meunier, town chairman, has lost the confidence of the majority of the town committee, and most GOP workers in the town.

"If he had the Republican Party at heart, he should have had the decency and common sense to resign as chairman when he was defeated in his own town in the 1948 primaries as a candidate for lieutenant governor," DiFranco said.

Noting that the town committee had failed to act on his resignation last night, although it had been submitted Sept. 6 last year, DiFranco added that a political unit that is unable to replace a committeeman is very low in morale.

DiFranco added that as of today, he was relieving himself of duties as committeeman from Voting District 2 in Representative District 1.

Boleslaw Zelazny, party secretary, this morning said he was submitting his resignation because his business will take him out of the state most of the time.

"My association with the town committee members has been most enjoyable, and I know that they can lead the party to victory this November," Zelazny said.

Meunier Asks Charter Study Board

Charging the proposed West Warwick city charter is up for consideration only because of Democratic political machinations, Roland E. Meunier, Republican town chairman, today called for naming of a charter study commission to make a study of town charter needs.

Meunier issued a statement which, he said, the GOP town committee last night authorized him to make on its behalf.

The GOP chairman declared that the manner in which the city proposal is being brought before the voters smacks of "dictatorship of the rankest sort, which has no place in our town government."

"There should not be a change to a city form of government unless the change is the result of serious consideration and analysis and based on necessity," Meunier said.

The proposed change to city government is not based on valid reasons, but only on vague generalities such as efficiency and progress, he said.

Meunier pointed out that a charter study commission similar to that of Newport would weigh and consider changes carefully and present many good ideas to the people for their decision.

No Higher Taxes

"Our present town government should not be discarded and thrown aside without assurance that it cannot be improved on to the great benefit of the people and operated in the future without higher taxes," the chairman said.

"We are not against a city form of government for West Warwick, but we are against the method that is being employed to force it through and upon the taxpayers without adequate study and without reasons based

upon fact that it would be for the good of the town.

"If it is proved, as a result of analysis and study, that a city form of government is desirable, then what is good for the entire town we approve of, but until such time as there are real facts to support a city form of government, and until such time as it can be proved that amendments to the town charter cannot remedy many of the weaknesses in administration, then we recommend that the situation be studied and explored to get the best form of government for our town."

"Work of Few Individuals"

Meunier declared that the present city charter proposal is not the result of a united movement by a majority of taxpayers, but only the work of a few individuals who thought it up as a political issue.

"The real reason why it is up for consideration," Meunier said, "is because of political expediency, because the Democratic Party had to have some promises in their platform to hide their total lack of a platform and the stagnancy of their party for 24 years; also to bring out something new to interest the voters to match the progressive record of achievement of the Republican administration from 1946 to 1948."

He continued: "In having this act passed by the legislature it was not because of a request of a charter commission after long study and investigation, but it was forced upon the people of the town who were kept in ignorance of the contents of the charter until three weeks ago, or a total of eight months after it was passed."

"The procedure is dictatorship of the rankest sort, which has no place in our town government. I raise the question in my own mind

whether the Democratic Party is not trying to create dictatorship in government in West Warwick as it exists in other places. In other words, another city political machine disregarding the rights of taxpayers and of all the people.

Creation of Useless Jobs

"One of the best examples of that feeling is the giving away of town property to a small group; the creation of useless jobs at fat salaries, particularly the jobs of superintendent of garbage collection and clerk of the highway department. This is just the beginning of an increase in expenses which will cause an increase in taxes."

(Meunier's reference to giving away property apparently was aimed at the town council's recent action, in keeping with a town meeting vote, of deeding town property on Legion Way, Arctic, to West Warwick Post, American Legion, for its lifetime.)

Noting that property voters will be called on to vote on the city proposal at a time to be set by the town council, Meunier warned that it is an important issue for all to consider. He pointed out that West Warwick and Coventry are growing as towns, while Warwick is growing as a city, adding that growth is not based on one four letter word on another.

"The reasons for growth and progress seem to be in the people, their civic and progressive spirit, the geographical location, available land, the willingness to make improvements by its businessmen; labor market, tax rate, available industrial buildings and industries," Meunier said.

There is no need for an increase in taxes for years to come, except to take care of the destitute or for a major capital improvement, Meunier said in stating the GOP's opposition to tax raises. Even then, he added, the town has a substantial cash surplus and economies should be made in departments and services to prevent higher taxes.

Charters Streamlined

Larger towns in this state and outside have refused to become a city, but have streamlined their charters, Meunier pointed out. He added that East Providence, with a population twice that of West Warwick, has felt no need for turning into a city and that the Democratic Party is in power there.

Urging study of possible changes in the charter, Meunier said it is agreed that more efficient towns operate under budget committees, instead of the antiquated town meeting. Many towns have one paid assessor and a tax review board and appointive, rather than elective, officers in the town clerk post and other positions.

Meunier noted that Horace Petrarca, former Democratic representative, last Sunday advocated annexation of bordering sections of Warwick and, in so doing, cited West Warwick's advantages of a town fire department, sewer system, large business center and good streets—all acquired under town government.

"Mr. Petrarca stated that in 1935 he presented a bill in the General Assembly when he was a representative which was not passed by even the House of Representatives, which was Democratic, even though the town administration was Democratic," Meunier said. "It would seem that West Warwick did not need a city form of government then and it certainly questions why it should be proposed now by a few political leaders. Probably this move is for their own benefit."

Meunier said further observations, facts and figures would be released later.

Zone Board Defers Action on Plea To Re-open Hearings on Theater

Warwick Body's Decision on Oakland Beach Protest Petition Against Proposed \$100,000 Drive-In Establishment Expected Today

Warwick's Zoning Board of Review last night deferred action on an Oakland Beach petition which seeks to reopen hearings on the proposed \$100,000 drive-in theater in Oakland Beach.

The board's decision is expected to be announced today, John W. McAuslan, board clerk, said last night.

Charles H. Drummey, represented the Oakland Beach Real Estate Owners Association and the petitioners. He said, after the meeting, that if the board does not agree to reopen the case he will seek an injunction today or tomorrow from the Supreme Court to enjoin the building of the theater until the case is decided.

To Attend Police Meeting

Drummey said that association representatives will attend the Warwick Police Commissioners meeting tonight to ask the commissioners that no license be granted to the theater owners until the case is settled.

The zoning board approved the drive-in theater petition, Dec. 14, after turning down three other proposals for an open air theater in other parts of Warwick.

Prior to approving the petition

Dec. 14, the board had advertised the petition and had sent written notifications to all property owners within 200 feet of the proposed theater site.

About 40 Oakland Beach residents attended last night's meeting. The zoning board chairman, Charles A. Bursley, told them that the board would not discuss the petition at the meeting but would take it under advisement.

Confers With Solicitor

Prior to the meeting, the board had conferred in a closed session with City Solicitor Hailes L. Palmer. The board went into a closed session again after the meeting.

The Oakland Beach petition states that many residents and property owners "affected" by the drive-in theater "did not see the advertisement in the papers and received no actual notice of the hearing while others who were cognizant of the application were misled by the advertisement and consequently did not appear at the hearing to protest the application."

Only one objector had appeared to protest when the petition was heard Dec. 14.

Police Unit Will Not Grant Drive-in Theater Permit Now

After Hearing Protests on Oakland Beach Site, Warwick Commission Says No License Will Be Issued While Location in Turmoil

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109 Proposed W. Warwick City Charter Changes Suggested

Taxpayers Urged to Adopt Form of Government and Seek Revisions Later; Town Council Head Says Election Probably to Be in March

Several changes in the proposed West Warwick city charter were suggested last night at a public hearing at which change-proponents urged taxpayers to adopt the city form of government and seek changes afterward.

Democratic administration leaders admitted that the charter is not perfect and debatable changes would be considered for general assembly action after the coming special charter election.

Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, said the council would set the election date at its meeting Feb. 14, and that the election would probably be held in March.

Only slight opposition was voiced to the city proposal, as only 23 persons turned out at the town council chambers. Most of them were Demo-

cratic leaders, with a sprinkling of Republicans and Independents. Top Republican leaders who have demurred at the city proposal, did not appear.

3 Changes Advocated

Judge James W. Leighton of Fourth District Court advocated three changes as follows:

One, make all councilmen elective at large rather than have one from each representative district and two at large, as proposed.

Two, change the provision that a mayor's veto may be overridden by a simple city council majority vote to require more than a majority vote to override the veto.

Three, eliminate the system of electing three tax assessors at the polls and substitute appointment of a single full-time assessor, with a review board, or appointment of three assessors by the council.

Judge Robert E. Quinn of Superior Court asserted that the act is not perfect and should be clarified in some respects after a vote upon it at the special election. The charter is basically good, he said, and changes could be made just as well after the charter election as before it.

Agrees to Veto Vote

He agreed with Judge Leighton that a four-man vote of the five-member council should be required to override a mayor's veto, instead of the provision that would allow the three-man majority that passes a resolution in the first place to override a subsequent veto.

Judge Charles J. Bourgault advocated that moderators and clerks for the polls be appointed by the council, instead of elected, as provided in the charter. He also advocated a single full-time tax assessor, who would be appointed and not elected.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, author of the charter, outlined forms of city government he had studied extensively in evolving the present charter. He said he had taken the best parts of so-called weak mayor and strong mayor charters and combined them to suit the interests of West Warwick.

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FIRM'S EXEMPTION PETITION SHELVED

W. Warwick Council Departs From Usual Procedure in York Lace Works Plea

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Departing from recent procedure in granting tax exemptions to new industries upon application, the West Warwick Town Council last night tabled for further study a petition from the York Lace Works for 10 years tax exemption.

Israel H. Press, attorney for the company, said in a petition that the firm plans to occupy about 31,000 square feet at the old dye house, known as parcel four, at the former Crompton Company, if an exemption is granted.

Firm officials live in Cranston, and the company is composed of Rhode Island personnel, the petition said. It added that there would be 25 employees at the start, but that the number would increase to about 100 in two or three years.

Press said the company intends to remain permanently in West Warwick. He explained the firm plans an investment of about \$100,000. Four lace machines have been purchased in Nottingham, England, and are due here about March, he added.

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The committee comprises Councilman Joseph D. Holmes, town solicitor Michael DeCiantis and Police Chief Arthur Groleau.

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W. Warwick Poser— Why Can't All Voters Ballot on Charter?

A question by Dr. Russell Smith, West Warwick dentist, as to why only property taxpayers may vote on the proposed West Warwick city charter set legal minds at variance last night at the charter hearing in the town hall.

Judge Robert E. Quinn of Superior Court said the same question had arisen in his mind. He noted that registry voters were not allowed to vote at the Warwick city charter election in 1931.

"It's a question of a constitutional limitation," said Town Solicitor Michael DeCantis. He explained that the state constitution gives power to appropriate town money exclusively to property taxpayers. Under a city government, that power would be taken from them, so only they can vote on it," he said.

"I have serious doubts about the constitutionality of not allowing all the voters to ballot on the proposition," Judge Quinn said.

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Proposed Five-Man City Council Scored by Gillespie in W. Warwick

**GOP Club Member Charges Election at Large of
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Norman E. Gillespie, West Warwick GOP Club member, charged last night that election at large of a proposed five-man city council would eliminate minority party representation.

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RAOUL ARCHAMBAULT, JR. SUPPORTS CITY CHARTER

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Former Chairman of Republican State Central Committee Says West Warwick Proposal "Basically Sound."

Raoul Archambault Jr., former Republican Senator of West Warwick and former Republican State Central Committee chairman, today spoke out in favor of approving the act incorporating the city of West Warwick.

He contends that the charter is well written and is basically sound and that he would urge the people of West Warwick to give their enthusiastic support to passage of the act.

The former senator says that Roland E. Meunier, chairman of the Republican town committee, in his opinion on the charter, is only trying to confuse the issue.

Archambault's complete statement follows:

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GOP Split on West Warwick Charter

Archambault Lauds Plan

Gillespie Denounces Democrats for Urging Councilmen-at-Large

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Why He Avoided Hearing

He said he didn't go to the hearing, which saw only one Republican among the 25 persons who attended, because he assumed in advance "it would be all cut and dried."

Despite Newton's earlier assertion that no amendments would be considered prior to a referendum, Town Solicitor Michael DeCianis said Friday the General Assembly would be asked at its current session to adopt two proposed charter amendments, in addition to providing for the city council's election at large, namely:

1. Amend the provision that a mayor's veto may be overridden by a simple three-man majority and require that four of the five councilmen concur in overriding a veto.

2. Amend the provision that moderators and town clerks be elected and make them city council appointees.

Judge Leighton urged election of councilmen-at-large to assure that they would regard themselves as representatives of all the people and not just those of one district, he said.

Another GOP Proposal

Gillespie reiterated another GOP Club amendment proposal, saying: "We advocated it early enough so it could be enacted at this General Assembly session." This would eliminate sections 6 and 7 of the charter, which give the mayor these powers:

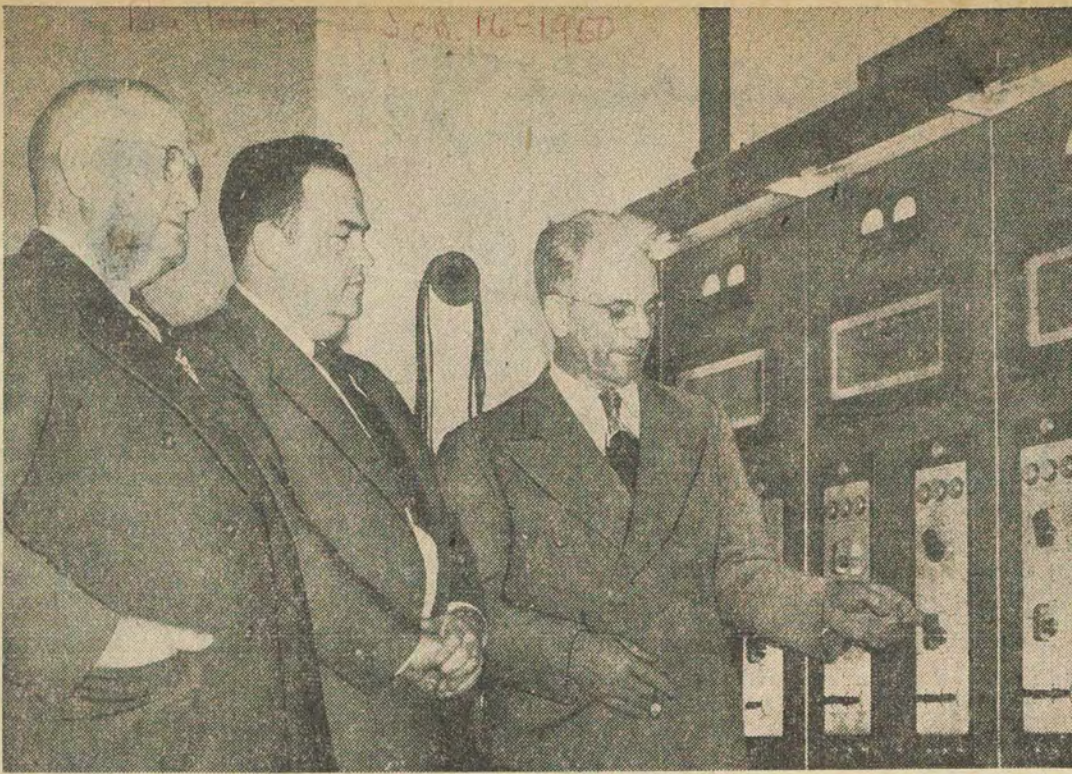
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"We don't believe that any individual would want that power or should have it," Gillespie said.

These provisions, a hangover from the era before district and superior courts were established, are "entirely superfluous," he added.

Similar powers have not been granted in "all other city charters in the state," as administration leaders have insisted, Gillespie said.



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—State Staff Photo

Firemen Hold Yearly Dinner

Arctic Company Does Own Cooking for First Time in Over 50 Years

West Warwick firemen of station 1, Arctic, prepared their annual dinner themselves last night for the first time since the yearly event was inaugurated more than a half-century ago.

Among the guests at the Arctic station were Lionel P. Gareau, West Warwick fire chief; Frank Charlesworth, former Providence fire chief; Capt. Henry F. Miller of the West Warwick police; Elphege Smith, West Warwick battalion fire chief; Walter Berard, former Arctic Fire District chief, and Theodore Barrette and Eugene Parenteau, both former Arctic district deputy chiefs.

