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West Warwick

The traditionally Democratic stronghold of West Warwick, while racked by tough primary fights in recent years, shows no sign of weakening. As one party leader put it, "The people are just Democrats."

Republicans, who seemed to be cutting the Democrats' pluralities for a couple of elections in the early 1950's, have bogged down again. They lost by large counts in the last election. The victory-starved GOP in the town was last in power from 1946-48 and before that hadn't held the town reins since the 1920's.

Usually counted on automatically by the state Democratic organization, the town voted for ex-Gov. Roberts over present Governor Del Sesto last year, although not by so wide a margin as given other party office-seekers on the state ticket. It also had given Mr. Roberts the primary nod over unendorsed Armand H. Cote for the party's gubernatorial nomination.



The party's local primary battles lately have been a challenge to the supremacy of Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis. His intraparty opponents have made some dents in his armor, but he is still regarded as the power behind the throne.

Status of Democratic Party in R.I. Cities and Towns

Reports by staff reporters of the strength and weakness of the Democratic organization on the community level in Rhode Island follow:

Providence

The Democratic Party in Providence appears strong enough to counter any opposition from outside or within. When the chips are down there is no question but that Mayor Walter H. Reynolds and Charles F. McElroy, city chairman, control the party.



Arcaro

There is a number of rumblings. The Italo-Americans want a mayor, but have been unable to unite behind a single candidate. Judge Harold C. Arcaro of Providence Police Court is making noises indicating he wants to challenge Mayor Reynolds in a Democratic primary next year, but there is a general feeling his bid for nomination will fall far short.

Judge Arcaro's effort is looked upon more as an attempt to gain a place on the Democratic state ticket or a party office.

Mayor Reynolds has said he wants to continue as mayor as long as his health permits. It would appear now that he can have his wish.

His firm control of the party was demonstrated earlier this month by his appointment of Francis A. Lennon as public safety commissioner to succeed the late John B. Dunn. The appointment of Mr. Lennon, a political unknown, was extremely unpopular among party stalwarts. A number of more prominent Democrats, including at least one councilman, sought the post. Mayor Reynolds met the opposition head on in a caucus and won.

Republican fortunes in Providence have ebbed to the point where they have only two of the 26 Council seats. In 1958 they lost a seat from Ward 9 which they had wrested from the Democrats in 1956.

The Reynolds administration has given the GOP little ammunition to mount a campaign. It would appear that the only issue the Republicans might pursue with any effectiveness in 1960 is the administration's announcement that the results of the current building revaluation survey will not be made public until after the election.

Cranston

The Democratic organization in Cranston is making plans for the 1960 election campaign with an avowed effort to mend political fences broken down by intra-party differences in recent years. Many influential Demo-

cratic leaders in that city feel that party bickering, accentuated by a series of primary contests, has proved a definite handicap in recent elections.

Also on the debit side, they list these items: failure of party leaders to map an adequate program to woo new voters; lack of a sustained effort to crystallize the party's stand on issues; a too provincial approach to municipal problems which should be viewed for their citywide significance rather than by wards.

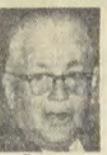
On the credit side of the party's ledger, many influential Democrats list these items: apparent lack of harmony within the entrenched Republican organization, the city's steady population growth with indications that a big majority of new voters are moving from Providence, a normal Democratic stronghold; a sizable independent vote within the grasp of the party if it can sell its program to the people.

Pawtucket

Few persons will quarrel with the statement that the morale of the Democratic Party organization in Pawtucket is at a low ebb.

The Democrats were swept out of Pawtucket City Hall in January, 1954, after more than 20 successive years of victory. They have been going steadily downhill ever since.

Another local election will be held next week and the only question of interest seems to be the size of Mayor Lawrence A. McCarthy's expected plurality. Alphonse Chowanic, the Democratic-endorsed mayoral candidate, is running virtually a one-man campaign with little or no help from his party organization.



Curvin

Speaker Harry F. Curvin of the Rhode Island House of Representatives has been the chairman of the Pawtucket Democratic City Committee during the years the party's fortunes have been sinking. He has been blamed for the party's ineffectiveness.

It is taken for granted in Pawtucket that Albert J. Lamarre, state elections board chairman, had his home city in mind when he said local Democratic organizations in certain cities have been "completely sabotaged" by certain local leaders entering into "reciprocal deals" with the opposition.

It has been obvious for several years that Mayor McCarthy's Independent Party has done nothing to hurt Mr. Curvin's chances of reelection in the 10th Representative District. In like manner, Mr. Curvin, as Dem-

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ocratic city chairman, has not put on the kind of a city election campaign that would endanger Mayor McCarthy's re-election.

Mr. Curvin was a leader of the Democratic machine that ruled Pawtucket City Hall for many years, and many political observers believe that no Democratic-endorsed candidate will be elected mayor while Mr. Curvin remains the party chairman.

The people of Pawtucket are still overwhelmingly Democratic. Even last November when Governor Del Sesto was carrying the city, Sen. John O. Pastore won Pawtucket by 10,100 votes and Congressman Aime J. Forand by 9,181.

All political observers will not agree with Mr. Lamarre that the new city charter with its off-year elections and its ban on political activity by municipal workers is a factor in bringing the Democratic party to a low ebb.

The suggestion has been made on numerous occasions that a new group of Democrats could band together and make a good showing in any local election.

The new charter and the nonpartisan election local election laws would be a help because the new group would not have to win support from the Democratic city committee as they would in a partisan election.

It would be necessary only to file nomination papers for the various local offices and then campaign as a Democratic team or group. This should not be difficult in a city where a majority of the voters are Democrats who have made it clear in three elections that they just don't want to revive the old McCoy machine.

Woonsocket

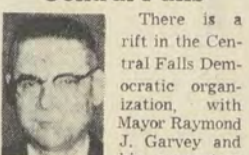
Woonsocket Democrats always have disagreed among themselves at the local political level, but present a united front in state and national elections. Since 1952, control of the

party machinery through the medium of the city committee has been held firmly by the group which came into power with Mayor Kevin K. Coleman.

A measure of Democratic voting strength has been the election every two years of a solidly-Democratic delegation to the General Assembly for the last 20 years.

The party locally is well organized and active. It lost a city election in 1957 when personalities rather than party regularity were at issue, but won handily in the 1958 Democratic primary fight between Gov. Roberts and Armand H. Cote.

Central Falls



Belhumer

There is a rift in the Central Falls Democratic organization, with Mayor Raymond J. Garvey and his supporters on one side and Sen. Arthur A. Belhumer, city chairman, on the other.

But the overall effect thus far is not too serious, because for years the Republican organization has been very weak and there are, thus far, no indications it will get stronger.

In the last election the Cote-Roberts fight hurt Mr. Roberts and helped Mr. Del Sesto because of the preponderance of Franco-American voters in the city.

East Providence

The 44-member East Providence Democratic City Committee is flexing its muscles in an all-out move to win control of the five-member City Council in next year's elections.

Generally speaking, the committee is happy with its chairman, Raymond H. Hawksley, but is unhappy over the fact it was able to elect only one councilman to the City Council last year. This record is in sharp contrast to the party's success with its General Assembly candidates last year. The East Providence delegation in the legislature consists of one state senator and three House members. The local GOP holds one House seat.

Within Democratic party ranks of the committee there is a group that is striving, apparently with some success, for a Portuguese-American candidate for the City Council from the Second Ward. The first step in this direction was taken last week when the Second Ward unit of the city committee ousted Councilman Charles A. Reilly as ward chairman. The move was in retaliation for his failure to back the party's stand on four points in the city manager's budget proposals. Mr. Reilly went along with the manager.

The ousting of Mr. Reilly will cause some dissent in the city committee because the councilman is a brother of James J. Reilly, a former Democratic town committee chairman. This is a minor development that could become a major thing in the months ahead. The question is what are the Reillys going to do.

Warwick

Warwick's Democratic Party for years has suffered from poor morale. Frequent intra-party controversies have caused dissension, with the result that the party has been weakened as a political power in the city.

Complaints levelled at the party have been that there has not been any real amount of new blood taken in, that the battles within the party have not attracted new members to the party organization and that too often the "same old shopworn" candidates have run for office.

In spite of the problems, the party has on several occasions come to power, although it has been only by backing a popular voter getter, the late Joseph Mills, a former Republican who turned independent to run for mayor.

Unlike the Republicans, who also have differences in their ranks but seem to be able to keep the fires of controversy from burning too brightly, the Democrats often split into factions and their fights are open and noisy.

Newport

Newport Democrats are well organized under Chairman Joseph J. Nicholson and have both an active men's and a women's club which meet monthly.

Evidence of the organization was seen in the recent nonpartisan city election, where five of the seven councilmen elected were registered Democrats, even though running as nonpartisan. The heavy vote in the Fourth Ward, the Democratic stronghold of the city, bore this out. Last year, Newport was carried by Governor Roberts, and elected Democrats to all General Assembly seats.

Barrington

The Barrington Democratic Party appears to be in an unchanged position — that of the town's traditional minority party. It has made progress in recent years, coming up with progressively better candidates in that period.

Despite this improvement in campaign offerings and the town's continuing growth, the party does not show any comparative gain in strength. New voters seem to be splitting between the two parties much the same as the time-honored Barrington split has remained over many years (that is, with a heavy G.O.P. majority).

It does not seem likely that anything to do with the Barrington party's status could have affected the state level and it does not seem reasonable in light of history to expect that state level surveys can help the Barrington party much. What the Barrington party needs is more Democratic voters.

Bristol

Bristol Democrats are suffering from within. The ulcer is patronage.

It is noteworthy that in the wake of one of the most resounding Democratic town victories in years, party discipline and morale probably is at its lowest ebb in some time.

On major appointments the Town Council has split down the middle. It went one way and the screening committee of the Democratic Town Committee went another.

Apparently the Democratic victory was resounding enough so that party luminaries figure they can afford the luxury of open dispute. Some, however, believe that luxury cannot be afforded — for long. Reports have it that the next Democratic Town Committee meeting will be devoted to establishing strict lines for patronage and to the healing of sores that have erupted since last November.

Coventry

The Coventry Democratic Party currently is sorely troubled by an undercurrent of dissension that could forebode the worst battle ever in the town. But, if concessions are made to a certain powerful bloc, the trouble could be patched up.

The Valley town has gone Democratic in most recent elections, except for the GOP administration of 1952 in the first Eisenhower sweep, and election of a state senator and representative by the GOP in the second Eisenhower election in 1956. There are no real indications of any great change thus far.

Exeter

Exeter Democrats battling in a traditionally Republican community, have a substantial morale booster on their side which should stand them in good stead during the 1960 campaign.

Taking advantage of a two-year split in GOP ranks, the Democrats seated two of their candidates in close contests in 1958 for the first time since 1939. Republicans won all the other contests,

but in most cases by slim margins.

The question is whether a 1958 morale booster will be enough, particularly since resentment against the GOP faction in power has not been voiced to nearly the extent that it was heard prior to the 1958 election.

Democrats have a potential sizzling issue on their hands which could spell trouble. The lone Democratic town councilman, William I. Morgan, has met a stony reception from his political organization in advocating legislation against erection of cheaply-built housing projects. Edwin J. Moon, Democratic town chairman, says Mr. Morgan is acting contrary to his party's 1958 platform, which opposed a zoning or building code.

Charlestown

The party in Charlestown functions in what is predominantly a Republican town, and between elections is practically inactive. Even in the strongest Democratic years, the town never has had more than a token Democratic Party and, as in 1958, the state chairman often has had to file a town slate because of lack of interest.

East Greenwich

The Democratic Party has never had control of the government of East Greenwich and, except for isolated occasions, it could almost be said that the two-party system does not function locally.

In the last election the Republican hold on the town was loosened for the first time in many years, but this was the result of a coalition of Democrats, Independents and erstwhile Republicans. It was the Independent group rather than the Democrats who supplied the initial drive. The Democrats jumped on the Independent band wagon for their best crack at the Republicans and that is indicative of the party's fiber.

However, a new chairman was appointed in February, Robert E. Benoit, and he is working to reorganize the party and to bring in new blood. Attracting top calibre men to a losing party is not easy, though. Here, as in other suburban towns, however, suburb works for the Democrats as many newcomers seem to favor this party.

Hopkinton

There is no lack of morale among Hopkinton Democrats. In 1958, this party for the first time placed one member on the Town Council, and as a result, the party has taken an active part in

watching the Republican administration, and speaking out when it disagreed.

Functioning in what normally is a solid Republican town, the party is playing a sound role as a minority party, and is now setting its sights on 1960, and taking more than one seat on the council.

Burrillville

A friendly state administration with its patronage probably has contributed as much as anything else to Democratic strength in Burrillville in past years.

Intraparty squabbles involving leadership and candidates, and an unwieldy 41-member town committee have weakened the organization.

In a town where there are no political machines, little politics, dull campaigns with no personalities involved, neither party can lay claim to genuine strength.

Rather, in past years the balance of power has been held by the so-called independent voter who showed little hesitancy in crossing party lines to support candidates.

Thus, the selection of candidates become all-important since it is the person, or personality which counts. Frequently in the past it has been the party seeking the candidates rather than the opposite.

Foster

Although the Democratic party in Foster has succeeded in paring Republican margins on the local level in recent elections, its gains have not been sufficient to induce candidates to seek nomination on the Democratic ticket at general elections. This has made the task of the leaders in preparing the slates a difficult one.

As the minority party, the Democrats have scored at the annual financial town meetings notably in forcing the present start in revaluation by outside experts of the taxable property in the town.

Jamestown

Jamestown Democrats, riding high on the crest of three successive election victories, should have little fear for their future.

The party is popular with the majority of island resi-

Portsmouth

Portsmouth Democrats have never been better organized than under Chairman Thomas Levesque. Last year, for the first time, they elected all five councilmen as well as a school committeeman.

Smithfield

Sen. Walter J. Kane, Smithfield Democratic town committee chairman and campaign manager for Armand H. Cote in the primary, is regrouping his forces. The scars of the primary appear to have been healed and the town organization is strong and active.

dents who see in the Democrats their best hope of salvation from an undesirable financial situation. Jobs on the island are few, salaries are for the most part low and taxes are considered high. There is no industry.

The Democrats have strongly advocated Commerce Oil Refining Corp.'s proposed refinery on the island and development of a marina. Both, they say, would provide jobs, pay good salaries and relieve individuals' tax burdens. It all points, they insist, to "progress" — the party's favorite catchword. Republicans, on the other hand, never have taken a stand on the refinery.

It has been the local GOP, not the Democratic Party, which has been plagued by internal strife. To top it off, the Democrats — particularly since having placed two Portuguese-Americans on the present town council, one as council president — have a strong following in the sizeable Portuguese community on the island. The Democratic outlook in Jamestown is probably as good as in any small town in the state.

Glocester

They're just outnumbered.

That would appear to be the major handicap of the Democratic party in the Republican stronghold of Glocester.

Another, but lesser factor, would be the inability to come up with strong, well-known candidates.

On the plus side the party has an outstanding personality in Congressman John E. Fogarty and an energetic and always optimistic town committee.

Democrats made their biggest stride in the 1951 off-year election when they broke a 60-year GOP monopoly and elected three to town office.

Observers attributed the breakthrough to an old guard regime in office too long. Subsequently, Republicans inserted new, young blood into the ranks and have held the reins since.

Cumberland

The Cumberland Democratic organization was dealt a severe blow on Oct. 20 when the Cumberland Taxpayers Association elected nine candidates it had endorsed for the commission that will write a new home rule charter. However, Town Chair-

man Edward R. Hughes insists that there was too much complacency in the Democratic organization at the special election. Other leaders in the Democrats' camp contend that the recent setback in the special election will awaken the Democrats to the need for more activity when the voting machines are working. The Democrats have been in power since the textile strike of 1922.

South Kingstown

In a township where Republicans are considered more numerous, the South Kingstown Democrats have held a majority of Town Council seats and other important offices since 1953.

Their strength lies in the good leadership and solid organization that has limited party squabbles to an ineffective minimum. The policy of conducting all Town Council meetings in public together with a long list of legislation to provide for future development have kept them in office.



However, in the last two municipal elections their pluralities have been fading. Last June the GOP elected two councilmen and almost elected a third. Bernard J. Toth, party chairman, blames dwindling vote margins on the accelerated Republican effort to get out the vote and the inability of the party in power to remain popular.

Westerly

The Democratic party in Westerly is vigorous and, in spite of interfactional strife, staying in the lead.

At present there are two well-defined factions, that headed by Chairman Sylvester Morrone and that led by Secretary Frank S. Cappuccio. Each also has its own splinter groups.

With its administration in the town hall, the party has continued active, and has had a say in every patronage job and appointment that has come along.

Objective of the party now, obviously is not only to retain control of the town hall in 1960, but to regain the state Senate seat now held by a Republican and, if possible, win the Second Representative district seat, also held by a Republican.

Middletown

Middletown still is a Republican stronghold, but the Democrats are making inroads each year. Perhaps their weakness is that they appear to run the same candidates for town office year after year without success.

The suburban exodus to Middletown may in time build up Democratic strength. At the same time, the old Yankee farmers, former bulwark of the GOP, are dying off, and the Portuguese-Americans are taking over the farms. The latter's vote is split and perhaps leans to the Republicans as the latter recognized them earlier in placing them on the town ticket.

Little Compton

Little Compton Democrats — of which there are very few — still feel pretty good over the slight gains they made two years ago.

They came nowhere near their GOP rivals, but showed a pickup of a few votes and more party activity.

Morale is as good as can be expected from a real underdog. Concern for the state picture is not too heavy, and conversely, the state party organization has never showed too much concern for the town Democratic group.

New Shoreham

New Shoreham has been a Republican stronghold for many years, but the Democratic party has become a vocal minority because of state patronage during the reign of former Governor Roberts. William P. Hopkins, the new chairman, is keeping the party active with regular meetings and social events.

Narragansett

Frequent changes in leadership over the last 10 years, coupled with a rash of personality conflicts within the party hierarchy, have handicapped the Narragansett Democrats at the polls.

In spite of these obstacles the Democrats have been gaining strength as indicated by dwindling Republican pluralities in the last three municipal elections. In that period they have twice elected a single councilman, three times filled the office of highway surveyor and once in special election won the seat in review; election of the moderator of financial town meetings at town wide elections, instead of having the moderator of the first voting district serve; town-wide garbage collection.

North Providence

The Democratic party in North Providence is one of the strongest and best organized in the state. Lt. Gov. John A. Notte Jr., former town chairman, is being strongly backed by town Democrats in his bid for the gubernatorial nomination. Under the new chairman, Arthur Bucci, there have been few signs of open friction.

the lower branch of the General Assembly.

Cooperation with Democrats on the state level has been courteous but restrained. The relationship cooled off even more when state candidates scheduled to appear at a Narragansett rally a year ago failed to show up.

For nearly a year, Richard J. Loud, a young, ambitious worker and frequently a critic of Republican administration of town affairs, has been chairman. His major task of bringing all party factions together still lies ahead.

Lincoln

In Lincoln, dissension between Sen. William M. Davies Jr., town chairman, and Town Administrator Gerald A. Oster doesn't appear to have weakened the Democrats' strength. Mr. Oster and the senator do not see eye to eye on a variety of problems. The rift in the town committee developed in the summer of 1958 when Mr. Oster came out for former Governor Roberts and Senator Davies backed Armand H. Cote in the gubernatorial hassle.

In the 1959 town election, Mr. Oster defeated Senator Davies' candidate in the contest for administrator. The present make-up of the Town Council is four Democrats and one Republican. At the moment Mr. Oster controls two of the Democratic councilmen with the lone Republican on the council aligned with the other two Democratic councilmen.

Johnston

The Democratic organization of Town Solicitor Francis A. Manzi continues to rule the political roost in Johnston as it has for a quarter of a century or more.

However, the party's decisions and policies have been subject to more challenge and criticism than at any time in the past.

Much of the criticism has come from younger Democrats, who flung a challenge in a primary in 1958 and, although beaten, made a creditable showing.

The insurgent group, while not as active as in the pri-

mary campaign, has acted in a watchdog role. The future plans of the younger Democrats have not been divulged, and are the subject of considerable speculation.

It is undeniable, however, that Mr. Manzi has considerable strength, especially with the Italo-American voters, a formidable number. His party

Richmond

Democrats in Richmond, with a bolstering from former Republicans who call themselves Independents, have grown in numbers in recent years. The Republicans, however, heavily outweigh the Democrats, and most of the shift is because of dissatisfaction with the town administration. Between elections, there is only minor activity, although Chairman Samuel Miceli is active continually and keeps his party members and a Democratic club active.

Warren

In the last four years Warren Democrats have lost seven of the major elective offices to the Republicans. They still hold eight. At one time they were solidly entrenched in the local government.



Higgins

There is a feeling in some quarters that Edward J. Higgins, administrative assistant to U. S. Senator Green, is not exercising as much authority and direction of local party affairs as in other years. He is expected to play a strong role in the drive by Lt.-Gov. John A. Notte Jr. for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Senator Jannitto, according to former Chairman Charles F. Pratte, was Mr. Higgins' choice for the local chairmanship last summer. Mr. Pratte said he was asked by Mr. Higgins to approach the senator.

Local Democrats who take the position that morale is low in the party locally attribute this to several breaches within the ranks.

North Smithfield

North Smithfield Democrats waged a primary battle in 1958 for town committee control and party nominations for town offices, including the town council.

Despite this, Democrats won both General Assembly seats in the November election, unseating veteran Republican incumbents. The present state senator is the first Democrat to hold that seat from North Smithfield in 20 years.

At the local level, Democratic candidates have been making serious inroads in the past two elections in what has traditionally been a Republican stronghold. A Democratic candidate for town council lost by only four votes in a race decided by the count of war ballots.

also gains much strength from the weakness of the GOP opposition.

Johnston continues to be one of the Democratic strongholds in the state. Its continued strength, observers feel, would require the party in power to continue to control the large Italo-American vote.

West Greenwich

The Democratic party in West Greenwich has been on the down grade for sometime because of internal dissension and inability to find a leader strong enough to unite the factions.

Notte Calls for 1960 Party Victory

Lt. Gov. John A. Notte Jr. yesterday urged an overflow crowd at the annual West Warwick Democratic dinner to work for a smashing Democratic victory in 1960 in Rhode Island and for the election of a Democratic president.

It's time to be on the march for 1960," Mr. Notte said. "A lot of young people are coming of age. The town committee should put on a special drive to register them."

The lieutenant governor, an avowed candidate for governor in the next election, was introduced by Assistant Atty. Gen. Francis J. Fazzano as the man "who is going to push Mr. Del Sesto out of the State House."

Mr. Notte said Democratic fortunes in 1960 will depend in large part on the women's votes. He offered to speak to any groups in the West Warwick area, no matter how small, during the coming year.

Numerous members of the Democratic insurgent forces, led by John S. Brunero, Alphonse Archambault and Vincenzo James Giusti of the Roosevelt Club, attended the party affair. They sat with their own group, however. Some of them were at tables set up outside the hall to accommodate the overflow.

Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca, dinner chairman, observed that, "We didn't have to cut up the chicken," part of the nine-course dinner. He was referring to the recent Republican outing, when the GOP ran short of chicken at a barbecue and had to split them up.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis cut the speechmaking short, saying the size of the turnout shows, "The town is going to be just as strongly Democratic as it ever was. Let's have a good time and cut out the speeches."

The only other speakers were General Treasurer Raymond H. Hawksley and William J. Lynch, administrative assistant to Congressman John E. Fogarty. Others at the head table were Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle, Reps. Francis X. Kennedy, Felix Appolonia and Ulysses LaRoche, Town Clerk Susan K. Lamb, Councilmen Fulda Geoffroy, Domenic Petrangolo and Frank W. Kusiak.

Cameron (Ronnie) Quinn, youngest son of Chief Judge Robert E. Quinn of the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, who has been mentioned as likely to follow in the political footsteps of his father, former governor, attended the dinner. A recent graduate of the law school at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., Mr. Quinn is currently studying for his bar exams.



West Warwick Democrats at Club 400 outing in Natick yesterday included (l-r) seated: Mrs. Susan V. Lamb, town clerk; Asst. Attorney General Francis J. Fazzano, master of ceremonies; Mrs. Yvonne Guiot, Democratic Women's Club president, and Sen. Francis

J. LaChapelle. Standing (l-r) Councilman Fulda Geoffroy, Rep. Francis X. Kennedy, Councilman Frank W. Kusiak (standing in rear), Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca, chairman of the party; Rep. Felix Appolonia, and Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis.

—State Staff Photo

Arctic Parking Lot Sold to Realty Firm

Sale of the big First National Stores parking lot off Main Street, Arctic, by Industrial National Bank, as trustee for town solicitor Michael De Ciantis and Mrs. De Ciantis, to Kent Realty Co. was recorded at West Warwick Town Hall yesterday.

Revenue stamps attached to the deed indicated a price of \$65,000 was paid for the property. Benjamin Elman, owner of Majestic Hardware and other enterprises in Arctic business center, is president and treasurer of Kent Realty.

The sale was subject to the De Ciantis trust lease to First National Stores. The lease expires in September, 1960, with right to exercise two five-year options after that.

De Ciantis Pledges Relief From Sewer Plant Odor

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick today said that steps will be taken to eliminate odors from the town's sewage disposal plant in Natick.

He said an estimated \$50,000 will be needed to buy a sludge de-waterer and to provide some kind of device to keep the tanks washed completely during periods of drought.

Residents of nearby Brookfield Hills Plat, one of the

town's finest residential developments, have complained about odors emanating from the plant.

While temporary steps are being taken to reduce the odors, with state Health Department advice, the \$50,000 plan will have to be put up to the taxpayers at the March, 1960, annual town meeting, Mr. DeCiantis said.

When a new digester was installed at the plant several years ago, it seemed to cut

down the odor problem but its effect has been overcome by continued saturation of the lagoon by wet sludge and by the tanks themselves during dry periods when there is no surface water run-off to wash them out, Mr. DeCiantis said.

Sewer Supt. Pierre J. Harpin said last week he was using special chemicals to cut the odor and, on advice of the state Health Department, was also introducing more air into the treatment mechanism. He attributed most of the smell to the lack of rain during the past three weeks.

There was less odor yesterday, in the wake of the flooding downpour on Saturday, Rep. Felix Appolonia, a plat resident, said.

Mr. DeCiantis said it would take a week to wash out the tanks at the plant.

"We'll have to find some sort of financing," Mr. DeCiantis said of the emergency plans and the \$50,000 plan for next year. "It's just like a home, you think you've got everything straightened out, then bang and it's something else. Let's be awfully careful, and not get into unnecessary things, but we've got to take care of essentials like this."



WEST WARWICK DEMOCRATS were all smiles at their outing at Club 400, Natick, Sunday, which drew over 800 people. Henry Petrarca, town chairman, shakes hands with Mrs. Yvonne Guiot, Democratic Women's Club president. The two were chairmen of the outing. Others in the photo, left to right: seated, Town Clerk Mrs. Susan V. Lamb, Francis J. Fazzano, toastmaster, and Sen. Francis LaChapelle; standing, Town Councilman Fulda Geoffroy, Rep. Francis X. Kennedy, Councilman Frank Kusiak, Rep. Felix Appolonia and Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis.

—Times Photo

Says Taxes Cause Of Money Rating

Alphonse P. Archambault, insurgent West Warwick Democratic Town Committeeman, yesterday declared the town's "A" financial rating, praised in recent bond negotiations, is "mainly due to property owners being overtaxed and not to any financial wizardry or foresight by certain individuals."

He said taxes went up 22 per cent, or from \$25 to \$32 per \$1,000 valuation from 1956 to 1959, although about half the town's scholage children attend parochial or private schools. He estimated the town saves \$700,000 a year because of that, and questioned how high taxes would have to be if that were not so.

Referring to town solicitor Michael DeCiantis' recent remarks about the financial rating, Mr. Archambault said it would be better to get facts from elected officers than from one "who is vainly trying to keep his rapidly falling and fading political star in the public eye." He criticized some department heads "who are trying to spend all, and perhaps a little more, of the municipal building appropriation and don't care about the rating."

Arctic A & P Is Planned

A coming major change in the Arctic business center was made known yesterday when Antonio Rotelli took out a building permit for a new A&P supermarket to go up on the site of Krawchuk & Carey Motors, Providence Street.

Mr. Rotelli, who leases a building on Main Street to the A&P store now, said it will move to the new building, estimated to cost \$80,000, within a few months and by next spring at the latest.

The present Krawchuk & Carey Motors building will be razed and a house behind it will be moved. The front of the property then will be devoted to parking, and the new supermarket will be built on the back of the land. There will be space for about 140 cars, building inspector Willie Regnaiere said.

The new building, construction of which got underway yesterday, will be 108 feet by 140 feet and will have a hip roof on the front.

Peter Krawchuk, speaking for his father, John Krawchuk, owner of the property, said details were still being worked out on turning it over to Mr. Rotelli. He said the automotive concern will later occupy the former Kohl Chevrolet Co., Arctic, until it constructs a new building on land it owns in the rear of the Pawtuxet Valley Visiting Nurses' building, Factory Street.

Mr. Rotelli said he has no tenant lined up yet for the building now occupied by A&P Stores. He has built 10 or 11 stores for lease to A&P in this state and Fall River, he said. The move by A&P is one of

several changes involving major supermarkets in the Valley area. The First National Store, located near the present A&P in Arctic, reportedly is planning to move to a new shopping center planned in Crompton. A Stop & Shop store is to go up in Anthony. Another supermarket yesterday was reported ready to ne-

gotiate for occupancy of the former Moreau Motors site on Bald Hill Road, Warwick. Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick said last night he yesterday concluded a transaction under which the Moreau Motors plant was sold to General Motors. It is now to be placed in the hands of a realty company, he said.

Will DeCiantis Return To Town Committee?

P. S. J. Nov. 1, 1959

What's holding up endorsement of someone to the vacancy on the West Warwick Democratic Town Committee? That's a question often asked in town political circles.

Action on naming a successor to John J. Flynn on the party ruling group is not coming as fast as expected for some unexplained reason.

The most likely choice for the position, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, is keeping mum about it and is apparently content to let things lie for a while.