Speakers, besides the guests, were Battalion Chiefs Paul Tellier, Henry DuHaime and Edward Nestor, and Deputy Chiefs James H. Pryor and Ernest Crepeau, Capt. Arthur Johnson Sr. was master of ceremonies.

Pryor directed the dinner preparations, assisted by Sam Gambini, Maurice Boisclair, William Legacy, Michele De Ciantis, Louis DeBaene, Urgel Vieulleux and Arthur Johnson Jr.

Lefebvre Urges Further Study of City Charter

Former Councilman Says Proposed Plan for West Warwick Offers Only Few Changes from Town Charter.

Ernest E. Lefebvre, former West Warwick Republican Town Council president, this morning re-issued his plea that a study be made of the act incorporating the city of West Warwick before it is put to a vote by the citizens. He points out that the act only offers a few minor changes to the present town charter and that any amendments to it after it is voted through, will be many years in waiting.

Lefebvre also states that he is not in accord with the stand taken by Raoul Archambault Jr., former Republican state senator.

His statement follows:

"The opinions expressed through the press in the last few days clearly signify the interest that is developing on the importance of the issue of the proposed city charter. It also indicates beyond doubt that the statement released by the Republican town committee, through its chairman, Roland E. Meunier, was most sound when it stated that before accepting a charter prepared by a few people who tried to make good a campaign promise that the taxpayers should have a bipartisan commission to study the improvements that we are trying to effect rather than a change of government from town to city form. It is also very evident as expressed by both Democrats and Republicans that this new proposed change is very far from being perfect because, in a short time since the contents of this charter has been known, many recommendations for amendments have been made by interested citizens of both parties, and I believe several more amendments could be recommended if a committee was named to further study the problems involved."

"Not In Accord"

"I am not in accord with the statement made last night by former state senator, Raoul Archambault Jr., when he stated, 'that this proposed charter is exceptionally well written' and I substantiate my opinion by the fact that this very same charter was not considered perfect and was even highly criticized in some instances by men with municipal experience like Col. P. H. Quinn, who rejected this same charter less than 4 years ago, Judge James Leighton, Judge Charles Bourgault, former town solicitor Roland E. Meunier, Dr. Russell Smith and former councilman Norman E. Gillespie, who all have served this town and are respected citizens who should not be considered 93c politicians as he stated. All these men have suggested amendments to this charter at different times, and now the administration seems to have changed their attitude and will consider amendments."

Separate Election

"I want to reiterate the suggestion that I made at the chamber of commerce meeting to this effect: That an amendment to our present town charter or to the proposed city charter should be enacted which would bring about an election of our town officers on a separate date from the national and state election. This method of electing town officers at a different date than the general election is used in some of the towns and cities in our state."

and in most towns and cities in all other New England States, and I believe it would definitely serve to encourage good citizens to take part in our town government, who, under the present system will not take part in it because it requires a candidate to campaign on strictly party lines for election of candidates on state and national level together with the town officers."

Issues Warning

"In conclusion, I do not feel that this proposed city charter has received sufficient consideration and study, and if it should be accepted in its present form it will only serve to eliminate the financial town meeting, and perhaps one or two other less important issues which could very easily be corrected by amending our present town charter to conform with the present day needs. I also wish to point out that if this proposed charter should be accepted in its present form we will be many years waiting for amendments to be enacted to correct the ills that now exist in it."

"If a charter is adopted without proper study, it will never be any better than a building built over a poor foundation."

SILENCE GREET'S LEFEBVRE'S PLAN

West Warwick Off-Year Polls
Are Proposed by Former
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Silence greeted a proposal yesterday by Ernest E. Lefebvre, West Warwick Republican town committeeman and ex-town council president, that the proposed city charter or the present town charter be amended to provide for off-year municipal elections.

Raoul Archambault Jr., former GOP state chairman, who was criticized by Lefebvre for saying that the proposed city charter is exceptionally well written, had only this to say, "You may quote me as saying that Mr. Lefebvre bores me."

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis had no comment on Lefebvre's amendment proposal. Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, could not be reached.

Lefebvre, in a prepared statement, declared that recent suggestions for charter amendments lend support to the stand of Roland E. Meunier, GOP town chairman, that a bipartisan committee should study possible changes in town government before a city charter is adopted.

Democratic leaders, who are urging adoption of the city charter at a special election expected to be held in March, reportedly feel that they are on firm ground, since the city proposal was approved by a town meeting in 1945. DeCiantis, author of the proposed charter, introduced the city resolution at that time.

Guertin Calls For Change in Charter Plan

W. Warwick Man
Suggests Councilman
For All 7 Districts

Dr. M. Irene Guertin, one of West Warwick's largest taxpayers, this morning called for a change in the proposed city charter to provide for election of one councilman from each of the seven voting districts to assure minority representation.

He said he favored the change to city government to give more prestige to the town but expressed fear that under charter proposals an unhealthy situation might arise in which the minority party would not be represented.

The charter calls for election of one councilman from each of the three representative districts and two at large. The Democratic administration has indicated willingness to consider an amendment advocated by Judge James W. Leighton to provide for election of five councilmen-at-large.

'Charter Well-Written'

"This new city charter is very well written and covers most of our needs," Dr. Guertin said, "but the proposed five-man council of one from each representative district and two at large is no improvement at all."

"Under those conditions these two men at large will play into the hands of the party in power and will be placed wherever needed for the good of the party regardless of fair representation. Today we have three councilmen from the Riverpoint district and only two others for the rest of the town. This is not a good representation of all the taxpayers."

"This town is big enough to have seven voting districts. Why not have seven councilmen, one a resident of each district. This will give 100% representation and will simplify red tape at election time and politicians will have no choice but to give each ward or district its own councilman."

Appeal for Minority

Declaring that minority representation is the essence of good government, Dr. Guertin pointed out that every city in the state elects councilmen on a ward basis.

Noting that the charter calls for \$500 salary for each councilman, Dr. Guertin advocated paying \$350 to each of seven councilmen, bringing the cost to \$2450 compared with \$2500 for the councilmanic salaries proposed in the charter.

Dr. Guertin advocated also that the vote of five of the seven councilmen be required to override the mayor's veto.

Council Votes Water Study, Drive-In Theater Rehearing

Warwick Unit Adopts Survey Resolution After
Potowomut Delegation of 60 Residents
Asks for Immediate City Action

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Resolutions for a water commission survey of Potowomut and for a rehearing on the Oakland Beach drive-in theater petition were adopted last night by the Warwick City Council.

All docketed measures and ordinances introduced under unanimous consent were passed in 27 minutes by the Republican-dominated council that sprinted through the first session of Mayor Joseph Mills' second year in office.

The starch was taken out of a demonstration by almost 60 residents of Potowomut and its neighborhood improvement association led by John B. Wynne, association president, who asked the council for immediate action to provide municipal water for the area.

A resolution asking for a survey by the water commission was introduced by Councilman Vernon S. Allen (R-ward 9) under the unanimous consent rule. Wynne was recognized by the mayor and told the council that the "situation is becoming critical." The delegation from the section of the city that is cut off from Warwick by East Greenwich was asked to stand.

After the session Wynne explained that the demonstration was staged to speed up council action. He said that requests for water service had been made at the mayor's constituents clinics last year, and that negotiations dated back almost two years. "Allen's statement several days ago that our request is premature does not stand up," said Wynne.

Allen's resolution provides that the water commission study the cost of service extension into Potowomut, determine the possible revenue that could be obtained to finance a bond issue, and report the findings to the city council.

Councilman Joseph P. McKeever (D-Ward 6) introduced a measure requesting the zoning board of review to reopen proceedings on the Oakland Beach drive-in theater. He offered a petition signed by 61 residents addressed to the police commission protesting the theater. He also read a letter from the Rev. Carlton E. Worcester, pastor of the Oakland Beach Union Church.

Mr. Worcester asked for a rehearing for the following reasons:

- 1—The entire community has the right to be heard when an enterprise the size of a theater is contemplated.
- 2—The Warwick Minister's Association has protested.
- 3—The Warwick Protestant Crusade also is objecting.

The petition listed fire hazards, traffic congestion, noise nuisance, and devaluation of property as the reason residents do not want the theater built.

A petition of Leo Martineau of Providence to erect an auto-theater on Oakland Beach Avenue was approved by the zoning board on Dec. 14. Since then an appeal has been filed with the Supreme Court, which seeks a reversal of the board's decision, and protests have been lodged with the police commission.

Councilman Harry M. Carter (R-Ward 1) asked McKeever why only one protesting resident appeared before the zoning board at the regular hearing. "I am not opposed to your resolution, but, it seems to me, residents had ample opportunity to register protests."

McKeever replied that there are only 15 houses near the location off Oakland Beach Avenue between Stanfield Street and Woguagonet Avenue and extending to Sefton Avenue. He said that residents were not too much concerned about the petition at first because of the zoning board's precedent against granting petitions for drive-in theaters.

Reconstruction of Palmer Avenue in Bayside by the highway department was authorized under a unanimous consent resolution introduced by Councilman Ralph G. Kenney (R-Ward 5).

Another resolution introduce by

Kenney authorizing borrowing \$1-500,000 in anticipation of tax receipts was approved.

In other business, the council approved purchase of land off Strawberry Field Road for a new school on payment of \$214 delinquent taxes by the school department; introduction of a bill in the General Assembly making a larger section of Cowesett Road a state highway; settlement of a \$2350 claim by Margaret and Elmer Cobb; reappointment of Thomas E. Duckworth as forest warden, and John J. Felton as tree warden; permanent change of zone from residential to business of property at Pawtuxet Avenue and Heath Avenue owned by Leonard J. Morris B. and Sampson Sholes; tax abatements; tax sales; utility pole and light locations.

Recommendation of a site for a veterans war memorial was referred to the recreation committee. Mayor Mills' portrait was viewed for the first time publicly in the council chamber.

2 DRUNKEN DRIVING CHARGES REDUCED

Ryden Assessed \$200 as
Second Offender; \$50
Penalty for Breiter

Two motorists charged with driving while intoxicated pleaded nolo to reduced charges in Kent County Superior Court, East Greenwich, yesterday and were fined by Judge Alberic A. Archambault.

Henry C. Ryden, 49, of 24 Mawney Street, East Greenwich, who appealed a 60-day jail sentence imposed in Fourth District Court, pleaded nolo to a second offense of drunken driving, reduced from third offense, and was sentenced to pay \$200 and costs.

Michael DeCiantis, counsel for Ryden, informed the court he had asked for the reduced charge because the circumstances surrounding his client's arrest in Warwick last November "do not justify a jail sentence" in this case.

DeCiantis contended "a fundamental right" of Ryden's was circumvented when his client was not taken into the nearest physician's office for an examination when arrested after causing minor damage to an automobile while backing into a parking space near Lockwood High School, Apponaug.

"The fact that he was able to call three physicians from police headquarters (finding none of them in) indicated his condition was not severe," DeCiantis said, adding, "We would take our chances with a jury rather than plead to a third offense charge."

Ryden previously was convicted of driving while intoxicated on July 23, 1938 and Nov. 21, 1940.

Robert Breiter, 22, of Sand Hill Road, Narragansett, pleaded nolo to a charge of driving so as to endanger, reduced from driving while intoxicated, and was fined \$50 and costs, similar to the fine imposed in Fourth District Court. Raymond Brennan represented Breiter. Assistant Attorney General William J. Counihan Jr. prosecuted the cases.

PARKING METERS FAVORED IN ARCTIC BUSINESS AREA

P. V. Times — Jan 31-1950
Sub-Committee of Town Advisory Board Advocates Facility on Two Principal Highways.—Penny System Gains Approval.

With only one merchant opposed and another divided in his opinion of a survey of 80 per cent of Arctic businessmen on installation of parking meters in that shopping center, the town's committee on highways and sewers last night announced it would recommend that parking meters be installed on the two main highways of Arctic.

Their recommendation will go to the executive board of the town council's advisory committee, who, it is expected, will in turn make the report to the town council for further action.

Survey Conducted

Although both the Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Arctic Merchants Association had previously voted in favor of parking meters for Arctic, the committee through its chairman, Clarence Brousseau, conducted a survey last week and came out with this nearly 100 per cent favorable report. It was expected by the committee that the merchants not contacted in the survey, who were away from their stores when the call was made, would also be in favor of the meters.

In all likelihood, the town council, on receiving the recommendation, will ask the General Assembly for privilege of holding a referendum vote on the issue.

Penny System

Brousseau reported that in making the survey he found that most of the merchants favored the meter that could receive a penny for 12 minutes of parking time, just as they have in East Greenwich in addition to the regular charge of five cents per one hour which would be the limit.

The committee chairman also revealed that a majority of the businessmen favored hours on operation of the meters from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to a later hour on weekends depending on the closing hour.

On Side Streets

When Brousseau stated that the merchants were about evenly divided on installation of parking meters on the side streets, Committeeman Alfred Richard reiterated his stand of the last meeting in asking that meters be installed first on the two principal streets or the business district and if they prove helpful, the town can consider spreading them about.

At that time it was reported by Committeeman Louis DeCiantis who had interviewed Chief Chas. Johnson of East Greenwich that the meters could be installed on a trial basis for 90 days at no cost to the town. In East Greenwich, the meters which were installed last July at a cost of about \$60 apiece are being paid for as collections are made. Half of the intake goes towards payment on the meters and the other half goes to the town treasury. This will continue until the meters are paid in full.

Along with the recommendation of installation the committee will also ask that they be put out on both sides of Main Street from Columbus Square to the railroad bridge near the Champlin Lumber Co., and from Arctic Square on Washington Street to East Street.

Parking Meters Recommended For Arctic by Advisory Group

Will Send Proposal to Parent Body Which Will Forward It to Town Council for General Assembly Action; Would Be Installed in Shopping District Now

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The subcommittee on highways and sewers of the West Warwick Advisory Council last night voted to recommend parking meters for the town.

Committee action followed a report by Clarence Brousseau, unit chairman, that his personal survey of about 80 per cent of businessmen in Arctic turned up only two of them against the meter proposal.

The subcommittee now will make its recommendation to the executive board of the advisory council, which will transmit it to the town council for action in the General Assembly.

Already on record as favoring parking meters are the Arctic Merchants Association and the Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Shopping Center Only

Sheriff Alfred Richard, a committee member, stressed that the committee's idea now is to install the meters only in Arctic shopping center on Main Street from Columbus Square to the bridge near Coutu Lumber Company and along Washington Street from Arctic Square to East Street. Enabling legislation would permit general installation of meters, he said, and they might be extended to Phenix, Crompton, Natick, or other sections later, if wanted.

Brousseau reported that businessmen on side streets in Arctic were divided about 50-50 in their opinions on the advisability of meters for the side streets.

The committee chairman said that many businessmen who favored the parking meters urged that time limit regulations be enforced better than the present one-hour parking law, if meters are installed.

Businessmen favor installation of the type meters now used in East Greenwich, where motorists may deposit a nickel for an hour's parking, or as many pennies as they want, each good for a 12-minute parking period, Brousseau said.

Not Affect Trucks

When Brousseau said he understood the meters would not affect trucks loading or unloading at business places, Louis DeCiantis said many merchants could eliminate this problem by requiring that trucks use their rear entrances. About half the trouble on this score now exists because businessmen are taking front door deliveries, whereas they have an available back door, he asserted.

Brousseau questioned whether there was any truth to a report that the meter clocks sometimes run too

fast or too slow. DeCiantis, who investigated East Greenwich meters for the subcommittee, said he understood that town has had little trouble with the meters.

Most of the 66 businessmen he queried felt that meters should be in operation Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to about 5:30 p.m. and longer on Fridays and Saturdays, depending on how long stores might remain open, Brousseau said.

The majority of businessmen said there was little business now on Saturdays, Brousseau reported.

SELECT STREET NAMES

WEST WARWICK

P. V. Times — Jan 31-1950
14 Highways Honor
Memory of Men Who
Died During War

New street names in West Warwick, all in honor of deceased servicemen of World War II, will be recommended to the town council for adoption at its next meeting.

The council's special named committee in meeting last night recommended changing the names of 14 highways in the town which previously had been reported to the council as causing confusion to both residents and the post office department.

The recommended changes follow: Greene Avenue to Harbour Avenue; River Avenue to DiCarlo Avenue; Riverway to Petrarca Street; Main Avenue to Raymond Avenue; Prospect Street to Penta Street; Centreville Park Avenue to Coit Avenue; Carol Street to Leeder Court; Haven Court to Soltys Court; Youngs Court to Renahan Court; Sheldon Court to D'Ambrosia Court; Gardiner Street to Mello Street; Arnold Street to Nestor Street; Pleasant View Avenue to Lima Avenue and North Street to Sternbach Street.

Attending the meeting in charge of Councilman Thomas Mello, were Committeemen Francis Gibney, Doria Lebrun and Thomas Harrop and Willie J. Regnaire, building inspector, and members of the West Warwick Veterans Council, including Peter Diachun of the Crompton Veterans Organization, John DiCarlo of Langevin Post, VFW, Lawrence Beron of Senerchia Post, American Legion, Jules Dubeau of the West Warwick Post No. 2, American Legion, and George Schopac of West Warwick Post No. 6, Amvets.

West Warwick GOP's Told To Vote Down City Charter

**N. E. Gillespie Says Republican Support of Issue
Should Depend on Whether Democrats Accept
Change Calling for 7 Councilmen**

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West Warwick Republicans were urged yesterday to vote against the proposed city charter unless Democratic leaders accept amendments to it offered by the town's GOP club.

Norman E. Gillespie, former town councilman, told 352 persons at a West Warwick Republican Club Lincoln Day dinner in Turcotte's Hall, Arctic:

"I would personally urge you and the Republicans of West Warwick to vote against the charter," at the coming referendum on the proposition, and then seek the appointment of "a bipartisan committee to write a real charter."

GOP support of the charter, Gillespie said, should be conditional

MEUNIER TERMED 'NO POLITICIAN'

**West Warwick GOP Club
Smarting Under Rebuff by
Town Chairman**

Smarting under a rebuff from GOP Town Chairman Roland E. Meunier, West Warwick Republican Club members yesterday indirectly termed him "no politician" but offered "to work with all Republicans in the town."

At the club's Lincoln Day dinner in Turcotte's Hall, Arctic, Gustaf Olson, club president, told those present a joke with this punch line: "If a politician says, 'No,' he's no politician."

Mentioning no names, Olson continued, "I had a nice big 'no' said to me when I was handing out invitations for this affair."

Olson later told a reporter the "no" came from Meunier, who also refused to invite at the club's request, William J. Thompson, state GOP chairman.

The club president promised his audience, however, "There's going to be no fight."

Sen. Howard S. Proctor of East Greenwich, GOP Senate floor leader, remarked, "All too often in the past few years, the main strength of the Republican Party has been exerted against each other" instead of "against the common enemy—the Democrats."

Some Republicans, he said, have been "all too eager" to speak out publicly deriding other Republicans, thereby alienating "fringe and independent voters."

Apparently prompted by Senator Proctor's speech, Norman E. Gillespie, a club member, announced as the dinner crowd was scraping its chairs back and preparing to leave:

"We are willing to work with all Republicans in the town."

upon acceptance by the town's Democratic administration of an amendment to elect seven city councilmen each from a voting district, rather than five councilmen—two at large and three from representative districts, as the charter provides.

He also announced club support of a recommendation by Dr. Russell T. Smith, candidate for state representative in 1948 and only Republican to attend a recent public charter hearing, that all registered voters, rather than taxpayers only, be declared eligible to ballot on the referendum.

Stand Reviewed

Reviewing his stand on the charter, Gillespie reminded his audience that Democratic leaders had refused to consider charter amendments when they were offered by the GOP club but later reversed their position when Democrats offered amendments to be written into the charter prior to a referendum.

He reiterated that a seven-man council from as many voting districts would "practically guarantee minority party representation at all times." The town's seven representative districts should be converted into wards if a city is incorporated, he said.

The club also is on record in favor of denying the mayor police power over revellers and authority to pardon violators of city ordinances, granted in the charter.

Other speakers on the program took occasion to attack state and national Democratic administrations.

John C. McOsler, former R.I. Senate reading clerk, charged that "lack of foresight" by state leaders is responsible for unemployment in Providence.

Citing figures given in a recent editorial in the Providence Journal-Bulletin showing the maldistribution of jobs among men and women in the state, McOsler called for election of a Republican administration to rectify employment conditions.

Vincent James, GOP state central committeeman, accused the "propaganda machine in Washington" of diverting the people's attention from domestic problems, principally unemployment, by concentrating on international issues and atomic and hydrogen bombs.

Turning to the local scene, he said, "The town administration is beset by demands for completion of the Republican program begun between 1946 and 1948."

Defeatists Condemned

State Sen. Howard S. Proctor of East Greenwich, the principal speaker, condemned "the defeatists in the Republican Party who say, 'What can we do? We're up against Santa Claus.'"

The Republican Senate floor leader added, "I believe the American people will someday wake up and say they don't want to be cared for from the cradle to the grave. I believe the American people have enough backbone to decide things for themselves and not ask things from a paternal government."

Among others also introduced by Gillespie, the master of ceremonies, were ex-Lt. Gov. James O. McManus and Harry Main, state central committeeman. It was announced that former U.S. Sen. Felix Hebert, GOP national committeeman, had sent regrets from Washington that he was unable to attend.

The affair was arraigned by Joseph Henault and Aldor Metivier.

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Kent County Lawyers Condemn Banks for Steering Their Clients ELECT DeCIANTIS BAR GROUP PRESIDENT

**Claim Agents, Tax Return
'Experts' Also Blasted
at Annual Session**

Banks and trust companies which direct clients to specific lawyers, claim agents who advise "no lawyer is necessary" and tax return "experts" who "through tax law interpretation practice law" were condemned last night by members of the Kent County Bar Association.

Individual members termed the actions "infringements on the practice of law" and advocated concerted action to halt the trend, at the annual meeting in the Varnum Memorial Armory, East Greenwich.

The association called for renovation of the heating system in the Kent County Superior Court House in East Greenwich; called for support of the Rhode Island delegation in Congress for two bills in the House that would tend to halt a trend toward "law by administration"; elected new officers and expressed its appreciation to William M. Owen, clerk of the Kent County Court, for his assistance to lawyers in keeping the case calendar up to date.

First criticism of advice "freely given by insurance claim agents" that no lawyers are needed in a case, and the practice of other agencies to point to a specific lawyer or preferred list of lawyers, was aired by Col. Patrick H. Quinn, dean of Kent County lawyers, who thanked the association for his portrait hung in the clerk's office in the Superior Court House of the county.

Remarks also were made by Judge Antonio A. Capotosto, associate justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court; Judge Robert E. Quinn, former governor of the state and a past president of the association; A. Norman LaSalle, Charles H. Drumme and Russell H. Hawkins, all of Warwick.

A committee which sought and obtained renovations throughout the courthouse two years ago, comprising Colonel Quinn, Judge James W. Leighton, and Owen, was retained to



Michael DeCiantis

seek a better heating system. The present system has been termed inadequate since the building was enlarged. An oil-burning system, for greater cleanliness, will be recommended.

The association extended greetings to an invalided member, George N. Vidal, former probate judge of West Warwick. James O. McManus, former lieutenant governor, conducted the session as retiring president, and Clinton G. Clough served as secretary pro tem. Nominations submitted by Judge Leighton, George Roche and Edward L. Godfrey were unanimously elected by the 30 members attending the dinner-meeting.

Elected are: Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick, president; Sen. William B. Sweeney of Warwick, vice-president; James F. Murphy of Coventry, secretary; James Bulman of Warwick, treasurer; Judge Wilford S. Budlong of Warwick, Joseph H. Reed of East Greenwich and Mortimer W. Newton, Charles J. Bourgault and Charles H. Anderson, all of West Warwick, directors.

Entertainment was donated by a group of youngsters trained by Al Angelone. They were Richard Picard, Lois Bootier, Arlene Costa, Charlotte Talbot, Rita Beaulieu and Frances Pelletier. Vincent Terraciano introduced them.

De Ciantis Heads Bar Association

Kent County Body in
Plea for Support
of House Bills

Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor of West Warwick was elected president of the Kent County Bar Association in annual meeting last night at the Varnum Memorial Armory, East Greenwich. He succeeds the retiring president, James O. McManus, former lieutenant governor, also of West Warwick.

Other officers elected are: Sen.



MICHAEL DECANTIS

William B. Sweeney of Warwick, vice president; James F. Murphy of Coventry, secretary; James Bulman of Warwick, treasurer; Judge Wilford S. Buddlong of Warwick, Joseph H. Reed of East Greenwich, Mortimer W. Newton and Charles J. Bourgault of West Warwick and Charles H. Anderson of Coventry, directors.

Members called for support of the Rhode Island delegation in Congress of two bills in the House that would tend to halt a trend toward "law by administration."

Better Heating System

The committee consisting of Col. Patrick H. Quinn, Judge James W. Leighton, and clerk, William M. Owen, was retained to seek a better heating system for the Kent County Superior Court House in East Greenwich.

A vote of appreciation was forwarded to Mr. Owen, clerk of the Kent County Court, for his assistance to lawyers in keeping the case calendar up to date.

Col. Quinn thanked the association for his portrait hung in the clerk's office in the East Greenwich courthouse.

Among those who spoke in addition to Col. Quinn were Judge Antonio A. Capotosto, associate justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court; Judge Robert E. Quinn of the Rhode Island Superior Court and A. Norman LaSalle, Charles H. Drummey and Russell A. Hawkins, all of Warwick.

The nominations for the election were submitted by the committee including Judge Leighton, George Roche and Edward L. Godfrey, Clinton G. Clough served as secretary pro tem.

Caustic Remarks Feature Session Of the Tiogue Lighting District

Two Call Organization's Assessments 'Robbery' and
Threaten to 'Squash District'; Taxpayers
Vote to Annex Additional Territory

A dozen taxpayers of the Tiogue Lighting District voted unanimously last night to annex additional territory to the district after two men, speaking on another matter called the district assessments "robbery" and threatened to "squash the district."

Albert Simpson, of New London Turnpike, stating that he was "burned up," declared that the district has no right to levy taxes and that once the district brought a man into court for non-payment of taxes the district would be "busted wide open."

John Pasane, a district property owner, added that "before you collect my tax it will go to the Supreme Court."

Roman Merten, moderator, informed the group that the district was duly constituted by the General Assembly and authorized to levy and collect taxes.

In reply to the heated words of Simpson and Pasane, Ralph Cook cried "this district is run legally and I defy anyone to say otherwise."

The district treasurer's records back to 1947 were read by Raymond

Garvey after Pasane had charged that there was "hocus-pocus" going on in the administration of the district.

In answer to complaints that taxes were levied, but no lighting service provided in certain sections of the district, Mrs. Roman Merten, clerk and tax collector, stated that the delay in installation of new lights lies squarely on the shoulders of the Narragansett Electric Company. More than 40 lights are now on order, Mrs. Merten said.

The proposed annexation of a section lying north of the Tiogue State Highway, bounded westerly by the Washington Fire District, northerly by the Pawtuxet River and the Coventry (Anthony-Quidnick) Fire District, and easterly by the West Warwick town line, drew little discussion from the 12 persons present.

Louis Mainelli said that "if we don't take them in, the Washington district will, and added territory will mean lower taxes."

After the affirmative vote on the annexation Merten said that a bill ratifying the district action will be introduced in the General Assembly in this session.

Discussion on lowering the interest rate on delinquent taxes from the present 12 per cent to six per cent was dropped after several favorable opinions had been expressed. Merten pointed out that the interest rate is specifically stated in the by-laws.

The meeting, held in the Tiogue Community House, was adjourned at 9:20.

The Mustache, Alas

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We're rather disturbed by what happened the other night in West Warwick. Here were some 30 citizens of that wide-flung community relaxing comfortably in various West Warwick pubs when their peace was upset by irruptions of stern officers of the law sternly inspecting all upper lips. Haled away for questioning were all wearers of what was once a man's declaration of masculine virility, his badge of manhood, his glory and his pride. The reason: a holdup in which a West Warwick theater man was robbed of \$60.75 by a bandit whose only identifying mark was a mustache.

Scarcely less disturbing is the news that all over West Warwick the mustache has become a discredited and suspect thing, that from border to border razors are a-flourish, reaping male lips bare as stubble field at harvest time.

Is not the modern mustache's estate lowly enough, we ask, without bringing it into utter disrepute by dyeing it with the evil hues of criminality? What is it today but a wisp, a wraith, a bristle, a trifling thing unworthy to be called a mustache, a mere reminder of its lordly ancestry? What good is it anyway? It sheds no genial warmth, casts no gracious shade. Look at your family album, look at the Handle-Bars that steered Cousin Tom across the Plains, at the Walrus mustache Uncle Abner froze in the Klondike, at the Weeping Willow that sheltered Grandpa from enemy observation after Bull Run! Imagine these worthies being scruffed up by the gendarmes for possessing a mustache! In their day you ran a better chance of being picked up if you didn't have one.

INJUNCTION ASKED IN HOTEL DISPUTE

Realty Operators Corp.
Acts Against Firm
Running Crown

An injunction suit brought by Realty Operators Corporation against Marlow Inc., which operates the Crown Hotel, seeking to prevent the removal of furniture, fixtures, furnishings and equipment from the hotel was filed in Superior Court yesterday.

The action followed issuance of a restraining order by Judge Philip C. Joslin at his home Monday night. The ex-parte order was obtained by the law firm of Hinckley, Allen, Tillinghast & Wheeler.

In the bill of complaint signed by Malcolm Chace Jr., vice president of Realty Operators Corporation, it is pointed out the corporation owns a note and mortgage executed Jan. 31, 1947, and secured by the furniture and equipment.

Removal of the articles from the hotel is impairing the security of the mortgage, it is claimed.

Also restrained under Judge Joslin's order is removal of any articles from the place to which they have been taken. Realty Operators Corporation claims that two van loads are now in Affleck's garage at 185 Point Street and that another smaller van load was trailed to the Connecticut border and the driver, said it was headed for Willimantic.

Providence Journal February 15-1930
**West Warwick Council Sets March 28
For Referendum on City Charter Plan**

**Only Taxpayers Will Be
Eligible to Vote on
Proposition**

The West Warwick Town Council last night set Mar. 28 as the day for a referendum of the proposed incorporation of the town as a city.

Taxpayers only will be eligible to ballot on the proposition. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If the proposed city charter is approved, West Warwick will become the state's eighth city.

The charter, sponsored by the Democratic town administration, was approved last year by the General Assembly. Since then, it has been the subject of lively debate among leaders of both major political parties.

Those in favor of the plan argue that the municipality will be more efficiently governed, that the community's prestige will be enhanced and that the cumbersome financial town meeting will be eliminated if a city is established.

Opponents predict the creation of a city form of government will bring about tax increases.

Aside from arguments on the merits of the plan, the principal bone of contention about the charter itself is: how many city councilmen shall there be?

The charter says there shall be five councilmen—one chosen from each of three representative districts and two elected at large.

Some Democratic leaders have advocated electing all five councilmen at large.

The West Warwick Republican Club favors a seven-man council, one from each of the present seven voting districts, as a means of assuring minority party representation on the council at all times.

The GOP Club also has endorsed a recommendation that all registry voters—not just taxpayers be allowed to ballot on the proposition. As approved by the council last night, however, the resolution calling the referendum says only property owners may vote.

INTERPLEADER BILL DENIED
Providence Journal Feb. 17, 1930
**Judge Ryles Taxes Hold Priority
Over Mortgage Foreclosure**

Judge Alberic A. Archambault held that a town's taxes held priority over a mortgage foreclosure on personal property when he denied a bill of interpleader brought yesterday by Judah C. Semonoff against the Town of West Warwick, in Kent County Superior Court, East Greenwich.

Semonoff argued vainly for removal of the town's warrant of restraint filed against the property of the Carwan Spinning Co., at 125 Providence Street, West Warwick, for a tax levy of \$2647.26, plus interest, that has prevented a foreclosure of a mortgage on the property by the United States Finance Corporation.

Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, appeared for the town.

**CROWN HOTEL SUIT
POSTPONED 1 WEEK**
Providence Journal Feb. 21, 1930
**Judge Walsh, Granting
Delay, Orders Plain-
tiff Pay Storage**

Hearing in a suit to prevent removal of furniture from the Crown Hotel was postponed for one week by Presiding Justice Charles A. Walsh in Superior Court yesterday.