Although Mr. Flynn resigned a month ago, the meeting of the second representative district members of the full committee that was then expected to be held in a week to endorse a successor has not been held yet, it was learned.

Highway commissioner Henry J. Petrarca, Democratic town chairman, has said that whoever is recommended by the district committee where a vacancy occurs would most likely be named by the full committee. But that is not necessarily so, he said.

While Mr. DeCiantis is known to have taken the position that he might return to the committee only if it asked him to

do so, Alphonse Bouchard, a Veterans' Council leader, has openly announced his candidacy for the post.

Thomas Flynn, a son of Mr. Flynn, and Edward Flanagan also have been mentioned in some quarters, but a party source said he understands they are not interested.

Some second district committeemen are reported to feel they should have seven men on the 21-man committee, rather than the five they now have, in order to give equal representation to the three representative districts. Things were upset in last year's primary when Town Moderator Charles J. Bourgault and Alfred Chartier, insurgents, won seats from Representative District 3.

Mr. DeCiantis, who, although chairman then, was knocked off the committee by the insurgents in the primary by a close margin, reportedly could have the appointment to the vacancy just by saying the word.

The question is whether Mr. DeCiantis would want to accept appointment to the committee by his men, having failed of election to it. Those close to him say he might prefer to wait until next primary and expect to win election by the party then.

Frederick N. Howard

Funeral Wednesday For Victim of Crash

The funeral of Frederick N. Howard, 23, of 185 Vaughn Ave., Greenwood, who died in an early morning automobile crash yesterday, will be held at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday from the Ruth E. Urquhart Mortuary, 812 Greenwich Ave., Greenwood, with a solemn requiem Mass at 9 o'clock in St. Catherine's Church, Apponaug.

He was born in Warwick, a son of Frederick N. and Bernardine A. (Glenn) Howard. He attended Lockwood High School in Warwick and graduated from La Salle Academy. He served four years as an aircraft electrician in the U.S. Air Force with the Sky Blazer Squadron, from which he received a citation while in Germany.

Besides his mother and father, he is survived by two children, Frederick N. Howard 3rd and Lunn Marie Howard; two sisters Mrs. Carlton Bliss Jr. of Greenwood and Mrs. Michael Palumbo of Cranston.

DeCiantis: Help Needed To Lure Firms

P. S. J. Nov. 22, 1959

The problem of trying to attract industry into West Warwick mill buildings, several of which are empty, is getting to be a tough one, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis said last night.

He heartily seconded a proposal in a letter to him from Rep. Francis X. Kennedy that the Rhode Island Development Council be asked to advise the town what it can do to attract job-making industries.

Mr. DeCiantis said he is going to suggest to Representative Kennedy that he make the necessary arrangements for an open meeting on the subject, if possible. The meeting with development council leaders should preferably be held in West Warwick, he said.

Noting that much old mill space is not being sold or leased in Warwick, East Greenwich and other communities, he said, "it looks to me as if there is a trend to a changing type of building, one with plenty of parking space, high ceilings and easy access for loading and unloading."

He said he has shown prospective industry representatives around the town, but nothing suitable can be found. As late as last Sunday he showed one around that would have employed more than 100 persons, he said.

"What the complete story is and what can be done about it I don't know," he said. "The only thing seems to be to talk with the development council, which receives more information from industries, and get to work on whatever we have to do."

Among mill buildings vacant is old Clyde Print Works, which has been vacant for several years and has been damaged by vandals. Mr. DeCiantis said he can't help but feel that demolition of the scattered old buildings at the mill and a promise to build to order on the same site would be more successful in attracting a new industry there.

The old Arctic Mill, which was vacated by the American Luggage Works this year because it found more needed space in a Warren mill, is still unleased and unsold. That was shown by Mr. DeCiantis to the prospective new industry on Sunday. Much of Phenix Mill is empty, and some lace mill buildings are closed.

Store Owner in West Warwick Defies Sunday 'Blue Law' Ban

A West Warwick hardware store owner kept his store open yesterday without a Sunday sales permit after police ordered him to close.

Rep. Felix Appolonia, attorney for Anthony Santilli who operates the Santilli Hardware Store at 464 Providence St., said state law merely prohibits sale of certain items on Sunday.

He said he is considering withdrawing an application to the Town Council by Mr. Santilli for a Sunday permit because the permit is unnecessary as long as only auto accessories are sold on Sunday.

Police Chief Arthur Groleau said he ordered a policeman to tell Mr. Santilli to close his store until the Town Council acts on his application for a permit.

Prompted by Calls

The police action was prompted by anonymous telephone calls from a woman to several municipal and civic leaders complaining that the Santilli store was open.

Council President Joseph D. Richard said he asked Councilman Antonio Miller to confer with Chief Groleau about the complaints.

Deputy Police Chief James F. Lynch said Warwick police yesterday checked all business establishments and found no violation of the Sunday sales law.

The Warwick Police Commission had notified 32 business places by letter last week that their Sunday sales permits, which expired Saturday, would not be renewed.

Meanwhile, Michael De Ciantis, town solicitor, warned that there is no legal authority to close the store on Sundays. He said the Council has no authority to issue a Sunday sales permit to Mr. Santilli.

He said he had not been told about the Santilli matter yesterday and would have advised the police that they could be subject to legal action if they had attempted to force the store to close.

'Goody Goodies'

Chief Groleau said last night he was not aware that the store had remained open after the officer ordered it closed. He said he had done his job and the matter would now have to be decided by the Town Council.

Mr. De Ciantis charged that "governmental goody goodies" in Warwick have been trying to enforce an outdated "Robin Hood" law. He said the true intent of the so-called "blue laws," to stop all but vital Sunday business, has long since been circumvented.

While a reporter was in the store yesterday a galvanized funnel, a set of wrench fittings and a roll of tape were sold. Each of these items could pertain to autos, Mr. Appolonia observed.

"If any town is foolish enough to hire 150 detectives to find out if they are selling a broom on Sunday, let them spend their money," Mr. De Ciantis said.

Needs to Be Defined

He could buy a broom and say it was to sweep out his car, he said. Mr. Appolonia agreed that a man could say he wanted to paint his car with house paint and thereby justify buying house paint on Sunday.

"We're not trying to be wise guys or defy the law," Mr. Appolonia said. He said the law would eventually have to be clearly defined. He added that he wanted to study it further before deciding definitely to withdraw the Santilli request for a Sunday sales permit.

Mr. De Ciantis said he had intended to express no opinion on the matter until the Santilli request came up. But he praised

Mr. Appolonia on his position as "a wise lawyer."

Chief Groleau said he called Mr. Appolonia last night and now plans no further police action until the Council considers the question.

The town solicitor quoted a section of the state laws which deals with items and services for which no license is required on Sunday.

"A license shall not be required for sale on Sunday of gasoline, oil, grease, automotive parts, automotive servicing or automotive accessories, or for conducting on that day by any farmers' co-operative associations or by wholesale auction market of fruit, vegetables and farm products, all of which are hereby declared to be works of necessity."

Two R. I. Men Killed, Others Injured in Highway Crashes

Automobile accidents claimed the lives of two Rhode Islanders yesterday.

Two were injured seriously and many others suffered minor injuries in accidents on roads made slick by rain and wet leaves.

Killed were Frederick N. Howard, 23, of 185 Vaughn Ave., Warwick, and Thaddeus McGeough, 24, of 34 Blaisdell Ave., Pawtucket.

Mr. McGeough was the son of James P. McGeough, principal of Tolman Senior High School in Pawtucket.

Donald F. Scullin, 25, of 20 Garfield St., Rumford, who suffered critical head injuries, was on the danger list and in poor condition today at Sturdy Memorial Hospital, Attleboro.

Police said Mr. Howard was killed at 2:33 a.m. when a car in which he was a passenger crashed against a utility pole on Post Road, near Crestwood Drive, in Warwick.

The driver, Donald G. Wheeler, 22, of South County Trail, East Greenwich, suffered face cuts. He was arraigned later in the morning before Judge James W. Leighton in district court at Warwick and pleaded innocent of driving so as to endanger, death resulting. He was released in \$2,000 bond for appearance Nov. 12.

Mr. McGeough's car crashed headon with another car at 12:30 a.m. on Route 44 in Taunton.

Three other Rhode Islanders in his car and the driver of the second car were injured.

Miss Carol Walsh, 21, of 15 Hooker St., North Providence, was reported in good condition today at Morton Hospital in Taunton with a broken leg and broken shoulder.

Also reported in good condition are Miss Jane Burt, 20, of 20 Pitman St., Providence, cuts and bruises, and Theodore Thibodeau, 21, of 49 Madison St., Pawtucket, a Providence College junior.

The driver of the other car, Ben Feinstein, 46, president of Franklin Sales Corp. in Taunton, was treated for head cuts.

The death in Warwick was the 70th in Rhode Island this year, compared to 64 during the same time in 1958. It was the fifth in Warwick, compared to six during the same period last year.

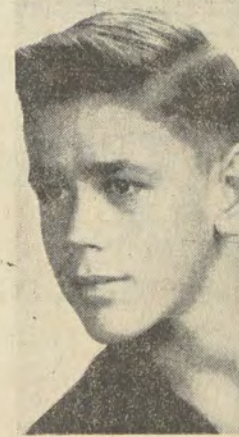
Mr. Scullin was injured critically when his car veered to the right on Route 1 in South Attleboro and hit two utility poles at 5:22 a.m., police said. He was found unconscious.

Earlier in Attleboro, four persons were injured in a head-on accident on West Street about midnight.

The driver of one of the cars, Joseph E. Lamoureux Jr., 26, of 48 Fenton Ave., South Attleboro, was admitted to Sturdy



Thaddeus McGeough



Frederick N. Howard

Hospital with severe face and head cuts. His condition today was good.

The driver of the second car, Roland R. Laramee, 20, of 478 Cumberland Hill Rd., Woonsocket, and a passenger, Herbert G. Bellese, 20, of Whistler, Ala., were treated at Sturdy for cuts and bruises and later taken to the hospital at Otis Air Force Base, where they are stationed.

A third passenger, Stanley J. Szukalski, 19, of Conshohocken, Pa., was held at Sturdy with broken ribs, multiple cuts and a head injury. He was in fair condition today. Two woman pedestrians in

Providence and Pawtucket were knocked down and one was injured seriously.

In Providence, Mrs. Mary Britts, 41, of 51 Lippitt St., suffered a fractured skull when her head was pinned beneath a car at Chalkstone Avenue and Charles Street. She was in fair condition today but on the danger list at Rhode Island Hospital.

Police said the operator of the car was Wesley A. Williams, 48, of 191 Lockwood St.

Mrs. Viana Bray, 54, of 122 Mineral Spring Ave., Pawtucket, suffered a broken right knee and multiple head cuts when struck while crossing

the street in front of her home. The driver was identified by police as Nancy C. Haywood, 19, of 26 Chase St., Pawtucket.

Three occupants were thrown to the street in Cranston when a car hit a fire hydrant and overturned on Gansett Avenue at Doane Street.

The driver, Raymond T. Hall Jr., 22, of 287 Public St., and a passenger, Phillip Gauthier, 36, of 231 Dexter St., suffered possible skull fractures. Mr. Hall was in fair condition and Mr. Gauthier in good condition today at Rhode Island Hospital.

The third occupant of the car, Mrs. Gladys Hall, 43, of 241 Dexter St., received a cut on the left hand and was released after treatment.

A Pascoag man suffered a broken neck in a two-car crash on Putnam Pike in West Gloucester. He is Raymond E. Herard, 58, of 43 Laurel Hill Ave. Mr. Herard was reported in good condition at Roger Williams Hospital.

His wife, Mrs. Helen Herard, a passenger, said she would see her own doctor for cuts and bruises. The driver of the other car, Richard P. Beard, 33, of 382 Privilege St., Woonsocket, declined examination for a wrist injury, but his wife, Mrs. Florence Beard, 32, suffered several broken ribs and was admitted to Roger Williams. She was in fair condition.

A number of other accidents involving minor injuries were reported by police during the day.

Letters to the Editor

Keeping the Sabbath in West Warwick

Editor: *From Visitor Nov. 12, 1959*
 The news story which appeared in the Visitor of November 5th under the headline "DeCiantis for Keeping Sabbath" is a bit confusing to those of us who have followed the controversy in the Pawtuxet Valley Daily Times and the Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin. In your story the West Warwick solicitor seems to be described as one who favors observance of the Sabbath and somehow is looking for an amendment to the law.

In the Pawtuxet Valley Daily Times of October 29, 1959 under the caption "Sunday Sales Ban 'Baloney'" says DeCiantis, "this same official is quoted as saying: 'These holier-than-thou government would-do gooders are in my opinion just being pica-yune. This much-ado about enforcement of Sunday laws that concerns the sale of groceries, hardware and other merchandise which a housewife . . . is a lot of baloney.'" In later news stories appearing in the Journal and Bulletin the same official warmly praised Representative Felix Appolonia who had been vigorous in explaining the "loophole" approach to the press. Mr. Appolonia had prevented the West Warwick Police Department from closing his client's place of business on November 1st. In the secular press Mr. De-

Ciantis denounces as would be do gooders, those who advocate the prevention of Sunday sales. In the diocesan press the same official wants to express the thought that he favors observing the Sabbath. His opinions on the question are very similar to a reversible topcoat, suitable for both fair and foul weather: They remind me of the seller of

patent medicine whose remedies; he claimed, were good for man and beast.

While it may be good politics for this gentleman to place himself on both sides of the question, I suggest it is not the job of your newspaper to help him be all things to all men.

Clarence J. Coutu
 West Warwick

DeCiantis for Keeping Sabbath; Chamber Backs Sunday Laws

By ALICE B. DWYER

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick said today he is "in favor of keeping the Sabbath" in commenting on the controversy going on in the town over Sunday closing.

At the same time the Merchants Division of the West Warwick Chamber of Commerce has unanimously opposed stores opening on Sundays except those permitted by state law.

The controversy began when

a hardware merchant remained open last Sunday in defiance of the law to sell "accessories" after 31 licenses for Sunday opening had been refused by town officials.

Mr. DeCiantis held that the law "has been mongrelized" and is not recognized now. His statement referred to the refusal of Anthony Santilli to close his hardware store at 464 Providence Street, West Warwick. Police were asked to close the store on complaint of

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Says Democrat Takes Credit for Improvement

P.J. Nov. 6, 1959
 Leo B. Charbonneau, West Warwick Republican town committee chairman, last night said he and other town GOP leaders have been working for town improvements won recently, but that Democratic Sen. Francis J. La Chapelle seems to take all the credit.

He said it was through the efforts of the local GOP, working with the Republican state administration, that several recent public works were obtained.

But, he said, "The senator perhaps makes a telephone call about some of the same things and, if anything is done, he takes the credit."

Blames Republicans

If the desired things are not obtained, then the senator blames it on the state Republican administration and says it could have been won if former Gov. Dennis J. Roberts had been re-elected, Mr. Charbonneau said.

He made his remarks after a GOP town committee meeting in Valley Country Club on Ledgemont, at which several candidates for the GOP minority post on the town board of

canvassers were considered. The committee, which must recommend five possible choices to the Town Council by Nov. 12, will take action on them probably through a later phone poll, Mr. Charbonneau said.

Among the persons interested in the job is the incumbent, Joseph Lamothe, Mr. Charbonneau added. The post pays \$400 a year and involves a six-year term.

Cites Sidewalks

Regarding recent improvements for which the Senator La Chapelle seems to take credit, Mr. Charbonneau said he and his committee were instrumental in getting sidewalks that were not in the "original Democrat plans" for Legris Avenue, Centerville. The walks are from Coit Avenue toward Warwick.

He said the local GOP also worked to get the new state

fence along the river on Bridal Avenue, about which the senator had remarked that more fencing would have been obtained if Mr. Roberts were still in office.

In addition, Mr. Charbonneau said, the GOP got the new traffic light at Legris and New London Avenues to help the cause of safety of pupils at Christ the King Parochial Schools and the traffic at the church.

The sign that was inadvertently placed in front of Iannotti's Funeral Home, just across the town line in Coventry at the end of the Quindnick Railroad Bridge, was removed at the request of the funeral home, Mr. Charbonneau said. The state had placed the directional sign on the sidewalk so that it interfered with the loading of cars in front of the home.

W. Warwick Official Gets Backing for Lt. Gov. Post

P.J. Nov. 7, 1959
 Charles J. Bourgault, West Warwick town moderator, was endorsed for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor by unanimous vote of the West Greenwich Democratic town committee last night at the home of former Sen. Henry C. Hoxsie.

Mr. Bourgault served as town solicitor for West Greenwich from 1954 to 1956 and was credited with laying the foundation for the reorganization of the town's financial structure.

Mr. Hoxsie said after the meeting that it was largely in appreciation of the help given to West Greenwich by Mr. Bourgault that the committee felt he should receive the solid support of all of the Kent County Democratic town committees for the nomination for the second spot on the state ticket.

Mr. Hoxsie, who was endorsed recently by his home town Democratic organization for congressman from the Second District, said that the Democrats in West Greenwich feel that Kent County should have recognition in a top position on the Democratic ticket since it has had no major post since the governorship of Robert E. Quinn 20 years ago.

The motion to endorse Mr. Bourgault was made by Thomas Lepre and was seconded by Edward Palmborg.

Reached by telephone later, Mr. Bourgault said he appreciated the support offered by the

West Greenwich town committee. He said he had offered no objection to having his name considered when asked by Mr. Hoxsie several days ago but that at this time he has no plans for waging an aggressive campaign to obtain the nomination.

The future of his candidacy, he said, "is in the hands of my friends."

Lamarre Backs Notte, LaFrance

Sub. Nov. 6, 1959

Albert J. Lamarre, state Elections Board chairman, today endorsed Lt. Gov. John A. Notte Jr., as the Democratic nominee for governor next year and Secretary of State August P. LaFrance as the party's nominee for lieutenant governor.

His action followed by 24 hours an announcement by Mr. LaFrance that he would seek nomination for second place on the state ticket should that spot be vacant.

It was another aspect of a developing situation within the Democratic Party, which Mr. Lamarre helped to stimulate by preparation of a highly critical report on the present political position of the party in the state.

"The announcement made by Secretary of State August P. LaFrance for the office of lieutenant governor, if a vacancy should occur, gives me great pleasure to endorse him for lieutenant governor," Mr. Lamarre said this morning.

"I also wish to take this occasion to endorse Lt. Gov. John A. Notte Jr., for the office of governor.

"These two men have proven to be outstanding public servants. They are prepared by experience, by temperament and by their moral standards to serve Rhode Island in offices of greater responsibility."

Mr. Lamarre declined comment when asked what promoted his swift endorsement of the two candidates.

When informed of the Elections Board chairman's action, Lieutenant Governor Notte said: "I am very grateful for Mr. Lamarre's expression of confidence and support."

Mr. LaFrance said: "I am very pleased to receive the endorsement of Mr. Lamarre. I recognize him as a very sincere Democrat and a gentleman respected throughout the state."

Santo Lombardi, who also runs a hardware store on Providence Street, but in Warwick. Although Sunday closing is enforced in that city Lombardi, who also operates gasoline pumps, has a license to open to sell automotive equipment.

West Warwick police said that Santilli declined to close on the grounds that he also sold automotive parts.

Mr. DeCiantis explained he was against the blue law because it is not the law now, pointing out the blue law he preferred to was that of olden days "when you could not even sell a loaf of bread."

"The law should apply to everything except things of necessity such as drugs," Mr. DeCiantis said, declaring that at present drug stores are selling brooms and are even allowed to sell bathing suits on Sundays.

"My argument is," Mr. DeCiantis continued, "they should not allow them to open at all (except necessary places of business) but if the law allows them to open they can stay open."

He cited Sections of the General Law to support his statement, maintaining he could not stop them nor did the police have the right to

Is Your Conscience Elastic ?

Let not your conscience, like an old pair of suspenders, stretch to the point of no return. . . Let's "Sanctify the Lord's Day" by not working on Sundays. . . I believe that the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath is a Religious Law, rather than a political advocacy.

"Pépère" Mike, as an expert Politogastronomical "gourmet", have you heard about the new 400 recipe ? . . Southern Fried Snipes "a la Raphael Cagleonnie" a Natick concoction that may contaminate the town committee's gravy. . .

Dame rumor has it that Spike Gillespie is to throw his Panama in the gubernatorial ring. . . What's he trying to do "Spike" DelSesto's Gondola ? . . Charles Bourgault is also to lock horns with Auguste LaFrance over the lieutenant governorship. . . What say Charlie ? For a small fee, I'll consider stretching my conscience to the point of voting for you, plus supporting your party. . . Just tell me what party you belong to ? . .

Edgar Boisvert of the Metropolitan Life Insurance, wants to be insulted in my weekly "Gag-Rag" . . . Evariste won't like that ! Being listed in Mr. Lamarre's tabulation as "Greenwood" isn't that affront enough ? . . Nevertheless, I think outside of Dr. Hudson, you are a "raconteur par excellence" . . . Clarence Cootoo says he can't afford my rates. . . Not even the small horse ? . . How about a five buck touch for spelling your name correctly "C o u t u" . . .

Chef Albert (Al Coutu) is no Beatnick, OO, la la, non! He's zee french "cuisinier" his pork pies, (after a few burps) give you that "joie de vivre" feeling . . . his coffee espresso is hard to beat, Nick . . . Robin Hood and Charbonneau on credit rating ! . . . What seems to them of no importance, is We do the paying. . . Say what you may of the new town hall . . . It has a solid Republican foundation, "Valley Ready-Mix Concrete" . . .

Arctic Mr. B. News and Joe McCabe's pipes smell the same . . . Like Jim Beattie's barn after the fire. . . Laurence of Arabia is No. 1 check man at First National. . . Just Briefly, Bette, how cruel can you be, banning me from listening to your sweet melodious voice 11:05 Thursdays WWRI . . . Your Wednesday column is good, but on your "radio diffuser" you excel . . . incidentally saw Peggy without that midriff buldge, I gather she got that "New Look" at Dot's in Centreville . . . On your next broadcast, will you tell "Meritorious Tchaikovsky" that I developed ulcers waiting for the race results becoming ancient news. . .

Watch for the "Operation Parking Meters" issue. . .

It's Real "Square" Man !

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Petrarca Backs Organization by Road Workers

P.T. Nov. 13, 1959
Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca, West Warwick Democratic chairman, said last night he is 100 per cent behind his men, who recently organized an association of highway workers, rubbish and garbage collection men to work for permanent status and fringe benefits.

"The police and fire departments didn't get all their advantages all at once, so I think men will have to go on for improvements gradually," Mr. Petrarca said.

First priority should go to winning the same permanent status that is enjoyed by police and firemen, he said. That will require an act of the General Assembly.

Asked if he also would be included under permanent status as commissioner in any proposed law, Mr. Petrarca said he does not know. He now serves at the pleasure of the Town Council and would be in danger of losing his position if a Republican Town Council should win election.

Police and firemen now receive an annual uniform allowance. His men also would like to receive a clothing allowance as their jobs are hard on permanent status and fringe benefits.

Another thing his workers want is a pension plan, Mr. Petrarca said. Police and firemen fought for and won a pension plan a few years ago.

COUNCIL ACTS ON PROBLEMS AT SESSION

Times Nov. 13, 1959
Two major decisions were handed down by the West Warwick town council at a sometime boisterous meeting last night.

The council gave a thumbs down to a Republican Town Committee's top selection of a political appointment to the canvass board.

It ordered a second bid for furnishings for the new town hall to correct "our own error."

The council also continued to the December meeting the application of Edward Flanagan for a Class B liquor license. It granted pending sewer tax abatements. It approved a 10-year tax exemption on personal property to Warwick Dyeing Mills the new owners of Theis Dyeing Mills, Centreville.

Leo B. Charbonneau, Republican Town Chairman jumped to his feet when he heard Councilman Domenic Petrangelo make a motion to appoint Oscar Millette, 2 Gerald Street, to the \$400 canvass board post.

"Our choice is Ernest Frenette, whose name is at top of the list of five," Mr. Charbonneau declared.

When the council persisted that it could select anyone of the five names submitted by the GOP Committee, Mr. Charbonneau said the council knew the name at top of the list, Mr. Frenette's was the unanimous choice of the GOP Committee.

"This is the most unusual town council action in not selecting the top name in the history of the town," he said. "The other names are in there to fulfill the law. You are sticking your nose in the business of the Republican Town Committee."

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis advised the council it could select whomever it wanted to from the list.

The GOP chairman retorted to the ruling: "There is a certain amount of cooperation between the two parties and if this is the way you are going to act then the cooperation is at an end. I would rather have a dictator than this council."

Flanagan Applies

The application of Edward Flanagan for a Class B liquor license at the Flanagan Building, 965 Main Street, to be known as the "965 Lounge" was continued to the December meeting. Frank Mello of Mello's Cafe, 993 Main Street, told the council there were already seven liquor selling establishments near town hall. The town solicitor had told him there were enough already," Mr. Mello said.

He said the present 65 liquor selling places in West Warwick should be cut in half.

"Let's put the names in a hat and draw out one half and then double the license fee. I am ready to do it," he told the council.

Councilman Antonio Miller, who resides in the area, asked why no hearing was scheduled for the application for a new license. He motioned a hearing be held. He said he didn't think that the application of Mr. Flanagan, contained in the long list of 33 Class B liquor licenses for annual renewals "is the proper way to apply for a license. I think it should be considered as a new license."

While sitting as a license commission, the council set the limit of Class B licenses at 33; granted a transfer of the Class B license from Quinn's Lounge Inc., 154 Washington Street, to Edith L. Mailloux at Eddie's Lounge, Archambault Bldg., 154 Washington Street; renewed 27 victual licenses, three Class B Tavern, 19 Class D, 2 Class D limited, 2 Class E and 3 Tavern licenses.

The council ordered that it had incorrectly advertised for bids for furniture and furnishings for the town hall, because it did not submit specifications and consequently it would re-order bids as soon as specifications had been drawn. The council said it may confer with the office of the state purchasing agent concerning drawing of the specifications. Francis Theroux, agent, who had submitted a bid advised the council to reorder bids as soon as possible because of the steel strike effect upon inventories. Town Clerk Mrs. Susan V. Lamb said that every department had submitted a list of what is wanted and every bidder conferred with each department and the rebidding would be a duplication.

In session as a sewer board, the council granted tax abatements by reducing the \$125 rate to \$65 for "improved property" to Alberic R. and Rosa Gamelin, 8 Carlton Place, \$259.20; Raymond Webber et ux, \$259; authorized Gerard Debuc to install a sewer line along Spencer Street at his own expense and to connect to the municipal system at no further charge.

When Councilman Petrangelo asked for an explanation for the petitions for abatement, Charles J. Bourgault, attorney said they were similar to other abatements given on Carlton Place and all of them followed the pattern in the matter of Ernest E. Lefebvre.

Other Decisions

The council also made the following decisions:

Directed the delegation to the General Assembly to prepare a bill for the special session next week to have the traffic rotary at Veterans' Square named in honor of the war dead of Centreville.

Withdrew the application of Cecilia J. Lautieri, 10 McTeer's Court, for a victualing license and four pool tables until approval of the building inspector.

Granted the application of John and Bernadette H. Gould to operate a hairdressing parlor at 165 Andrews Avenue; also the application of Joseph and Steffi G. Taylor to operate a variety store at 51 West Warwick Ave.

Ordered filed the letter from health officer Dr. John A. Mack that in his opinion the alleged washing machine overflow on Harding Street does not constitute a health menace.

Ordered filed a letter from the Coventry town clerk that in the complaint of odor from Quindick mill the Coventry council had been advised a filter was being installed at the new plant.

Appointed as police constables, Angelo P. Cinquegrana, 1 Midway Drive, John J. Flynn, 39 Sunrise Avenue, and William T. Varr, 16 Terrace Avenue.

Renewed 130 police constable applications.

Tribute

Adopted a resolution of sympathy in the death of Fire Captain J. Lionel St. Jean. It read in part "a faithful servant who gave his life in the line of duty and in the protection of the lives of others."

Granted \$745 to be forwarded to the merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce for Christmas street lighting.

Ordered filed a letter from Rev. Edmund I. Mullen, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, that the parish would accept the Highland Street School which the school board has abandoned.

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Cranberry Sauce Blues!

Boko's Scratch Sheet of possible Democratic Thoroughbred pacemakers for the running of Rhode Island's Political Derby: . .

For U. S. Senator, John E. Fogarty; U. S. Representative, John A. Notte, Jr.; Governor, Raymond H. Hawksley; Lieutenant-Governor, Charles J. Bourgault; Secretary of State, (??? But Irish); Attorney General, J. Joseph Nugent; Treasurer, (??? But Portuguese); Racing Commissioner, "Boko" On the Republican side of the hurdles, we're waiting for "Rocky" to spend a little money on the "futuraity".

George Kelly and Bill Lynch, Fogarty's right and left hand boys, were recently in town, presumably checking the Lamarre story . . . ? Fogarty coming to Coventry on the 19th . . . Hoping he soon does something for the poor and mentally retarded columnists. .

For that's where I come in. . . . Pépère Michaele on the wrong side of the street at Dedication is too much "humility" . . . Or, was he checking on his "delinquent juvenile diplomats"? You know, Pépère, "Spare the rod and spoil the brats" . . . Use a club on the bums Cue-Ball Kelly of Eastern Oil and Clarence Cootoo of Coutu Lumber, paid me their respect . . . You fellers sure made my bookie happy . . . Edgar, you've got Evariste burning, too many lapses, and he doesn't mean furlongs. . .

Crompton butcher advertising HIS smoked shoulders, lean flanks and pigs feet . . Mine, has drooping shoulders, protruding ribs and fallen-arches. . . . My family's Thanksgiving tradition . . . "Bicarbonate of Soda" . . .

Orchids to all the Peggys in town, for they all have that "Look" . . . (if they didn't, wouldn't I leave town in a hurry ?) .

OO, la la, Chef Albert (Al Coutu) wants you to try his fruit pies, gave me a sample and what do you know? "no burps", he sells an average of 5000 a week . . . Charlie Bourgault says to dig my "Chop Suey" you have to be a "Harvard Man" . . . I'll admit for some people, it takes a week to sink in . . . that's why it has a lasting impression.