The injunction suit was brought by Realty Operators Corp., owners of a first mortgage on the hotel, against Marlowe, Inc., which runs the hotel.

Judge Walsh, in granting the delay, said the complainants should pay future storage costs of the Affleck Express Co. which is holding a truckload of the furniture at its warehouse on Point Street under a restraining order issued last week.

Agreeing with Michael DeCiantis, attorney for the Affleck firm, that it should not be left "holding the bag" in the dispute between the mortgage holder and the hotel, Judge Walsh said that the express company also should be paid for expenses incurred to date and if the hotel went into receivership he would see that its bill was paid.

A receivership suit brought by Realty Operators Corp. against Marlowe Inc. was dropped last Friday. Owners of the \$425,000 first mortgage, which is in default some \$30,000 in principal and interest payments, said that other measures would be taken to collect the indebtedness.

A legal advertisement in yesterday's Providence Journal gave notice of a mortgage sale at public auction of the hotel property at 11 a.m. on March 13 by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage given by Marlowe, Inc. At the end of the notice appeared the names of the attorneys for the mortgagee.

S. Everett Wilkins Jr. for the mortgage holder and Ambrose W. Carroll for Marlowe Inc. joined in asking that the injunction suit involving the furniture be put over a week.

**YORK LACE WORKS
GIVEN EXEMPTION**

Providence Journal Feb. 16, 1930
West Warwick Council Grants

**Firm 10-Year Release on
Town Taxes**

The York Lace Works Inc., which will lease space at Crompton Mill, last night was granted the customary 10-year tax exemption by the West Warwick Town Council.

The council approved the firm's application for tax exemption after tabling the petition at its meeting last month, the first time it had failed to grant such a request immediately.

Mortimer W. Newton, council, president, explained last night the council had withheld approval until Israel H. Press of Providence, the firm's attorney, submitted a list of the concern's directors.

Press listed the officers as Jack Westerman, president and treasurer; Howard Westerman, vice president, and Sara Westerman, secretary, all of Cranston. The lawyer certified they are the firm's stockholders and directors.

The plant will employ 25 persons at the outset and 100 workers within two or three years, according to Press.

Acting on other business, the council declared a status quo with regard to demands for additional hack stands in Arctic Square, for changes in the council's plan to alter duplicate street names, and for installation of parking meters in the Arctic shopping center.

The council accepted Councilman Joseph D. Holmes' recommendation that no additional hack stands be allotted in Arctic Square. Holmes, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis and Police Chief Arthur Groleau had investigated demands by the Ideal Cab Co. and the Minute Man Cab Co., both located near the square, for cab space on an equal basis with the G. & F. Cab Co., which has a three-cab stand at the square.

After the meeting, Holmes told a reporter that Chief Groleau's ruling that cab companies may be allotted hack stands only along curbs in front of their offices, "certainly" should remain in effect.

Answering critics of the plan whereby a committee of the council and representatives of the West Warwick Veterans Council have submitted 14 street names—those of World War II dead—to replace duplicate street names in the town, Newton said the committee's recommendations will not be tampered with.

The 14 names were ordered advertised. Newton said that as plat developers apply for town acceptance of their highways names for these roads will be chosen from among the town's other 52 war dead.

Newton's refusal to reconsider the street naming committee's recommendation came after he had reported that residents of River Street had objected to the changing of that thoroughfare's name to DiCarlo Street. Householders there, Newton said, had asked the name be changed to Westcott Street instead.

The council took no action on a recommendation by the Arctic Merchants Association that parking meters be installed on Main and Washington Streets as well as on side streets near the Arctic shopping center.

The matter was tabled, pending a report by the executive committee of the West Warwick advisory council, members of which were to have appeared at last night's meeting but were unable to do so because of the storm.



Checking Out: Harry Mincoff, left, proprietor of Harry's Delicatessen in Pie Alley, Vineyard, check out of the Crown Hotel last night with Bernie Kelleher, clerk, after a court-appointed receiver began closing down the hostelry.

SUIT SHUTS DOORS OF CROWN HOTEL

P. J. Feb. 22, 1950
Court Appoints Receiver, Who Tells Guests to Move Out as Soon as Possible

By GORDON H. KESTER

The Crown Hotel was giving up the ghost reluctantly last night as a court-appointed receiver began the melancholy task of closing down the 57-year-old hostelry.

The receiver, Joseph E. Adelson, Providence attorney, seized hotel records, padlocked the liquor and food supply and began the task of telling guests—at least one of whom has made the hotel his home since 1918—to move out as soon as possible.

Late yesterday afternoon Judge G. Frederick Frost of Superior Court appointed Adelson temporary receiver of Marlowe, Inc., the corporation which has been operating the hotel.

Adelson said last night his efforts for the time being would be directed to seeing that heat and other facilities were provided for radio station WEAN, which occupies upstairs quarters, and for other tenants operating shops which front on Weybosset Street.

The hotel was petitioned into receivership by Cecile T. Brinn of New York, acting as a stockholder of Marlowe, Inc. In naming Adelson, Judge Frost set a receiver's bond of \$25,000.

Realty Operators Corporation, a Rhode Island firm, earlier had brought receivership action against the hotel. It claimed to hold a first mortgage of \$432,500 against the building and its furnishings.

Later, the receivership action was dropped, and the corporation announced it would take other means to collect indebtedness on the mortgage. It said some \$30,000 in principal and interest was overdue since Feb. 1, and started foreclosure proceedings against the hotel through advertisements in Monday's Providence Journal.

Under the decree naming Adelson as receiver of the hotel, suits against the operating company are enjoined, but Realty Operators Corporation is permitted to proceed with the foreclosure action.

The hotel was shrouded in gloom last night. Some employees and the older guests were angry at the suddenness of the action, but the usual word they used in describing their action was "shock."

Bartender Opens, Closes Lounge

In the Deep Sea Lounge, the hotel's only bar, bartender Adrian DiSciullo reminisced with a handful of steady customers who had dropped in for a farewell drink.

DiSciullo, a scholarly looking fellow, said he had opened the lounge in August, 1935, and was going to be there to close it at 1 a.m. this morning.

"This was the best bar in town at the time it opened," he said proudly. "We used an eight-year-old bonded whiskey for a bar whiskey—why, there wasn't a blend in the room."

Water used to cascade from the fountain behind the bar, said DiSciullo, pointing to the now dusty and unused decoration, and "a stream of water used to run along at the base of the bar there, rippling as it went."

Outside of the small knot of old-timers standing with the bartender, two young Marines and their girls seated at tables were the only other occupants of the room. The Marines said they didn't realize the place was closing—besides, they said, the Philippine Sea was sailing tomorrow, so what did they care?

"This was a salesman's rendezvous," DiSciullo emphasized. "There was one fella who sold ladies' lingerie; he used to do a strip tease in here. Nothing out of line, you understand—just took off his coat and vest—but there was all sorts of entertainment by the customers."

Recalls Hurricane Night

Harry Mincoff, proprietor of Harry's Delicatessen in Pie Alley, spoke up: "Do you remember the hurricane, Adrian? How I brought two milk cans full of coffee over and served it in the lobby?"

Adrian remembered. There had been no ice in the drinks that night, but no one seemed to mind. Bar pa-

trons slept in the lobby while water swirled high in the street outside.

Mrs. Katherine Galleghaw walked up to Adelson at 9 p.m. and handed him the day's receipts from the hotel dining room. She gave him the keys to the cash register, too.

"I feel terrible," she told a reporter. "I'm heartbroken about it. Perhaps things will straighten out and the Crown will be itself again. This came as such a surprise."

Adelson, whose career as a court receiver has made him temporary manager of at least one funeral parlor in the past, said this was his first hotel. He said his job was "to close down as fast as possible."

Two Clerks Old-Timers

Adelson has a bushy, reddish-brown mustache and twinkling brown eyes. The full mustache and a gold watch chain draped across the front of his vest gives him a faint 19th century air.

He said the building superintendent, three firemen and the night watchman would be kept on the job. The other 50-odd employees probably will be out of work by tonight.

Bernie Kelleher, a room clerk at the Crown Hotel for more than 20 years, and Vaughan Kazarian, night clerk for 25 years, seemed hard put to believe that the end had come.

"This is a terrible shock to me," said Kazarian, his voice trembling. "This is the worst thing that's ever happened here. Once before, when Mr. Bugbee took over (in 1927) the hotel was in trouble. All the employees got together and we offered to work for half salary until the hotel got on its feet. We did, for one month, and then everything was all right."

Show Stars Were Guests

He recalled some of the great names in show business who had stopped at the Crown in years past—Al Jolson, Marie Dressler, Ben Lyon.

Others chimed in with more names—"Sugar Ray" Robinson, Freddie Bartholomew, the Ink Spots, Horace Heidt, Sammy Kaye, Louis Prima.

At 10:30 p.m. William M. Smith, who has lived at the Crown since the end of the first World War, stopped at the desk for his room key. Kazarian told him the bad news—he would have to move.

"Will they give me some time?" asked Smith, furniture buyer for the Outlet Company. "I've got a lot of stuff in that room. I'll have to move three loads down to the Cape in my car."

Kazarian assured the veteran guest that the receiver would have to give him time to get settled elsewhere.

Expect Reopening Soon

Most of the employees, from bellhops to room clerks, said privately that they expected the hotel to open soon. But they asked each other anxiously how soon that might be.

The Weybosset Street building was built in 1893 for the Providence Athletic Association. The original building was of five stories. Later two more stories were added and an extension to Pine Street was built.

It now has about 185 rooms. Only 50 of them were occupied last night, six of them by permanent guests. Kelleher said he thought recent newspaper stories of court action and the fact that telephone service was cut off two days ago had discouraged customers.

Often Changed Hands

The property, in the past, has carried a tax value of about a half million dollars. It has passed through a number of hands over the years.

The Shepard Company bought it in 1926 at mortgagee's sale for \$356,563. The following year management was taken over by Rhode Island Hotels, Inc. In 1931, the Shepard group took over the management, and extensive alterations were made at that time.

The Marlowe interests bought the Crown from Shepard in 1946 for a price of approximately \$550,000. After a brief period in the hands of the Sheraton Corporation of America the Crown was purchased by the Lebis Hotel Management Corporation in 1947. Marcus L. Dolan, the present manager, was named to that position by Lebis the following year.

PARKING METERS, STREET WIDENING, NEW THROUGH HIGHWAYS ARE ADVOCATED

P. V. Times, March 10, 1950
West Warwick Advisory Council Favors Hiring Expert for Advice on Construction of Road Parallel to Washington and Main Streets.

Recommendations, all pertinent to Arctic shopping district, one calling for installation of parking meters, another the widening of Main Street from Arctic Square to the railroad bridge near Champlin Lumber Co., and the third the hiring of an expert for advice on construction of a highway parallel with Washington and Main Streets through Arctic to Riverpoint were made by the West Warwick Advisory Council, in meeting last night. Their report will be considered by the town council for further action.

In addition the advisory board received for further study reports of subcommittees with the following recommendations: building at a future period of municipal buildings, especially a new police station, new fire station in Arctic, new Centerville school, relocation of the Phenix and Arctic schools; federal financial aid to clean up the Pawtuxet River; formation of study groups within the recreation committee to analyze the immediate and future needs for recreation in this community.

Water Supply

Individual suggestions were also given by members to the council. Dr. Harry McKanna, who was named last night to investigate the water supply for West Warwick, proposed that traffic signs be erected at both ends of New London Avenue, on Providence Street, Westcott, and near the Crompton School to re-route through-town traffic, especially on Friday evenings. Leonard Hennessey suggested that traffic conditions on Providence Street, Riverpoint, between Riverpoint Congregational Church and Royal Square, be improved by making that highway one way leading to Royal Square and one way leading from Royal Square along Central onto Bridge Street. Horace L. Petrarca suggested that an ordinance be made compelling plot developers to provide for a playground.

Concerning parking meters, the advisory council requests the town council to seek immediate legislation allowing the voters to decide the issue at the general election next November. They will be placed in Arctic.

Street Widening

The widening of Main Street from Arctic Square to the railroad bridge near the lumber company was given preference over three other localities because it was pointed out by Chairman Robert E. Quinn that the financial condition of the state at the present time would hardly allow for reconstruction of all the localities suggested by the committee on highways and sewers, and it would be less costly now before new modern buildings are built there. The other recommendations were: widening of Warwick Avenue near the Beaver Dam bridge and replacement of Andrew's Bridge; elimination of the blind corner at intersection of Pike and Main Street and widening of Pike Street; widening of Main Street in Phenix from the Coventry town line to the Phenix Square.

In discussing the dual highway along Main and Washington streets, it was pointed out that the executive board of the advisory council was studying a plan to construct a dual highway from Andrew's Bridge at the Coventry-West Warwick town line to Maple Avenue, near St. Anthony's Church, Riverpoint.

Recreation Program

Francis Mullen, who heads the recreation committee, said his unit is faced with two major problems and they are the factor that available land is being rapidly disposed of with new construction and that the 1950 census will show a large percentage of older people who also need recreation. He said that his committee suggests four areas of study including community music, dramatics, athletics and facilities for teen-age facilities. Wilton Hudson, Armand Guertin and Augustus Simas, committeemen, will each assume a chairmanship of a study group, Mullen said.

It was the discussion on the rapid dissipation of open land in the town that prompted Petrarca to call for an ordinance to compel plot developers to provide for a playground area.

After Petrarca called for a clean up of the Pawtuxet River, Chairman Quinn stated he would prepare a letter to Rep. John E. Fogarty on federal aid for this project.

Dr. McKanna, who will make a survey of the water supply for this town, was also requested to investigate the cost of the water to the average user in comparison with the cost of those who use the water supplied by Kent Dam.

TAXI OWNER PLANS ACTION IN COURT

Providence Journal March 15, '50
Two Operators May Defy West
Warwick Council's Order
Against Hack Stands

Two moves were made last night in West Warwick's taxi "war" for hack stands in Arctic Square.

John DePrete, owner of the Ideal Cab Co., has leased an office in the Smith Building at the square and, it was learned, will go to court to seek reversal of the town council's dictum: no more taxi stands in the Arctic shopping district.

Another taxi fleet owner, Reginald G. DiPrete of Minute Man Cab Co., seemed ready to defy the council by parking his taxis in front of the Gem Theater Building, also at the square, where he has leased an office.

Cause of the dispute is the three-cab stand operated by the B. & F. Cab Co. in front of the Majestic Building, where it has an office in the heart of the square.

When Minute Man and Ideal Cab owners earlier this year demanded hack stands in the shopping section on an equal competitive basis with the B. & F. Cab Co., Police Chief Groleau ruled that hack stands could be reserved only in front of taxi offices, and the council refused to allow additional hack stands.

Subsequently, John DePrete, whose Ideal Cab office is on St. Mary's Street, just off the square, and Reginald DiPrete, whose base of operations is a few blocks away on Washington Street, leased rooms in buildings at the square. Then each applied to the council for two cab stands.

Last night the council president, Mortimer W. Newton, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, Chief Groleau and Councilman Joseph D. Holmes conferred on the applications after the council session had adjourned.

When the conference broke up, Holmes told Reginald DiPrete the council would not now reconsider allotting additional hack stands in the square.

As Reginald DiPrete left the town hall, he said, "We'll start parking our cabs there (in front of the Gem Theater) tomorrow."

Meanwhile Chief Groleau said he will welcome court action by John DePrete to arbitrate the matter. The chief said he is caught between demands of taxi companies for hack stands and complaints by Arctic businessmen that the stands reduce the amount of parking space available to customers with private cars.

Reginald DiPrete said the department store officials on both sides of the Gem Theater have no objection to parking taxis there.

John DePrete, who was not at the council meeting, could not be reached for comment on the report he will go to court. Both DeCiantis and Newton declined comment, but there were indications the council will bide its time before reconsidering its position.

Council Agrees To Seek Parking Meters in Arctic

Providence Journal March 15, '50
The West Warwick Town Council last night agreed to seek legislation permitting installation of parking meters in the Arctic shopping district.

Responding to complaints of town businessmen, the council also adopted an amendment to the town ordinances boosting jewelry peddlers license fees by \$25.

Another amendment to town ordinances adopted empowers the building inspector to assign numbers to buildings on town streets.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis said the General Assembly will be asked to approve installation of parking meters in the town, and the matter will be submitted to voters as a referendum next November.

The council then will decide, DeCiantis said, whether the meters shall be placed on side streets leading into main highways of the Arctic shopping center, as well as along principal thoroughfares there, as the Arctic merchants association has urged.

The ordinance amendment on peddlers' license will take effect May 1. It provides that hawkers of jewelry, watches, gold, silverware and other articles made of German silver must pay a \$50 license fee, instead of \$25 as at present.

Punishment for violators will be imprisonment for no more than 10 days, or a maximum fine of \$20. The ordinance now in effect provides only for a \$20 fine.

Mortimer W. Newton, council president, said the measure is designed "to keep out those who aren't selling jewelry honestly to the people of the town."

Prompted by demands for uniformity in the town's street numbering system, the council amended the building laws as follows:

1. The numerals shall be of durable material and be placed in a prominent location within three months after the building inspector served notice of their assignment.
2. Penalty for failure to post numerals shall be a maximum fine of \$20.
3. The building inspector shall file plat records showing numeral assignments, and after they have been filed, numbers may be changed only by the council.

Before the amendment was adopted, there was no provision for street numbering in town ordinances.

Newton Says Status as City Won't Up W. Warwick Taxes

Providence Journal - March 16, '50
Town Council President Pledges Administration to
Show Figures Backing Statement Before Refer-
endum; Urges 'Yes' Vote on Issue

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West Warwick's Democratic administration will release figures before the city referendum Mar. 28 to show that there will be no raise in taxes next year if the town becomes the state's eighth city, Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, said last night.

Speaking before the West Warwick Lions Club on the city charter, Newton said the move is planned because "it appears to be the big question in everybody's mind."

Asserting that the administration is 100 per cent behind the city proposal, Newton urged the Lions at a dinner meeting in the Valley Country Club on Ledgement to vote "Yes" in the coming referendum.

"We'll be prepared to show before the vote on the charter that the budget will not be increased," Newton said.

Saying there are many advantages resulting from city form of government, Newton said West Warwick's business indices are on the upgrade, that its retail business has increased by leaps and bounds, and that advertising the city of West Warwick

would be more effective than advertising the town of West Warwick.

Newton said a city receives more recognition than a town. He added that the mayor would serve as official host.

In national and state crises, the cities, through their mayors, are often represented at the state and national level, while town councils are sometimes forgotten, he said.

Preparation and adoption of a budget can be accomplished more effectively and efficiently under a city government than under the town meeting government, which is antiquated, Newton declared.

The city government would place the responsibility of appointing the best material to posts of department heads in the mayor, he said. Even though the council must confirm appointments, the mayor would take any blame and have to go before the voters every two years on his record, he added.

Asserting that he helped set in motion the machinery through which the voters soon will decide on city government, Newton said, "There's been a lot of talk about becoming a city before, but nothing has ever been done. Now the voters will be able to decide it for themselves."

In a question and answer period, Newton's feeling that the mayor should receive \$1200 to \$1500 a year was questioned by Dr. Raoul J. Cartier who said the mayor should be paid about \$3500 to assure getting an efficient man.

"I can't see where you're going to get an efficient mayor for \$1200 to \$1500. He would tend to get a little bit on the side," Dr. Cartier said.

Newton answered, "I agree \$1500 is not much, but the town has to operate within its income. You may get a good mayor at \$1500 and a poor one at \$3500. Any kind of mayor is going to do \$5000 worth of work. If the present town councilmen were paid by the hour, there wouldn't be enough money to pay them."

Answering another question by Dr. Cartier, Newton said he didn't think holding town meetings at night would attract many more of the 7500 eligible voters. He pointed out that only two persons attended the last public budget hearing, adding that taxpayers leave financial affairs to officials and know how to retaliate if they are not satisfactory.

Richard J. Coogan said he felt that prestige of a city was paramount to businessmen, but added, "We should have a full-time mayor. I've always more or less favored a city manager form of government—having a full time man to run the city."

Newton replied that a city manager "is going to think pretty well before he accepted that on a two-year term, if he's worth \$5000."

Horace Petrarca asserted that a full time mayor with a \$3500 salary would save the city much more than his salary by his supervision of municipal details.

Ernest Lefebvre questioned need of city government to eliminate the town's ills. He said it might be accomplished by a budget commission. A full-time mayor should get at least \$3000, and the town can't afford to pay him, he said. There is no possibility of any considerable improvements under city government, he declared.

A former town council president, Lefebvre agreed that councilmen do more work than they are paid for and added, "the \$165 paid councilmen doesn't pay for cigars and cigarettes passed out."

Eugene Lawrence said he would like to hear more advantages of becoming a city than just acquiring prestige. He said, "Many residents of nearby towns shop in West Warwick because they think it's a good town and they don't like city slickers." Petrarca said the big cities in the country were the answer to that.

At a business session the Lions admitted James Allison and Edward Verville to membership. Named to investigate the possibility of establishing a women's auxiliary were Petrarca, Allison, Charles Congdon, Lefebvre, Louis Samson, Robert Arcand, Dr. A. James Kershaw, James F. Gough, Raoul G. Henault, Dr. Benjamin F. Tefft and Royal E. Hackett.

'Politics', Declares Meunier

P.V. Times
March 20, 1950

Head of Town G.O.P. in Charge Against De Ciantis

Roland E. Meunier, chairman of the West Warwick Republican Town Committee, today charged Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor with making the city charter decision a political issue even though the welfare of the town is involved.

Meunier also stated he is opposed to city form of government unless it can be proven that the city form is for the welfare of the taxpayers; unless it can be proven that it will not cost more in years to come; unless it can be proven the town is too large to operate as a town and that revision of the town charter will not give advantages given by a city charter; unless after long study and consideration by a commission of taxpayers, purely on a non-political basis, a city charter is desirable and necessary.

His complete statement follows: "Town Solicitor DeCiantis is juggling the facts in his attempt to support his synthetic arguments in favor of the City Charter. He is trying to make this important decision a political issue. He jammed through his city charter bill and referendum without study or consideration by the taxpayers. He is supporting a charter that has been ripped to pieces, shown to be undesirable, and full of inconsistencies by experienced men of his own party at the public hearing. These men are not and were not Republicans. Now he is to issue a budget 40 days before an audit is made of the town books, without complete information of the cost of the government for the past fiscal year. Good administration is based on figures and good planning for the future.

Within Three Months
"The administration has supported the city charter within three months after taking office and without any experience whatsoever in municipal administration and now through newspaper articles by Councilman Joseph Holmes, Herve Niquette, President Mortimer Newton and Chair of the Party Alfred Richard. In other words, after 90 days in office and five or six council meetings, they are experts on what is the best form of government for our town, and that is without making a single change or recommendation for improvement.

"Democratic Chairman Alfred Richard was on the Democratic Town Committee in 1946 when that committee rejected any support of a city form of government. The present Democratic Town Committee is definitely not all in favor of a city charter. Many prominent Democrats are definitely against a change from a town form of government. Many other Democrats are not in favor of the charter as it is written. This is not a political issue, it is the welfare of the town that is involved. I, as a member of the Republican Party, am opposed to a city form of government unless:

1. "After long study and consideration by a Commission of Taxpayers, purely on a non-political basis, a City Charter is desirable and necessary.
2. "It can be proven to me by facts and figures that a City Form of Government is for the welfare of the Taxpayers and the Town.
3. "It can be proven to me that it will not cost me more out of my own pocket in the future for the same services, not only next year but in years to come.
4. "It can be proven to me that we are too large to operate as a Town and that streamlining the Town Charter will not give me any advantages given by a City Charter, 'if there are any advantages'."

DEMOCRATS REPLY TO MEUNIER BLAST

P.V. Journal News 21, 1950

W. Warwick GOP Chief's At- tack on Charter Bill Draws Fire From Opponents

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A blast by Roland E. Meunier, West Warwick Republican town chairman, at the proposal to make the town a city last night drew answering fire from three Democratic leaders.

Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor and author of the city charter on which personal property and real estate taxpayers will vote next Tuesday, declared, "Mr. Meunier is still in reverse and still trying to fool the people."

Answering Meunier's charge that he jammed the city charter bill through the General Assembly, DeCiantis said the record shows that the charter bill was approved unanimously in both the House and Senate.

"Meunier's habit of attempting to fool the people is still backfiring because not one single Republican voted against the charter bill in the legislature," DeCiantis asserted. "It went through both houses unanimously, and the record is in the State House, if anyone wants to check it."

Councilman Joseph D. Holmes, who recently issued a statement urging a "Yes" vote on the city charter, replied to Meunier's question whether Democrats' statements are being written by DeCiantis, Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, or a ghost writer.

"You can bet your life I wrote my statement," Holmes declared. "Nobody writes my statements for me."

Sheriff Alfred Richard, Democratic town chairman, asserted that Meunier was wrong in saying that he (Richard) was a member of the Democratic town committee in 1946 when, Meunier said, the committee rejected support of a city form of government.

Sheriff Richard said he was not a member of the committee in 1946 and that, as far as he knows, all members of the committee, favor the charter.

Councilman Hervey Niquette, another Democratic councilman who issued a statement advocating adoption of the charter, could not be reached for comment.

Newton said last night that he would withhold comment for the time being on Meunier's blast.

Says Town Not Ready to Be City

P.V. Times
March 21, 1950

Domenic Petrarca Re- fers to Municipal Buildings

"I do not think we are ready for a city", says former West Warwick Councilman Domenic Petrarca of Natick, in comments on the forthcoming taxpayer's referendum next Tuesday, March 28.

Mr. Petrarca goes on to say that there should not be any change "as long as the conditions of the Town can be improved under the form of government that we have had since 1913."

"We will not be proud of our city with the present Town Hall, the present Police Building, etc.," he continues.

His statement also points out:

"First of all, if we vote for a City form of Government, we will have to pay a mayor, and even on the suggested \$1500 it will be an added pay; the suggested pay to the Councilmen of \$500, will be a difference of \$335, each. We will have other jobs created surely as we go along, and this will be added expense that will be paid by the property owners in taxes yearly.

School Buildings

"Secondly, if we have that money to spend, I would suggest that it should be used to repair some of the School Buildings which need it; to widen the roads in the Town, which in some places is badly needed, take the corner of Prospect Hill Avenue and Providence Street for one and many more.

"Place oil burners in the School Buildings, so that the janitors, will not break their back shovelling coal, and the buildings will be better heated. We could even use some of the money to provide better transportation for all our school children.

"Thirdly, after all those necessary things are taken care of, then and only then we shall talk of a City for West Warwick, and we will be proud of it.

"Taxpayers, and friends, I am thinking of the best for all concerned and for the best interest for our beloved West Warwick. So on March 28, 1950, vote NO and be happy in the future."

Archambault Favors City Charter Plan

P.V. Times
March 21, 1950

Former Senator Pre- dicts Many Bene- fits Will Come

Raoul Archambault Jr., former Republican Senator from West Warwick today urged the people of West Warwick to vote in favor of a city form of government at the special election next Tuesday.

Archambault, in urging the "yes" vote, stated that although it is always difficult if not impossible to enumerate and evaluate in specific detail the many benefits that will ensue to our community over a period of years, there are certain obvious and sound improvements that the adoption of the city charter will bring about immediately.

They include, he stated, elimination of the financial town meeting with greater efficiency and stability to the management of local affairs without extra cost.

Speaking on the financial town meetings Archambault said: "It will eliminate the financial town meeting, an archaic process suitable only to the smallest community where an overwhelming majority of its voters are able to attend and participate.

"In a town the size of West Warwick, the town meeting is an ancient, clumsy system, a place where sound and fury are usually substituted for the wisdom of intelligent long range planning, a place where a well organized minority pressure group can unduly influence the administration of town affairs.

"An appraisal of the more prominent opponents of the city charter reveals that they are the very same people who have always lacked foresight and the ability to think constructively on a community-wide basis. They are the same people who, for decades, have prevented the construction of a new town hall, a modern police station or better grammar schools."

JAMES QUESTIONS VALUE OF CHANGE

Former West Warwick GOP

Chief Asks What Citizens

Would Get in Revision

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Two other statements were added yesterday in the barrage of city charter comments. Roland E. Meunier, Republican town chairman, advocated creation of a budget committee by amendment of the town charter, instead of a city government, while Norman R. Simpson, owner of United Covering Corp., urged taxpayers to consider carefully the question of changing to a city form of government.

Answering an attack by Raoul Archambault Jr., former senator, on those opposing the charter, Meunier called Archambault "a synthetic Republican who unjustifiably attacked taxpayers who have built up the town." Meunier said he was referring to Archambault's sharp criticism of the town meeting system.

The answer to Archambault and the present Democratic administration "is to take proper steps to improve the town rather than adopt an expensive form of government which will add nothing to our community," Meunier said.

"We should not let the aspirations of a few men lead us into something that would be an added burden for a long time," Simpson said, adding that city costs inevitably would be greater, and would result in less participation in government by the voters.

W. Warwick GOP Club Urges

Voters to Defeat City Charter

Charges Proposed Plan Would Give Mayor Dictatorial Powers; Also Claims Equal Representation Is Not Offered

Charging the West Warwick city charter as written would give the mayor dictatorial powers and not give equal representation to all sections of the city council, the West Warwick Republican Club last night urged a "No" vote in Tuesday's charter referendum.

Club leaders indicated the decision to oppose the charter 100 per cent was arrived at because of the refusal of Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, to consider amendments proposed by the club.

The club had proposed elimination of Sections 6 and 7 of the charter. Section 6 would give the mayor power to commit to prison for not more than 20 hours for purposes of prosecution anyone reveling in the streets, committing any mischief, quarreling or otherwise behaving in a disorderly manner to the disturbance of the inhabitants of the city.

Section 7, it was held, would give the mayor power to overrule Judge James W. Leighton of Fourth District Court. Under it, the mayor could discontinue all actions and complaints brought against any persons for violation of any city ordinance and could order the discharge from jail of anyone complained against for the violation of any city ordinance, either before or after conviction.

The club's resolution scored the charter provision for five councilmen, one from each of the representative districts and two at large. Norman E. Gillespie asserted that the provision could result in the extreme in all five councilmen living on one street, eliminating sectional representation.

Sought 7 Councilmen

The club had recommended an amendment to provide for seven councilmen, one elected from each of the seven voting districts already established to assure minority representation. Gillespie explained that Newton refused to entertain the amendment.

Secondo Siniscalchi, who moved adoption of the resolution to oppose the charter, declared he favored a city government but not the charter as written.

"We made suggestions for changes, but the administration has stubbornly paid no attention—not even to prominent members of its own party who made suggestions for changes. They can't blame the Republicans alone for opposing the charter."

"We fought a war against dictatorship, but this charter would present us a dictator. They tell you that other city charters give the mayor the same powers and they're not used, but sooner or later they're going to use them."

Urging taxpayers to "vote no against a dictator," Siniscalchi averred that, under the proposed mayoral powers, a mayor could commit a man to prison for 20 hours for raising his voice outside a polling place and, thus, even deprive him of his vote.

Michael Gallucci declared it was clear that the present administration wants to perpetuate itself in power by having five councilmen at large. He added, "I think someone wants to lay his hands on that half million dollars in the treasury. The idea will be defeated by 3 to 1."

Scoring the fact that registry voters are barred from voting on the charter, Gallucci also criticized the fact that many veterans, because they have \$1000 tax exemptions, are not taxed for property valued at \$134 and, therefore, can't vote either.

Rep. DiFiore Attacked

Gallucci attacked Rep. Gerard DiFiore (D-West Warwick) for failure to win General Assembly approval for these veterans to vote and also for failing to obtain legislation to change the time of the town meeting

from afternoon to evening to permit more workers to vote.

In the course of debate, Siniscalchi remarked, "If they approve the city charter, some of us are going to have to move out of town." Larry Archambault said he would drop out of politics entirely, if that were the case.

Asserting that he felt he would go along with the majority, if the people want a city, Gustaf Olson, club president, added that he could not see where a city government would eliminate pressure groups described by charter proponents as a weakness of town meetings.

"City government won't get rid of pressure groups," Olson said. "It will make it a lot easier for them. All they'll have to do is work on five councilmen and a mayor, instead of several hundred taxpayers. I would say the town meeting has the best chance of all against pressure groups."

Siniscalchi, recalling that the present administration has promised no tax raise next year, if the city government is approved, questioned what would happen in future years.