Thanks to "Meritorious Tchaikovsky" of WWRI. "Boko" became quite popular overnight . . . Dubbing you "Meritorious" was my way of bestowing you your "épaulettes" of "Merit" for I think you're the most Gifted Gabber Dad in the business, let no morons tell you otherwise . . . In due respect and honor to your "nom de plume" I think Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto played between the 1st and 2nd race at Narragansett would be very Meritorious and So, . . . Soothing.

"Boko"

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introduce legislation to permit setting up a memorial to Centerville veterans on a piece of state land at Veterans Square, Centerville.

The council also: Granted permission to Crompton Cub Scout Pack to hold a used-toy sale Nov. 20 in Howard Richmond Hall. Authorized Shell Oil Co. and Jean Sorokission to operate a gas station with two pumps and 6,000-gallon capacity at 200 Washington St.

Granted a license to sell pistols and revolvers at retail to Anthony Santilli of Santilli's Hardware, 464 Providence St.

Granted a junk gathering license to Daniel Weisman of 31 Downing St., Providence.

Approved 13 tax abatements for such reasons as over-assessed, legal exemption not allowed, duplicate assessment and person a resident of Coventry or Warwick.

Approved three tax refunds, including one of \$228.96 to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lonsolis, care of Clarence Coutu, for use of a free parking lot on Curson Street.

Filed a letter from Elphege Goulet, chief of the state Bureau of Audits, advising that his staff will audit town books, as requested, and have the pertinent data ready for the March 22 annual town meeting.

Allocated \$745 to the Chamber of Commerce to help defray cost of Christmas lighting of streets. George Rivera, lighting chairman, had requested that \$1,000 be allocated because of increased lighting this year.

Accepted an invitation from Pawtucket Valley Junior Women's Club to attend with their wives a meeting Dec. 14 in Nurses' Hall, of which U.S. Sen. John O. Pastore will speak.

Referred to Fire Chief Lionel P. Goureau an invitation from Governor Del Sesio to officials to attend a meeting Nov. 20 at 9:30 a.m. in Providence of a Civil Defense Staff College being held Nov. 4-20.

Filed a letter from Daniel O. Caragli, chief engineer of state roads and bridges, and Angelo Marcello, state public works director, advising that the state doesn't consider it advisable now to make any changes in side street alignments of streets in and West Warwick Avenue. If and when they are made, the town will cooperate in resetting the curbs and other related work. The letter is in reply to one from Mr. DeCiantis, town clerk, dated Oct. 21.

Received with thanks a letter from Mrs. Terrence E. Duffy of Coventry, advising that Peter D. Russo, Coventry council president, had investigated an odor believed to have moved

down river from Quinick Mill and that a new filter is being installed.

Filed a letter from Norbert C. Coutu, industrial committee chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, thanking it for helping the Warwick Dyeing Mills take over Thies Dyeing Mills with a tax exemption.

Filed a report from Dr. John A. Mack, health officer, advising that dumping of washing machine water on Harding Street is most unsanitary, but not a great health menace. The solution would be to install sewers. Dr. Mack said, as the residents would have to have cesspools cleaned every few days at \$10 a cleaning, if they channeled wash water into them.

Appointed 130 police constables and named Angelo P. Cincuegrano, John J. Flynn and William T. Varr constables with power to serve civil process.

Granted sewer tax abatements of \$259.20 each to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Webster and Mr. and Mrs. Alberic Gamelin of Carlton Place. Their attorney, Charles J. Bourgault, said their land had been assessed as improved property at \$65 per \$1,000 in 1941 and technically they couldn't be reassessed at all in 1954, when their homes were assessed at \$125 per \$1,000 for new sewers. However, Mr. Bourgault moved they pay on their homes at the original \$65 rate, making for the rebate.

Granted zoning exceptions to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gould to operate a hair-dressing parlor at 165 Andrews Ave., and to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lonsolis, 51 West Warwick Ave., to operate a variety store.

Continued to hold up a victualling license and license for four pool tables for the Village Spa, 7 1/2 Market St., Notick, pending satisfactory completion of facilities there.

Kept open the earlier recommendation of Building Inspector Willie Regaliere that the Petrella Block, Notick, gutted by fire, be razed. Mr. Regaliere asked that the recommendation be continued.

Approved the 12th payment for the new municipal building, \$34,128, to F. W. Johnson & Son, and \$819.07 to Almazanor Samson & Son, architects.

Adopted a resolution of sympathy on the death of Fire Capt. Joseph Lionel St. Jean, stricken with a heart attack at a fire this week, and ordered a copy sent to his family. The Council praised him as a faithful public servant who gave his life protecting the lives and property of others.

Approved a plan under which a Spencer Street, Crompton, resident will pay for extension of the sewer from Main Street to his house, after which the main will become town property.

Filed Police Chief Groleau's October report listing 386 complaints investigated, 31 arrests, 19 accidents and 51 ambulance trips.

Filed Mr. Regaliere's monthly report showing permits for four dwelling \$48,000; six alterations and additions \$4,800; two commercial, \$85,000; one commercial alteration, \$1,800; and five garage \$5,450.

Amending State Sunday Sales Laws Won't Be Easy

A basic problem in the writing and enforcement of a Sunday sales closing law was illustrated on the same day recently in separate actions taken by the diocesan convention of the Catholic Youth Organization and the meatcutter's union. The CYO was moved fundamentally by religious considerations; the union, by labor considerations.

Strictly in accord with its traditional stand, the CYO expressed strong opposition to the "desecration of the Lord's Day" by an "attempt to commercialize Sunday" in this state. The convention pledged that its members "will do all in our power to keep sacred this day." The CYO always has favored Sunday observance laws.

On the same day the convention was meeting, members of Local 328 of the Meat Cutters and Food Store Workers Union reopened a fight against illegal Sunday sales by picketing three markets where the union said members had bought meat in violation of the law. A similar campaign in 1955 petered out.

While the pickets carried signs which included such slogans as "Help Us Save Sunday for the Family," the union has campaigned against illegal Sunday sales, it is reported, on the ground that they undermine standards in union stores which are closed on Sundays. This new campaign is aimed at all stores which break the closing law.

Prentice N. Witherspoon, business agent of the local, said that meat dealers who stay open on Sunday are "gouging the public" and forcing smaller dealers to violate the law in order to survive. Uniform enforcement, goes the argument, would preserve fair competition in the meat retail business in Rhode Island.

To suggest that the union tends to lean more strongly on the economic results of law breaking is not to suggest that the union also is not moved by regard for the Lord's Day. On this point, in fact, it is interesting to note that pickets in West Warwick distributed an anti-Sunday sales pamphlet published by the Catholic Labor Alliance of Chicago.

But the difference in stress by the CYO and the union suggests how difficult the needed overhaul of the Sunday closing statutes may be. If it is legal to sell bread, why is it illegal to sell hamburger to put between two slices of bread? If the sale of meat is illegal, how can the sale of cosmetics be justified?

The existing laws are so full of holes and conflicts, in fact, that enforcement is difficult enough. When purely economic pressures are invoked, besides, either to put items on the legal sales list or to force a stoppage of sales of other items, the problem of a Sunday sales law becomes tremendously entangled in cross-pressures.

The problem will not be solved by picketing or by the passage of convention resolutions. Basic to any solution is a carefully considered review of the problem by the General Assembly with the purpose of trying to write a reasonable code which will be accepted by the people and can be enforced uniformly in every city and town in Rhode Island.

DeCiantis Asks Vote On Equipment Funds

Even if it isn't legally necessary, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick said yesterday he still would want to get taxpayer approval of any expenditure above the \$40,000 voted to furnish and equip the new municipal building. Mortimer N. Newton, acting town solicitor at the last annual town meeting, said that the town administration was not legally bound to accept a cut from \$50,000 to \$40,000 in the equipment allocation. The administration had sought \$50,000. "I have always taken the attitude when it comes to the expenditure of money, even with a bond issue, that we should have the taxpayers approve it," Mr. DeCiantis said.

"We may have a question arise whether some of the staff is equipment. There's a serious question in my mind, for instance, whether all of the police radio equipment, that I hear may cost \$10,000, can be considered building equipment.

"It might be all right for furnishings. If I'd been there (at town meeting), I'd have taken up the whole thing and gotten the money necessary from the bond issue. I suppose that whatever is to be installed in the building itself might be all right and come under equipment."

Senator Files Bill

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Early Opinion Seen

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick said today he expects to announce an opinion within a week on the petition of residents of Rex Street, Arctic Hill, for sewer tax relief.

The residents, in a petition by Charles J. Bourgault, attorney, objected to being assessed at the rate of \$125 per \$1,000 valuation for a recent sewer extension on their street. They argued that income to the town from the assessment would exceed the cost to the town of installing the sewer line.

At the time Mr. DeCiantis said it was his tentative opinion that the residents could be charged only the actual cost of the installation.

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Survey Shows R.I. Democrats Are Strong at Grass Roots Level

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Despite the Lamarre report caustically criticizing the current political position of the Democratic Party in the state, local Democratic organizations for the most part appear to have maintained their strength.

The report produced by Albert J. Lamarre, elections board chairman and long a prominent Democrat, said, among other things, that the party's morale, "particularly in two cities, stands at zero."

Nevertheless, the party, in general, at the local level apparently enjoys good health. At the state level, the situation differs.

There major problems concerned with party leadership,

the party is said to be at a low ebb, with the party going downhill since losing control of City Hall in 1954. In Warwick, Democrats often are split by factionalism and morale is low. In Central Falls there is a rift in the Democratic organization, but the opposition is weak. In Cranston, intra-party fights have been damaging, but efforts to men political fences are planned. The Tiverton organization is split by a feud.

These are some of the highlights of an opinion survey from Journal-Bulletin reporters throughout the state. Their conclusions appear in detail on Pages 34, 35 and 36.

West Warwick City Charter Act Still Alive

Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle (D-West Warwick) yesterday introduced a bill to repeal the 1955 West Warwick City Charter Act in the Senate. The bill however, died in the corporation committee as the special General Assembly session ended.

Asked if he plans to introduce it again in January, the senator said he thought the introduction had served its purpose. He indicated it was aimed to coincide with a recently reaffirmed policy that all bills affecting the town should be first approved by the town Democratic town committee and Town Council.

He had no comment on remarks by Francis J. Fazzano, former Council president, yesterday, in which Mr. Fazzano quoted news stories indicating the senator was aware the Council had approved the city charter bill under Mr. Fazzano's administration.

Despite assertions by town administration leaders that the still-pending city charter act was so approved, the senator felt that it was not.

The senator's bill that would give permanent status to highway, garbage collection and sewer workers, the measure that started the present hassle between him and Henry J. Petrarca, Democratic chairman, also died in Senate committee yesterday.

Saying he hoped the problem between him and the party chairman will be straightened out by the time the Assembly reconvenes, Sen. LaChapelle expressed a hope it might highlight something he has always said, that there should be meetings of the town committee, Council and legislators to talk over planned legislation affecting the town.

LaChapelle's Tenure Bill Seen Doomed

Pub. Nov. 20, 1959

Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca, West Warwick Democratic chairman, said last night the bill introduced by Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle (D-West Warwick) to give permanent tenure to highway, garbage and sewer workers "hasn't a ghost of a chance" of passing the General Assembly.

He said Sen. LaChapelle should have consulted with the Democratic town committee and Town Council before introducing the bill.

More conferences are to be held among the senator, the three state representatives and workers' committees, after which a different bill will no doubt result, Mr. Petrarca said. It would be drafted after consideration of the whole matter by the town committee and Council, he said.

Sen. LaChapelle has said he was exercising his prerogative to introduce a personal bill. Mr. Petrarca said last night, "It's not going to be a personal, one-man thing. The senator needn't think he's going to pass the bill as he sees fit."

Mr. Petrarca said that the town's clerical workers, janitors and three school bus drivers now want to be added in any legislation extending permanent status to town employees.

It was learned reliably that the LaChapelle bill was drafted by town moderator Charles J. Bourgault, a leader of the insurgent faction of the Democratic party.

Asked for comment on Sen. LaChapelle's bill, Leo B. Charbonneau, Republican town chairman, said yesterday he wants to see it first. He said all plans should be discussed.

Rebuke for LaChapelle

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The proposal by Sen. Francis LaChapelle, of West Warwick, to introduce legislation to abolish the 1954 act incorporating the city of West Warwick was rebuked today by Francis J. Fazzano, who was town council president when the act passed the General Assembly.

Sen. LaChapelle said in 1954 he introduced the bill at the request of Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis although the measure was not first approved by the Democratic town committee and was not first presented to the council. "Rather than have anyone find fault with the existing situation and to abide by the new rule, I will introduce repealing legislation," the senator said.

Mr. Fazzano said: "I have followed with interest the dispute between Senator LaChapelle and Mr. Petrarca.

"I have always had the utmost confidence in and respect for Henry Petrarca, and I believe his reputation for integrity is so well known in West Warwick that it needs no defense from me.

"However, in connection with Sen. LaChapelle's statement to the effect that the city charter bill was never presented to the town committee or to the town council, I must tell the senator and whoever else may be interested that there was a joint meeting of the town committee and the town council, at which it was unanimously voted to endorse the bill and to urge its passage in the legislature. I recall that meeting very clearly. As a matter of fact, I have in my scrapbook clippings from a newspaper printed April 29, 1955, in which Sen. LaChapelle is quoted as follows, with reference to the city charter bill: 'I understand some people were not in favor of it but we (the General Assembly) had a letter from the town council approving the bill.' I might also add that at the joint meeting, Michael DeCiantis explained the bill in great detail to everyone present.

"It does seem to me that in matters of this kind that while public officials have an absolute right to disagree with one another that the public is entitled to accuracy as to the facts of a given situation. That is the reason for my making this statement."

LaChapelle Makes Reply

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Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle, of West Warwick, who has drawn fire from other Democratic leaders of the town since he introduced the employee tenure bill, today backed up his charges that the town committee has on several occasions been ignored by these same officials.

Concerning the city charter bill, the senator asked, "If the town committee knew all about it, why was it rushed into the General Assembly so hurriedly without anyone knowing anything about it?"

Referring to the question raised by Henry Petrarca, Democratic town chairman, about Anthony Giorgio receiving the appointment from High Sheriff Edward Murray, Sen. LaChapelle said, "Maybe it would be nice for Mr. Petrarca to consult with Mr. Murray and get the real facts which are as follows: The high sheriff came to me, Sen. James Murphy of Coventry and Sen. Henry Hoxsie of West Greenwich, and told us he needed more help and we then proceeded to go into Governor Robert's office and ask for the help. Anthony Giorgio's name came out five minutes after speaking to the governor. Mr. Murphy at that time said, 'I could not give the name of my candidate for I have to consult my town committee.' Senator Hoxsie did not get a sheriff's job for his community because only enough funds were available for two appointments. Later, Sen. Hoxsie was given the nod for the sidewalks out in front of the West Greenwich school instead of the sheriff's appointment.

"As far as the appointment of Edward Coleman to the Kent County Superior Court, yes, my man was Leo Lavallee. But I conferred with Henry Petrarca and told him that any man that the town committee would come up with would be acceptable since I was really interested in not losing the job for West Warwick.

"I say it is action and not words that mean much to the voters and I again say that Mr. Petrarca and associates can take the plaudits while the senator continues to take the votes."

"Mr. LaChapelle presented the bill knowing it would be killed in the House just so he could tell the workmen he tried but their representative killed it," Mr. Petrarca said.

"I am still in favor of a tenure bill," Mr. Petrarca said, "but I also think the question should be brought before the town committee, Town Council and department heads to get their opinions."

Mr. Petrarca said, "Mr. Bourgault is using Mr. LaChapelle for his own advantage, but it slapped him right back in the face and he has been smoked out."

That was reliably reported last night, although Mr. Petrarca could not be reached. The statement was critical of the senator for taking it on himself to write the bill without the workers' consent. Also, it said, the town committee and Town Council hadn't seen it, nor had the three representatives.

Queries Made By LaChapelle

Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle of West Warwick said today that the statements of Democratic Chairman Henry Petrarca concerning the town employees tenure legislation shows Mr. Petrarca differs with the adage "What's good for the goose is good for the gander."

The senator said that while the Democratic chieftan scolds him for introducing bills in the Senate without first consulting the town committee, he must have forgotten about all of the other actions taken without any knowledge of the committee.

"I want Mr. Petrarca to answer the following questions," Sen. LaChapelle said.

"Was the town committee consulted when the bill to make West Warwick a city was introduced, passed both branches, was signed by the governor and now awaits the peoples answer?"

"Was the town committee consulted when the town lost the clerkship in the Superior Court in the replacement of the late James Scully?"

"Was the town committee consulted when Mr. Anthony Giorgio became sheriff?"

"Keep it up Mr. Petrarca. In the General Assembly, I'm known as a true blue Democrat. My record speaks for itself."

Workers for Tenure Bill Of Their Own

Employees of the West Warwick highway and garbage and rubbish collection departments last night asked that Sen. Francis LaChapelle's tenure bill be shelved. They voted to have a new act drawn and to submit it to the Democratic Town Committee before having it introduced in the General Assembly.

Since the time Sen. LaChapelle introduced the measure to provide tenure to highway, garbage and sewer force employees, Democratic leaders have been at odds with the senator. They have charged that he "jumped the gun" and should first have consulted the town committee before introducing new legislation.

A spokesman for the highway department said that their new request will also ask for fringe benefits providing employee compensation, 15 days sick leave and an annual \$100 clothing allowance.

Representatives of the school bus drivers, it was reported, voted to be included in the bill and to ask the same fringe benefits with exception of the \$100 uniform allowance.

Spokesmen for the sewer department said they were not ready to announce their demands.

Charles J. Bourgault, attorney, and member of the Democratic Town Committee will be requested to draw the new tenure bill. He drew the one which Sen. LaChapelle had introduced earlier this month and is now in the hands of the Senate Corporations Committee.

Rep. Francis X. Kennedy attended the meeting last night at the Crompton fire station and it was reported that he urged that any new legislation go before the town committee.

A spokesman for the highway force said that the employees want the bill to be supported by the town committee so that it could pass the General Assembly. However, it was reported that if the town committee fails to act favorably upon the measure then the fight for tenure and fringe benefits will be continued.

Refutes Charges

Henry Petrarca, chairman of the West Warwick Democratic Town Committee, today refuted every question asked of him by Sen. Francis LaChapelle.

The Democratic chieftan said that all members of the town committee knew of the city charter bill before it was introduced in the General Assembly and they all agreed with it.

Referring to the question whether or not the town committee was consulted when Anthony Giorgio was appointed deputy sheriff, Mr. Petrarca said that High Sheriff Edward Murray appointed him because he needed his services right away and "you Sen. LaChapelle went down to see the late Frank Giorgio and tried to take credit for it."

In answer to the question raised by the senator as to whether or not the town committee was consulted about the appointment of an assistant clerk at Kent County Superior Court, that Democratic chairman made the following statement:

"Senator LaChapelle, Thursday, Sept. 17, you called Edward Coleman, the assistant clerk of the court, and told him that Frank Rao, state Democratic chairman, told you that Mr. Coleman was going to be clerk of the court. Then you also told him that you had an assistant clerk you'd like to have appointed."

"Mr. Coleman told you that even if he had been appointed clerk he would work through the Democratic Town Committee and not you, Senator LaChapelle. You asked him if he would see you Friday, Sept. 18, and you went down with Mr. Leo Lavallee and hung around the court house all afternoon. But Mr. Coleman didn't show up, because he had been to the Governor's office at request of Robert L. Gammell and he was at the governor's office and the court office from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m."

"Friday night you were around the town introducing Mr. Lavallee as your next assistant clerk of the court. But Senator LaChapelle the next day you saw in the newspaper that Mr. Raymond Miller was appointed clerk of the court and Mr. Coleman was named assistant clerk. You, Senator LaChapelle tried to put another one over the town committee by going to see Mr. Coleman. Again I repeat you are not bigger than the Democratic party and you might as well make up your mind to it."

I answer to the question about being a true blue Democrat, Mr. Petrarca said, "Senator, your statement to me was that with one senator out sick from the General Assembly you were the deciding factor there, and if you didn't get what you wanted you could get some of your Republican Senators to go along with you. That Senator LaChapelle tells me how true blue Democrat you are."

Road Chief Scores Move On Tenure Bill

Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca, West Warwick Democratic chairman, said yesterday that Charles J. Bourgault, town moderator, and Senator Francis J. LaChapelle jumped the gun and are trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the workers by presenting a tenure bill for town employees in the highway, garbage and sewer departments to the General Assembly.

WORKERS HIT 3 DEPARTMENT TOWN PLAN

A bill that Senator Francis LaChapelle (D), introduced in the special session of the General Assembly calling for permanent highway, sewer and garbage collection departments, met with strong criticism today from the highway workers.

The legislation which was referred to the Senate corporations committee, would be subject to approval by taxpayers at the March 22 financial town meeting.

Highway workers in a signed statement said, "The taxpayers must be considered in this matter. We don't want the Senator to make himself popular at our expense."

Sen. LaChapelle said that he had not conferred with the Democratic Party leaders before introducing the measure because he wanted to "get it out into the open as soon as possible."

Highway workers who signed the statement, Theodore A. Stukus, Eugene J. Harpin, Joseph S. Simas and Walter Brzoza, said the bill that Senator LaChapelle introduced "was done without our consent." It continued:

"The Senator took it upon himself to write up the bill without the consent of the highwaymen, garbage and rubbish removal and sewer departments. Also it hasn't been brought before the town committee or the town council. The three representatives didn't know what was in the bill."

"The highway department, garbage and rubbish removal and sewer departments were supposed to meet with the senator and the three representatives and talk this over with the workers. It was going to be brought before the town committee and then the town council if everything was agreeable. A bill would have been written up agreeable to the three representatives and the senator and also the town council."

"The taxpayers must be considered in this matter. We don't want the Senator to make himself popular at our expense."

Unlike the provisions of the bills which set up the permanent police and fire forces, the commissioner or superintendent of the highway, sewer and garbage and rubbish departments would not be permanent.

The supervisors, according to terms of the act, shall be appointed by the town council and shall serve at their pleasure.

The act provides that the same person may serve as superintendent of either or all departments. Presently, Henry Petrarca is commissioner of both the highway and the garbage and rubbish collection departments. Pierre J. Harpin is the sewer superintendent.

Powers invested in the commissioner or superintendent under provisions of Sen. LaChapelle's bill allow the suspension of any

permanent employee until the next regular town council meeting. At that town council session the super shall report in writing the suspension with the reason. The employee suspended would be notified of a hearing by the town council at such times and place as the council may direct and the suspension may be carried until the hearing is held.

The suspended employee may be subject to demotion, suspension or removal from office by the town council at any time for misconduct, disobedience or orders of a superior or for malfeasance or nonfeasance in office. The suspended employee would be entitled to a hearing.

Ordinances establishing standards for appointment to any departments, establishing classifications of positions, defining duties of the employees, and establishing procedure for hearings shall be enacted by the town council, the legislation stipulates.

Senator Defends Tenure Measure As Personal Bill

Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle (D-West Warwick) last night said that a bill he introduced Tuesday to give highway, rubbish collection and sewer workers permanent tenure was a personal bill.

The controversy over the bill, brought out yesterday with release of a letter from four highway workers disavowing any connection with the bill because it hadn't been taken up with them or other officials, raged at a meeting of workers last night.

It was reported at the meeting in the highway garage with Senator LaChapelle and Reps. Felix Appolonia, Francis X. Kennedy and Ulysses La Roche that highway commissioner Henry J. Petrarca, Democratic chairman, had obtained the four men's signatures on the statement released yesterday.

Fazzano Say Council Consulted on Charter

Francis J. Fazzano, assistant attorney general and former West Warwick Town Council president, today rallied to the support of town Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca, Democratic chairman, in his verbal battle with Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle.

Mr. Fazzano said the senator was wrong in saying that the Democratic Town Committee and Town Council were not consulted in the still-pending 1954 city charter act. Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis explained the bill in detail before a joint

meeting of the town committee and the council before it was introduced in the General Assembly, Mr. Fazzano said.

"The vote was unanimous to urge introduction of the bill to the General Assembly," he asserted.

He said the senator was quoted on April 29, 1955, as saying of the city act: "I understand some people were not in favor of it, but we (the General Assembly) had a letter from the Town Council approving the bill."

Senator LaChapelle reportedly plans to introduce legislation to repeal the pending city act on the grounds it was passed at the request of Mr. DeCiantis and "was not first approved by the town committee and presented to the council."

The battle began last week to give permanent status to highway, garbage collection and sewer workers of the town. The bill had not been approved by the Town Council and Democratic Town Committee and caused objection on that score from Mr. Petrarca.

Mr. Petrarca reiterated yesterday that any bill affecting the town administration should first be approved by the town committee and council.

"But with men like the senator it's 'me, me, me,' all the time. He jumped the gun introducing his bill. The workers and legislators were supposed to meet Wednesday on it, so he put his bill in Tuesday. Then he could say, if it was defeated, 'I tried to get it through.'"

In answer to the senator's query whether the town committee was consulted when Anthony Giorgio was appointed a deputy sheriff, Mr. Petrarca said that the appointment was made by then Sheriff Edward J. Murray because he needed him immediately.

He also upbraided Senator LaChapelle for his alleged attempt to bypass the town committee in trying to get Leo Lavallee a post as assistant clerk of Kent County Superior Court.

Population Explosion POPULARITY!..

"La Parade des Innocents" . . . Go Man ! . . . Sir Clarence the 9th and his little green pants . . . Stop Man ! . . . Boko the 3rd, his red necktie and his weekly asinine drivel . . . Crazy Man, Crazy! Pèpère Michaele to divorce Mémère Sharliee, on the grounds of incompatibility to the Democratic Party. . . Some of Fogarty's opponents want Boko to change his political tune. . . OK fellers, I'll sing the "The Money Tree" in B flat or C major and in three languages for the do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, si, dough. . . Charlie Amaral said that Henry's answer to Robin was Boull Sh . . . it figures. . .

"La Plume de Ma Tante" . . . Disc Jockey "Meritorius Tchaikovsky" at WWRI gives with the hossey "payola" to the strains of "Mantovani" . . . Nice Man ! . . . The mob around the barrel, it's Sears Roebuck's Monday nite raffle. . . Grounds for divorce: Boko misnaming Jimmy for Johnny at Webber Motors. So sorry Edna ! . . . Do-Nuts and Pretty girls at the Kettle . . . "She Has Beautiful Blue Eyes" and works at the "Jolly Chef" . . . "Matt" Harpin had all the calories and vitamins we all should have in his "Food for Thought" Thanksgiving message Boko's new girl friend, her name is "Mélanie", she's three months and says Da Da, Ga Ga, Wa Wa ! . . . Cute ! . . . Like "Sugar Lips" Cue Ball Kelly to join some circus. . . . Frankie Ostrow, the Wizards' outstanding tackle, breakfasting at Arctic News Coffee Shop, "punts" away yards of food . . . Papa pays the bill and doesn't blow the whistle. . . . Mr. Arctic B News, cleaning gutter from Smith's Drug to Newberry's every 6 A. M. . . cutting down Boko's supply of cigar butts and robbing Joe McCabe of pipe fuel. Maynard Distributing Co., the Big Potato Chips and Popcorn operator to début as a "chanteur" at Notre Dame church Christmas eve . . . a cross between a baritone and a whiskey tenor. . . . How about Edgar singing "Je suis L'Enfant si Doux" to Evariste? Anne-Marguerite Michaud a 7 yr old Harpist will play "Silent Night" with the Clef Chorus at East Greenwich on December 6th. East Greenwich, the progressive town, where the courteous police put nickels in your overparked meter, so that you may enjoy your shopping with leisure . . . "Wet" Warwick . . . take notice In the meantime, Peggy, Edna and Myrtle anxiously waiting to sit on Sears' Santa Claus' knees . . . Naughty! Naughty! . . . Remember you are big girls now ! . . .

"Boko"

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Party Scored Over Bourgault

Alphonse P. Archambault, son to the electorate in 1960?" he asked. He said Mr. Bourgault is an "outstanding member of our committee and is capable of handling any governmental position on the town, state or national level. If elected, he would be a credit to his community, state, profession and ancestry, as he has always been."

West Warwick Democratic town committeeman, last night deplored the failure of the committee to endorse Town Moderator Charles J. Bourgault for the lieutenant governor nomination at its meeting Tuesday night.

He said he did not question any committee member's individual right to deny Mr. Bourgault the endorsement after he had moved for it. But he questioned how the committee majority could justify blocking Mr. Bourgault when he was the most popular vote-getter in the town in the last election.

"How will they explain the denial of a favorite Democratic

Shellfish Laws Are Challenged

The constitutionality of state Department of Health regulations governing marketing of shellfish was challenged in Bristol district court yesterday by Michael DeCiantis, attorney for the Quito Shellfish Company, Inc., of Bristol.

In an argument to quash charges of violating the department's regulations, the attorney compared the powers given to the state health director to those formerly given to the state motor vehicle registrar.

He said the recent decision by Superior Court Judge Stephen A. Fanning declaring the delegation of those powers unconstitutional should be applied to the Health Department's shellfish regulations.

(Judge Fanning's decision prompted Governor Del Sesto to call a special session of the legislature which last week rewrote the motor vehicle code in an attempt to eliminate that conflict).

The lack of "sufficient standards" to guide the director in making shellfish regulations and the granting of powers to the director which are the responsibility only of the legisla-

ture were cited as the basis of that unconstitutionality.

Judge James B. Linehan made no immediate ruling on the question raised by Mr. DeCiantis, but continued the case to Dec. 14 and said he would rule on the pleas at that time.

The Quito firm has been charged by the Department of Health with violating Section 10 of the department's regulations. This section states, in substance that all shellfish sold in Rhode Island must be identified with a tag or label giving the identity of the shipper, quantity of shellfish and place and date of origin.

The charge alleges the firm shipped 75 bags of improperly labeled quahaugs on Aug. 16. The case had been continued for trial yesterday but because of the special pleas made by Mr. DeCiantis was set over to Dec. 14. Judge Linehan in taking the pleas under advisement said he is aware of the Superior Court decision made by Judge Fanning but also noted that his decision could not be regarded as a precedent, as it was not made in a "court of last resort."