"These people are not sincere when they refuse amendments proposed by influential men in their own party. They're mean enough to do anything," Siniscalchi said.

Saying that the only so-called pressure groups at recent town meetings were the American Legion and public school teachers, Olson said he didn't think the teachers would have received approval of salary raises if they were not morally right.

Gillespie asserted that, other than aesthetic reasons, he had heard no other reasons for having city government than elimination of the town meeting. He said the meetings acted as a safety valve and usually brought out a good cross section of voters.

He charged that the proposed mayoral police and pardoning powers are dictatorial and that they were stricken from the Providence charter at the time of the organization of the district courts.

Saying that most cities have wards, Gillespie asserted that, by agreement of leaders of both parties, the General Assembly could pass in 10 minutes an amendment to provide for more equal representation by electing a councilman from each of the seven voting districts.

Gillespie urged voters to be sure to place their cross marks within the square on the paper ballots Tuesday. He admonished Republican supervisors to watch out for tampering with ballots to make them illegal, either by using a piece of lead pencil under the fingernail or by intentionally tearing parts of the ballots.

P. V. Times - March 23-1950 Republican Club Against City Charter

Says It Would Allow Dictatorial Power in Government

The West Warwick Republican Club last night went on record against and urged its members to oppose the city charter act at the special election next Tuesday because the act as presently written it contends, does not provide equal representation and does provide dictatorial powers.

Spokesmen for the club at the meeting held at Turcotte's Hall, stated the club is in favor of West Warwick becoming a city, if it is for the best interest of the people but that as soon as they saw the present city charter act, they offered amendments which, they said, were refused by Town Council President Mortimer W. Newton.

The club members state they cannot go along with the present city charter because of three sections to which they previously offered amendments.

They include the following:

1. The power of the mayor to commit persons to prison as found in section No. 6. The club contends this is giving the mayor dictatorial powers and the administration plea this provision is found in nearly all city charters, is incorrect. Norman E. Gillespie, who has been fighting for the club amendments since the charter act was published, stated that only a small number of city charters carry this provision and even Providence struck it out from their's on introduction of the district court system in Rhode Island.

Power of Mayor

2. The power of the mayor to discharge persons from jail as found in Section No. 7 of the charter. The club contends this is also a provision of dictatorial power in that the mayor can override the decisions of Judge James W. Leighton of the Fourth District Court. Gillespie stated he couldn't understand why a mayor would want that power. He explained, "It is strictly dictatorial and why any person wants that power I don't know. If I were mayor I would be afraid of it."

3. The election of a city council including but five members, one from each of the three representative districts and two at large, does not provide equal representation, the club contends. The club amendment would have seven councilmen, including one from each of the seven voting districts and would assure, it contends, minority representation and also representation for all taxpayers of the town, no matter where they reside.

Town Meetings

Club members also spoke out against the argument being raised on town meetings. The club contends town meetings are the safety valve to the town's finances and that any pressure group would have to be morally right to pass through a favored proposal. Michael Galucci, said: "Former Rep. Luke Smith presented an act in the state legislature to change town meetings to evening sessions and I would like to ask Rep. Gerard DiFiore of my district to answer what happened to it." He also called on DiFiore to explain why veterans with exemptions on property valued at \$1000 or less cannot participate in the special election. "The Democrats," he added, "say the charter will benefit the taxpayers. How? Yes, it will benefit a politician, but how about the people? They hold town meetings in the day so the people can't attend, now they want to do away with it." He predicted the charter will be defeated by a 3-1 vote.

Pressure Groups

Club President Gustav Olson stated that when Newton, Councilmen Hervey Niquette and Joseph Holmes and Raoul Archambault speak of pressure groups coming into a town meeting and upsetting the applecart they must have some specific group and some special meeting in mind and as far as he can recollect they must mean the West Warwick school teachers and West Warwick Post, No. 2, American Legion.

Olson continued, "The West Warwick teachers brought the question of salary raises to the floor and won. Speaking as an ex-teacher, they won because they were morally right. They were miserably underpaid and they deserved their raise."

Speaking of increase in taxes, Olson said: "Newton says the taxes won't be raised and Melunier says they will. An increase in taxes does not depend on whether or not we have a city or a town but on whether or not the Democrats stay in office."

Calls for Defeat

Secondo Siniscalchi, who called for defeat of the charter, stated the proponents say "taxes won't be raised, but how about the future years." He also stated that "the stubborn administration didn't pay any attention to our amendments or even to the advice of their own party members, some of whom hold high public offices."

Gratien Hebert stated that basing his opinion in surrounding cities, the city form of government for West Warwick will be more

expensive. He continued, "We respect the word democracy and a town meeting is considered the greatest form of democracy."

P. V. Times What Are We Going to Get, James Asks

Replies to DeCiantis on City Charter Proposal

Vincent C. James, former chairman of the West Warwick Republican Town Committee, today defended himself against charges of Michael DeCiantis, made by the latter Tuesday night to the town council, that James himself proposed a city form of government for West Warwick.

James, in reply, stated: "Let us keep the record straight and in so doing I will word it simple enough so that Mr. DeCiantis can understand it. I am not opposed to a city form of government for West Warwick and I am not opposing holding of the referendum on the 28th and neither have I even intimated as much. I am simply trying to find out for myself and the scores of people who have asked my opinions, what we are going to get for the inevitable added costs."

James' complete statement follows:

"It is a little disconcerting to make comments on the proposed city charter only to find that you are immediately labelled as an opponent or a backwoods Republican. Maybe people are supposed to accept the planning of the present town administration without comment."

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"I am not opposed to a city form of government for the Town of West Warwick, and I so stated in my statement of last week, and it has been quoted several times by the press."

"However, I did ask some questions—one principal question, and several related questions. I asked them because: (1) I am interested in the town where I have spent all but four years of my life; (2) because I am a taxpayer, and (3) because, as a long-time Republican—a member of the minority party in West Warwick—I feel it to be my civic duty to bring out questions on the issues for the benefit of the people as a whole."

"Let me state that I am a property taxpayer through ownership of a modest new home. I am one of hundreds in our town and whom work for a living, and have to watch their expenditures no small part of which is in the form of taxes."

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"There is no objection to paying more when you get more, and it is this point I am trying to make."

"What will we get as a city that we do not now enjoy as a town? The only thing that has been offered thus far is the elimination of the town meeting for finances. This is desirable, and I only want to know what it is going to cost the taxpayers to eliminate it. Can't a budget commission be legislated within the framework of our present town charter that will eliminate the necessity of finan-

"What is this 'prestige' that is mentioned? Is Warwick, the City, Newport, the City, Cranston, the City, or any of the other cities in our state held in any higher esteem than West Warwick, the Town? If so, what form does that 'esteem' take? Does it offer more inducement for the rackets to move in for more lucrative fields as is alleged in Pawtucket? Does it offer the opportunity for greater borrowing into excessive indebtedness for creating more patronage?"

"The announcement is made of the pending publication of the budget under which the 'city,' if so voted, will operate for the coming year. Will that prove that next year the same budget will prevail, or the next, or the next? Or can we expect that things not needed by now, will be needed then, starting the upward trend of costs."

"In Mr. DeCiantis' statement, Mar. 19, 1950, he professed amusement at the pride now taken in the fire and police departments. Such attempts at derision are beside the point, and offered solely as a means of diverting the taxpayers' attention away from the questions that can't be answered. Those issues were decided by the people regardless of the pre-election positions by either party. The facts are that we do have permanent police and fire departments (The fire department, incidentally, was rescued from the Democratic doldrums during the recent 2-year Republican administration.) What else, then, is there for us to get?"

Not Opposed

"Again, I repeat, I am not opposed to a city form of government for West Warwick. When I signed the Republican Platform in 1944 as chairman of that party, I knew what I was signing, and I agreed with every plank in it, including the one referred to by Mr. DeCiantis; and termed a 'revelation' by the press, and I still agree."

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WEST WARWICK ANNUAL BUDGET SET AT \$703,500

Administration Claims No Tax Boost Necessary

West Warwick Town Council has prepared the budget for the fiscal year ending Apr. 30, 1951, amounting to \$703,500.

The budget is submitted at this time to show people of the town that their claim is that the city form of government will not result in increased taxation.

There is an increase over last year's budget amounting to \$12,696.50 but the town council in a statement gives notice that the tax rate will stay as it is \$2.25 per \$100 assessment and that the increase will be taken care of by increased tax revenue from new construction based upon the records of the building inspector.

The budget increases follow: teachers' salaries, \$12,000; public welfare, \$3500; telephones, \$200; electric lights, \$2500; salaries for councilmen, \$1660; salary for mayor, \$1000; town officers' salaries, \$600; police department, \$33; district meetings, \$3500; insurance on property, \$500; libraries, \$550; town officers' bonds, \$250; fire department and hydrant rentals, \$25.

In comparison with the budget approved by taxpayers at the last financial town meeting the following items this year are deleted: \$1500, police department equipment; \$5000, highway department equipment; \$500, claims for damages; \$500, public health.

A decrease from the budget of last year is \$5000 in the miscellaneous appropriation and \$1957.50 for the interest on bonds and notes appropriation.

The town council has released the following statement along with the budget:

State Audits

"The State Bureau of Audits was requested to assist the town officers in preparing a budget for the fiscal year ending Apr. 30, 1951.

"The budget, as arrived at, was computed in the following manner:

"Estimated receipts were computed on the basis of current year anticipated collections, increased tax revenue from new construction based upon the building inspector's records, and anticipated reduction in state aid.

"The revenue appropriations were summarized from requests of the various departmental officers, increased costs in the various public services, the actual cost of debt service and other estimates by the town officers for non-departmental requirements.

"It will be noted that the increases in the budget are in the public welfare appropriation and a \$12,000 increase for the automatic raises to the teachers of the Town of West Warwick, which were ordered by the taxpayers of the town.

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"The budget committee and the town council urges the taxpayers of the town to vote 'yes' for the city charter for it believes that it is for the best interest of the town."

Town Budget

Proposed Budget 1950-51

Estimated revenue:	
Tax collections	\$532,000
State aid	79,500
Sewer asses. fund	30,000
Licenses, fees, etc.	62,000
Total	\$703,500
Revenue appropriations:	
Town officers	\$ 26,300
School dept.	254,889
Teachers' pensions	7,000
Police dept.	51,500
Highway dept.	48,600
Highway widening	10,000
Sewer dept.	28,716
Sewer disposal plant	5,000
Clerical hire	12,718
Supplies and expense (town hall)	4,000
Service memorial	300
Telephones	2,200
Public welfare	10,000
Town property	5,200
Bond and note retirements	57,000
Int., bonds, notes	21,395
District meetings	5,500
Insurance on property ..	6,900
Libraries	2,500
Memorial services	1,500
P.V. Dist. Nursing	1,000
So. R.I. Farm Bureau ...	300
Street lighting	28,500
Town officers bonds	650
Miscellaneous	5,000
Mosquito Control (highway dept.)	2,500
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FOR BREAKFAST TOMORROW, GET

West Warwick Proposes \$703,357 Under City Plan

Officials Place Total \$40,691 Over Last Year

Mayor's Salary Set At \$1000 in Budget; Council Lists Figures

The mayor of West Warwick would receive \$1000 for his first year in office, if taxpayers approve the proposal to make the town the state's eighth city in Tuesday's special charter referendum.

This was revealed today when the town council released a proposed budget prematurely with a statement that it proved the city government would mean no raise in the \$2.25 a hundred tax rate in the first year of city operation.

Signed by the town's five councilmen, who would set the mayor's salary under charter provisions, providing they are re-elected this November, a statement accompanying the budget said the budget was prepared with assistance of the State Bureau of Audits.

Proposed for presentation at the May town meeting, if the city idea is approved, the budget totals \$703,357, or \$40,691.50 higher than last year. However, \$171,500 would come from state aid, the sewer assessment fund and other sources, leaving \$532,000 to be raised by property taxation.

Salary Increases Under City Form

The statement points out that \$2660, representing \$1000 for the mayor and \$1660 to raise councilmen's pay from \$165 to \$500, as provided in the charter, is the only increase in the budget directly attributable to establishment of the city for the first year, if it is approved.

Questioned why salaries of these officials were listed at full yearly pay, although the new council, if the city government is approved, would be in office only from January to next May under this fiscal budget, a spokesman said any balance would be carried over into the next year. He said the council wanted to show intended salaries for a full year.

Councilmen said that estimated receipts were computed on the basis of the current year's anticipated collections, increased tax revenue from new construction based on the building inspector's records, and anticipated reduction in state aid.

Revenue appropriations were summarized from requests of the various departmental officers, increased costs in various public services, cost of debt service and other estimates by the town officers for non-departmental requirements, it was said.

School Appropriation Higher
Councilmen pointed out in their statement that the public school appropriation will be \$12,000 higher because of automatic pay increases for teachers and that public welfare costs are up \$3500 from \$6500 to \$10,000.

They indicated that these and other increases would be necessary even if the town form of government continues.

The officials explained that a \$2500 increase in cost of street lights is the result of installation of new lights in Arctic center. Telephone costs are up \$200 from \$2000 to \$2200.

Councilmen concluded their statement by urging taxpayers to vote "Yes" for the city charter because they believe it will be for the best interest of the town.

Comparison Shows Changes

A comparison with last year's appropriations shows the following other changes: town officers, increase of \$600; highway department, increase of \$6500, although there was an additional separate appropriation last year of \$5000 for highway equipment; sidewalk construction, \$4000 less this year; mosquito control, \$2500 less this year; debt service interest, \$1957.50 less this year; district meetings, \$2500 less this year; insurance on town buildings, \$400 higher this year.

Also, libraries, \$550 higher this year; public health, \$500 saving, inasmuch as there is no appropriation this year; town officers' bonds, \$250 higher this year; miscellaneous, \$5000 less this year.

Estimated revenue for 1950-51 includes \$532,000 from tax collections, \$79,500 state aid, \$30,000 sewer assessment fund, and \$62,000 from licenses, fees and other sources. The total estimated revenue is \$703,500.

Budget Comparison

The following is a comparison of proposed revenue appropriations for 1950-51 and 1949-50:

	Estimates 1950-51	Appropriations 1949-50
Town Officers	26,300.00	25,700.00
School Department	254,850.00	242,850.00
Teachers' Pensions	7,000.00	7,000.00
Police Department	51,500.00	51,477.00
Highway Department	48,600.00	42,100.00
Highway Widening	10,000.00	10,000.00
Sewer Department	28,716.00	28,716.00
Sewer Disposal		
Plant	5,000.00	5,000.00
Clerical Hire	12,718.00	12,718.00
Supplies and Expense		
(Town Hall)		
Service Memorial	4,000.00	4,000.00
Telephones	300.00	300.00
Public Welfare	10,000.00	6,500.00
Town Property	5,200.00	5,200.00
Bond and Note		
Retirements	57,000.00	57,000.00
Interest on Bonds and		
Notes	21,395.00	23,352.50
District Meetings	5,500.00	2,000.00
Insurance of		
Property	6,900.00	6,400.00
Libraries	2,500.00	1,950.00
Memorial Services	1,500.00	1,500.00
P. V. District Nursing	1,000.00	1,000.00
Southern R.I. Farm		
Bureau	300.00	300.00
Street Lighting	28,500.00	26,000.00
Town Officers' Bonds	650.00	400.00
Miscellaneous	5,000.00	10,000.00
Mosquito Control		
(Highway Dept.)	2,500.00	5,000.00
Sidewalk Construction		
(Highway Dept.)	2,500.00	6,500.00
Fire Department	65,189.00	65,164.00
Playgrounds	5,000.00	5,000.00
Garbage Collection	28,000.00	
Mayor	1,000.00	
City Council	2,500.00	
Total	703,357.00	

*The 1949-50 comparison column does not include \$1500 for police equipment, \$5000 for highway department equipment, or \$500 for public health.

Republican Club Asks Defeat of City Charter

Charging the West Warwick city charter as written would give the mayor dictatorial powers and not give equal representation to all sections on the city council, the West Warwick Republican Club last night urged a "No" vote in Tuesday's charter referendum.

Club leaders indicated the decision to oppose the charter 100 per cent was arrived at because of the refusal of Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, to consider amendments proposed by the club.

The club had proposed elimination of Sections 6 and 7 of the charter. Section 6 would give the mayor power to commit to prison for not more than 20 hours for purposes of prosecution anyone reveling in the streets, committing any mischief, quarreling or otherwise behaving in a disorderly manner to the disturbance of the inhabitants of the city.

Section 7, it was held, would give the mayor power to overrule Judge James W. Leighton of Fourth District Court. Under it, the mayor could discontinue all actions and complaints brought against any persons for violation of any city ordinance and could order the discharge from jail of anyone com-

plained against for the violation of any city ordinance, either before or after conviction.

The club's resolution scored the charter provision for five councilmen, one from each of the representative districts and two at large. Norman E. Gillespie asserted that the provision could result in the extreme in all five councilmen living on one street, eliminating sectional representation.

Sought 7 Councilmen

The club had recommended an amendment to provide for seven councilmen, one elected from each of the seven voting districts already established to assure minority representation. Gillespie explained that Newton refused to entertain the amendment.

Secondo Siniscalchi, who moved adoption of the resolution to oppose the charter, declared he favored a city government but not the charter as written.

"We made suggestions for changes, but the administration has stubbornly paid no attention—not even to prominent members of its own party who made suggestions for changes. They can't blame the Republicans alone for opposing the charter."

"We fought a war against dictatorship, but this charter would present us a dictator. They tell you that other city charters give the mayor the same powers and they're not used, but sooner or later they're going to use them."

Urging taxpayers to "vote no against a dictator," Siniscalchi averred that, under the proposed mayoral powers, a mayor could commit a man to prison for 20 hours for raising his voice outside a polling place and, thus, even deprive him of his vote.

Michael Gallucci declared it was clear that the present administration wants to perpetuate itself in power by having five councilmen at large. He added, "I think someone wants to lay his hands on that half million dollars in the treasury. The idea will be defeated by 3 to 1."

Scoring the fact that registry voters are barred from voting on the charter, Gallucci also criticized the fact that many veterans, because they have \$1000 tax exemptions, are not taxed for property valued at \$134 and, therefore, can't vote either.

Rep. DiFiore Attacked

Gallucci attacked Rep. Gerard DiFiore (D-West Warwick) for failure to win General Assembly approval for these veterans to vote and also for failing to obtain legislation to change the time of the town meeting from afternoon to evening to permit more workers to vote.

In the course of debate, Siniscalchi remarked, "If they approve the city charter, some of us are going to have to move out of town." Larry Archambault said he would drop out of politics entirely, if that were the case.

Asserting that he felt he would go along with the majority, if the people want a city, Gustaf Olson, club president, added that he could not see where a city government would eliminate pressure groups described by charter proponents as a weakness of town meetings.

"City government won't get rid of pressure groups," Olson said. "It will make it a lot easier for them. All they'll have to do is work out five councilmen and a mayor, instead of several hundred taxpayers. I would say the town meeting has the best chance of all against pressure groups."

Siniscalchi, recalling that the present administration has promised no tax raise next year, if the city government is approved, questioned what would happen in future years.

"These people are not sincere when they refuse amendments proposed by influential men in their own party. They're mean enough to do anything," Siniscalchi said.

Saying that the only so-called pressure groups at recent town meetings were the American Legion and public school teachers, Olson said he didn't think the teachers would have received approval of salary raises if they were not morally right.

Gillespie asserted that, other than aesthetic reasons, he had heard no other reasons for having city government than elimination of the town meeting. He said the meetings acted as a safety valve and usually brought out a good cross section of voters.

He charged that the proposed mayoral police and pardoning powers are dictatorial and that they were stricken from the Providence charter at the time of the organization of the district courts.

Saying that most cities have wards, Gillespie asserted that, by agreement of leaders of both parties, the General Assembly could pass in 10 minutes an amendment to provide for more equal representation by electing a councilman from each of the seven voting districts.

Gillespie urged voters to be sure to place their cross marks within the square on the paper ballots Tuesday. He admonished Republican supervisors to watch out for tampering with ballots to make them illegal, either by using a piece of lead pencil under the fingernail or by intentionally tearing parts of the ballots.

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J. O. McMANUS FAVORS CITY COUNCIL HAVING PERSONNEL OF SEVEN

Former Lieut. Gov. James O. McManus today stated he personally is in favor of a city form of government for West Warwick and relying on suggestions of proponents of the act that amendments will be adopted after the vote, he will vote in favor of it.

McManus himself goes along with the suggestion that the council be composed of seven men, one from each of the seven voting districts, to insure representation from each section of the town without anyone particular district having a majority on the council. He further suggests that the charter be amended so that there will be a bipartisan board of canvassers consisting of three members and also a bipartisan board of tax assessors to be appointed by the mayor and the city council.

McManus' complete statement follows:

"Many statements have thus far been issued by taxpayers of the Town of West Warwick concerning the adoption of the proposed city charter for West Warwick. Some of these statements have been in favor of the change to a city form of government, while others have been opposed to such a change. This matter is of such importance to all of the people of the Town of West Warwick, as well as the taxpayers alone, that much valuable information, I am sure, has come from the various statements issued. Presenting the proposed change of form of government to the taxpayers is another step in giving to the taxpayers an opportunity to vote upon the matter which was originally set in motion by the taxpayers of West Warwick at the financial town meeting held on May 22, 1945. This matter should be considered, not from a narrow partisan political viewpoint, but from a desire to do what is best for the town.

Outgrown Its Features

"I personally am in favor of a city form of government. The Town of West Warwick has grown tremendously in population and also in development of various industries since it became a town in 1913 and has outgrown many of the features of a town government. I believe that a mayor and a city council would give the town an efficient government placing definite responsibilities where they belong. When a man is elected mayor of a city and assumes the duties of his office, he is directly responsible to the people for the manner in which he conducts the affairs of the city, whereas under the present town government, five men are elected to the town council and one of them who has been given no more power by the people than the other members of the council, is chosen as president of the council, and if an error is made in any of the various functions of the town council, each of members can avoid responsibility by blaming the others.

"It has been suggested by the proponents of the city charter for the adoption of which the taxpayers of West Warwick will be permitted to vote, that certain

amendments will be adopted. The proposed charter as distributed to the taxpayers for study, in my opinion, with certain amendments would give the city of West Warwick a good workable charter. I believe, however, that the city council should consist of seven members, one from each of the present voting districts. This would insure representation from each section of the town without any one particular district having a majority on the council. Since the mayor is the person who would be charged with many duties and responsibilities, I believe he should be a so-called strong mayor. I feel that a veto of the mayor should be overridden only by a vote of at least five of the seven members of the city council.

No Objections

"As to the right on the part of the mayor to arrest or to release people from custody, I have no objections to these provisions of the proposed city charter. I believe they are safeguards. It could be that a police department could willfully fail and refuse to take into custody a person revelling, committing mischief or behaving in a disorderly manner. In that event it would be well for a man of courage holding the office of mayor to be in a position to act when the police have failed. I also believe that the power given to the mayor to release from custody is good because a person not in particular favor with a certain police officer might improperly or illegally be taken into custody and put to great inconvenience and expense to clear himself of a frivolous or unfounded charge. I do not look for any man in either political party who may be elected to the office of mayor, to be so lacking in integrity and good conscience as to oppose the power of his office to arrest or release from custody. If he should, however, the necessary remedies are available.

Bipartisan Boards

"I further suggest that the charter be amended so that there will be a bipartisan board of canvassers consisting of three members and also a bipartisan board of tax assessors consisting of three members to be appointed in each instance by the mayor and city council, and the terms of office to be staggered and for six years each.

"While it is very difficult at times to persuade capable men to run for political office, I have no doubt that it would be comparatively easy to secure capable and efficient men for both the board of canvassers and the board of tax assessors if their appointments were to come from the mayor and city council. Staggered six-year terms for both of these boards would insure experienced men at all times holding positions on these boards. While the charter as presented to the taxpayers for study may not be perfect, I feel that with amendments such as I have suggested and as have been suggested by others, that we can have a good charter resulting in an efficient government for the city of West Warwick."

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PETRARCA DESCRIBES FOES OF CITY CHARTER AS "WRECKING CREW"

Horace L. Petrarca, former West Warwick representative, today called for a large vote in favor of a city form of government. Proprietor of Petrarca Sales & Service, he stated, "as a heavy taxpayer and one who has interested himself in all progressive movements in our town—I see the city form of government as another step of progress for the community. We cannot stand still. We have outgrown our town form of government long ago. The city must and will come—let us not delay any longer."

Calling opponents a "wrecking crew," Petrarca stated they opposed the sewer system and also the unified town fire department.

His complete statement follows:

"West Warwick taxpayers should turn out a large vote in favor of a city form of government. The progressive businessmen and civic minded citizens have advocated this for 10 years. All opponents of the new city charter belong to the old school. They are the same crowd known as the wrecking crew which have opposed everything new in our community. They have tried to scuttle any progressive movement which has been advocated in the past several years. They belong to 'the gay nineties' which were not so gay—they still believe in the 'horse and buggy days.'

Predicted Disaster

"This same crowd predicted disaster if we adopted the town sewer system—the same 'scaremongers' who said all businessmen and taxpayers would go to the poorhouse because of the cost of the new sewer system. They also predicted financial ruin to this town if the unified town fire department came about. For years they succeeded in delaying both these improvements with their unsubstantiated arguments against them.

"We now know that both the sewer system and the town fire department are the best investment we ever made, because both have proven sound not only from a health standpoint but financially as well. Even the 'wrecking crew' will admit this today.

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"At a recent public hearing on the city charter Judge Robert E. Quinn and Judge James E. Leighton suggested some future amendments to the charter but they were not opposed to adoption of the charter as it now stands. There may be some changes needed in the future—so what—all cities amend charters from time to time as the need arises—we will do the same. A start must be made somewhere. A perfect charter never was written and probably never will be. There will always be some people looking for flaws or weak spots in any suggested charter.

"The argument that taxes will rise if a city form is adopted will not stand now anymore than it did against the sewer and town fire department. It's true that some addition to salaries will be made but the addition is not worth considering. Any business minded mayor of the new city of West Warwick should save this town money by reducing the annual budget more than \$5000 per year. This can be done because the mayor will be responsible to the taxpayers and will run his administration for them economically and efficiently.

"In closing let me repeat taxpayers should pile up a strong vote in favor of the city form of government, because of 10 years all progressive businessmen and civic minded citizens of both parties have advocated the change—this is our opportunity."

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SAMPLE BALLOT ON CITY CHARTER POLL SCORED BY MEUNIER

Roland E. Meunier, chairman of West Warwick Republican Town Committee, says the West Warwick administration "is disregarding the best interests of the taxpayers." He points to the style of type and setup used in the sample ballot for next Tuesday's city referendum and made available at the town hall.

He says:

"The administration is again disregarding the best interests of the taxpayers. The sample ballot issued and made available at the town hall is so set up with fine print and the boxes to place an 'X' in voting either 'yes' or 'no' are so small that it almost requires a college education to understand what to do and where to vote. There is plenty of room available and in justice to the taxpayers the boxes at the right of the question should have been much larger.

"The size of the box square for the 'X' is much too small and will result in many spoiled and worthless ballots. The size of the box square should be doubled out of consideration for the taxpayers.

"Taxpayers must remember for their votes to be legal the 'X' must be placed within the box square without overlapping outside of the lines of the box square.

"Vote 'no' in the special election, Tuesday, Mar. 28, 1950, for a better town and lower costs of our government in the future."

NO CHANGE IN TAX SEEN UNDER PLAN

March 24, 1950
W. Warwick Council Holds City
Government Possible at
Present \$2.25 Rate

Pawtuxet Valley Office, } Telephone
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West Warwick } 1-0746-W

Backing up its stand that West Warwick can have city government without a raise in taxes, the Democratic town council yesterday made public a proposed budget under which councilmen said, the \$2.25 a hundred tax rate would stay the same.

Compiled with the assistance of the State Bureau of Audits, the budget totals \$703,357, or \$12,691.50 higher than all appropriations at last year's town meeting.

The budget listed the mayor's salary at \$1000, thereby ending a controversy during which Republican leaders have said the mayor might receive \$3500-\$5000. By their announcement, the councilmen, if re-elected, and if taxpayers vote a city government in Tuesday's referendum, are bound to set the salary at \$1000.

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Only \$432,000 of the budget would have to be raised by tax collections. The balance would come from these sources: \$79,500, state aid; \$30,000, sewer assessment fund; \$62,000 from licenses, fees and other sources.

The budget lists increases, which it says will be necessary under a township. These are for telephone service and \$2500 for electric lights, the latter owing to installation of new lights in Arctic center.

Noting a total of \$2660 is needed to pay the mayor and increase five councilmen's salaries from \$165 to \$500, as proposed in the charter, the council's statement said, "The people of West Warwick can readily see that the cost for the operation of the city is increasing the administrative costs of the town by the above figure only. The tax will be as it is the present time.

The budget committee and the council urge the taxpayers of the town to vote 'Yes' for the city charter for they believe that it is the best interest of the town."

West Warwick Vote

Property voters of West Warwick, Rhode Island's second largest town, will decide at a special election Tuesday whether their community shall remain a town or become a city. The vote will be on acceptance or rejection of a city charter granted by the General Assembly last year.

If the charter is accepted, the citizens next November will elect a mayor and a city council of five members to take over all the powers and duties of municipal government that are now vested in the town council and the financial town meeting.

In its broad outlines, the charter on which the vote will be taken is a good one, in that it provides for a small city council and centers a considerable measure of authority and responsibility in the mayor. In its details, there are some weaknesses and obscurities likely to raise difficulties in the future. One is the provision that permits a simple majority of the council to override a veto; another is the section providing for the election of tax assessors by the voters, which leaves those officials beyond the control of the mayor and council. These and other shortcomings, however, can be cured by amendments later, as the need is demonstrated, if the charter is adopted.

It is true, of course, that no form of government can, in and of itself, automatically guarantee the efficient conduct of municipal business. But it is also true that some forms of government make efficient performance more likely than others.

West Warwick has long since outgrown the town meeting method of government. It has 20,000 or more

people. It has 5200 property voters, all of whom are entitled to vote at town meetings. If even a quarter of them tried to, chaos would be the likely result. The community has got by with town government up to now only because 95 per cent of the taxpayers have usually been content to let the other five per cent run things. The method is hardly democratic; it is never safe.

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Radio in LOT

By John C.

The Most Versa

The most versatile actor in radio, Lassie, who, as everyone knows, is a dog, not a she-dog. In addition to playing the opposite sex, Lassie has been about every breed of dog there

Not long ago, on his radio program BC 11 a.m. Saturdays), Lassie, by pure a collie, was an Irish setter, property of a young married couple, who, while very much in love, married violently. The marriage would have gone to smash but for dog, whose gentle nature soamed them they became the most easily dispositioned couple in town.

That's one of the least of Lassie's feats. Generally, he is required to do more difficult things. Just last week, Lassie was called in on a case of psychosomatic medicine, a rather new branch of the medical profession about which much is still unknown. (Except to Lassie.) This one featured a crippled boy whose ailment was all in his mind. Lassie's owner, a physician, had despaired of curing the lad out of his wheelchair and called in the dog as a last resort. Lassie turned on his charm of which has a great deal and had the boy and around within seven minutes. Lassie has to work fast. It's only a minute show, much of it devoted to the sale of dog food.)

That particular program was rather unusual in that Lassie played his own breed, a collie. He generally runs the collie role as being much easier. He has played a German shepherd, a Doberman-Pinscher, a boxer, a Great Dane, a cocker spaniel, a St. Bernard, a coon dog, and a poodle. He has been cast as a young puppy and as an aged dog.

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SAMPLE BALLOT

TOWN OF WEST WARWICK

SPECIAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1950

"Shall the town of West Warwick adopt an act passed at the January session, A.D. 1949, entitled 'An Act incorporating the city of West Warwick'?"

To vote in FAVOR of the Question mark a Cross X in the square at the right of the word "YES".

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Representative district 3, voting district 3—P.V. Auto Sales, 191 Washington Street.

West Warwick Ballots on City Plan

30% of Voters Are Expected To Go to Polls

Weather kept pace with balloting in West Warwick's city charter referendum this morning as both rain and voting were intermittent and light.

At mid-morning an estimated 500 taxpayers—about 10 per cent of the number eligible to vote—had cast ballots to decide whether the town shall be a city.

Although officials had predicted earlier today that no more than 20 per cent of the taxpayers would go to the polls, observers concluded from later activity at the seven voting places that balloting would be nearer 30 per cent.