He said he knew of "all sorts

of cases" in which department regulations have been upheld and others where the laws governing them have been called unconstitutional.

Matthew Koly, attorney for the Department of Health, argued briefly in answer to Mr. DeCiantis, stating that the state law governing the department's regulations lays down ample standards when it says the regulations should "assure the sanitary quality of shellfish" being brought into and sold within the state.

With a reference to the recent tainted cranberry scare, Mr. Koly said, "Thank God for regulations such as this," which permit the Health Department to protect the public.

Mr. Koly said he would not argue the constitutionality of the regulations but would leave that to a higher court.

To support his argument, Mr. DeCiantis cited several cases from other state and federal courts dealing with matters which he declared were identical with the Quito case and in which the court declared laws giving discretionary powers to department officials invalid.



Quahaugs at work off Folly Landing, Warwick.

War on Illegal Shellfishing Being Won

Fish, Game Division Using Combination Of Persuasion, Better Liaison, Faster Boats

STORY AND PICTURES BY JACK THOMPSON

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The state Division of Fish and Game says it is winning its long war against illegal shellfishing by using a combination of friendly persuasion, modern communications and fast patrol boats.

At the same time, the division reports that arrests for shellfish law violations jumped sharply upward during the 12-month period from July 1, 1958 to June 30 of this year.

This apparent contradiction poses a problem in rationalization, but the conservation men attack it on two points:

1. There were more arrests because enforcement is steadily becoming more efficient.

2. A decline in the amount of legal-size quahaugs in 1958 and early 1959 drove some hard-pressed shellfishermen to try to tap the rich polluted waters and to take more undersized quahaugs, which were plentiful. Thus there have been more illegal shellfishermen for a more efficient department to catch.

One Found Innocent

Thomas J. Wright, chief of the division, also argues that each arrest means more now. His 1959 report, due to be published next January, says that out of 63 persons arrested on charges involving undersized quahaugs (an all-time record), only one was found innocent and another went to the grand jury for indictment. One more went to jail for two days and the others paid \$2,105 in fines.

Out of 79 persons arrested for fishing in polluted areas (a five-year record), only three were acquitted. Fines totaled \$2,900. Seven persons appealed their convictions.

This is a far cry from the frustrating days of 1954. Mr. Wright reports, when almost 25 per cent of all fish and game arrests resulted in acquittal.

The figures seem to prove one point: One of the most colorful features of Rhode Island life will probably continue.

It appears that the dogged, often fruitless battle between state conservation officers and wily salt-water poachers will go on as long as the quahaug lives quietly at the bottom of Narragansett Bay.

Boats Rammed

Over the years, quahaug skiffs have rammed patrol boats to reach freedom. Women have waded into the water equipped with only normal curves to emerge later with a bathing-suit bosom stuffed full of polluted quahaugs, leaving the watching wardens weak with frustration on shore.

Conservation men have used almost everything but a submarine in their efforts to nab the villains. With their troops carefully deployed, they have shivered through long nights in order to flush out illegal tongers in the dawn's early light. They have disguised themselves as duck-hunters to sneak close to an unsuspecting shellfisherman in polluted waters.

They have boarded enemy skiffs against swinging bull-rakes wielded by the poachers. Not too long ago, they even hired a seaplane to swoop in on a covey of boats operating in illegal water north of Conanicut Point in Warwick.

John L. Rego, who directs the Department of Agriculture and Conservation and its subdivision handling fish and game laws, concedes that there are still violators. But he says the division is making progress.

"Today, people are conscious about undersized and polluted quahaugs," he reports. "Once the fishermen learned we were there to help them, the good ones started following the rules."

Plan More Power

Mr. Rego still maintains a practical view, however. He disclosed recently that the state plans to equip its five patrol boats with 75-horsepower outboard motors because a few quahaug skiffs

are now using the super-size motors.

Lt. Albert Judge, a veteran conservation officer, gives most of the credit for today's better enforcement to new equipment in the division.

"It's the radio hookup that has been the big ax to violators," he says.

The division now maintains two-way radio communication to all its 15 cars on the road. The cars, in turn, can direct boats which carry portable radio units. The radio system is used constantly during the divisions' wide-ranging patrols.

The conservation officers observe the quahauger with a wry humor, despite their serious efforts to nab him if he breaks the law.

Improvements

Mr. Rego points to a number of improvements in the shellfish picture since he first took over the job in 1952. At that time, he says, the U.S. Public Health Service had banned out-of-state quahaug

shipments as the result of a pollution scare.

Since then, the state enforcement program has been commended twice by the same federal agency.

In 1954, the quahaug transplant program was inaugurated. The state dredges up quahaugs from polluted areas and sets them out in segregated sections of clean water. After a period to allow the shellfish time to clean themselves, the areas are opened to commercial fishermen.

In the past five years the state has spent more than \$120,000 on the program. Thus far, crews have transplanted more than 200,000 bushels—a potential million-dollar harvest.

This year, under the authority of a new law, the division began opening these areas on a temporary basis. Although the take varied widely in different spots, shellfishermen appeared generally satisfied with the results.

Under the previous law, Mr. Rego says, the state could open an area but could not re-close it. This proved disastrous when Nausauket was opened in Warwick and yielded 100,000 bushels, driving the price down to rock-bottom almost immediately.

As a part of its effort to give the public a hand in its fisheries, the state Shellfish Advisory Commission was formed in 1955. The group includes representatives of the dealers, dredgers, bullrakers, tongers and processors. Members meet several times each year to discuss shellfish plans proposed by the state.

In another development, the division has added two marine biologists to its staff. The scientists recently completed two survey projects, one in the Nausauket-Buttonwoods area and the second in the Potowomut River.

The complete division has increased from 14 men to its present size of 26. Not counting the two biologists, it now

has 21 men, two lieutenants and one captain.

Men are paid \$3,460 to start and can earn a maximum of \$5,525. Nationally, the maximums range from \$5,366 to \$6,744. The wardens are furnished with pistols, uniforms and training in judo—a skill that sometimes proves valuable in their occupation.

Judge James W. Leighton of 4th District Court in East Greenwich, a man who has watched a steady stream of violators parade through his doors, agrees that the enforcement picture is improving.

"I think most of the legitimate shellfishermen have come around to the point of view that they're just beating themselves by violating the law," he says. "They're beginning to realize that it hurts their business."

But the judge says the scene is much more bleak on the dealers' side of the industry.

"I haven't seen any slackening off in dealer cases," he reports. "We still see them here."

Undersized Shellfish Pose Legal Problems

The biggest shellfish dealer in Rhode Island, by his own estimation, is Warren B. Finn of East Greenwich. His Finn Seafood Co. buys direct from the shellfishermen and sells their catch wholesale to fish markets and chain stores throughout the East.

The 35-year-old company president says his business does more than \$600,000 gross every year.

He also concedes that his company has been involved in a number of court cases involving possession of undersized quahaugs—three within the present year.

"This summer has been enough to put anybody out of business," Mr. Finn remarks gloomily. The three cases, in which the state has charged possession of a total of 1,201 quarts of undersized quahaugs, spell a potential fine of \$6,005. All are still pending.

9 Cases in 10 Years

Newspaper files show the Finn concern involved in nine separate court cases in the past 10 years. The company was found innocent on one. Two more were dismissed. In another, a shellfish buyer for the company was fined \$100. Two more brought conviction and fines of \$500 each.

In the Finn shellfish house there is a mechanical sorter—a device consisting of two revolving steel cylinders set at a narrow V angle to each other. Small quahaugs, including those under the legal minimum of 1½ inches, fall through the narrow end. Larger sizes drop through at the appropriate spot to sort out seven different sizes.

Mr. Finn is frank when he is asked what happens to the undersized quahaugs, he says:

"We sell them.

"They are sold as little-necks. We don't pay extra for them, as some people say, and we don't get an extra price for them. They get the same price as the little-necks."

Two Points

Mr. Finn argues his case on two points.

First: "The amount of undersized we've bought is a complete farce, compared to the volume of business we do. One hundred or two hundred quarts isn't business—it's a nuisance."

Second: "When does something legal become illegal? Is it when we put them in one basket? Does that make them illegal? I can't see it."

The state law says any person taking quahaugs less than 1½ inches in diameter, or having them in his possession shall be fined \$5 for every quart.

Since the law says nothing about amounts less than a quart, it has been held that

possession of nine-tenths of a quart is perfectly legal.

John L. Rego, director of agriculture and conservation and head of the Division of Fish and Game, has refined this interpretation to a further point to allow for human error.

"If a man has a pint, or even up to a quart, in a bushel we won't bother him," he says. "We've told the dealers that if they have a quart in a bushel we won't bother them, either."

"But if a man sorts out 250 pints from 250 bushels and puts them in two or three separate bags and sells them, he's breaking the law."

Michael DeCiantis, a veteran lawyer for several dealers in their brushes with the shellfish laws, demands: "Do they become illegal because they're separated? If they're legal once they're always legal, no matter what you do with them. To say they become illegal at the point of separation is about as silly as you can get."

Not in Court

Mr. DeCiantis says this question has never been argued in court because a defense lawyer must be prepared to prove that the situation actually resulted from an accumulation of small "legal" amounts in a number of bags or bushels. He has hopes of using it soon in one of the pending Finn cases.

Mr. Finn makes another point, too.

"We buy a pig in a bag," he says. "We buy rocks, bottles—I've got quite a collection of bombs we've bought. Economically, it's an impossibility for a dealer to examine every bag. We try to get

the men to separate the undersized. But it's a very difficult thing to pin it down to this one or that one after you've bought the bag."

"We're in business to do business—we're not in a position to tell these men to go to hell."

Mr. Rego retorts: "I've brought in the dealers and talked to them. I've told them to grade out the undersized and the department will re-plant them. Then the dealers could deduct what they paid to the fishermen so they take no loss."

"But some dealers won't do it. They could tag the bags to tell them who sold them—some are doing it now. And in that way they could deduct for somebody selling them rocks, too."

Another Point

Mr. DeCiantis also has another legal point. He believes that the practice of fining a dealer \$5 for every quart—in some cases enough to make a fine of more than \$500 and send the case into the class of a felony—is "an open legal question." It is unfair because it involves taking a multiplicity of minor crimes, he says, and then adding them together to make a felony.

In past cases, this knotty question has often been avoided when the state agreed to reduce the number of quarts in the charge to 100 or less, thus keeping it below the \$500 level in fines.

Mr. Rego declares: "I always feel that if a guy has 500 quarts of undersize he ought to pay for every one of them, particularly if it's the second or the third time he's done it."

Mr. Finn would like to see

"tolerance"—the amount of undersized quahaugs allowed—established on a percentage basis. He says some other states allow such a tolerance of up to 10 per cent.

"There's no tolerance here—Rhode Island has the toughest law," he says. "The undersized we handle in any one day would definitely be less than 5 per cent, under any circumstances."

Wardens Careful

Because Judge James W. Leighton of 4th District Court once threw out a case over a question involving the warden's powers of search and seizure, the fish and game men are always careful to get a warrant before seizing shellfish at Finn's.

Mr. DeCiantis, true to his word, has a final word here. "The conservation officers are scared stiff about going into premises because they're afraid of making a mistake," he says.

"Now they're waiting for trucks. When they go into trucks and find contraband, if you can call it that, all well and good."

"But the law says you've got to have reasonable cause to believe there's contraband. And some day they're going to find there isn't any. And then they're going to be sued for damages."

"This enforcement question is much ado about nothing. There'll be quahaugs in the sea when you and I and Rego and the rest of these fellows are dead."

"The only destroyer of quahaugs is the parasites in the water. Outside of that, the only parasites I know are the conservation officers."



Fish and game division personnel, who keep a close watch on shellfishing operations.



Centreville Bridge, Then and Now: The reproduction above is from a postcard showing the scene about 50 years ago. At left, just over the bridge, is the former Sgt. David Langevin Post, VFW, which was torn down in connection with the reconstruction of Route 117.

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from Apponaug to Coventry through this area. Behind it is the former Centreville Bank. John Russell, veteran Pawtuxet Valley barber, had a shop in the building at right, now occupied by Henry Melancon's variety store. Postcard was loaned by Charles Bourgault.

Bourgault Men Rally

The West Warwick Committee for Charles J. Bourgault for Lieutenant Governor today urged the Democratic Town Committee to reconsider its refusal to endorse Mr. Bourgault for nomination to the number two spot on the state ticket.

The Bourgault supporters said the town committee's action Tuesday night in refusing to endorse him is regrettable. Their statement continued: "We strongly urge the town committee to reconsider and come out strongly for Mr. Bourgault. It would be shameful if Mr. Bourgault failed to get the state committee endorsement because his own committee failed to support him, thereby denying the people of West Warwick and Kent County representation on the state ticket."

The Bourgault committee said it was formed to promote his candidacy, adding "We further feel that Mr. Bourgault being a local boy and a proven vote-getter among Democratic candidates deserves the support of all West Warwick Democrats. Therefore, we invite all town Democrats to serve on the committee."

Vincenzo James Giusti and Rudolph E. Nardella head the committee as co-managers. Other officers are: Tobias Amaral, Lorenzo Faella and Frank Begos, co-chairmen; Gerard Roch, treasurer; Leo Lemieux, co-ordinator; Robert J. Carley, publicity; Alphonse P. Archambault, secretary.

The committee will meet Jan. 11 and invites all West Warwick Democrats to attend and help further Mr. Bourgault's candidacy.

Bourgault Fails to Win Town Committee

Times, Dec. 7, 1959
Charles J. Bourgault, who parted Saturday night with about 75 supporters of his drive for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor, failed last night to gain the endorsement of his own town committee.

It was learned from a reliable source that the vote against Mr. Bourgault was 15 to 2 with 2 abstaining.

The policy making group refused to act on a resolution that it endorse him for the state office. The resolution that the town committee support Mr. Bourgault was offered by Alphonse P. Archambault, a fellow Democrat for Good Government who gained a town committee seat with Mr. Bourgault in the last primary.

Several other major decisions were also made by the committee last night.

They were:
The recommendation that Cleo Carrier, 32, of 10 Gendron Street, Arctic, be named to the permanent fire department.

A hands-off policy for the time being concerning the proposed legislation that the employees of the highway, garbage and rubbish and sewer departments be given permanent status now enjoyed by the police and fire forces.

Appointed Rep. Felix Appolonia secretary to fill the unexpired term of John Flynn who resigned.

Carrier's recommendation for appointment by the town council was made from eight names submitted from the fire department. Town Chairman Henry Petrarca had stated that the chief had posted notices of the pending selection

by the town committee and that afterwards he had filed with the town committee a sealed envelope containing eight requests for appointments.

Mr. Carrier, has been a call firefighter for 12 years. He worked full time for the force from April 1 to Nov. 11 in 1954. He is married and works as a short frame operator at the Cranston Print Works.

Rep. Appolonia said that after balloting the recommendation of Mr. Carrier was made unanimously.

The committee also offered resolutions to: Fire Chief Lionel P. Gareau expressing greeting on his 25 years as a fire chief; to Mr. Flynn for his long time service to the Democratic party; to Anthony and Francis Giorgio for sponsoring a Halloween party for children.

Failure to Endorse Bourgault Assailed

Pub. - Dec. 10, 1959
Alphonse P. Archambault, West Warwick Democratic town committeeman, last night deplored the failure of the committee to endorse Town Moderator Charles J. Bourgault for the lieutenant governor nomination at its meeting Tuesday night.

He said he did not question any committee member's individual right to deny Mr. Bourgault the endorsement after he had moved for it. But he questioned how the committee majority could justify blocking Mr. Bourgault when he was the most popular vote-getter in the town in the last election.

"How will they explain the denial of a favorite Democratic son to the electorate in 1960?" he asked.

He said Mr. Bourgault is an "outstanding member of our committee and is capable of handling any governmental position on the town, state or national level. He has a credit to his community, state, profession and ancestry, as he has always been."

Seen as blocking Mr. Bourgault's endorsement is the back-ground of turbulence in the town's ruling party the past few years as his faction vied for party control with that master-minded by Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis. While Mr. Bourgault and his insurgent group succeeded in bumping Mr. De Ciantis off the town committee and out of its chairmanship, Mr. De Ciantis is still regarded as the power behind the throne.

Mr. Bourgault's endorsement was tabled 15 to 2, with two abstentions, at Tuesday's meeting. It appeared that he may have had only the votes of the two insurgents elected to the committee with him, as he said yesterday that he personally abstained from voting. The others are Mr. Archambault and Alfred Chartier.

Mr. Archambault disclosed last night that he was also unsuccessful at Tuesday's meeting with his move to inform Democratic State Committee members that some of the town committeemen would like to see former Lt. Gov. Armand H. Cote made a member of the executive committee of the Democratic State Committee.

He said he asked for information on that and was told that the town's state committeemen and women go to state meetings of having meetings if nothing is coming up? We've had meetings, not every month, but when something came up we always had meetings. We'll meet more often the few months before election."

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AT THIS SEASON OF PAYOLA . . .

It is More Blessed to Giveola ... Than to Takeola!

Mémère Charlie celebrated her trial separation from Pèpère Michael by throwing a Cocktail Party . . . Mémère, being a member of the State Liquor Control Board, didn't invite "Boko". It's just as well, 'cause after a few Cocktails, Boko sees "Elephants" only. Mr. McKeever of Warwick said that the situation is still "Fluid". . . . Let's hope everyone sobers up before the primary! . . . Jimmy Iuliano, the Coventry "Wop" got the Green Light from "Paysane" Frank Rao to start the "French Onion Soup" boiling. . . In the meantime, Pèpère Michael, doesn't seem to mind the "Interlocutory" decree from the unruly side of the family, considering the Mémère being of the weaker sex and her off-spring "Robin" a retarded incubator baby. . .

That man in the white coat looking for "Boko", was Doc Russell Smith, looking for some printing he ordered sometime ago.

Dr. "Philippe" Conley and "Zephireus" St. Germain, coming down the Appian Way (St. John Street) on their way to the Market Place, pausing to admire Dr. Vidal's beautiful "Parthenon Temple" to Medicine . . with Monumental Columns worthy of the "Caesars" and "Goddess Athena" . . . Dr. Jeannette, supplying the decorum and the exquisite. . . If you are to park your "Chariot" in front of her Temple, for shopping or just waiting for your "Aphrodite", make sure you deposit some "Drachma" in the meter, 'cause from Tiberius Brutus Wilkieus, . . a citation, you will get . . .

Who said that "Shine" Hart was legging for the "Watch Tower"? Wrong . . . He's the Times' Leg Man . . . The best longanimity legs the Times ever had. . . Talking about legs, have you seen Edna's? Marlene's lookalike. "If your haircut isn't becoming to you, you should be coming to me". Eddie's Barber Shop, North Kingstown. Lady barbers in attendance. (Pun sent in by Eddie). Cool Man! . . Next Please. . . Order your Pork Pies "à la canadienne" from Chef Albert (Al Coutu). The Chef with the Beard? "Mais Oui"! Boko stopped getting his cigars at Millette's Cafe. Too many people stepping on his fingers. . . . Unsung heros. . . Remember when . . . Tom Boyle (Cue Ball Kelly enemy) helped Mike to take over the Fire Districts making the Town safe from a Republican "conflagration" ever since . . . Made enough money to buy the Bulova Watch Co. . .

Thanks to George Rivera, chairman of Merchants Division, the streets' Christmas decorations were installed before "Epiphany" . . . Frankie Oslow, of the Wizards, and friends visiting N. Y. city and the UN. . . Show 'em how to hold "that line" Frankie Boy! . . To Sheriff Frank Giorgio at the 400 . . Here's looking. . . Clerical mistake on Blackstone Finance mailing . . . Who's your printer, Big Chief? . . . Jolly Chef Hot Dog Al DiOrio, making like a Zulu Chief, playing the Bongo Drums. Plays by Ear, but gives with the Hot Beat, the off-beat the down-beat, that "Maggie's in Town Beat". Man! He's a Beat-Dog!

This being my last publication until I sober up sometime in January, may I take this opportunity to wish all my friends the Season's Greetings of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men! . . Girls too! To Beautiful Blue Eyes "Pat" at the "Jolly Chef" all that your heart desires, you little "Darling" . . . Please rest assured that in all my ribbing and kidding, I mean no malice, and pray the God Child to Love and Keep You. . . . Alphonse where are you? . . . How about a little prayer for the safe return of our great President?

"Boko"

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W. Warwick Unit Forms To Back Bourgault Bid

Formation of a West Warwick committee to support Charles J. Bourgault for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor was announced today by Vincent James Giusti and Rudolph Nardella, co-managers.

Other members are Tobias Amaral, Lorenzo Faella, Frank Begos, membership cochairmen; Gerard Roch, treasurer; Leo Lemieux, coordinator; Robert J. Carley, publicity; and Alphonse Archambault, secretary.

In a statement, the committee said that Mr. Bourgault "is eminently qualified and his capabilities will carry him far. We feel he is a local man and proven vote-getter among Democratic

candidates and deserves the support of all West Warwick Democrats."

Inviting all town Democrats to serve on the committee, it condemned the action of the Democratic town committee in denying Mr. Bourgault endorsement this week. It said the action, in effect, said that one of its own members is not qualified. It urged the town committee to reconsider and come out strongly in Mr. Bourgault's favor.

It would be shameful, the committee said, if Mr. Bourgault, one of three unendorsed men to win election to the town committee, should fail to get state committee endorsement because his own committee failed to support him.

It said the town committee is shortsighted if it does not encourage Mr. Bourgault to give the people of the town and Kent County representation on the state ticket.

Mr. Nardella, who said the committee will meet again Jan. 11, said that "even some administration men are saying that they should have endorsed him."

Scores Police, Fire Selections

Leo R. Charbonneau, West Warwick Republican chairman, today scored the system under which appointments and promotions on the permanent police and fire departments have been screened through the Democratic Town Committee.

Declaring that the Town Council is "just a figurehead," he said "the Town Committee makes all the decisions and the Council doesn't seem to have a mind of its own."

He said positions with tenure on the police and fire departments ought to be out of the realm of political patronage.

"Young people interested in a career in these departments should advance through ability and shouldn't have to cater to politicians," he said. "It should be determined by examinations and by the Council and department officials."

"What happened to the system of qualifications set up a few years ago?" he asked.

He said he was not questioning the qualifications of the firemen appointed and promoted by the Council last night, but only the system to which they and others are subjected.

"There's never any discussion when this Council meets," he said. "An issue comes up and someone makes a motion. I think it's being dictated in advance to them."

He said there was dictation involved when Ernest Frenette, top choice for a GOP minority post on the Canvassing Board, was bypassed and the job given to Oscar Millette, an alternate choice of the GOP Town Committee.

"They're being dictated to by the same fellow who is dictating to the Democrats in this town for years," he said.

Council Turns Down Fringe Benefit Plan

West Warwick Town Council last night denied the request of the 25 employees of the highway and garbage and rubbish collection departments for fringe benefits. Subsequently, a highway worker said "we won't stop, we are going all out for it."

This move by the council, coupled with the action of the Democratic Town Committee last Tuesday, when it tabled the same



CAPT. URBAN G. JAMES

employees request for tenure is seen by some political observers as about fatal to any hope for either benefit to be established in 1960.

The fringe benefits requested in a letter over the 25 employees signatures petitioned 15 days sick leave, unemployment compensation, and foul weather clothing.

Henry Petrarca, highway commissioner and Democrat town chairman, said that he does provide the workmen with bad weather clothing and it is paid from the regular departmental fund.

Going On

Theodore Stukus, highway truck driver, said after the meeting that the workers would not stop at this point. "We are definitely going to go all the way for these benefits and tenure," he said. Mr. Stukus said that he had conferred with Joseph Plante, field examiner for the Department of Employment Security, and was told the workers are eligible for unemployment compensation.

The highway and rubbish and garbage collection employees in their letter said many other town employees are enjoying the benefits of unemployment compensation. Without sick pay, the workmen said they are deprived of earnings when out from work and are faced with hardship.

Thursday the sewer workers announced that they were not going to ask for the fringe benefits but only for tenure, but if first had to have the approval of the Democratic Town Committee.

Appoint Fireman

Following the recommendation of the Democratic Town Committee, the council appointed Cleo Carrier, 32, of 10 Gendron Street, Arctic, to the permanent fire department at a salary of \$72.60 a week.

Pvt. Urban James was promoted to the rank of Captain to take the place of the late J. J. Jones. St. Jean was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

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dent of Crompton is president of the West Warwick Fire Fighters Union. As captain his pay will be \$79.64 a week.

Other items on the council agenda were considered, as follows:

The petition of Edward Paul Flanagan, 55 Woodside Avenue, to operate a Class B license at the Flanagan Building, 965 Main Street, Clyde, was continued to the January meeting.

Granted to Cecelia Lautieri, 10 McTeers Court, a victualling license and permit to operate four

pool tables at the Valley Spa, 9 Market Street, Natick, after reports of inspection of sanitation facilities by the town physician and building inspector.

Authorized expenditure for the new municipal building of \$589,60 for lettering, 12 inch, aluminum, "West Warwick Veterans Memorial" over the front main entrance and eight inch letters, "Police," "Town Hall" and "Fire Department" over their respective front entrances; the sum \$490 for evergreens for landscaping; the 13th requisition to the contractor \$25,475.85 and \$611.42 to the architect.

The council also authorized bids for a 55-foot monumental iron hand railing from the front end of the fire station to the sidewalk along the apron wall; authorized transfer of \$690.79 from the bond fund to the fire department to cover cost of expenses for the fire alarm paid from the

funds of the fire force; credited \$2800 of the contract price in lieu of asphalt paving at the rear of the building.

Name Constables

Named police constables were Hormidas Chabot of 10 Archambault Avenue, Fred A. Padula, Burlingame Road, Clinton M. Rogers of 89 Esmond Street, Alfred H. Michaud of 120 Robert Street, Edwin F. Osterlund of 9 Fountain Street and Joseph A. Carano, 1392 Main Street.

Lionel G. Lavoie was granted permission to operate a sporting goods store at 53 Andrews Ave.

John Petrella and Louis Reali notified the town council they had accepted the report of the building inspector that their building at 695-697 Providence Street, damaged by fire, cannot be repaired and must be razed. The town council upon advice of the town solicitor voted to acquire the necessary bond as insurance against liability.

The council accepted Fairfield Plat between Oriole and Field Avenues, Crompton as a partial plat with the eight lots having been enlarged.

Licenses were granted as follows: pool table, to Ritchotte's Filling Station, 836 Main Street and Norman L. Levesque, 38 Crawford Street; bowling, Mac's Bowlaway, 890 Main Street and Arctic Bowling Center, 17 Crawford Street; dance to Explorers Post, Jan. 8 at the high school and to the local drum and bugle corps. Dec. 26 at the junior high school; Gibson Council for a New Year's Eve party at the K. of C. Hall; tag days, Kent County Volunteer, 40&8, Dec. 18 and 19.

Council Denies Plea For Fringe Benefits

Sub. 12/11/59

The West Warwick Town Council last night denied a plea from 25 highway and garbage workers for fringe benefits, including unemployment compensation, 15 days yearly sick leave and a clothing allowance.

Theodore Stukus, spokesman for the workers, said they intend to press the issue as far as the annual town meeting March 22. He said they have talked with a state Department of Employment Security man on the unemployment compensation and could be enrolled.

The rebuff came on the heels of a more inclusive one at the hands of the Democratic town committee this week. It rejected the same items, plus a more

important request for permanent tenure.

The Council last night promoted Pvt. Urban G. James to a fire department captain to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Capt. Joseph Lionel St. Jean and also named Cleo Carrier of Gendron Street a private in the permanent fire department.

Joseph D. Richard, Council president, said Private Carrier will be paid \$66 a week to start and Captain James' salary will go from \$72.60 to \$79.64 a week.

The highway and garbage collection workers became involved in a controversy over their demands recently when Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle (D-West Warwick) introduced a bill to give them and sewer workers tenure

without working it out with the town administration. The administration seemed to cool toward their plea after that, although they disavowed the bill and said they wanted to plan an agreeable one with administration leaders.

The Council approved omission of blacktop on the land in the rear of the new municipal building at a saving of \$2,800 for now. Mr. Richard said reconstruction of Legion Way in connection with the Robert Street extension will change the grade and require blacktopping later.

When Councilman Domenic Petrangelo moved to table the highway and garage workers' request, he said "for the time being." But Mr. Richard said it was tabled definitely.

Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca said later that the town already provides foul weather gear for his men. They have Blue Cross and other benefits, he said. Mr. Petrarca had said before the recent controversy broke that he favored working for one thing at a time and would have concentrated on getting tenure now.

The Council approved an expenditure of \$589.60 for lettering to go over the town hall, fire and police sections of the new municipal building to identify them. Letters will be solid cast aluminum and will go on the limestone facing. Also approved was \$290 for a fence to go along an apron wall between the building and the post office.

Cecilia G. Lautieri of 10 McTeer's Ct., Natick, was granted a victualling license and licenses for four pool tables at the Village Spa, 9 Market St., after both had been held up earlier. Council action last night came after reports from Dr. Daniel J. Harrop and Build-

ing Inspector Willie J. Reghaire saying the spa meets sanitary requirements.

Lionel G. Lavoie was granted a zoning exception to operate a sporting goods store in his home, 53 Andrews Ave. The only visible change to be made is the installation of a two by three-foot sign, his application said.

The way was cleared for the tearing down of the block owned by John Petrella and Louis Reali at 695-697 Providence St., Natick, when the owners wrote that they accepted the building inspector's report and recommendation that the firegutted building be razed. Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis recommended posting a bond holding the town free from any liability.

The council also approved paying a \$470 bill from Blackrock Nurseries for placing 30 evergreens in about 12 inches of loam of the new municipal building, the funds to come out of the bond issue.

Appointed the following new constables: Joseph A. Carano, Edwin F. Osterlund, Alfred Michaud, Clinton M. Rogers, Fred A. Padula and Hormidas Chabot.

Approved drainage licenses for Domenic A. Petrarca, Marvland Dr.; Wilfred O. Lavoie, Roy Petrarca, Earl DeGregory, Anthony W. Gazzero and Lionel LaRoche. Granted bowling alley licenses to the Arctic Bowling Center, 17 Crawford St., nine alleys, operated by George Erinoskes of 11 Pricewood Dr., East Greenwich; Mac's Bowlaway, 890 Main St., 10 alleys, operated by Emile LeCraik, 15 Jodoin St. Granted licenses to Norman L. Levesque for three pool tables of 34 Crawford St. and to Arthur Ritchotte, Ritchotte's Filling Station, 836 Main St., one table.

Authorized Clarence J. Matheson of 355 Quaker Lane to install an 8,000-gallon diesel oil tank and gas tanks of 2,000-gallon capacity.

Approved a re-plot of Fairfield Plat, Field Ave., revising lot sizes of provide six 7,125-square-foot lots, one 10,325 square-foot lot and one 5,700 square-foot lot.



Private to Captain: Fireman Urban G. James was boosted up the ladder by the West Warwick Town Council last night.

Council Head Backs Idle Pay For Town Help

The president of the West Warwick Town Council said this morning he will back unemployment compensation for highway and other eligible town employes if it does not mean any substantial outlay of taxpayers' money.

President Joseph D. Richard said that if the interpretation of Charles J. Bourgault, town moderator, of the state unemployment compensation law is correct, "we would owe it to the workers to give them the compensation."

Mr. Bourgault yesterday said that instead of taxes on employers, the unemployment act provides that a town pays into the security fund only amounts equal to what has been paid out to the employes the town has enrolled in the set-up.

Mr. Richard said he would request Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis' views on the unemployment compensation law before proposing any further action, but "I don't oppose them having the compensation," he said.

The Town Council last week turned thumbs down on a petition signed by 25 town workers asking for administration support for permanent tenure and fringe benefits. Mr. Bourgault represented the workers.

Prior to the council action the Democratic Town Committee had turned down a request for approval of tenure.

Bourgault Clarifies Compensation Views

Charles J. Bourgault, attorney for West Warwick highway workers whose petition to the Town Council for permanent tenure and fringe benefits was turned down last week, yesterday clarified remarks on which he was quoted regarding the unemployment compensation phase of the demands.

He said he was referring to the two major political parties, and not to his running differences with Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis and his ruling of the Democratic Party, when he said political differences shouldn't enter into it as far as extension of unemployment benefits is concerned.

The town should enroll its highway and other eligible workers, such as clerks, under the unemployment compensation law, because it would not require a regular tax from the town. Under a special law, a town would pay the state only when, and if, its employes lost jobs and were forced to collect unemployment compensation.

City Charter Act Still Shelved Four Years After Passage

Four years ago the General Assembly passed a West Warwick city charter act with a referendum provision. It's still gathering dust.

The Town Council never called the special election to determine whether the state's largest town want to abandon the old New England town meeting and streamline their government.

The act now is outmoded and would have to be amended to catch up with the changes time has wrought in such things as the number of voting districts.

It doesn't seem likely it will be taken off the shelf. Most members of today's council said in a poll they had never thought much about it. However, Councilman Antonio Miller said his second year as a councilman proves to him that the town needs the full-time guiding hand of a mayor or manager.

Originally the charter was shelved because the late Frank Giorgio, powerful Natick Democrat, objected to its plan to do away with election of five councilmen at large and choose seven, one from each of the then existing, seven voting districts. Today there are 13 districts.

The Democratic Town Council of the time feared to put the charter to a vote because of the powerful leader's opposition. So did the charter's author, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis.

What chance would a city charter have today? It, or any other change, would apparently take a lot of doing.

Mr. DeCiantis said the charter could be amended, but he would just as soon let it lie and make no change in the form of government for the 1960 election. A completely new city charter act could be sought afterward, he said.

The city idea came up again recently when Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle (D-West Warwick), in a tiff with his town party leader, Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca, introduced a bill to repeal the charter act in the General Assembly's special session. The repealer died.

An amended city charter or any new legislative charter would face trouble. Leo B. Charbonneau, Republican town chairman, said yesterday he favors modernizing the town government not by General As-

sembly act, but by working through the home rule amendment to the state constitution.

The GOP thought of the home rule plan but Mr. Charbonneau said he couldn't get bipartisan support and a tryer at getting civic groups behind a charter petition failed.

Asked whether they intend to let the pending city charter continue to lie around or move to put it to a referendum, town councilmen said:

Joseph D. Richard, Council President—"I don't know that I'm prepared to make a statement. I imagine it will have to be revamped. We'll have to find out what a city would cost and get more information. I don't hear any call for it. Maybe there's not much interest. But it could come about. It shouldn't be dropped."

Antonio Miller—"I think West Warwick would be a lot better if we had a mayor or town manager, somebody with more or less 24-hour control. It's pretty hard for the five of us to keep track of everything going on. I didn't care much four years ago when I wasn't on the council. Now I think there'd actually be a savings of a lot of money if one man could do the job properly, take responsibility, make decisions.

"I'd like to study all proposals and see what's good for the town. I'd be in favor of doing something. Joe Richard puts a lot of time in, more than people realize."

Frank W. Kusiak—"I wouldn't care to comment. I'd rather talk it over with all the councilmen."

Fulda Geoffroy—"I haven't heard any comments on it. That happened before I got back into things last year. Since I've been back (he is a former town clerk), I haven't heard anything about the act or a revival of the city form of government. I'd like to read it again.

"There's a big question about the town meeting. As a form of democracy, you can't beat it. Whether it's adequate with the size and conditions is a question. There's food for thought there. I don't know that it would be desirable to go to the city system."

Domenic Petrangelo—"I can't tell you too much. I'm not too familiar with it. I'd like to study it further with the other councilmen. I'm not going to commit myself at this moment."

Mr. DeCiantis declared, "It's all wrong to allow a town spending \$1,500,000 a year to be dictated by pressure groups. This town is too big (estimated 22,000-24,000 pop.) to go on with this kind of town meeting.

"I said at the time the original charter was defeated in 1950 the people would some day be sorry. While arguments were taxes would go up with a city charter, the fact is taxes have gone up and are going up. There are 124 windows in the new municipal building that have got to be cleaned. It will cost \$100 a month just to clean the windows. These things show a city form of government is not expensive and a strong mayor can control things.

"I say, if we don't make a change to a city, it's going to be a sad day for West Warwick to continue with this town meeting proposition where some

groups can bring about a very bad program and endanger the finances.

"While there are many people who are sold on the town manager government, it just won't work because he would be appointed subject to the dictates of the council. They use a town as a training ground and move onto bigger places.

"Charter commissions are trouble makers. Everybody comes up with one thing or another and everybody's ideas are different. Each wants his own petty ideas in the charter. Everybody becomes stubborn and a mongrel charter results. Look at Warwick.

"My idea is to have someone work it out, present it, have other men pass upon it. I never saw a commission where the people involved came up with anything that became a finality. The state has them and what does it get? Report after report and nothing done.

"Let's discuss it. The time is too short between now and the next election. I'd rather see it become effective for the 1962 election, if it's approved. Wait and see if the sentiment arises from the people. The people were afraid of tax raises before. Now they have seen how tax raises can come more easily with town government. I think their sentiment will be a little different.

"I don't want to be self-appointed on it. I don't care who draws it, it's got to be done."

Stukus Fails To Answer Assault Charge

Theodore A. Stukus of 4 Pearson Street, a West Warwick highway worker who was fired yesterday, today failed to appear in district court to answer a private warrant charging him with assault.

The warrant was signed by Michael Sacchetti, 42, of 7 Bowen Court, West Warwick, who asserted that he was struck while at a highway workers' meeting Tuesday night in Crompton Fire Station.

The workers at the meeting were discussing their attempts to secure permanent tenure and fringe benefits.

(The headline on yesterday's Evening Bulletin story incorrectly stated because of a typographical error that Mr. Stukus had been fined instead of fired.)

Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca this morning produced a letter signed by 27 highway department employees indicating they would drop their bid for permanent tenure and other fringe benefits.

The letter said, "We are pulling out and are willing to go along with the administration. We feel that they have always been fair with all town employees."

Mr. Sacchetti told a reporter earlier this week he had felt it was "wrong to go against the party."

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Ernest E. Lefebvre, former Republican Council president, was toastmaster. Others who spoke or were introduced were Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Donat Fagnant, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, the chief's parish; the Rev. Joseph T. Hughes and the Rev. L. Herman Hansen, fire chaplains; Reps. Francis X. Kennedy (D-West Warwick) and Alfred R. Moan (D-Coventry).

Also, Michael Pimental, fire alarm superintendent; Deputy Chief Pryor, Henry J. Petrarca, Democratic chairman; Leo B. Charbonneau, Republican chairman; Chief Carlton M. North, Washington fire department;

Chief Elmer A. Capwell of Anthony fire department, president of the R.I. Fire Chiefs' Club; Chief Lester W. Underwood, West Coventry; Everett Fiske, Pawtucket Valley Firemen's League secretary; Police Chief Arthur Groleau and Capt. Henry F. Miller.

Also, Trooper Joseph Godin, deputy state fire marshal; Chief Harry Fortier, Manville; former Chief Joseph Kerwin of Newport Naval Station; former Riverpoint Chief Elphege Smith; J. Richard Hill, Coventry forest warden; Capt. Frank Cleary, Central Falls fire department; former Cranston Chief Norman Broden; former East Providence Chief John Laughlin, Chief Romeo Monas Pawtucket; Chief Arthur Selle, North Kingstown; Chief Lew Marshall, Providence; Chief Thomas Duckworth, Warwick; Capt. Albert Plackett of Hokin Hill Road fire department; Capt. William Monte, Harris department; Deputy Chief Harold Smith and Frank W. and Fire Alarm Supt. Charles Miller, all of Warwick.

Members of the chiefs' far introduced, besides his wife were his son, Fire Capt. R. Gareau; a sister, Mrs. Ar Touchette, West Warwick; three daughters, Mrs. Al Deering and Mrs. Donald G. bault, both of Warwick; Mrs. Albert Morin, West W. Charbonneau, Republican chairman; Another sister, Marie Camel, is in a religious order in England.

Witness Held For Perjury

A 17-year-old youth was ordered arrested for perjury in district court, West Warwick, this morning by Judge James W. Leighton after he reversed his testimony on the witness stand.

Judge Leighton ordered police to take Richard A. Parenteau of 9 Walnut St., West Warwick, into custody after the youth first said the defendant drove a car involved in an accident and later admitted having told the defense attorney before trial that he (Parenteau) drove it.

The case involved Dennis P. McKenna, 19, of 74 Harbour Ave., West Warwick, charged by police with reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident and operating without a license. The charges stemmed from a Dec. 6 accident on Main Street.

McKenna was found guilty of leaving the scene and operating without a license. He was fined \$10 for operating without a license and \$10 for leaving the scene. He was found innocent of reckless driving. His attorney, Harry F. McKenna Jr., appealed the convictions.

"I am convinced that the crime of perjury has been committed, Judge Leighton said in summation. But he emphasized that he has "the highest regard" for Mr. McKenna and was convinced Mr. McKenna would not place anyone on the stand he knew would not testify truthfully.

TRUCK DRIVER FIRED FROM HIGHWAY JOB

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The truck driver in the West Warwick Highway Department, allegedly involved in a fracas at a meeting of highway workers Tuesday night at Crompton, was discharged from his job today.

Theodore A. Stukus, 4 Pearson Street, Crompton, said that shortly after he was dismissed he was notified by town police to appear in District Court tomorrow to answer complaint of assault preferred by Michael Sacchetti, 7 Bowen Court, Natick, a fellow highway workman who received hospital treatment.

Henry Petrarca, highway commissioner confirmed that he discharged Mr. Stukus today. He said he had to let him go because the situation was bad for the morale of the men.

The fracas reportedly took place at a meeting of the highway workers assembled to continue their effort to gain tenure and fringe benefits including workmen's compensation, pay while sick.

Mr. Stukus said he is a victim of the abuses which exist for some town employees, when out of work without unemployment compensation.

He said that because a group of town workers approached their senator in an effort to obtain tenure and fringe benefits a political football has been made of these working taxpayers to get them to drop their demands.

"Is it the will of the taxpayer that a town employee should be fired from his job because he seeks to better his working conditions?", Mr. Stukus asked. "Is this the meaning of democratic government when town employees, themselves taxpayers, are used as pawns in a political chess game?"

"My being fired today proves

more than words can express need for protection for workers. Are the taxpayers going to continue to allow these employees to be intimidated?

"How can the town administration expect industry of the town to treat its people fairly when such a poor example is set by the town itself in not providing these benefits?"

"I urge every citizen to contact their highway workers individually after working hours and learn the facts first hand."

Court Trial Prompts Call For Cleanup

Times
12/19/57

Three major decisions were made today before Judge James W. Leighton at Arctic District Court. They all resulted from the trial of a young West Warwick man on three motor vehicle code violations.

—The driver, Dennis McKanna, 20, of 74 Harbour Avenue, Centerville, was fined on two of the three West Warwick police charges. The fines, a total of \$60 and costs.

—A teen-age witness was ordered turned over to the juvenile court to face a charge of perjury.

—Town authorities promised the judge they would follow his request to "clean up" a teen-age gathering spot in Arctic.

Mr. McKanna had been arraigned on charges of driving without a license, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, all as a result of a three-car crash and chase on Main Street, Lippitt, Dec. 6. He was fined \$50 on the charge of driving without a license and \$10 for leaving the scene of an accident. An innocent plea was accepted to a charge of reckless driving.

A 17-year-old witness was ordered turned over to the juvenile court when he said that Mr. McKanna had not been driving the car.

Another teen-age witness told the court that the defendant was the driver the night of the accident. All had said they had been at a grille before they drove off.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, who prosecuted the case, said he would have the proprietor of the grille summoned before the town council.

Judge Leighton said he could not end the trial without comment. In discussing the alleged perjury by the juvenile boy, the judge said:

"I cannot let this pass without comment, because a witness swears to God he will tell the truth and then lies, and proceeds to tell the court words which mean nothing."

Turning to the alleged teen-age gathering place Judge Leighton said:

"There are two places in this town, which, in my opinion, are breeding places for trouble."

Naming one spot, he continued, "and the gang that hangs around there apparently feels that to violate the law is a badge of honor, rather than something that will mar their lives."

Solicitor DeCiantis, in concluding the prosecution case, said:

"I think the police have done everything possible to contend with the situation. But I do promise that the proprietor will be called before the Town Council."

Petrarca Sees Benefits for Road Workers

By JOHN

Henry J. Petrarca, commissioner of the strife-torn West Warwick Highway Department and Democratic town chairman, said yesterday he hopes to obtain some of the benefits recently sought by his men for them in the new year.

"They say now they'll go along with whatever the administration gives them," he said. "I'd like to get something for them. We'll work out something."

Before the recent controversy over workers' demands began, Mr. Petrarca had said he would like to see his men get one benefit at a time, perhaps permanent tenure first.

"I said that before," he said yesterday. "Now we're going to see what's best for them."

A controversy that was climaxed by a fracas at a highway workers' meeting last Tuesday in Crompton fire station began when Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle (D-West Warwick) introduced a permanent tenure bill without consulting the town administration. The bill died at the recent special General Assembly session.

That alienated administration leaders, and when the workers asked the Democratic town committee to approve permanent tenure, it was denied. Subsequently, represented by Town Moderator Charles J. Bourgault, the workers unsuccessfully petitioned the Town Council to institute unemployment compensation for them, saying there would be no regular tax on the town.

The workers also asked the Council to study the possibility of giving them 15 days yearly sick leave and to include a clothing allowance in the budget.

After the fracas, the same workers, except Theodore A. Stukus, issued an apologetic statement praising the administration and saying they would go along with it.

Before the statement was issued, Mr. Stukus had been dismissed by Mr. Petrarca because of the fracas, according to Mr. Petrarca. Mr. Stukus, charged in a private complaint with assault on Michael Sacchetti at the fire station meeting, has pleaded innocent and is awaiting trial Jan. 15.

Workers who signed the statement and now are willing to go along with the administration are Eugene Harpin, Michael Sacchetti, Antonio Mello, John Sacchetti, Renato Sampaio, Joseph Perriera, Oliver Hebert, Joseph Simas, Angelo Senerchia, Manuel Barboza, Oswald Lefebvre, Charles Canaan, Manuel Machado Jr., Antonio Sousa, John Tomasso, Leo Pelletier, Manuel A. Lima, Albert St. Germain, Rudolph Borys, Walter Tomasik, Domenic Tomasso, Manuel Silva, Natale Muschiano, Fred Senerchia, Joseph Caimano, Walter Brzoza and Antonio Fascio.

Would Ask U.S. Aid in Parking Site

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick yesterday confirmed that he is investigating the possibility of obtaining urban renewal funds from the federal government to create an additional major parking area for the Arctic business center.

Aimed at keeping the center abreast of competition, the project would involve condemnation of the former Odeon Theater, now a warehouse, and several old homes between Main Street and Brookside Avenue on the east, or Centerville, side of Robert Street.

If federal aid can be gotten, the project would be on a 90 per cent federal and 10 per cent locally financed basis, Mr. DeCiantis said.

With traffic changes planned in the coming Robert Street extension by the state, a parking lot on Robert Street will be "absolutely necessary," he said.

Plans call for one block north on Robert Street its planned extension to Columbus Square. They also call one-way south on Main Street and Washington Street, the main thoroughfares in the middle of the shopping center, he said.

With a major supermarket chain moving to the area at the Columbus Square end of the Robert Street extension, a new shopping center going up in Anthony and another in Crompton, the need for more parking in the Robert Street area is obvious, Mr. DeCiantis said.

"A lot of traffic may be prevented from going easily to Arctic, especially the southerly end along Washington Street, by the proposed one-way regulations," Mr. DeCiantis said, "unless we can open up a place along Robert Street for parking and help the flow of shopper traffic into Arctic from the Centerville end and from the south via Robert Street."

He said he personally would like to see the lot a free one, but that it would have to be considered whether the town might want to put parking meters on it to help defray the cost. Once the area was condemned, it would become town property.

"It would alleviate the web that Arctic is being placed in," Mr. DeCiantis said.

He said he is checking on how urban renewal works in Providence. He has talked to town planning board members about it and they look favorably on the idea, he said.

Court Demands Cleanup Of Two Restaurants

12/19/57

Judge James W. Leighton this morning in district court called for a "cleanup" of two West Warwick Restaurants he called "breeding places for delinquency."

Gangs hanging around the two places, both in Arctic, "apparently consider it a badge of courage to break the law," he said.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis told the court he would summons the owner of Harry's Grille at 99 Washington St. to appear before the Town Council in an effort to prevent gangs from loitering in the place.

Mr. DeCiantis said he was convinced the police "have done everything possible" to prevent gangs from gathering. They disappear when police appear and regroup when the police leave, he said.

The judge's remarks and Mr. DeCiantis' statement came in the wake of a case in which the judge ordered a 17-year-old youth arrested after he changed his testimony on the witness stand. Harry's Grille was mentioned several times in the testimony.

'MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING' EXCLAIMS TOWN SOLICITOR DECIANTIS

COMPENSATION REJECTED 3 YEARS BACK

(EXCLUSIVE)

By RONALD ANDERSON
Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick said today the community would be unique in the state if it granted unemployment compensation to its employees.

The results could be catastrophic to the town treasury, he added.
All of this, the town solicitor said in an interview with the TIMES, was done at length three years ago. ALTER has occurred in West Warwick within the past two years about more benefits for the highway and other employees, he continued, "has been much to do about nothing. All it has done is cause trouble and keep the people in this town in confusion. It's terribly bad for our community and I personally condemn it."

Employees of the highway and garbage and rubbish departments united last Nov. 5 in a move to gain tenure and other fringe benefits including an annual clothing allowance, and pay when out of work. Since then the highway force has been turned down by the town council and Democratic town committee in these requests and has subsequently announced it would abide by their decisions. One of its employees, a prime mover for the benefits,

has been discharged and is involved in court action, charged with assault upon another employee, a charge to which he pleaded innocent.

The Record

Mr. DeCiantis said that it is well that the entire facts be set out before the taxpayers.

"This question of unemployment," he said, "is not a great discovery of any kind because the matter was taken up way back in 1956 by the then town council headed by Francis J. Fazzano. A decision was arrived at that it was very unprofitable to the taxpayers to allow the town to subscribe to unemployment compensation."

"This is what happened," Thomas de, who was then (Continued on page 3, col. 4)

the director of employment security of the state, summoned all of the towns and cities governments to a conference for the purpose of discussing the advisability of the towns and cities to be covered under the employment security act and the temporarily disability insurance act, which in short means unemployment compensation and cash sickness respectively.

"I was appointed to go to the meeting for West Warwick. The meeting was held Jan. 11, 1956 at 24 Mason Street, Providence. The various cities and towns that were represented were Providence, Barrington, South Kingstown, West Warwick, Burrillville, North Kingstown and Smithfield. The matter was discussed. And under the law Section 28-42-15

\$3600 for each employee; (2) or elect to become subject without paying any contributions but the town or city would be billed quarterly for all benefit payments made by the state to any employee that would be out of work.

Conclusive

"After discussion by the various representatives of the cities and towns it was concluded that to pay two and seventh tenths per cent for unemployment compensation was a definite financial loss to the town because the experience showed that none of the employees would be out of work long enough to take advantage of the collection. After a certain length of time the amount of money paid would be forfeited to the state and it would mean the town would be making contribution to the state without receiving benefit and this is detrimental to the taxpayers of the town.

"With regard to the second alternative everyone unanimously agreed that under this alternative the only time it would benefit the employee would be in case that an administration then in power was defeated. Experience shows that most, if not all, of the employees would be dis-

charged and the state would then pay them unemployment compensation and in turn the town would have to pay back to the state the sum of money paid the employees. It was agreed by everyone there that this would be a run upon the treasury of a town or city because they would be replacing the discharged employee who had to be paid wages and double payments would be made—one for the new employee and the other the regular weekly payment to the one who had been discharged. The matter was left that way.

Effect

"How would it effect West Warwick? It would mean that if all of the employees were to be covered, more than \$1,000 a week would be paid out of the town treasury for payments for unemployment compensation for people who had lost their jobs because they were discharged by the incoming administration. One can imagine what this would mean to the taxpayers.

"To this very day, not one town or city has subscribed to unemployment compensation with exception of Jamestown which was compelled to because it has the Jamestown Bridge Authority which made it mandatory

for them to cover all of the employees.

"Now if unemployment compensation were beneficial to the town and everybody concerned it would seem to me that these cities and towns that were represented would be covered by this

time, but none have done so.
"Then the matter of cash sickness was discussed at this meeting and under the law the employees pay one per cent towards cash sickness benefits. The matter was left to the employees themselves.

"After this conference I took the matter up with the town council and we went over it very thoroughly and Mr. Fazzano, who was president of the town council, and everybody who was connected at that time agreed that to subscribe to unemployment compensation would be a catastrophe to the taxpayers of the town. And the town council notified the heads of the departments and requested them to ask the employees if they desired to go into the cash sickness that the town would do so and of course the town received word from the majority of the highway department that they so desired and they were covered.

"The taxpayers can see that this is not any new matter. This was something that was taken up by many, many towns and cities including our town and the decision has not been changed by anyone."

Mr. DeCiantis confirmed that he is seeking federal aid to help establish parking areas in the Arctic business district. The federal government would put up 90 per cent of the cost.

The town solicitor said a parking lot on Robert Street is an absolute necessity because of the proposed traffic pattern to one-way traffic on that street with the building of the Robert Street-Legion Way Connector.

Whether or not the lot would be free to motorists, would require study, he said.

Mr. DeCiantis said the town planning board favors his proposal for more parking facilities with federal assistance.

the cities and towns were eligible to subscribe to unemployment compensation to cover employees. The law further provided that there were two alternatives: (1) the town or city would pay two and seven tenths percent of its covered employment, up to

De Ciantis Discusses Jobless Pay Plan for Town Employees

West Warwick investigated where the town must reimburse the state for any unemployment benefits paid out by the state, he said.
The other alternative would be for the town to pay a tax of 2.7 per cent of payroll, he said.

Both possibilities were discussed at a meeting of representatives of several towns and the cities of providence and Woonsocket that he attended in the office of Thomas M. Bride, then state Department of Employment Security director, on Jan. 11, 1956, he said.

Not one representative at that meeting was in favor of it, Mr. DeCiantis said. Experience shows, he said, "That nobody who works for a town ever stays out of work long enough to collect unemployment compensation."

It wouldn't be possible for just the highway and garbage collection workers, whose request for permanent tenure and fringe benefits, including unemployment compensation, has set off a controversy, to be enrolled, he said.

The law makes it compulsory for all eligible employees to be enrolled in it if any are to be enrolled, he said. That would re-

quire enrollment also of sewer workers, clerks in town offices, school bus drivers and janitors.

Firemen, police and teachers, all of whom have permanent tenure, would not be eligible for unemployment compensation, nor would per diem workers or elected officials, Mr. DeCiantis said.

He said only Jamestown has enrolled its town workers under the plan. That was done because its Bridge Authority workers were enrolled, and it was compulsory when workers of any instrumentality were enrolled, to enroll all those eligible.

"If the town paid under the 2.7 per cent of payroll plan, it would mean we would be contributing an awful lot of money to an unemployment fund where nobody would get any benefit. The money would be all lost, as nobody collects," he said. "Municipal employees would pay nothing themselves under that plan."

"Under the other plan, the town would have to pay 26 weeks maximum of compensation for all the people who would be discharged by an incoming administration. It could cost the town a lot of money."

"NOTHING" IS REALISTIC WORD

JOBLESS STATES BOURGGAULT

IN REPLY TO DeCIANTIS ON COMPENSATION

By RONALD ANDERSON

The year's end political tempo in West Warwick continued today at a rapid pace as statements continued over the move by employees of the highway and rubbish and garbage collection departments for tenure and fringe benefits, including sick pay.

Town Meeting Moderator Charles J. Bourgault said in answer to Town Solicitor Micheal DeCiantis that "if Mr. DeCiantis wants to argue whether or not there is anything new about employees requests for unemployment compensation then he chooses to argue with himself."

Referring to the recent firing of Theodore A. Stukus, from his highway maintenance job as a result of alleged fracas at a employees meeting concerning benefits, Mr. Bourgault said:

"It is easy enough to say unemployment compensation is 'much ado about nothing.' To Mr. Stukus who is out of a job, the prospect of unemployment compensation benefits would be a big 'something.' The 'nothing' is a realistic word; it describes accurately, the situation of a municipal worker out of his job."

Renewal

Mr. Bourgault said that the employees requests for unemployment compensation was presented a few years ago to the town council by the employees of the highway, sewer and garbage collection departments and the benefits were denied them. Admittedly this was a renewal of the previous request, he said.

Mr. Bourgault continued: "The argument that other communities haven't adopted unemployment compensation means little. I am not aware the voting public has rejected jobless benefits in any town. The same argument can be advanced that few communities have adopted workmen's compensation. Yet nobody believes that men hurt at work should be left to their own devices. Very few people believe a worker out of a job should be without the protection of jobless benefits.

"The fact is that the adoption of unemployment compensation would deter people who operate town government from wholesale firings of the help. A new administration would show less desire to give every employee the axe. Jobless pay would benefit the taxpayer by causing the retention of experienced help. The taxpayer has no desire to see any wholesale firing of employees.

"One other argument against unemployment compensation has been voiced; this one by Councilman Petrangelo. He claims the town can't be compared to a business for the reason it makes no profit.

Purpose

"The purpose of unemployment compensation is not the punishment of businessmen who make a profit. The only idea involved is that those who hire help have the duty to provide employees with a

servicing us. A town employee, like any other employee, needs some bit of income when he loses his job. Let's not be in the position of favoring unemployment compensation for those who are employed by others and oppose the application of the same rule to our own employees."

Leo B. Charbonneau, chairman of the Republican Town Committee, criticized Democratic leaders for the firing of Mr. Stukus. He said that Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca and Democratic chairman could have suspended Mr. Stukus and referred the case to the Town Council to hear the story of the alleged fracas.

Clarence J. Coutu, insurgent Democrat, said that "Mr. DeCiantis's statement that unemployment compensation would cost the town a lot of money through a change in administrations is a statement that the Democrats will be defeated next November."

Mr. DeCiantis, in reply to Mr. Bourgault, said "The trouble is that Charlie tried to use the workers for political gains and it didn't work out. Now he is shedding crocodile tears and what he did was much to do about nothing."

Sen. Francis LaChapelle said, "What's the matter with everybody. Where's the Yuletide spirit. Don't they know it's Christmas."

Anniversary of Bloodless Revolution

R.I. Democrats Fired High Court in 1935 Coup

By LAWRENCE M. HOWARD

Rhode Island has observed New Year's Day in many ways down through the years, but few holidays have left a bigger mark on the state than the one 25 years ago this week.

Jan. 1 will be the silver anniversary of the famed Bloodless Revolution of 1935 during which the Democratic Party fired the state Supreme Court and completely reorganized the state government in a swift and dramatic coup.

It was a Tuesday, a raw, wet and windy Tuesday with the temperature hovering in the upper 30s as a cloudy sky alternately dumped rain and snow on an unsuspecting Rhode Island.

The General Assembly was to convene at noon. Gov. Theodore Francis Green was to be sworn in for his second term.

The Democrats were riding high. During the previous November, they had reelected Gov. Green and Lt. Gov. Robert E. Quinn, won all national and state offices and gained undisputed control of the House of Representatives.

On the basis of election returns, however, the Republicans held a 22-20 margin in the state Senate.

Among the dignitaries and prominent citizens who filled the State House corridors and milled about in the halls were the five members of the Supreme Court, on hand as usual to witness the inauguration.

But the Democrats had other ideas.

During a series of conferences since the November election, the Democrats had made their plans well. They intended to take over. They had even gone so far as to let Chief Justice Charles F. Stearns know that if two of the members of the solidly Republican high court would step aside, the others would not be bothered. Judge Stearns turned his back on the proposal.

Hinged on Senate

The success of the Democratic strategy hinged on control of the Senate.