Clearing weather and a last minute rush to the polls of voters who work in the early hours of the day were predicted.

Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, was one of the first to vote. Regarded by many as the Democratic choice for mayor, should the town become a city, he urged all taxpayers to express an opinion.

"This matter is one of responsibility of taxpayers of the town and they ought to make known their wishes in the matter," he said.

DeCiantis Unable to Vote

By a quirk of fate, Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, author of the proposed city charter, was unable to cast a ballot because his physician ordered him to bed yesterday after he suffered an attack of gripe.

Both Republicans and Democrats were known to be making a concerted effort to get out the vote. Newton said the Democratic administration was making private cars available for voters' use but was not hiring autos to transport taxpayers to the polls.

It also was reported that the West Warwick Republican Club was providing transportation.

Criticism by Roland E. Meunier, town GOP chairman, that the ballots are printed with too fine type, resulted in Republican jibes at Allen Swanson, GOP supervisor at the Murray Square polling place in Crompton when he lent his glasses to a voter who had forgotten his own and couldn't read the ballot.

Polls Open at 7 a.m.

According to reports, all polling places opened on time at 7 a.m.

Moderators read the call to the election and declared the polls open. At 11 a.m., the following voting estimates had been made:

At the town hall, Clyde, 69 ballots had been cast. Voting in Natick was lighter with only 35 ballots reported at about that time.

At the Lippitt Fire Station, about 90 voters had appeared. Approximately 53 persons had voted at the PV Auto Sales booth in Arctic.



FIRST RIVERPOINT BALLOT ON CITY CHARTER: Mrs. Susan V. Lamb, West Warwick town clerk, casts her paper ballot at the opening of the Riverpoint polling place in the town hall garage at 7 o'clock this morning. Standing behind the ballot box is David W. Barlow, moderator. Only 17 ballots were cast at this poll in the first 40 minutes.



MAYBE IT'S 'HIZZONOR-TO-BE' VOTING: Mortimer W. Newton, West Warwick town council president and widely mentioned as Democratic choice for mayor if the town becomes a city, casts his ballot shortly before 8 a.m. Moderator Barlow stands behind the ballot box. Antonio M. Andrade, polling place clerk, is seated at the right.

De Ciantis, Co-Author of City Charter, May Not Be Able to Vote

The man who probably has done the most to get the city charter act for West Warwick before the people in the special election today, will perhaps not be able to cast his own ballot. Michael DeCiantis town solicitor is at home with an attack of the gripe. He was able to come to the phone this morning and he stated that if physically possible he will go to the poll and cast his vote. The town solicitor is a resident of Green Street is registered to vote at Voting District 1 of Representative District No. 2, and that poll is located at the town hall garage on Pike Street.

DI FIORE EXPLAINS BILL AIDING VETS

Rep. Gerard DiFiore (D-West Warwick) declared yesterday that the General Assembly already has taken steps to obtain a constitutional amendment to entitle all veterans to vote as property voters, regardless of their \$1000 tax exemptions.

DiFiore replied to an attack on him by Michael Gallucci of the West Warwick Republican Club in which Gallucci charged DiFiore had a "do-nothing" attitude towards such legislation and toward another proposal to change the time of town meetings from afternoon to evening.

Declaring that Gallucci mentioned both matters in an atmosphere of "flagwaving," DiFiore said that for the sake of the veterans of the town, he wanted to get the matter straight.

He explained that on Apr. 23, 1947 the House passed a resolution calling for an amendment to the constitution "and since by law, it is necessary that any constitutional amendments must come before two bodies of the General Assembly, the next best action was taken, and we passed H-655 on May 9, 1949, which was the act to submit to the electors the proposition of amending the constitution, which, if passed by the electors at the next general election to be held in November, 1950, will entitle all veterans to vote as property owners regardless of their exemptions.

West Warwick to Decide City Charter Issue Today

Polls Will Be Open From 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. for Ballot-
ing on Changeover Question; 5210 Are
Eligible to Vote in the Town

West Warwick voters today come face to face with the biggest issue to confront their municipality in many years: to become a city or not? Polling places open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 8 p.m. for the much-advised electorate to express its opinion. There are 5210 real estate and personal property owners of the town's population of 20,000 who are eligible to cast ballots.

Surveys have indicated that the overwhelming fear of the opposition to the plan is based on the possibility of a tax rise despite administration promises that the present rate will remain unchanged.

Proponents have given as their reasons everything from the "magic" of the term "city" to a simple, "I like it, that's all."

Quinn Among Backers

The issue has not been fought out strictly on party lines, although the bulk of the opposition has stemmed from the ranks of the Republican Party and the support has been given most enthusiastically by the Democratic administration.

Supporters have included Judge Robert E. Quinn of the Superior Court; James O. McManus, former Republican lieutenant governor; Raoul Archambault, former Republican state central committee chairman and state senator; Mortimer W. Newton, town council president; Horace L. Petrarca, former Democratic state representative; Sen. Dion A. Archambault (D-West Warwick), and Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, who drew up the proposed charter.

Among the opponents of the changeover have been Roland E. Meunier, chairman of the Republican town committee; Vincent C. James, former GOP chairman; Domenico Petrarca, former town councilman, and members of the West Warwick Republican Club.

Meunier, in urging townspeople to vote down the charter, has charged that the document is "poorly drawn" and "inconsistent" and, at least in part, unconstitutional. In the latter case, he said no provision has been made for voting appropriations or taxes on June 15, 1950, and predicted that confusion and legal troubles would result.

Judge Quinn, in a statement supporting passage, said there "is no good reason" why municipal costs should rise. He predicted savings as a result of an able mayor's taking office, and said that "it is physically impossible any longer to execute the proper functions of a town meeting by reason of the great number of taxpayers, and in recent years there has also been a definite reluctance on the part of the taxpayers to perform their obligations."

The town council, at a special meeting yesterday afternoon filled six vacancies caused by last-minute resignations of polling place officials.

Joseph A. Breton of 15 Robinson Way resigned as moderator of Representative District 3, Voting District 1, where the polling place will be the town building at Murray Square. Breton had been appointed only last week after the resignation of Irving F. Yeaw.

Named to succeed Breton was Panagiotis J. Christopoulos of 4 Lenox Avenue.

Three Democrats Resign

Three Democratic supervisors resigned their posts. They are Joseph R. Carley in Representative District 1, Voting District 2, Natick Grammar School; Ovila Blanchet, Representative District 2, Voting District 2, Arctic Grammar School, and Alfred Bousquet, Representative District 3, Voting District 3, Pawtuxet Valley Motor Sales, Arctic.

Appointed to serve as Democratic supervisors in their place were Yvonne F. Lemois, 83 Gough Avenue, Representative District 1, Voting District 2; Leonide A. Denomee, 26 Gardner Avenue, Representative District 2, Voting District 2, and Alice A. Fernandez, 39 Andrews Avenue, Representative District 3, Voting District 3.

Pankiewicz Replaced

Peter Pankiewicz resigned as Republican supervisor in Representative District 3, Voting District 1, town building, Murray Square, and was replaced by Lionel J. Belisle, 56 Revere Avenue.

In Representative District 2, Voting District 2, where voting will be at Arctic Grammar School, Gustaf Olson resigned as GOP supervisor and was replaced by Norman A. Archambault, 45 Roberts Street.

The list of moderators and clerks directing the seven voting places today follows:

Representative District 1, Voting District 1—Joseph M. H. Parenteau, moderator; Robert Bonenfant, clerk.
Representative District 1, Voting District 2—John Gallucci, moderator; Pasquale Simone, clerk.
Representative District 2, Voting District 1—David Barlow, moderator; Antonio M. Andrade, clerk.
Representative District 2, Voting District 2—Lorenzo Bergeron, moderator; Arthur St. Jean, clerk.
Representative District 3, Voting District 1—Christopoulos, moderator; John Gillespie Jr., clerk.
Representative District 3, Voting District 2—Roland J. Demers, moderator; John A. Gagnon, clerk.
Representative District 3, Voting District 3—Andre Godin, moderator; Norman Fontaine, clerk.



CHARTER OPPONENT WAITS TO VOTE: Roland E. Meunier, West Warwick GOP town chairman, waits as his wife casts her ballot in Crompton polling place.



REPUBLICAN VOTES: Norman E. Gillespie, a leader of the West Warwick Republican Club, casts his ballot at the Crompton polling place.

ONLY 655 VOTED UP TO 12:45 P. M.

P. V. Times

March 28, 1950

West Warwick Has 5,210 Eligible to Ballot Today on City Charter Proposal

Up to 12:45 p. m. today 655 property taxpayers had cast their ballots to determine whether or not West Warwick will adopt the city charter act.

There are 5210 eligible voters in West Warwick. A. C. and the West Warwick
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School), 63; Vot. Dist. 1 of Rep. Dist. 2, (town hall garage), 99; Vot. Dist. 2 of Rep. Dist. 2, (Arctic Grammar School), 67; Vot. Dist. 1 of Rep. Dist. 3, (town hall building at Murray's Square), 124; Vot. Dist. 2 of Rep. Dist. 3, (Turcotte's Hall), 100; Vot. Dist. 3 of Rep. 3, (P. V. Auto Sales) 78.

CITY CHARTER IS REJECTED IN WEST WARWICK ELECTION BY MAJORITY OF 1939 TO 574

TAX HIKE SPECTRE SEEN INFLUENCING PROPERTY VOTERS

DeCiantis Says Democrats
Now Have Fulfilled Their
Campaign Promise

W. WARWICK VOTES AGAINST CITY PLAN BY 1939-574 MARGIN

Defeat of Charter Revision
Seen as Protest Against
Feared Tax Increase

West Warwick voters yesterday rejected by more than 3 to 1 a proposal to make the town the state's eighth city.

The vote was 1939 to 574 against the charter proposal, with 97 void ballots.

Results of the special election were interpreted as a protest against the spectre of higher taxes.

Charter proponents had maintained in pre-election debate that increased taxes would be the inevitable result of taking the power of making annual appropriations from taxpayers in town meeting and delegating it to a mayor and five-man city council.

Early release last week of a proposed budget purporting to prove that city government would mean no tax boost apparently had no effect on tax-conscious voters, as about half of the eligible 5210 voters turned out.

Democrats Concede Defeat

Democratic administration leaders who had promised the city referendum in their 1948 platform and backed it to the end, began conceding defeat in late afternoon when the vote piled up beyond expectations despite rainy weather.

Republican leaders were predicting at 6 p.m. that the charter would go down to defeat by at least three to one.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, charter author and strong city advocate, said after the vote that the Democratic Party promised the people an opportunity to vote on whether they wanted a town or city form of government and the party had kept its pledge.

"The people have made the decision and the administration will continue to give the people the same honest and efficient government as in the past," DeCiantis said. "The administration will try to do everything to make the people and town of West Warwick prosper. It all happened for the best."

Judge Robert E. Quinn of Superior Court, a champion of city government, said he still believes it would have been a step in the right direction. Noting that the Democratic administration had kept its pledge and the people had made their decision, Judge Quinn said the administration should proceed to direct municipal affairs honestly and efficiently under a town form of government.

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Smiles of Victory: Ernest E. LeFebvre, left, former Republican town council president, and Roland E. Meunier, GOP town chairman, who led the fight against West Warwick's city charter, were all smiles last night after the city plan was overwhelmingly defeated. —State Staff Photo

Issue "Settled Definitely"

Mortimer W. Newton, town council president, another staunch city charter advocate said, "It was a very representative vote of the taxpayers and I am pleased that so many came out and voted. It settles the issue definitely that the taxpayers do not want a city charter at this time."

Roland E. Meunier, Republican town chairman, most outspoken opponent of the city charter, had this to say: "The taxpayers of West Warwick have today shown by their overwhelming defeat of the city charter that they do not want a city form of government under the present size and condition of the town."

Political leaders who had predicted at the most a turnout of 20 to 30 per cent of the eligible vote were surprised in late afternoon when the vote passed the 1700 mark.

At that time, proponents of the charter expressed fears that the heavy vote might indicate a protest against the possibility of higher taxes.

Voting was fairly steady during the day, with no great rush at any time. An influx of workers who left their factories and mills in late afternoon gave polling officials their busiest time.

Not Primarily Political

Although the city issue was not primarily a political one, it had assumed some earmarks of a political fight prior to the election. Voters went to the polls, their ears ringing with persistent assertions by Republican town committee leaders that a city government inevitably would mean higher taxes.

Most observers felt, however, that the city charter issue was not strictly a political battle and that the issue was decided on the merits of a form of government alone and not along partisan lines.

To bolster this idea, veteran observers at the polls estimated that about as many known Democrats cast ballots as did Republicans.

A significant result of the election was the fact that Natick voters failed to follow the lead of the Democratic Party officials for the first time since the town's founding in 1913. At the Natick polling place the charter was turned down, 209 to 55, with 11 void ballots cast.

New Voters Registered

Officials said the eligible vote listed by the board of canvassers changed somewhat yesterday afternoon as many property owners appeared at the town hall to register to vote. The exact increase in the eligible vote was not available.

Even in Lippitt, where the Democrats lost only in the 1946 election in the town's entire history, the property voters turned out to defeat the charter by a resounding 340 to 82 in polling at Lippitt fire station. There were 15 void ballots in that polling place.

First results announced at Lippitt were 346 against and 82 for the charter, but the final figure was arrived at after three counts.

In Riverpoint, a Democratic stronghold, the city charter proposal made its best showing, but it was defeated 256 to 140, with 21 void ballots. There the percentage vote was the largest of any of the voting districts, with 55 per cent of the 761 eligible in the district turning out.

Crompton Heavily Opposed

The predominately Republican village of Crompton snowed the charter under an avalanche, with a resounding vote of 533 "no" against only 98 "yes" ballots. Members of the West Warwick Republican Club were out in force working against the charter there. Club members were chafing at the Democratic administration's refusal to consider amendments they proposed to eliminate police and pardoning powers for the mayor and to elect seven councilmen, one from each voting district. The charter provided for election of one councilman from each of the three representative districts and two at large.

The 97 ballots voided by moderators were thrown out because of a variety of defects. Among them were: use of a check mark instead of an "X"; marking ballots with more than one "X"; writing "no" or "yes" instead of using the "X" mark in the squares provided in the ballots.

DeCiantis surprised members of his own party yesterday afternoon by disregarding his physician's orders and getting out of a sick bed to cast his ballot at Riverpoint polling place. He was stricken with an attack of grippe on the eve of the election.

OWN SEWER SYSTEM MUST BE ENLARGED

2,000 People in West Warwick Without Facilities Says Commissioner Gough.
Bond Issue Likely.

From all reports and conversation at the monthly meeting of West Warwick Town Council last night the town administration is going to take steps in the future to expand the sewer system to cover the entire town and afford all residents with facilities to dispose of sewage into the town's system.

Sewer Commissioner Andrew Gough, who was called before the council to give his views, stated "the best way is to do what was done in the beginning and that is, go out and raise bonds, let the job out by contract and then finish the job."

Gough stated that the survey of the town's system, which was made by an engineering firm before installation, can most likely be obtained and used today and that project took in the whole town including the many streets which today are not taken care of due to certain conditions and lack of money.

2000 Without Facilities

The commissioner estimated that approximately 2000 people do not have use of the town's system at the present time.

Gough drew support from Council President Mortimer W. Newton and Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis who both agreed that the only proper way to handle the

job is to furnish sewerage for the whole town at one time.

In answer to Judge Harry McKanna, Gough stated that the sewage plant was built to handle 1,000,000 gallons of sewage every 24 hours and an additional storage for 250,000 gallons of sludge. yet the last test showed the system was handling 2,800,000 gallons every 24 hours.

Operation Satisfactory

Gough, although announcing that tests also showed the plant to be operating at its best regardless of the overload, laid the blame to the excess to people who use the system for drainage and illegal purposes.

In pointing out how many people use sewers to dispose of drain water from cellars, Gough stated that last August the intake per day was 1,300,000 gallons but today when there is more rainfall it is well over 2,000,000 gallons per day.

In regard to complaints on odors, Gough contended the plant was causing none and the blame could be laid to dumps in the vicinity which are located in the City of Warwick. In connection he stated that actually there is more odor in the winter time than in the summer because of condensation and that odor is of tar. He added that he had received no complaints from the state inspector's office.