When Lt. Gov. Quinn called the upper chamber to order all 22 Republicans and 20 Democrats were in their seats. The lieutenant governor said he had received protests against the seating of Senator B. Earle Anthony of Portsmouth and Sen-elect Wallace Campbell of South Kingstown, both Republicans. He ordered all the others sworn in and a bipartisan



Senator Green (then governor) in 1935.

committee was picked to recount the ballots in the disputed cases.

As the Senate went into recess to await the results of the recount, the Republican members, who could read the handwriting on the wall, started to leave the State House.

Gov. Green swore out arrest warrants for three of them to assure the presence of a quorum when the chamber went back to work.

The warrants were issued against Sen. Daniel F. McLaughlin, Sen. Archibald Kenyon and Sen. Lester Simmons. Senator Simmons made his way out of the building before being tapped with the warrant. Senator Kenyon was the GOP member of the recount committee and working behind closed doors in the secretary of state's office on the recount. Senator McLaughlin submitted to the technical arrest and even took his "guards" to lunch with him.

Sworn In Immediately

The Senate reconvened at 7:19 p.m. and a minute later heard a report from its special committee that two Democrats had been elected in Portsmouth and South Kingstown. The report, which overturned the official results, said Dr. Charles A. White Sr. had been elected in South Kingstown and Joseph P. Dunn elected in Portsmouth.

The two were sworn into office immediately, giving the Democrats a 22-20 margin in the upper chamber.

Then the fireworks really started.

In the space of a few minutes, the Democrats intro-

duced and passed five bills that all but wiped out the existing state government.

The measures:

● Fired the entire Supreme Court.

● Abolished 80 state commissions and bureaus, replacing them with 11 departments to operate under the governor.

● Abolished the office of state Finance Commissioner Frederick S. Peck and created the post of state budget director and comptroller.

● Abolished the Providence Safety Board.

● Bounced the sheriff of Providence County.

Operating like a well-oiled machine, the Democrats rammed the measures through the Senate with ease. The upper chamber had reconvened at 7:19 p.m. It completed its work and recessed at 7:33½ p.m.

As history was being made in the Senate, the strains of dance music began to float out from the nearby ballroom, National Guardsmen and their wives strolled in to step the light fantastic and someone asked Lt. Gov. Quinn to drop into the governor's reception. He was too busy.

When the bills reached the House, the Republicans put up a bitter but hopeless battle to knock them down.

Chamber Jammed

The chamber was jammed with people as the measures went through.

Sandwiches and coffee were passed around in the lower chamber as the House passed resolutions inviting the Senate to meet in grand committee for the inauguration of the state officers and election of the new judges.

The Republicans said they would take no part in the proceedings. They didn't have enough votes to nominate a one with any hope of success anyway.

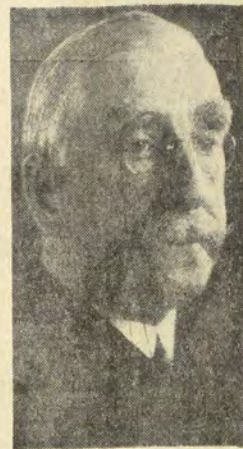
In the meantime, the members of the Supreme Court had been waiting in a committee room for a call to the House that never came. They were scheduled to occupy seats on an improvised rostrum near the Speaker's dias for the inauguration.

Get the Bad News

As the time dragged on and no call came, they dispatched a friend to find out what was causing the delay. He brought back the bad news.

Not wishing to be present at their own judicial death, the judges asked Governor Green's permission to leave. He agreed to their departure.

So they left—Chief Justice Stearns, Associate Justices



Judge Charles F. Stearns

Elmer J. Rathbun, John W. Sweeney, John S. Murdock and J. Jerome Hahn.

At 10:27 p.m. the grand committee went into session to select the new judges and inaugurate the state officers.

Edmund W. Flynn was elected as chief justice. Named associates were Francis B. Condon, William W. Moss, Hugh B. Baker and Antonio A. Capotosto. Mr. Baker and Mr. Capotosto were Republicans. The other three were Democrats.

Edward J. Kelly Named

Gov. Green named Edward J. Kelly, state police superintendent, to take over control of the Providence police and fire departments.

Philip E. Quinn replaced Jonathan Andrews as sheriff of Providence County.

All of the candidates had been nominated earlier during a Democratic caucus.

With the real business of the day out of the way—and just barely within the day at that—Governor Green was escorted

ed into the House chamber and sworn into office for his second term. It was 12:05 a.m., Jan. 2, 1935.

The ill-fated inaugural ball, which had been playing second fiddle all night to the political game of musical chairs in the nearby halls, was suspended for the late show featuring the swearing-in ceremonies. The celebration was about over.

It was "Happy New Year, Rhode Island," all right, but which party you belonged to on that day 25 years ago made a difference how you said it.

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In W. Warwick: Dedication, Ambush

By JOHN B. LAKE JR.
 Dedication of a new \$550,000 combined town hall, police and fire station as a veterans memorial, even though it won't be opened until early in the new year, highlighted the year's news events in West Warwick.

The town's veterans, who had fought for a switch from archaic buildings for 10 years, triumphantly heard one of the town's outstanding citizens, Chief Judge Robert E. Quinn of the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, dedicate the beautiful limestone front building to good government.

Aside from that flag-ripping day in the history of the 46-year-old town, residents watched the march of events into the space age. They found that for them events still covered the whole gamut of joy, tragedy, peace, strife, paths and humor.

Political Attacks

Hot politics was the rule, even in cold weather approaching Christmas. Usually in the center of controversy was red-headed Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, Democratic leader for 10 years. He was aided by Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca, his party chairman, in beating off attacks by insurgent Democrats marshaled by Town Moderator Charles J. Bourgault and Republi-

cans led by Leo B. Charbonneau.

Perhaps the major crime news story of the year was the spectacular ambush of three Providence hoodlums who met a blast of shotguns and small arms when they broke into the home of George A. Talbot. Two were wounded. Police with riot guns, submachine guns and carbines and wearing old clothes ambushed the hoodlums.

Man's ancient enemy, fire, hit hard three times. The Petrella Block, Natick, a former B.B. & R. Knight Mills company store, was burned in a \$20,000 blaze in September. Another two-alarm fire threatened Russell I. Capwell's family. Fire Capt. Joseph L. St. Jean died of a heart attack fighting a blaze at the Greyholme Farm caretaker's house.

Good Things

Some good things: Ronald Loiselle, a newsboy, was honored by the Lions Club for saving a baby on his route from suffocation by using mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Peter A. Kelly won the Elks' leadership award; Laurelle Henry, the Deering Medal; Phillip J. Read, the state American Legion oratorical contest. Young Edmond Beauchamp made progress toward a boys' club with civic help. Clem Davis head-

ed the town's first Rotary Club.

Police Capt. Henry F. Miller Jr. and Sgt. William A. Gallucci flew cross country by jet plane in four hours, 20 minutes, to bring back a prisoner. They made page one. Gov. Del Sesto kissed Miss Bessie W. Allen, who had taught his son, when her D.A.R. chapter visited the State House.

Papal honors came to clergymen and a layman. The Rt. Rev. Donat Fagnant and the Rt. Rev. Anthony DeAngelis were elevated to the monsignori. Clarence J. Couture was made a Knight of St. Gregory.

Although often-fery Mr. DeCiantis was on a world tour, the town meeting was lively. For the first time, a school fiscal report was rejected. Out of 8,477 eligible voters, 497 attended and voted a record \$1,482,068 budget. Tax bills went up to the tune of \$3.80 for \$1,000 valuation, making the rate \$32.

Traffic Deaths

Highway accidents took three lives, all town residents. A fourth tragedy occurred when a 19-year-old youth drowned while trying to retrieve fishing tackle in the Pawtuxet River.

State auditors took another crack at town fiscal practices, particularly the overspending by many departments, topped by the school department



Miss West Warwick—Mary McGlynn—and the reigning Miss America—Mary Ann Mobley—last May.

\$13,400 overspent even with \$27,210 unanticipated federal aid.

One school committee member, Anthony Paliotta,

caused some commotion when he complained at a PTA meeting he was not always consulted by other officials. With the help of Sen. Fran-

cis J. LaChapelle, the PTAs again got their referendum bill calling for a vote on off-year, nonpartisan school committee elections, competitive bidding and open records through the Senate. It died in the House owing to town administration opposition.

Rep. Felix Appollonia (D-West Warwick) introduced a bill to establish a sewer commission. It ran into heavy opposition and died in the Assembly.

Mill Moves

On the industrial front, the town needed a shot in the arm that didn't materialize. Mr. DeCiantis said he was convinced that industries have got to have modern plant space. A severe blow was the move of American Luggage Co. from old Arctic Mill to larger quarters in Warren. It was a big payroll loss, although many workers still commute to work in Warren.

The death roll included Robert J. Quinn and John L. McGill, Democratic leaders; George N. Vidal, former Republican probate judge; the Rev. J. Philip Beauchamp, rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church; Charles Richard, father of Joseph D. Richard, Town Council president, and himself one of the town's original councilmen; Fred W.

and Hot Politics

Mumford, retired steeplejack; Arthur B. Lovett, long-time Crompton Co. employe; Maj. Roland Reynolds and George E. Aubin, portrait photographer, who had moved to East Greenwich.

Kent County Water Authority had a good year, although Chairman Gerard Di Fiore warned it needs more funds, perhaps through re-financing, to properly take care of water needs of parts of its area developing rapidly with new plants.

A major federal-state highway improvement during the year was reconstruction of Route 117 from Apponaug to Quiddick, including a new Quiddick Railroad Bridge. Upcoming was the big Robert Street extension, involving condemnation of nearly 30 buildings.

Town schools, caught in a gradual changeover program involving sale of old schools to parishes, lost about \$34,500 in state aid because of failure to meet pupil-teacher ratios. Officials said it was unfair and planned to try to get it back.

City Status

Alphonse Archambault, an insurgent Democrat, puzzled party leaders with his pointed questions and criticisms of machine politics. The victory-starved town Republicans got a shot in the arm when Mr. Archambault's cousin, former

Sen. Raoul Archambault Jr., resigned as assistant to the U.S. Bureau of the Budget and planned a fighting campaign for a seat in the U.S. Senate.

Miss Mary Ann Mobley caused male hearts to increase in tempo when she appeared and crowned red-haired Miss Mary McGlynn as Miss West Warwick.

Miss America's appearance was sponsored by the junior chamber of commerce. The Jaycees also sought other ways to improve the civic scene, including a recommendation to change to a city form of government in the urban town.

While the town of an estimated 23,000 population was big enough to warrant city status, a proposed city charter still lay on the shelf, with councilmen reluctant to put it to a vote. There were indications it might be updated by next year or replaced completely and voted upon in time to become operative, if approved, in time for the 1962 elections.

It would meet strong opposition, mainly based on a higher tax specter, but also on opposition of a few groups that think a town government is best for their interests. Crystal ball gazers are taking bets West Warwick would remain a town if it were voted on tomorrow.

BOOM PASTORE FOR V.P.

United States Senator John O. Pastore is the choice of West Warwick Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis as vice presidential candidate of the national Democratic party in the 1960 campaign.

Mr. DeCiantis pointed out today in an interview that Senator Pastore, member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, has made a distinguished record. He is held in high esteem in Washington and has always been accorded a heavy vote in Rhode Island.

"We Rhode Islanders ought to pep up, get behind our own men and not always be behind somebody from another state," the solicitor declared.

(A special despatch from Washington yesterday to the TIMES reported that Republican Governor Christopher Del Sesto of Rhode Island was being prominently mentioned as a running mate to Vice President Richard M. Nixon if the latter receives the GOP presidential nomination, as expected.)

Mr. DeCiantis pointed out that it has generally been the custom to select men from big states in naming candidates for the presidency and vice presidency. He maintains that just because Rhode Island is the smallest state and has few electoral votes it should not be overlooked as a possible producer of presidential timber.

He also said such Rhode Islanders as Chief Judge Robert E. Quinn of the United States Court of Military Appeals, a West Warwick resident, and United States

Senator Theodore Francis Green, Providence, should have been given more recognition in the past by the national Democratic party in selecting standard bearers.

Doubts Kennedy to Get Nod

Mr. DeCiantis said he doubts United States Senator John Kennedy, of Massachusetts, will get the nomination for the presidency at the national convention. Sen. Kennedy has the endorsement of Senator Pastore. (When Senator Kennedy returns from Jamaica Saturday he will announce to the nation whether he will seek the Democratic presidential nomina-

DeCiantis cited Congressman John E. Fogarty as a public servant worthy of elevation to a higher post in the federal government.

Regarding the presidency, the solicitor stressed the point that Rhode Island deserves consideration in the selection of presidential candidates. It is his contention that the state has never produced a president, or has any of its citizens been a nominated candidate for president or vice president in any of the major parties.

Pastore for Vice President Boomed in West Warwick

P.J. Dec-31, 1959

U.S. Sen. John O. Pastore last night was boomed for vice president on the 1960 Democratic national ticket by Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick, veteran Pawtuxet Valley party leader.

Whenever candidates for the presidency or vice-presidency are talked about, the names are always from the big states, he said. The feeling is that Rhode Island, the smallest state in the union, is too tiny and doesn't have the electoral votes, he said.

He recalled that Chief Judge Robert E. Quinn of the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, a West Warwick native and former governor, was suggested for president or vice-president years ago "and he humbly said he felt Rhode Island was too small for consideration."

"It doesn't seem to me that's the test," Mr. DeCiantis said. "The test is in the character and ability of the man."

He said Senator Pastore, a member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, has

distinguished himself as governor and senator.

"A man who has been held in such high esteem in Washington and has gotten such an overwhelming vote here in Rhode Island should be recognized," he said. "It seems to me, if he can get the votes in Rhode Island, he can get them anywhere in the country."

He said Rhode Island's senior senator, Theodore Francis Green, should have been similarly recognized before now, when he is nearing retirement. "He's a real statesman, and no one has ever done anything to try to advance this man to vice-president or president," he said.

"Senator Green had the ability and has done everything for the people. He's known as a senior statesman of our country, and certainly should have risen even higher than senator."

"We Rhode Islanders ought to pep up, get behind our own men and not always be behind somebody from another state," he said.

(West Warwick)

Dedication of the new \$500,000 combined town hall, police and fire station. Hot politics setting the stage for the 1960 election. The house ambushing of a trio of Providence hoodlums, with two being wounded by police wearing old clothing.

These were among the news highlights of a busy 1959 in West Warwick.

Reviewing the local picture, here are the highlights:

POLITICS: Resignation of former Rhode Island Senator Raoul Archambault Jr. as assistant to the Director of the federal Bureau of the Budget and his announcement he will seek the Republican nomination for United States senator. Verbal clashes between Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca, Town Moderator Charles J. Bourgault, Senator Francis J. LaChapelle, Leo B. Charbonneau and Alphonse Archambault over workmen's compensation and a city charter.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING: Dedication of the new \$550,000 municipal building in memory of war veterans at which Chief Justice Robert E. Quinn of the United States Court of Military Appeals said the structure was dedicated to "good government."

PROMINENT PERSONS DIE: Death removed from the scene former Probate Judge George N. Vidal, Rev. J. Philip Beauchamp, Arthur B. Lovett, Robert E. Quinn, George E. Aubin, John L. McGill, Major Roland Reynolds, Charles Richard and Yvon Archambault.

MISS AMERICA: Mary Ann Mobley, Miss America for 1959, crowned Mary McGlynn as Miss West Warwick.

DEATHS ON HIGHWAYS: Three deaths on highways of the town pertained to townspeople. A youth, 19, drowned in the Pawtuxet River trying to recover his fishing tackle.

PAPAL HONORS TO THREE: Rt. Rev. Donat Fagnant and Rt. Rev. Anthony DeAngeli were elevated to Monsignors, and Clarence J. Coutu was made a Knight of St. Gregory by papal authority.

DIES FIGHTING FIRE: Fire Captain Joseph L. St. Jean died of a heart attack while fighting a fire at the Greyholme Farm caretaker's house. There were two other fires of some consequence: at the home of Russell I. Capwell and in the Petrella Block at Natick, formerly the Knight Company store.

CRIME: Two Providence men were wounded after being ambushed by police as they broke into the home of George A. Talbot. Police dressed in old clothes were armed with various types of guns. Police Captain Henry F. Miller Jr. and Sgt. William A. Gallucci flew to the West Coast in a jet plane in four hours and 20 minutes to bring back a prisoner. A series of pre-Christmas burglaries in West Warwick stores.

HONORS TO YOUTHS: Peter Kelly received the Elks' leadership award, Philip Read the state American Legion oratorical contest award, and Laurelle Henry the Deering medal. To Ronald Loisellette went the Lions Club honor for saving the life of a baby by using mouth resuscitation.

ROTARY CLUB FORMED: A new Rotary Club unit was organized with Clem Davis as its first president. Edmond Beauchamp made much progress in his efforts to establish a civilian-sponsored boys' club.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT: The reconstruction of part of General Nathanael Greene Memorial Highway from Apponaug to Quidnick, including a new bridge to replace Ray Andrews Bridge. Announcement of project to extend Robert Street to Columbus Square which will require condemnation of many parcels of property. Widening of Main Street from Arctic Square to the railroad bridge will be added im-

Budget Must Provide For Relocating Town Dump, Says DeCiantis

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick said last night that provision for relocation of the town dump, Riverpoint, because of the health menace there is a must as the town begins to prepare a budget for the March annual financial town meeting.

He said the planning board is still working on possible alternatives to continued dumping at the present spot, but that he thinks the town "has got to buy some land somewhere."

The present dump then could be reclaimed and used for recreational purposes, as long as advocated by Judge Robert E. Quinn, planning board chairman.

Besides the recreational advantages in reclaiming the present dump, which adjoins the town athletic field and would extend play areas, Judge Quinn has envisioned a resulting greater use of the adjacent Pawtuxet River for boating. He has called it as good or better than the Thames in England, where there is much boating recreation.

Mr. DeCiantis said he is sold on the so-called sanitary land fill system and that a big bulldozer should be bought to institute that plan, recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service. Refuse is buried and regularly covered under the plan.

Aware that many persons don't relish the prospect of moving a dump near their land, Mr. DeCiantis said it may be possible to buy "some farm land way back somewhere" for the proposed new dump.

He said he agrees with Judge Quinn that the Pawtuxet River then could become a fine boating spot. He said he has some movies taken along the river bank at McCrystal's Farm "and you can look up the river for quite a distance there. It's a beautiful sight, as pretty as anything you ever saw."

"All we can do is suggest to the taxpayers," he said. "But something definitely has got to be done."

He said Walter J. Shea, chief of the state division of sanitary engineering, has told the town the present dump constitutes a bad situation that must be eliminated.

"Health comes first," he said. "That's a must this year. I'm going to have nothing to do with anything else, but everything to do to see that this thing is done."

The town pays each year for a rat exterminator at the dump, but it doesn't do the job, Mr. DeCiantis said. There is too much garbage dumped and too many rats to cope with, he said.

The town garbage collection program has resulted in concentrated dumping there since it was instituted in 1947, and the spot was used for dumping before that, Mr. DeCiantis said.



THE VALLEY

Industry to Give 5,000 Jobs Needed

By JOHN B. LAKE JR.

The Pawtuxet Valley area closed its economic year on a hopeful note, after another 12 months of fighting to improve conditions that have never been really anything to shout about since the advent of the textile decline.

"What the Valley needs is two or three new industries that would employ 5,000-6,000 people," said an Arctic banker.

There were hopes that something like that might develop along the seven-mile route of the new Kent County Expressway, Interstate Route 95, in the towns of West Warwick, Coventry or West Greenwich.

The Coventry Industrial Commission sought tips on how it's done from the leader of the successful Warwick Industrial Park and Franklin Reed, its chairman, said he was sure private interests would soon be developing a similar park in Coventry. Industrial committee members of West Warwick Chamber of Commerce were thinking along the same lines.

Some diversified industries are occupying old mill space, but even major textile concerns today are looking for new, one-story plant space for modern operation, according to Samuel Azzinaro, manager of the R.I. State Joint Board, Textile Workers' Union of America, CIO-AFL.

Regardless, textiles continued to be the major employer in the Valley, as in the state, which has an estimated 40,000 in the trade. There were bright spots in the industry, such as Berkshire-Hathaway, Inc., mill in Anthony making a profit after modernization and unloading of a big inventory. With automation, however, the plant cut its onetime 700 and more employees to under 500.

A bad blow to the Valley during the year was the move of American Luggage Works from the former Arctic Mill to larger quarters needed for the nationally-known luggage firm's expansion in Warren. It meant a loss of several thousand dollars a week in payroll, although some Valley workers are commuting to work in Warren. The old, four-story mill is still empty.

Retailers in the big West Warwick shopping center reported business down or about the same as last year, depending on the extent to which mill outlets hurt them.

Coventry Retailing Grows Retail store centers are beginning to grow in Coventry, which issued more building permits for new homes than ever in its history. Another major, new retail center is in the making in Crompton, West Warwick.

The construction of new homes in Coventry's many new developments provided much employment for those who helped build them. One big developer figured his firm gave work to about 200, including sub-contractors, although his own staff numbers 40-45. He was concerned at rising interest on mortgages hurting home construction when FHA went up from 5% per cent to 6%.

The developer said it takes at least \$95 a week take-home pay to keep up payments on mortgage, taxes and insurance on a so-called, low cost \$12,500 home. Many men have two jobs to do it, or their wives work, he said.

A large number of Valley area men continued to commute to Groton, Conn., to help build atomic submarines and bring home as much as \$150 a week, with overtime.

The lace industry, for many years a high wage one in the Valley, continued in a slump that has plagued it for the past several years. West Warwick's Bancroft Lace Co. closed. Lace manufacturers with expensive Leavers lace machines were beset by cheaper competition and wondering when the market for their better lace would revive.

Hoechst Chemical Co., Coventry, continued its steady growth, employing about 125. Expanding its line slowly from the innumerable products available to it under its parent concern, Farbwerke Hoechst of Frankfurt, Germany, it completed a new laboratory and plant addition and is working on still further expansion along the Pawtuxet River.

Another diversified industry in Coventry, Victor Electric Wire & Cable Co., continued to thrive.

Warwick Mills, manufacturers of fine cotton goods, with about 225 jobs in West Warwick, and dependable Interlaken Mills, book cloth manufacturers, remained backbone industries. The interests of Justin I. King, n. including George E. Mousley and Co., Dessart, Millburn Mills and Toby Toys provided about 325 jobs.

Weaving Corporation of America, located in the old Crompton Mill for several months, expected to increase from about 20 to more than 100 employees in a year, it was reported. The braid weaving concern opened with entirely new machinery. Other elastic and braid concerns had a good year.

In the dyeing and finishing field, Thies Dyeing Mills, Centerville, almost went the way of the old Clyde Print Works, dark for many years. The plant was about to be liquidated, but a Massachusetts man, Howard Feist, took it over and kept it going. He was aided by a 10-year town tax exemption on personal property and worker concessions.

While Harwall Mills closed in the old Phenix Mill building, American Tube Products, Inc., West Warwick, announced expansion plans. Lew Mfg. Co., pencil parts maker, which took over the former Stillwater Worsted Mill, Coventry, two years ago continued to be a good employer.

Textiles Reviving Textiles in the area have been down to the bottom and are coming back, Mr. Azzinaro said. He said TWUA plans a strong drive for a \$1.25 an hour minimum wage nationally. It is now \$1. The state's congressional delegation has promised support, he said.

TWUA is appealing to unorganized Southern textile area, which like all of the chains to raise salaries there, now average \$1.45 an hour, compared to an average of \$1.75 for all Southern manufacturing in and a \$2.22 an hour national, re-manufacturing average, he said. Putting some of the increased textile profits in the hands of the workers in the form of pay increases would help the economy by upping their purchasing power, he said.

In New England, the average wage of a cotton-rayon weaver is \$66 a week, Mr. Azzinaro said. Improvements are indicated, since the textile picture is brighter than at any time in the past seven years, he said. While the industry earned only \$42,000,000 after taxes in the first six months of 1958, it netted \$190,000,000 in the same period of 1959, he said.

The TWUA has had two or three good leads on potential new plants, but the biggest problem is a lack of modern facilities in the Valley and state, Mr. Azzinaro said. Efficiency demands one-story construction, he added.

That modern plants go hand in hand with the kind of industry the Valley needs is realized also by town officials and planners. Action to get them or, better still, to try to attract the Raytheon-type of major industry that will build its own with state and private help is indicated.

thities, more and more of the Westery's shopping dollars are finding their way into the expanding New London and Groton shopping centers, instead of staying in Rhode Island.

Among the Connecticut firms, the Electric Boat Co. division of General Dynamics, continues to be the largest employer of Rhode Island commuters. During the past year, however, the expanding Pfizer Chemical plant also in Groton, added many Rhode Islanders to its employe list.

At Pawcatuck, the occupancy of the former Bostitch plant by Raytheon for electronic tube sub-assembly, was the only major development in Westery's industrial picture during the year. Raytheon is now hiring employes and the work force is expected to total about 200 persons, mostly women.

No Customers Yet The Westery-Pawcatuck Industrial Foundation, formed amid some fanfare last January, has yet to attract its first customer.

Organized under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, the foundation, says Hubbard Phelps, the executive vice president, is still active. It is trying to sell the Westery area to industry seeking new locations. The foundation is emphasizing the availability of sites at a reasonable cost, the availability of new plants, either for rental or purchase, likewise a reasonable cost, and the area's excellent air, rail and highway transportation.

During the year hopes just about faded that any development will be seen at the proposed industrial park on the site of the Kingston fairgrounds.

The Wakefield-Narragansett area, which like all of the south shore continues to depend on its summer resort business, likewise had little success in attracting new industry. The Warren Pump Co. in the old Peace Dale plant, reported a slight expansion during the year.

Plant Shuts Down On the other side of the ledger, the Point Judith Dehydrating Process Co., closed in October and is not scheduled to reopen until April. In addition to the 25 employes left without jobs, the closing left small fishing boats operating from the port without a market for their trash fish. This was immediately reflected in the loss of business to the suppliers of gas, oil, and at the boat yards.

The industrial expansion in nearby Connecticut has had another result on Rhode Island towns. Moving into communities on this side of the state are many residents from elsewhere in the country. We find housing in this state not readily than nearer the plant locations.

Gov. Offers 'Compromise' Fair Housing Proposal

Bul. Jan. 5, 1960

A "compromise" fair housing proposal was offered by Governor Del Sesto in his message to the new General Assembly session today.

The governor said his proposal would prohibit discrimination in apartments with five or more living units or in plat developments with five or more homes under the control of a single developer.

The provisions would not apply to the sale or rental of individual homes occupied by their owners.

A fair housing bill that was an issue in last year's General Assembly session would have applied to all housing except that controlled by religious groups and homes in which rooms are let by a resident landlord.

Of last year's controversy the governor said in his message today: "Unfortunately, because of the tactics of some proponents and some opponents to the proposals, an objective consideration of this matter was impossible. Hence, no action was taken by the General Assembly."

He said that since adjournment of last year's assembly session he has given a great deal of thought to the matter and has had several studies made.

He said his proposal is modeled after one enacted in Connecticut and is similar to one in the laws of Massachusetts.

At a press briefing on his message the governor described his proposal as "a reasonable compromise."

He said one of the objections last year was that at least one of the fair housing bills in the legislature "went too far and applied to persons who owned their own homes."

His proposal, he said, would "eliminate a good part of the objection." He has found, he said, that states that have adopted fair housing bills did not extend the provisions to single homes. The Massachusetts law, he said, starts at three, the Connecticut law at five.

He said he followed the Connecticut law in his proposal because he thinks Connecticut "has a good law with good results."

The governor said the primary objective of his proposal is to make housing accommodations available to everyone.

"This law would not be the complete solution," he said. "Private interests and non-profit groups will have to take some active steps to provide housing accommodations at reasonable prices for all people in the community. In some areas there

has been a great deal of success in setting up plans on an integrated basis, sometimes sponsored by private interests or non-profit groups. It seems to me that regardless of what bill we adopt it must be supplemented by someone's taking the initiative in providing housing accommodations at reasonable prices."

The governor's proposal would be offered as an amendment to a Rhode Island law that now bans discrimination in "public accommodations." The living accommodations now included in the ban are primarily hotel rooms and public housing projects. The same law prohibits discrimination in eating, amusement and recreation places and other publicly patronized establishments.

The governor's proposal would extend the provisions of that act to "any housing accommodation offered for sale or rent which is one of five or more housing accommodations all of which are located on a single parcel of land or parcels of land that are contiguous without regard to highways or streets, and all of which any person owns or otherwise controls the sale or rental."

Religious groups would be exempted.

Court Decides Water Dispute

Rules E. Greenwich Can Service Areas Not in Kent District

The Rhode Island Supreme Court ruled in an advisory opinion yesterday that the Kent County Water District does not have the sole right to provide water service for East Greenwich residents and cannot keep the town from extending water service to rural areas of the community.

In an opinion signed by all five judges and sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee, the court explained, "it is not for us to assume that the legislature (which formed the authority) intended to deny to the inhabitants of the town of East Greenwich any means of obtaining water except through the offices of the Kent County Water District."

The Supreme Court decision resulted from a request filed by the East Greenwich Town Council last year seeking to determine if the town possessed a legal right to go into the water business. The request was filed in the General Assembly by Sen. G. Elsworth Gale of East Greenwich.

J. William Corr Jr., East Greenwich Town Council president, said last night the inference at the time the issue was debated last year was that the Kent County Authority had the sole right to service East Greenwich.

Mr. Corr stressed the town is not seeking to take over the existing facilities of the authority but merely to provide a water supply to western sections currently dependent on ground and artesian wells.

According to Mr. Corr the authority last year had balked at extending water lines into the Frenchtown area until the areas was profitably developed.

Mr. Corr, however, argues that water has to be provided

first before industry will develop an area.

The Supreme Court decision specifies that the "district is not obligated to supply water if for any reason water service to such town is not economically, practically or otherwise feasible in the judgment of a majority of the authority members."

Privately Owned

The authority is a privately owned public utility which services East Greenwich, West Warwick, Coventry and a section of Warwick. With the exception of West Warwick, all the communities are represented in the authority by one appointed member. West Warwick is represented by two delegates.

The Supreme Court ruling, however, noted that the outright repeal of a previous law was designed to protect the Kent County Water District and its bond holders against competition where the district had contracted to serve "but would have done so expressly not to deny the communities affected the means of providing a supply of water to inhabitants thereof when the Kent County Water District was unable to do so."

Legislation incorporating the district, the decision stated, "designed it as a public benefit corporation and pledged the state would take no action to impair the obligations of contracts made by the authority."

"It is unreasonable to assume from these premises that the legislature intended to permit its political subdivisions, the municipalities within the district, to do that which the state had pledged itself to refrain from doing," the opinion read.

"Unreasonable to Conclude" "It is equally unreasonable to conclude that by the incorporation of the Kent County Water District the legislature intended to deprive the communities of their rights and powers in areas not in conflict with the established rights of the district," continued the opinion.

The opinion explained that the fundamental issue raised by the town was whether or not the establishment of the Kent

County district operates deny to the town of East Greenwich whatever rights may have possessed.

"We are of the opinion does not," the opinion stated.

"If by the incorporation, the Kent County Water District and the grant of power vested therein the legislature had intended to deny to and its bond holders against communities affected, it is not competition where the district had contracted to serve "but would have done so expressly not to deny the communities affected the means of providing a supply of water to inhabitants thereof when the Kent County Water District was unable to do so."

With the Supreme Court decision, Mr. Corr said it will be recommended at the March financial town meeting that an engineering company be hired to seek possibilities to extend a water supply to rural areas.

Extension of the water supply was recommended by a study committee appointed by the state two years ago to another recommendation of the committee was to negotiate for a water supply from North Kingstown.

West Warwick Action

Nine Bid on Furnishings For Municipal Building

Amid remarks by Councilman Antonio Mello that completion of the West Warwick Veterans Memorial Municipal Building seems to be opening nine bids on furnishings for the new building.

Joseph L. Richard, Council president, said the bids, only three or four of which covered anywhere near the full list of 539 pieces of equipment in 134 categories, will be studied with Almazor J. Samson & Son, architects, and department heads.

A special meeting with department heads will be held next Monday. A session with bidders deemed to be likely winners of a contract will then be held Jan. 18.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis said it appeared Sears, Roebuck & Co. store of West Warwick, represented by P. Francis Theroux of West Warwick, and Bene & Co. of Providence, would be close for low bidder. A study will have to be made, as neither bid on all items.

Mr. DeCiantis said it appears that the building can be equipped with the \$40,000 allocated by taxpayers, but there is a question about a needed new police radio station and

mobile equipment for police cars coming out of that sum. Councilman Mello said the federal communications commission is going to change the frequency by next April, making a new radio mandatory.

There may be enough balance in the total bond issue to finance a radio, Mr. DeCiantis said. He said he likes to have voters restrict use of bond money, even though the Council has power to appropriate, and approval for any sum needed over and above the \$40,000 for the radio will no doubt be sought.

With window shades still to be bought, and, possibly, other items not yet thought of, the Council appeared to have allocated \$31,728 of the money, at least, by last night. That includes: about \$20,000 for furnishings, based on what appeared to be low bids last night; \$1,250 already spent by the board of canvassers for equipment, disclosed by Mr. Richard last night; \$4,000 that Mr. Richard said will be needed to refinish certain old furnishings to be used in the new building; and \$6,478 that fire chief Lionel P. Gareau needs for lumber with which to build shelves, small tools and other fire department and fire alarm equipment.

Looks Like Men Will Win Over Women

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick isn't one to underestimate the power of a woman.

At the special town council meeting last night, the town solicitor said he thought the town would have to hire a woman to wash the floors in the new municipal building, which is expected to be occupied and in operation this March.

Councilmen expressed surprise—a woman—what about the regular male janitors? they asked.

"A man doesn't know how to wash a floor! Mr. DeCiantis exclaimed. "Why," he continued, "they would wash floors like I do. I don't know of any man who can wash floors."

Council President Joseph D. Richard interrupted: "I disagree. There are a lot of men who are washing, especially washing the dishes all the time."

Councilman Domenico Petrangolo said, "Men can do many things that women do. Look at Councilman Antonio Miller, he is a professional baker."

Chances are, judging from the sentiments of the council, when the building opens this spring, the regular janitors will keep the inside of the building clean, including washing the long corridor floors and the 112 windows.

Probate Judge Eugene J. Lafertiere of West Warwick walked into a Providence brokerage house yesterday on a legal matter, opened his briefcase and pulled out a pistol. The judge quickly put the pistol back in his case and covered it with papers so that no one would call the police. When his business was concluded he went home to have a little talk with his young son who had stashed the cap pistol in the wrong place.

The West Warwick Town Council last night engaged in a battle of the sexes. The question was whether men or women should be hired to keep house at the new West Warwick Veterans Memorial Building when it is ready. Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, said that a woman should be hired because "men don't know how to wash a floor." He probably was talking about bachelors.

DeCiantis Siftens Slur on Male Housekeepers

After receiving numerous telephone calls from men who resented his remark to the West Warwick Town Council on Monday to the effect that a woman can wash a floor better than a man, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis said yesterday he is in the middle of a battle of the sexes.

"My remarks have placed me in a very precarious position," he said. "I know men wash dishes and floors and sometimes do a little dusting around the house. But, until a woman puts the finishing touches on it, it never looks good or neat."

The controversy arose over whether women might be better housekeepers for the town hall section of the new Veterans Memorial Municipal Building.

It appeared there might be a compromise, with the men doing the heavy work and the fair sex the light housework.

James Jan 9, 1959

COMMENTS ON FLOOR WASHING

I would like to comment on a recent remark before the West Warwick Town Council made by Mr. Michael De Ciantis. I would like to inform the town solicitor that I wash floors. I do it for a living. I know exactly how to do it. It may come as a surprise to the town solicitor that we are not all lawyers and politicians.

If he would like to see a professional job of washing windows or floors he can call me anytime at EX 7-3221 and ask for THE RIGHT WAY WINDOW CLEANING AND FLOOR POLISHING CO.

(Signed) Joseph Lacolle

P. O. Box 65, West Warwick, R. I.

W. Warwick Council Narrows Bidders

P.J. Jan 12, 1960

The West Warwick Town Council last night narrowed the likely bid winners on the bulk of furnishings for the new veterans' memorial municipal building to two low bidders, after a review of tabulation of bids opened last week.

Still in the running are Sears, Roebuck & Co. West Warwick store which bid \$18,400 for all but four items requested, and Bene Co., Providence, \$17,798.96 total for all but nine of the needed items.

Other totals announced by Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis were:

Sears, Roebuck's Providence store, \$15,545.87, with 16 items not bid upon; Business Equipment & Supply Co., Warwick, about \$32,000; Remington Rand, Inc., \$19,169.48, with no bid on

Council Delays Contract Award On Furniture

P.J. Jan 19, 1960

The West Warwick Town Council last night went over in detail with vendors the two lowest bids opened earlier this month on furnishings for the new Veterans' Memorial Municipal Building, but was unable to reach a decision on award of a contract.

The Council pored over the figures and discussed types of furniture with the two vendors until shortly after midnight.

Joseph D. Richard, Council president, finally instructed Sears Roebuck & Company's West Warwick Store and Bene & Co., Providence, to submit figures on various items each had left out as soon as possible. The Council then will award the contract to the firm that is low on the total of all items required, he said.

Mr. Richard, with advice of Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis, held up release of the partial figures arrived at after changes until the quotations are in on the non-bid items, mainly office machinery and special files.

Otherwise, a vendor could conceivably take a loss on non-bid items to win the overall contract, Mr. De Ciantis said.

The original low bids from the two firms were Sears Roebuck & Co., \$18,400 for all but four items requested, and Bene & Co., \$17,798.96 for all but nine of the items requested.

30 items; Monroe Calculating Machine Co. \$775 on one machine; Allen Stationery Co., \$17,152.42, with no bid on 17 items; Cranston Typewriter Co., \$193.50, one typewriter; Jackson Chair Co., \$1,149.70 on chairs and clothing valets only.

The Council went over the Sears & Roebuck's West Warwick store bid in detail in a four-and-a-half hour meeting, making revisions that reduced it by \$1,300. However, Mr. Richard said some roller shelf items and counters not available from Sears would have to be purchased separately from Watson Co.

Mr. Richard said a contract award will be decided upon at another special meeting next Monday, but that it won't be announced until a couple of days afterward.

The Council, on advice of Michael Pimental, fire alarm superintendent, authorized purchase of new towers and antennas to go on the new municipal building before it is occupied by police and firemen. Police also will get some inside transmitter equipment.

W. Warwick Senator Lauds Town Council

P.J. Jan 20, 1960

Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle (D-West Warwick) told the Senate on a point of personal privilege yesterday that the West Warwick Town Council is "one of the finest" in the state.

Objecting to an editorial in Monday's Evening Bulletin that criticized the Council for turning over its job of budget preparation to Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, the senator said the newspaper had been "not very fair."

Some of the councilmen are new, he said, but are "quickly getting acclimated to their duties." The Council "continues to do a good job in the town," he added.

Speaking of the work Mr. DeCiantis has done on the budget he said:

"I don't think he's doing all

Bourgault in Blast at the Town Council

The West Warwick Town Council today was taken to task for refusing to grant six Brookfield Hills residents a reduction in their sewer tax.

Charles J. Bourgault, attorney for the six, and recovered from an attack of pneumonia, said in an interview the council compared a situation at Bells Field where the tax rate is \$65 per \$1000 valuation because the sewer connections were made to lines installed in 1952, two years before the higher \$125 rate was established.

"The only difference between Bells Field and Brookfield Hills", Mr. Bourgault said "is that the former is in Centreville and the latter is in Natick and the former is enjoying the \$65 rate".

Denied the request for a lower assessment were Brookfield Hills residents, Thomas A. Mulhern, Leo D. Smith, Ernest P. Archambault, Gerhard Pagel, Albert Mason and William Moffett. The Mulhern, Smith and Archambault petition contended several people in Brookfield Hills were further away then they were to the old sewer lines yet those neighbors were paying \$65 while their assessment was \$125. The Pagel, Moffett and Mason petition contended they are closer than 200 feet to the old sewer lines than others who were receiving the benefit of the lower \$65 rate.

Mr. Bourgault said "in rejecting these requests the council attempted to establish a difference between the treatment of the Bells Field property and Brookfield Hills real estate.

"Both sections obtained sewer services from sewers paid by the bond issue floated in 1952. Both areas involved acreage taxed as unimproved land under the original assessment of 1941 at \$65. Both tracts were subsequently denied into lots and new streets divided into lots and new streets were laid out. In each of these tracts buildings were erected subsequent to the first sewer assessment and prior to the 1954 assessment which buildings could not use the sewer. In each of these tracts certain buildings which then had no access to sewers were taxed prior to the 1954 extensions at \$65.

"The only differences which came to mind are:—that one section is in Centreville while the other lies in Natick; 2—that the policy involving Bells Field was established by the former town council while the Brookfield Hills policy is being established by the present council.

"Presumably the town council can reverse the assessment policies of its predecessor. If our councilmen intended to do so they unfortunately didn't say so."

When asked also about Rex Street, at Arctic Hill, in which the sewer levy was reduced to the lower \$65 per \$1000 rate, Mr. Bourgault who represented the petitioners of that street said, "the town council opinion expressed the situation very clearly. I have spoken with several of the petitioners and all of them were pleased with the forthright expression of opinion given by the Council."

the work. He's just a fellow who likes to have a hand in everything. He's just helping out."

The solicitor is the unofficial head of the Democratic party in the town.

Senator LaChapelle said one of the advantages of being a member of the General Assembly is that one gets the "right at least to answer the Providence Journal on a point of personal privilege."

DECIANTIS IN DEFENSE OF BUDGET WORK

One of the lowest tax rates in the state; a near Double AA credit rating from leading fiscal houses in the country; and municipal department services without equal.

These accomplishments were listed today by Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, of West War-



MICHAEL DeCIANTIS

wick, that has sewers; we have the best police, fire and highway departments, if not the best in the state; and we pay our employees a living wage, benefits and pension for police and fire."

"And yet we have to take the criticism of someone behind a desk who can't see any farther than his nose, who maybe cannot find anything to write about, so he goes on the rampage and begins to talk through his hat," Mr. DeCiantis said.

West Warwick councilmen are paid about \$300 a year and they are hard working men, the town solicitor said. "And the present town council has been working hard since it took office. This Providence newspaper and everybody in the town knows now that the town council has been working a late as 1 a.m. in the last few weeks. And their policy hasn't been any different than the policy of the other town councils in appointing the town solicitor in preparing the budget for them and to be perused by them after it has been correlated.

"This," Mr. DeCiantis continued, is not any different and has been going on for many, many years. The late Col. Patrick Quinn did it, and so did the late Judge Alberic Archambault, the late John F. Murphy, a Republican, the late Judge Patrick F. Barry, Judge James W. Leighton, Roland E. Meunier, a Republican, and Charles Bourgault. So, it has been the policy of this town for many, many years.

"The trouble is that the man who used the poisoned pen is not familiar with the fiscal budget of a town and he does not know the operation of a town council."

Assembly Gets Bills for Phenix Traffic Light

P.J. Jan 21, 1960

The House yesterday passed and sent to the Senate a resolution asking the state public works director to install a traffic light at Fairview Avenue, Main Street and Pleasant Street, West Warwick. The measure was introduced by Reps. Felix Appolonia, Francis X. Kennedy and Ulysses La Roche, West Warwick Democrats.

An identical resolution was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Francis J. La Chapelle (D-West Warwick).

The light has long been sought by Joseph D. Richard, West Warwick Council president, and other Phenix area leaders, particularly for the safety of school children.

told the convention he believes the absentee and shut-in proposal is "broad enough to permit voting on or before election day."

He added: "I think those who drafted this amendment did a magnificent draft."

Yesterday's convention was recessed from Jan. 31 to give time for drafting to committees named for the purposes.

On the roll call votes on the two proposals yesterday, the biennial census repealer was adopted unanimously, 166 to 0. Thirty-four delegates already had left the hall by roll call time, chiefly because of the storm then building up.

There were two dissents during the absentee and shut-in roll call. The count was 180 to 2, with 18 not voting or absent. The two dissenters were Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, of

wick, in answer to a blistering attack by a Providence newspaper for his "taking over the reins from the town council in drafting the town's budget."

The critic said it was the town council, elected at the polls and not its appointed town solicitor, that had this obligation—"So why a council?"

Mr. DeCiantis said that other communities throughout the state, and the governor himself is assisted by committees and directors in drafting new budgets. The governor, he said, has a budget bureau which meets for weeks with department leaders in preparing the new year's appropriations.

Fiscal Problems

Many complex fiscal problems arise in drafting budgets, Mr. DeCiantis pointed out.

"The irony of the whole thing is that the town of West Warwick has been stated by the banks as being one of the soundest, financially in the state," the town solicitor stated.

"Not only that factor," but Mr. DeCiantis said "bonds were sold by Pawtucket 4.40 and only two weeks ago Cranston sold bonds at 4.40. But West Warwick sold them at 3.80 which is much less and which shows that West Warwick paid less interest than the other cities."

Concerning the tax rates, Mr. DeCiantis said: "We have about the lowest tax rate that there is in the State of Rhode Island."

The town solicitor said, "We render the best service in the collection of garbage, we are one of the few towns in New England

they will find out at the committee meeting that he isn't."

Mr. DeCiantis is backing Mr. Newton, a West Warwick resident and a former state director of business administration.

The Democratic Sixth Ward Committee last night unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Senator McWeeney, Democratic majority leader, James H. Kiernan in the House of Representatives, a leading backer of Senator McWeeney, is chairman of the committee.

Frank Rao, Democratic state chairman, announced his resignation late last month, to become effective when a new

Daddy-O Green Gets Off Pot ! Fogarty Holds Up Parade

by Hanging to the Seniority Handle until March
Presumably Saint Patrick's Day

In the meantime, how are we to smoke the HAM out in ArchHAMBault if we can't clear the FOG in FOGarty ? How about Bob or Dennis taking over NOW ? . . . Why all these flowery speeches to Papa Green, when we know that most of the top state politicians were praying for him to quit ? . . . However, for services rendered to the State for voting on all the "Welfare Bills", Daddy should rate one big "Testimonial". Boko to see Del Marbrook of the Bulletin as to the feasibility. . . My 1960 prediction . . . State to go Democratic . . . especially if the "State Income Tax Bill" goes through. "Les Républicains sont tout finis". . . On the local scene . . . Père Micheale has everything wrapped up for 1960 . . . No competition. . . If Alphonse is a good little boy, he may make him custodian of the Mortuary column. As for Boko, he's taking up cooking from Chef Albert (Al Coutu) the Pork Pie Man . . . His column for the next ten months will cook, fry, boil or broil sizzling hot any untruthful politician regardless of party, race, color or creed. . . No cigars for appeasement, please. . . My good friend, Mr. Ostrow of the Kiddie Shoppe, gave me enough cigars at Christmas to carry me thru the primaries, (thanks again Max) . . . Again in the red for '59, I'm looking forward to an appointment with "Cue Ball" Kelley of Eastern Fuel to learn the secret of becoming a successful businessman in order to balance my budget in '60. . . . Did you know that Big Chief at Blackstone Finance spoke several languages ? Yes siree! He sent me an overdue notice in Latin Forgive me if this column is not up to par. I'm fighting a bad case of virus with Blackberry Brandy, (wrong medicine). Everytime you give those little bugs a shot, they invite their friends and start to Rock and Roll and have a heck of a good time to the detriment of your liver. Got up this morning with a feverish mind (102 in the shade) thinking that Pastore was our next President and that Charbonneau was Secretary of the Navy. . . (Hic)

"Boko"

DIGGING THE BEAT with . . .

Our 1960 Daddy-O FOR STATE SENATOR !

GO MAN !

"GENE" LAFERRIERE FOR SENATOR REAL COOL !

(after working 15 years for the party you deserve it)

Double Dig me, even Beatnicks and
Cats think you're the most !

CRAZY MAN . . . CRAZY !

As for "Robin Hood" Methink
Papa Daddy "Micheale"
should ditch . . .

A Goon to the Party-Line-Restrict,
a "Square" out of the "groove"

To be a Real Cool Senator-Man you
need Real Gone Hot Publicity . . .
BUG Me MAN and I'll Walk Thru.

Senator Lauds Work Of Town Solicitor

By Staff Correspondent
State House, — Defense of the West Warwick Town Council in having its budget prepared by Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis was made in the Senate by Sen. Francis LaChapelle.
In other state house happenings, both the senate and house took time out to adopt a resolution congratulating Mary Jane Newton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer W. Newton, West Warwick, on being awarded an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation fellowship to Harvard University. She was the "Around the Summer Colonies" columnist for the TIMES last summer.
Sen. LaChapelle also introduced resolutions of sympathy on the recent deaths of Yvon Archambault, prominent West Warwick business leader, and Francis E. Bergin, also of West Warwick, a Senate Doorkeeper. Both branches adopted the resolutions.
Speaking on a point of personal privilege, Sen. LaChapelle said that West Warwick has one of the finest town councils in Rhode Island. The senator said a Providence newspaper was not very fair in criticizing the council for turning over its job of budget preparation to Mr. DeCiantis.
The senator said that the town solicitor doesn't do all of the work but he helps out. The senator said some of the councilmen are new but are quickly getting acclimated to their duties and are doing a good job.

Senator LaChapelle also introduced another resolution asking the public works director to repair and maintain curbing on both sides of Main Street, West Warwick, from Columbus Square to the Coventry line. An identical bill was introduced in the House earlier this week. The Senate bill went to the finance committee.

The Senate also received a bill from Sen. Antonio Trovato (R-Westerly) imposing an additional five per cent tax on race wages with proceeds to be distributed to cities and towns for education.

Referred to the judiciary committee the bill of Sen Joseph A. Savage, (D-Newport) to abolish the state milk control board.

House business included: A bill providing free chiropractic services for welfare recipients was referred to the finance committee.

A new shoplifting bill introduced would allow store employees to detain, interrogate and search a shoplifting suspect, but without power for the suspect upon being wrongfully detained. Mrs. Harriet J. D'Attore (R-East Greenwich) who won the special election to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of her husband, took the oath of office.

At request of Gov. Del Sesto, Rep. John H. Chafee of Warwick, minority GOP House leader introduced a bill creating a special commission to recommend a state-wide plumbing code. The resolution went to the House judiciary committee.

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P. S. — "Felix the Cat" has caught up with "Boko the Rat" He moved his Law Office to Curson Street, next to Boko's Hideaway.

DeCiantis Again Named

Sharp Budget Paring Seen Necessary in W. Warwick

West Warwick Departmental budget requests loom large this year and will require considerable paring to keep a seemingly unavoidable tax raise down to a minimum, it was indicated yesterday.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis again has been appointed by the Council to receive requests and make recommendations to it for a likely budget to be presented at the March 22 annual financial town meeting.

Mr. DeCiantis said he has all requests now and is going over the figures, preparatory to putting them before the Town Council at a closed conference next week. The Council is expected to release the requests and a proposed budget later next week, he said.

While Mr. DeCiantis would not say much about the budget until the Council has received

what they believed was the proper appropriation.

Mr. DeCiantis said the budget has grown from \$650,000 in 1948 to \$1,500,000 "and you can't expect five men working every day to give their full time."

He said he recommended a city form of government at one time. "It was submitted to the people. The Providence Journal backed it 100 per cent, but the people turned it down."

"We render the best garbage collection in the state, have the lowest rate of comparable towns for the services we give, have sewers, as good police and fire departments as there are in the state," he said. "It has been publicly stated by men in the banks that West Warwick is financially sound. Moody's has given it an A rating, nearing a double A."

He said West Warwick bonds have sold for 3.8 per cent interest, whereas Cranston and Pawtucket paid 4.4 per cent.

He said the 1946-48 Republican administration had an accountant, Henri Brindamour, work on the budget with then Town Solicitor Roland E. Meunier.

When he (Mr. DeCiantis) once resigned, his successor, Charles J. Bourgault, now town moderator, drew up the budget, he said. Other town solicitors who drafted the budget before him included Col. Patrick H. Quinn, John Murphy, Patrick F. Barry and James W. Leighton, he said.

Mr. Joseph D. Richard, Council president, has said he would favor adding three foot patrolmen to the police force and that is expected to be in the budget.

Also, Mr. DeCiantis is on record as favoring moving elimination of the present town dump because of the health menace. A sanitary land fill system through use of a bulldozer and operator elsewhere has been mentioned.

Other likely personnel requests, a \$50,000 sludge de-waterer long recommended by the state division of sanitary engineering for the sewage disposal plant, a reported \$37,500 in principal and interest that must be paid on the new veterans' memorial municipal building add to the financial problem.

The state has for many years suggested, for sanitation reasons, correction of the condition at the sewage disposal plant under which wet sludge fills up a lagoon. A de-waterer extracts liquid from the sludge, which can then be carted away.

Mr. DeCiantis, who was on a world tour at town meeting time last year, said he plans a Florida vacation, but will be back in time to attend the town meeting and help the administration present its program.

Abated 1952 Tax Bill Paid in W. Warwick

Sub. Jan. 26, 1960
A tax of \$129.38, abated by the West Warwick Town Council at its Jan. 14 meeting as uncollectible from the estate of Mary A. McMahon, has been paid, it was learned today.

Mrs. Amy S. Chinat, tax collector, said that since an inquiry by Leo B. Charbonneau, West Warwick Republican town chairman, the tax had been paid by Leo McMahon, who was executor of his aunt's estate.

The GOP chairman had declared that the tax against the McMahon estate was collectible at one time and probably would have been collected had the property been put up for tax sale in line with usual procedure.

Teacher Request

Alliance Would Tack \$14,650 to Budget

R.J. Jan. 15, 1960
The West Warwick Teachers' Alliance last night asked for a sweeping upward revision of the salary schedule that would tack an extra \$14,650 to this year's school budget.

Local 1017 of the Alliance asked the school committee to approve lifting the \$3,700 minimum and \$5,800 maximum to \$4,300-\$6,500 and to grant a \$300 across-the-board wage hike for all teachers effective next September.

The new schedule, if adopted, would become effective in September, 1961. In the fiscal year 1961-62 it would mean an additional \$29,300 in teachers' salaries.

The proposed overhaul, which would be carried out under the 12-step seniority setup, was brought to the committee last night by Roland Archambault, chairman of the Alliance salary committee, Miriam Duffy and Cornelius Cummiskey.

An extra \$2,300 for principals was included in the Alliance salary package. It would mean that principals at the junior and senior high schools and the Maisie E. Quinn School would get \$1,300 above the 12-step maximum or \$300 more than they receive now.

The principals' increase proposal would also mean \$450 more for the Harris Avenue School principal; \$500 more for the Providence Street School principal; and \$450 more each for the three vice principals of the big schools.

Mr. Archambault said the Alliance voted Dec. 8 on the

Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, bought the property involved in the estate on Aug. 27, 1952. He said he understood the tax assessed as of Dec. 31, 1951 and payable in October, 1952, was to have been paid by the estate and suggested checking with the estate's attorney.

He paid about \$18,000 for the property, which became part of the First National Store parking lot in Arctic that he owned until last year.

Harry F. McKanna Jr., attorney for the estate, said last week he didn't remember whether he had a bill for the tax that was abated. He recalled that Miss McMahon died in 1951 and the estate was closed out in 1952. He said he

couldn't remember whether Mr. DeCiantis told him or the executor that he expected the estate to pay the tax.

"Probably, at the time, somebody, and it could have been me, slipped up on doing something," he said. "There's no lien now. It died three years after, as there was an alienation (transfer) of the property."

Mr. DeCiantis transferred the property to a family trust in 1954 and sold it to the Kent Realty Co. last year. He learned only recently of the tax outstanding against the property, he said. He emphasized that it was never owed by him.

Mr. Charbonneau, maintaining that a lien against property is good for three years after transfer, held that when the tax due in 1952 had not been paid by 1953, it normally should have been put up for tax sale.

Mrs. Chinat said that she didn't put it up for tax sale because she understood from Mr. McKanna and Mr. DeCiantis that the bill was to be taken care of. It was brought to the attention of both lawyers many times, she said, and Mr. McMahon, the executor, was concerned about it.

The usual 6 per cent interest penalty on an overdue tax was waived on the belated payment, inasmuch as the tax had been abated formally by the council.

Dr. Richard P. Duffy, school board chairman, said the board will meet at a special session to study the proposed salary revisions between now and Feb. 11, the next regular committee meeting. None of the three committeemen expressed any opinion last night on the Alliance package.

Dr. Maisie E. Quin, schools superintendent, estimated that West Warwick may expect about \$127,416 in state aid this year. She said last year state aid amounted to about \$148,532.

W. Warwick JC's Plan for Library In Old School Hits Complication

P.J. Jan. 15, 1960
West Warwick Junior Chamber of Commerce last night proposed to conduct a subscription drive to raise \$50,000 for a central public library and asked the Town Council to make the old Arctic School, now used as a temporary police station, available for the purpose when police move to their new building.

Joseph D. Richard, Town Council president, said the situation is complicated by the fact the town administration has told the West Warwick Chamber of

Commerce that the building would be demolished to provide increased municipal parking space.

He was joined by Councilman Antonio Miller in that view. The Council advised Rene Dionne, Jaycees' president, and Jean Peltier, Jaycees' library committee chairman, to meet with the chamber and see if it would be agreeable. Mr. Dionne said it would mean only 15 parking spaces, covering the immediate area occupied by the old school. Tentative plans of the Jay-

cees are to raze the second floor of the school, speed-brick the exterior (using double size bricks), construct a flat roof and reconstruct the interior for library use. The heating system would be modified.

The Jaycees do not seek title to the property, but only its use, Felix A. Appolonia, their attorney, said. The only future obligation the town would have to pay would cover employment of a librarian, part of whose salary would be paid by the state.

If the plan is approved, the Jaycees would place supervision and management of the library in the hands of responsible people for its general officers and a board of trustees, Mr. Appolonia said.

Mr. Appolonia, a state representative, recalled that he studied for the bar examinations in the Elmwood Public Library and has used the Providence Public Library. A central library with more space than present neighborhood libraries in Phenix, Crompton and Natick would supplement them and add to the town's cultural facilities, he said.

Mr. Richard said that he favored a library plan, but had been thinking in terms of a request some time ago from the Jaycees for use of the present old town hall when the Veterans' Memorial Municipal Building is opened.

He indicated there may be somewhat of a scramble for use of the buildings. There are eight or nine organizations seeking the town hall, he said. One church, St. Anthony's parish, reportedly would be interested in the town hall, as it has a parochial school in the former telephone building adjoining it. The veterans are also interested, he said.

Not Leaving R.I., Says Head of Millburn Mills

Sub. Jan. 26, 1960
Justin I. Kingson, chairman of the board of Millburn Mills, said this morning that the firm, and other enterprises he heads here, have no intention of leaving Rhode Island.

In a statement, he said that a report of the sale of Millburn Mills' buildings and land in Quidnick may have given the erroneous impression that his finishing business was being sold.

He said that Millburn Mills and the Bryant Finishing Co., of which he is also board chairman, are seeking another location in Rhode Island as he is well satisfied with conditions in this state.

He said that plans are being made to expand the operations and that this will result in increased employment.

He said that George E. Mousley, Inc., Parti-King, Inc. and Dessart Bros., all of which he is board chairman, occupy 200,000 square feet of space in West Warwick and employ 600 persons.

Mr. Kingson said that Millburn's recent purchase of a mill in Durham, N.C., was just for expansion and the new facility will be run in addition to plants in Rhode Island.

His statement said that the building which the firm sold to the Hoechst Chemical Corp. of Coventry are excellent for their purposes but are not suitable for a modern day finishing plant operation. The sale price was \$175,000 and expands the present Hoechst plant's holdings from 19 to 46 acres.

DeCiantis Says Millburn Mills May Move to West Warwick

Sub. Jan. 26, 1960
Millburn Mills, which yesterday sold its Quidnick building in Coventry to Hoechst Chemical Co. there, may move to West Warwick, Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, said last night at an industrial development forum at the West Warwick Country Club.

He said that he and Joseph D. Richard, Town Council president, talked to Millburn Mills officials yesterday and that prospects are good that the firm, whose owner, J. I. Kingson, has Dessart Bros., Toby Toys and other interests in West Warwick, may move to the former American Luggage Works plant.

The move would depend upon whether the firm could use the town sewer system for industrial wastes. Sewer Supt. Pierre Harpin thinks a plan of dumping a certain number of gallons into the sewer lines could be worked out without upsetting town sewage disposal, Mr. DeCiantis said.

That was the only current industrial prospect for the town mentioned at the forum, which was called by Rep. Francis X. Kennedy to see what can be done to attract new industry to West Warwick. About 30

town leaders and other interested persons heard Adolph T. Schmidt, executive director of the Rhode Island Development Council, describe successful methods used in Woonsocket and Warwick to attract industry.

Mr. Schmidt and Fred Hansen, his industrial division director, reported on attempts to find a buyer for the 27-acre Clyde Print Works site, vacant for several years. Norbert Coutu and Patrick J. Bloomer of the town's Chamber of Commerce have worked with them on that and other projects, they said.

Inability to get the Paterson, N. J., owner of the print works either to give the site to the town or sell it at an acceptable price has stymied new development there, it was said. Most of the old buildings would have to be demolished at some cost, it was explained.

At Mr. Schmidt's suggestion, it was decided that an industrial committee will be set up to compile factual data about the town with development council assistance. Representative Kennedy said, another meeting will be in two or three weeks to form a committee and

start a program outlined by Mr. Schmidt aimed ultimately at making modern, one-story plant space available for new industrial prospects.

Other speakers included Judge Robert E. Quinn, planning board chairman; Representative Kennedy, James Murphy of the West Warwick D.E.S. office, Sen. Francis J. La Chapelle (D-West Warwick); Anthony Stasio, director of the Small Business Administration and a town resident; Thomas H. Quinn, owner of the Phenix Mill, and John Petrella.

Mr. Hansen said he has worked with 13 possible industrial prospects for West Warwick, some referred to him by the Chamber of Commerce. The council helped keep the Thies Dyeing Mills a going plant when it was sold, he said.

Senator La Chapelle said West Warwick lacks land suitable for an industrial park.

Judge Robert E. Quinn, a former governor, said that West Warwick has natural attributes, skilled labor and honest government that should attract industry even to some of the empty mill space.

That \$129 Tax Paid Thus Ending Controversy

Times Jan. 26, 1960
One of the tax bills which West Warwick Town Council abated at its last meeting has been paid.

Tax Collector Amy Chinat said that Leo McMahon, executor of the Mary McMahon estate, came to the town hall and gave his personal check of \$129.38.

The council abated the tax because the time for collection had expired.

A controversy soon developed in legal and political circles over who should pay the tax.

The property, a part of the First

National Stores parking lot, Arctic, had been formerly owned by Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis.

The tax bill was payable in 1952 by the estate. Mr. McMahon didn't have to pay the bill because it was abated, but he did.

Mr. DeCiantis said that "he annually pays over \$2,000 in taxes in West Warwick and that is enough of an answer to anybody who tried to make political gain out of the abatement of \$129.38."

10,478 W. Warwick Budget Asked

Bul. Jan. 26, 1960
Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick today released, with Town Council approval, a proposed record operating budget of \$1,510,478.46 for presentation at the March 22 annual financial town meeting.

The budget knocks out most special requests such as three more police foot patrolmen and two special officers, more highway workers, a \$50,000 sewer sludge de-waterer, highway dump and garbage truck replacements, and a \$2,000 requested increase for public welfare.

Also left out is any provision for a \$300 across-the-board salary increase for teachers, sought by the Teachers' Alliance. Mr. DeCiantis said no such request had been received from the school committee, and teachers would receive only their regular increments of \$200 according to scale.

With good luck this election year there won't be any increase in the \$32 per \$1,000 tax rate, Mr. DeCiantis said, "perhaps making the town unique in the state."

In fact, if possible additional state aid for schools is received, a tax cut may be feasible, he said.

No estimate is available yet

on a requested Buehler Street sewer extension, but if that is added, it would probably not be over \$6,000, Mr. DeCiantis said. That would make the budget \$1,516,478.46.

While the table released by Mr. DeCiantis lists an operating budget of \$1,474,368, actual appropriations out of revenue last year amounted to \$1,522,068.09, putting this year's total pretty much in line with what was appropriated then. The 1959-60 comparison table does not show \$40,000 appropriated for an aerial ladder truck out of revenue, or \$7,700 for the Rex Street sewer extension, both special items approved last year from revenue.

Mr. DeCiantis said Town Treasurer Robert J. Harrop has advised the council he has the \$40,000 for the ladder truck on hand and it will just have to be approved as a carry-over appropriation at the coming town meeting.

Left out of this year's budget is a \$20,000 item labeled "contingencies" last year and intended to try to cut down the \$175,000 in tax anticipation notes that has been still unpaid at the end of each fiscal year for the past several years. That \$175,000 may be reduced some this year, Mr. DeCiantis said.

School Budget Up \$21,709

The school budget is up \$21,709 from \$475,803 to \$497,512, Mr. DeCiantis said that is owing to the \$200 automatic increment for teachers (a total cost of \$4,600); \$9,200 increase in transportation for bus hire; \$4,000 increase in provision for lunches, telephones up \$150, and federal old age contribution, up \$175.

The actual total school budget need is \$705,512, but \$208,000 of that is coming from state aid of \$127,415 and other income sources, Mr. DeCiantis said.

Under proposed additional state aid to schools, West Warwick would get another \$46,000 on top of the \$127,415, Mr. DeCiantis said. It is not figured in anticipated state aid, however, in this town budget preparation, and will be considered in a way that will help reduce taxes if it is received.

The school appropriation will be made a conditional one, he said, in that, if the \$46,000 doesn't come in, the town will furnish money to cover the whole budget. But, if the \$46,000 does come in, then the anticipated state aid of \$127,415 will go up by that much "and so much of such additional state aid as is received shall

be used to reimburse the town and will be used to cut the tax," Mr. DeCiantis said.

In other years the school department has received unanticipated federal aid money and has used it for school purposes.

The proposed budget allows \$5,000 for additional personnel in the new municipal building. Mr. DeCiantis said that should take care of salaries for two more men, or a man and woman. The new building also has a public comfort station to add to maintenance work.

An item of telephones under general government is up \$300 owing to higher costs, Mr. DeCiantis said. Memorial services are up, but the Veterans' Council plans to decorate G.A.R. graves, too.

Cost of district meetings is up \$12,635 because of the added expenses in an election year. Another increase is \$800 for a new roof at Natick fire station. Street lighting is up \$2,000 owing to more lights and increased costs.

Sewer supplies are up \$700 to do more work in a pipe line along the Pawtuxet River, Arctic. Also added this year is \$2,000 for aeration tank work and \$5,000 for a new sewer rodding machine.

Debt Service Cost Up

Bul. Jan. 26, 1960
Debt service, retirement of bonds and notes, is up by \$25,000 owing to payment of principal for the first time on the new municipal building bond. An item of interest on bonds and notes is up \$8,963.75.

Actual interest on the municipal building is \$12,350 making a total of \$37,350 payable on the municipal building in principal and interest this first year. But interest on other bonds and notes is reducing as it goes along. Also helping out is a \$10,000 appropriation last year for bond anticipation. An item of social security is up \$2,000.

Taxes on new construction usually bring an additional \$20,000 or more, but demolition of buildings in connection with the Robert Street extension by the state will offset that this year by taking property off the tax rolls and so affecting the tax structure, Mr. DeCiantis said.

The council thinks the police have enough staff with 26 men, Mr. DeCiantis said. A police car trade-in item is up \$500 this year, he said. The fire department made no additional requests, but was cut \$1,750, he said.

Sewer Plant Item Cut Out

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In cutting out the sewer plant de-waterer that would take liquid out of sludge and alleviate a lagoon situation that the state has complained about, Mr. DeCiantis said the lagoon is not so unhealthful as the "state tries to make out. We've got to consider the taxpayers.

We can't just jump into another project.

"There's no real call for it at the present. There are other things Mr. Shea (Walter J. Shea, chief of the state Division of Sanitary Engineering) can look to to purify the water."

The highway department asked for a driver and two laborers that would cost \$10,484.76, but it was rejected. Also knocked out were \$6,200 for a dump truck and \$8,800 for a garbage truck, both replacements. Mr. DeCiantis said the crews are doing a good job "and they cooperated with us and saw that we've got to hold the line."

Under anticipated income, licenses and fees are up \$1,000 over last year's estimate; general state aid is up \$3,000; betting is down \$16,000 "because they're apparently not getting it"; and the share of beer tax is up \$1,000.

Arctic Mill For Millburn New Proposal

Bul. Jan. 26, 1960
Major planning, geared to assist industry is underway at both the state and West Warwick levels, it was revealed last night at a meeting at West Warwick Country Club.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis announced to fellow civic leaders that he and Joseph Richard, president of the town council, have conferred with Millburn Mills officials to "see if we can get them to come to our town."

Millburn Mills has sold its plant at Quidnick to Hoechst Chemical Corp. of Coventry for a reported \$175,000.

Adolph T. Schmidt, executive director of the Rhode Island Development Council, told the gathering that the council has proposed legislation scheduled for hearing this Friday before the Senate labor committee. "It could lead to the two biggest moves by industry in this state," he said.

Rep. Francis X. Kennedy, of West Warwick, who called the meeting of representatives of town government, the chamber of commerce, of both political parties, employment, realtors and attorneys, said he would call another meeting in two or three weeks. At that time, Rep. Kennedy said he would organize an industrial development committee for West Warwick.

Mr. DeCiantis said that he and Mr. Richard had offered owners of Millburn Mills the Arctic Mill as a site. He said that they had also offered the mill use of the municipal sewage disposal system for its waste discharges from Arctic Mill.

West Warwick, he said, hasn't got too much land and has to do the best with what it has.

Sites
Site of the old Clyde Print Works is considered by the Rhode Island Development Council as West Warwick's greatest potential area for prospective industry. Fred L. Hansen, chief of the industrial division of the State Development Council, said that West Warwick was one of the areas toured by the council in looking for sites for new industry and he said they agreed about Clyde Print Works. He said the tract has 27 acres and there is one building, the one that faces Coutt Lumber Co., which might be salvaged.

In his appraisal of other sites for prospective industry in West Warwick, Mr. Hansen said that Warwick Mill is about 100-year old and interested in the mill. (Continued from Page 1)

all had contacted two out of state concerns about Arctic Mill but nothing developed.

Prospective industry seems to demand one-story buildings, Mr. Hansen said. "Unless we have them we are at a great handicap," he added.

During a question and answer period, the development council officials stated:

Mr. Schmidt to John Petrella, realtor—a developer with imagination and money—can perhaps remodel the old textile mills and make them suitable for smaller industries.

Mr. Schmidt to Anthony Stasio, of West Warwick, and state director of the Small Business Administration—No one can talk moving an industry which is happy where it is. Usually its a space problem and industry looks for new space. It's then up to the development council to advise industry and help it relocate.

To Senator Francis LaChapelle, Mr. Schmidt said Woonsocket did not offer tax exemption in its ef-

Record \$1.5

fort to get new industry but only agreed to tax at the sales price level.

Mr. Schmidt told Councilman Antonio Miller that tax exemption (West Warwick offers free taxes on personal property to new industry for up to 10 years) should not be made a community's selling point. It should be used only if necessary. He continued: "My experience is that most industries are willing to pay their share. They are not usually looking for anything. They just want a fair shake. But they are sensitive about being saddled with high taxes after they move it."

In answer to Leo B. Charbonneau, Republican town chairman, and James Murphy, manager of the placement division of the local office of Employment Security, Mr. Schmidt said that one of his biggest worries is that some of the state's finest industries do not have too good facilities. Nicholson File is a case in point, he added. "Our Industrial Foundation is presently concerned with our own state industries, to keep them here," he added.

Mr. Schmidt told Mr. Murphy that the development council has one man whose job it is to keep check on all available space for prospective industry.

Judge Robert E. Quinn, chairman of the West Warwick Planning Board, said that West Warwick probably won't get any new industry unless it tries to do so. The town he said, has much to offer but it has to work to get new industry. He said the town should thank Rep. Kennedy for his efforts.

Millburn Mills Will Remain in the State

"Millburn Mills does not intend to move any of its operations from Rhode Island," Justin I. Kingson, chairman of the board of Millburn Mills, Inc., and Bryant Finishing Co., Inc., announced today.

Mr. Kingson said that the Millburn Mills and Bryant Finishing have been seeking another location in Rhode Island.

He said that Millburn Mills, Inc., recently purchased another mill in Durham, N.C., "for expansion purposes only, and is to be run in addition to the plants in Rhode Island." Only the land and buildings were included in the purchase in Quidnick, he added.

Mr. Kingson, who is also board chairman of the George E. Mousley, Inc., Parti-King, Inc., and Dessart Bros., Inc., said these firms plan to greatly expand production and this will mean an increase in employment. Mousley Parti-King and Dessart Bros. who specialize in the toy and Christmas decoration fields now occupy more than 200,000 feet of space in West Warwick and employ over 600 people, Mr. Kingson said.

Harvey Searles of the Rhode Island Development Council, E. Harris Howard of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., and local authorities of Coventry and West Warwick were cited by Mr. Kingson as being cooperative in helping the company find a new location.

Mr. Kingson said he consummated the sale of the mill and land in Quidnick to Hoechst Chemical Corp. because that firm expressed the desire to buy it and the building, while excellent for

chemical purposes, was not suitable for a modern day finishing plant.

Extensive Remodeling

The Hoechst Company plans to do extensive remodeling at the newly-acquired mill building which has 100,000 square feet of floor space. Dr. Henry W. Grimmel, president of the Coventry corporation says.

Just how many will be employed by the enlarged facilities is not known. This is the 12th year the concern has operated its Quidnick plant where it now employs 120.

The company manufactures a wide variety of products, but of late it has been especially producing orinase which is used in the treatment of diabetes. It is shipped to a Michigan firm which distributes it in tablet form.

Chemist of Distinction

Dr. Grimmel, chemist of distinction, started in the field of hormones and vitamins. Later he became interested in dyestuffs, after which he did research work.

In 1948 he started the Metro Dyestuffs Corporation in the lower Quidnick mill, so-called, specializing in fast dyes.

An \$18,000 water purification plant was erected by the Coventry concern for the purpose of making sure the water it takes from the Pawtuxet River is harmless when returned to the stream. There are no organic materials in the waste water, Dr. Grimmel adds.

A new office building at the plant is occupied by the sales department. There is a laboratory on the first floor which shows customers how the concern's products are used.

Summary of Growth

A summary of the growth of the Hoechst concern follows:

1948—Still Metro Corp., new concern builds warehouse of 12,000 square feet to house finished and unfinished materials.

1957—Allied with Farbwerke Hoechst of Frankfurt, Germany to form Hoechst Chemical Corp. of Coventry. First step in growth—construction of 1,500 square foot pharmaceutical plant.

1958—Pigment manufacturing building, 10,000 square feet, added to the complex.

1959—Combined office and application laboratory structure of 15,000 square feet built.

Remazol (an unusual dye) manufacturing plant started. Work not yet completed.

Plant to purify waste water built at cost of \$18,000.

Another warehouse addition, for 10,000 additional square feet, with special attention to imports.

1960—To build machine shop, 6,000 square feet, and carpenter shop, 2,000 square feet.

Purchase of upper Quidnick Mill from Millburn Mills, adding another 100,000 square feet for future expansion.

TAX RATE WON'T GO UP MORE THAN \$1.50 PER \$1,000 IF AT ALL

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By RONALD ANDERSON
West Warwick politicians and political hopefuls are sitting atop a powder keg that threatens to blow anytime.
As primary time draws nearer, rumors grow.
The latest is that Leo Lemieux, of Brookside Avenue, Centerville, prominent former businessman, may seek the Democratic nomination for state representative from the Third District. The incumbent is Rep. Francis X. Kennedy (D).
Mr. Lemieux is a member of the Democrats for Good Government, which in 1958 staged a full scale primary with contests of the endorsed slate at every level.
The Democrats for Good Government have scheduled a dinner meeting Feb 20 at the Portuguese Sports Club, Bridge Street, Riverpoint. If the organization has any primary plans they can be expected to be made public at that time.
In addition to Mr. Lemieux, it is reported that James Giusti of the Democrats for Good Government will again seek a town council post as he did in 1958.
A factor in Mr. Giusti's reported move is whether or not the Democratic Town Committee can

induce Mr. Giusti to give up this intention and join in with them. It is reported from a usual reliable source that Mr. Giusti has been offered a town committee seat with the endorsed Democrats.
However, Mr. Giusti is one of the leaders in the drive to gain the Democratic nomination of lieutenant governor for Charles J. Bourgault, of West Warwick.
If Mr. Bourgault does not gain this state endorsement he can be expected to run for an office on the West Warwick level. Mr. Bourgault proved his vote getting appeal in the last election when he won the town meeting moderator and Democratic Town Committee posts by large pluralities.
Two Question Marks
Two of the biggest question marks in the town politics center around the Senate seat held by Sen. Francis LaChapelle (D).
Sen. LaChapelle has not yet announced his intentions for 1960, but it appears more certain as each day passes that he will seek re-election. Probate Judge Eugene Lafriere has announced he seeks the endorsement for state senator.
Leo B. Charbonneau, chairman of the Republican Town Commit-

tee, looms as the man that would top the GOP ticket for state senator. Mr. Charbonneau, who ran for secretary of state in the last election, hasn't announced any plan for 1960, but other Republicans are mentioning him as their choice for state senator.
Another Democrat who has remained silent about his political aspirations is Cameron R. Quinn, son of Judge Robert E. Quinn, former governor of Rhode Island. Mr. Quinn had been mentioned last year as a possible candidate for the Democratic nomination for state senator.
Senator LaChapelle gained strength in Natick earlier this month when he named Albert Muschiano, former Democratic committeeman, as his personal appointee as Senate doorkeeper. This move unites two powerful Democrats in the same camp. The big question is what way does their cam lean, to the endorsed or to unendorsed Democrats.
Victory Starved
West Warwick Republicans who have been victory starved since 1946 have taken great heart in the fact that popular Raoul Archambault Jr. of West Warwick, is the state candidate for the nomination to the United States Senate. They have never forgotten the hard campaign he fought in the town in 1946.

HIGH BUDGET PREPARED FOR TOWN MEETING

Tax Rate

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Knocked out by Mr. DeCiantis were the following requests which department heads had asked to be included in the budget: police—three additional patrolmen at a cost of \$11,325.60; clothing, \$300; two additional constables, \$2,000; highway—one truck driver and two laborers, \$10,478.76; \$8800 garbage truck; and \$6200 for a dump truck; public welfare—\$2000.
Hearing
The town council is expected to hold a public hearing concerning its proposed budget about two weeks before the town meeting.
According to law, the West Warwick budget cannot be adjusted at the regular town meeting. A group of at least 25 taxpayers may vote at that meeting to have the budget either raised or lowered and then a special meeting is held seven days afterwards for a vote on the particular suggested change.
The budget for the fiscal year 1960-61 is \$36,110.37 greater than the appropriations made by taxpayers at the last town meeting.
Coming into the town coffers for the year will be \$1,512,228.46, it is estimated. This figure includes the following: general taxes, \$1,314,478.46; interest on taxes, \$2,000; licenses and other fees, \$44,000; state aid, general, \$45,000; horse betting, \$30,000; beer, \$5,000; sewer assessment, \$70,000. It is estimated the town will receive \$16,000 less from betting this year.
Concerning the tax rate, Mr. DeCiantis said that "on the basis of the income of \$1,512,228.46, there will be a tax increase of about \$1.50 figuring we only can collect about 93 per cent of the levy. There is pending in the General Assembly a bill increasing state aid to schools of West Warwick about \$46,000 more. This would reduce the budget to \$1,464,478.46. So we will ask our state delegation to work for this increase. If it goes through there will be no tax increase."
"There will be a special resolution introduced at the town meeting that approximately \$46,000 of the school budget shall be made with the provision that if the money is received from the state in that amount the appropriation shall have no force or effect in the equal amount that is paid to the town from the state."
Hike in Appropriations
Regular appropriations which were raised for the new fiscal year follow: telephones, \$300; district meetings and elections, \$12,635.50, because this is an election year and there are now 13 voting districts; police equipment trade in up \$500 for a police car trade in raising that budget item to \$4250; street lighting, \$2,000 raising the total of \$38,000. Sanitation supplies and expenses, \$700; schools, \$21,609; teachers pensions, \$200 for a total of \$18,600; bond and note retirement, up \$25,000; bond and note interest, \$8,963.75; social security, \$2000.
Mr. DeCiantis said in explaining the \$25,000 greater appropriation for retirement of the debt service that that amount was for the payment of the municipal building bond, which is payable this September. The interest charge is \$12,350. This amount he said will reduce each year. Because of a reduction in charges of other bonds and interest payments, the actual appropriation this year reflects an increase of only \$8963.73, he said.
"In the preparation of the budget we have taken a conservative point of view. We have used the figures suggested by the state auditors of 93.6 per cent of the tax levy for the collection. Based on this estimate there would be an increase of taxes of \$1.50. There are still two tax collections to be made before the assessment date. If the actual collection exceeds the 93.6 per cent figure, there would be an increase of less than \$1.50 per \$1000," Mr. DeCiantis said.

Budget Appropriations

	1959-60	1960-61
General Government—		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 32,758.00	\$ 32,758.00
Clerical—Town Hall	27,275.60	27,275.60
Supplies & Expense	4,500.00	4,500.00
Telephones	3,300.00	3,600.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Add. Personnel—Municipal Bldg.		5,000.00
Service Memorial	300.00	
Insurance & Bonding	15,000.00	15,000.00
Memorial Services	2,000.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	3,500.00	3,500.00
Board of Canvassers:		
Personnel	4,289.92	4,289.00
Supplies	500.00	500.00
District Meetings & Elections	2,000.00	14,635.50
Protection—		
Police Department:		
Personnel	\$ 117,211.16	\$ 117,211.60
Supplies	14,256.00	14,256.00
Equipment Trade-In	3,750.00	4,250.00
Ambulance	600.00	600.00
Additional Police Car	1,000.00	
Clothing Allowance	2,600.00	2,600.00
Fire Department:		
Personnel	\$ 115,019.20	\$ 115,021.80
Supplies	14,250.00	12,500.00
Hydrants	20,000.00	20,000.00
Clothing Allowance	2,600.00	2,600.00
New Roof—Station No. 3		800.00
Pensions, Police & Fire	27,900.00	27,900.00
Street Lighting	36,000.00	38,000.00
Sanitation—		
Sewer Department:		
Personnel	\$ 35,442.77	\$ 35,442.77
Supplies & Expenses	16,600.00	17,300.00
Chains, Fence, etc.	3,150.00	
Aeration Tank Repairs		2,000.00
New Rodding Machine		5,000.00
Garbage & Rubbish:		
Personnel	\$ 31,454.28	\$ 31,454.28
Supplies	5,876.00	5,876.00
New Truck	8,800.00	
Highway Department—		
Maintenance:		
Personnel	\$ 70,802.16	\$ 70,802.16
Supplies	28,000.00	28,000.00
Drainage	5,000.00	5,000.00
Equipment—New Truck	6,200.00	
Construction and Improvements	10,000.00	10,000.00
Sidewalk Construction	2,500.00	2,500.00
Education—		
Support of Schools	\$ 475,803.00	\$ 497,512.00
Teachers' Pension	18,400.00	18,600.00
Libraries	4,150.00	4,150.00
Public Welfare	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Debt Service—		
Bond and Note Retirement	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 135,000.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes	65,030.00	73,993.75
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	15,000.00	15,000.00
Interest on Bond Anticipation Notes	10,000.00	
Health Activities—		
Mosquito Control	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 5,250.00
P.V. Visiting Nurse Assn.	2,500.00	2,500.00
Kent County Memorial Hospital	5,000.00	5,000.00
Playground and Recreation—		
General Expense and Supplies	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Other—		
Southern R.I. Farm Bureau	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Social Security	12,000.00	14,000.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,400.00	1,400.00
Workmen's Compensation	5,000.00	5,000.00
Hospital & Physicians Service	18,000.00	18,000.00
Contingencies	20,000.00	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,474,368.09	\$1,510,478.46

LaChapelle Wants Both Party Workers at Polls

By Staff Correspondent

State House. — Legislation was to be introduced in the Senate today by Sen. Francis LaChapelle which would have both Republicans and Democrats working at polling places on election day. The measure would also have the voting district moderators and clerks appointed by the canvass board instead of being elected on the ballot.
West Warwick with 13 voting districts will at the next election have 26 voting district moderators and clerks up for election unless this bill passes, the West Warwick Democrat said.
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A third measure to be introduced by Sen. LaChapelle today was a bill defining the clerks of probate courts.
Referring to the measure which would do away with the election of voting district moderators and clerks and instead have them appointed, Sen. LaChapelle said that another advantage of this law is that it will simplify and shorten the ballot and this will give the voter more opportunity to choose among officials who decide policies.
"And still another advantage," he continued "is that this law would provide for greater bi-partisan representation in the polling places. Very often the moderator and clerk, under the election system, are of the same party. It is certainly desirable to bring about as much fairness as possible in elections."
A bill requiring banks to pay interest on Christmas and vacation accounts made its reappearance in the Senate under the bi-partisan sponsorship of Senators LaChapelle and Antonio Trovato (R-Westerly). It went to the judiciary committee.

Door Still Open For W. Warwick Teachers' Pay

The issuance Tuesday of the proposed West Warwick budget without a salary scale hike for teachers is not the final word on the Teachers' Alliance request for more pay.

Dr. Richard P. Duffy, school board chairman, said last night the school committee will meet Monday or Tuesday to decide whether to endorse the alliance's plea for a \$300 across-the-board increase in September.

The budget proposal issued Tuesday by Michael De Ciantis, town solicitor, does not mean the Town Council is on record against the alliance's demands, Joseph D. Richard, Council president, said last night.

Mr. Richard said the administration's position is that no request for salary revisions has been made to the Council. He said the Council will take no action on the alliance's salary plea unless the school committee endorses it.

Dr. Duffy said the school budget released by Mr. De Ciantis Tuesday resulted from a tentative budget request Dr. Maisie E. Quinn, school superintendent, delivered to Mr. De Ciantis before Jan. 14 when the alliance requested more money.

When councilmen met with department heads several days before Mr. De Ciantis issued his budget proposal Dr. Duffy was unable to attend, Mr. Richard said. He said no school official attended that meeting.

Mr. Richard said the Council is hoping the school committee does not bring the alliance request before the Council. He said the Council is anxious to hold the tax line but cannot take a stand on a request that it has not yet received.

He said if the school board does endorse the teachers' demands or any compromise plan, the Council will then set a meeting with the school board.

Mr. De Ciantis said Tuesday that the school committee had not mentioned the alliance plea in its request and that teachers would receive only the regular \$200 automatic increment under the present 12-step schedule.

Roland Archambault, chairman of the alliance salary committee, last night said the alliance wants "something in black and white" before it plans any action on its request. He said as far as the alliance is concerned its request is still pending.

The residents of Harley Street were waiting arrangements for a public meeting in the hope of having a barrier erected between the dwellings and the mill trench.

Mrs. Betty Tallman, who lives next to Mrs. Stoetzer, said that one of the women who 3 years ago lost her son, Robert Phillips, 5, in the same trench, was among those planning the meeting.

The trench is on private property, the Town Council declared three years ago when a fence was made to have a fence constructed. At the time the Council agreed to have the highway department dig holes for posts if residents would purchase the fence. The project was not carried out.

First Time

It was the first time Glenn Roberts, 3, had wandered away from home, according to neighbors. The Roberts had always kept a close watch and that the boy spent most of his time out

Board Favors \$200 Hike For Teachers

By RONALD ANDERSON

The West Warwick School Committee today recommended a \$200-across-the-board salary increase for teachers and higher adjustments for the principals.

This is less than the salary scale adjustment requested by the 90 instructors through the Teachers' Alliance.

To the taxpayers who will receive the pay-hike recommendation at the March 22 financial town meeting it will mean an increase in the budget of \$9,000 this fiscal year of 1960-'61 and \$18,000 in 1962. The pay scale would go into effect September 1, next, which is one half of the town's fiscal year.

The \$9,000 would increase the record-breaking proposed budget of \$1,510,478.46.

When the budget was released by the Town Council there was no provision for the pay raise requested by the teachers. The council said it had not received any recommendation at that time and consequently did not include it in the proposed budget.

Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis, who drafted the budget for the council, said that there would be no tax increase if the General Assembly approves a \$46,000 hike in aid to education. However, he cautioned if this state aid did not come through then the present tax rate of \$32. per \$1000 would have to be increased another \$1.50 per \$1000. Based on the valuation of the

Hike in Tax Horse Racing Distribution

By Staff Correspondent

State House.—West Warwick's share of the current distribution or horse racing revenue for the second half of the current fiscal year is \$30,759.33 compared with \$23,079.54 it received a year ago. General Treasurer Raymond H. Hawksley announced today.

All 39 cities and towns get more this time than last, the general treasurer said, because of the increase in the number of racing days falling in the current period rather than any boom in betting.

In addition to West Warwick, checks went out today to Coventry for \$24,621.11 compared with \$18,048.24 this time last year; Cranston, \$162,798.73 against \$117,429.62; East Greenwich, \$13,595.02 against \$9,820.68; West Greenwich, \$2,321.57 against \$1,719.63, and Warwick, \$161,996.94 against \$113,990.65.

Payments also were put in the mail to all cities and towns for their share of liquor tax revenues for the last half of the current fiscal year. West Warwick receives \$3,685.13 against \$3,559.19 for the comparable period a year ago; Coventry, \$1,904.51 against \$1,839.42; Cranston, \$10,625.39 against \$10,262.28; East Greenwich, \$950.02 against \$917.56; West Greenwich, \$163.96 against \$157.87 and Warwick, \$8,303.50 against \$8,019.72.

West Warwick Teachers

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town's taxable property 43 million dollars, the \$9,000 increase would raise taxes by some 30 cents in addition to the \$1.50.

The present salary schedule for teachers of West Warwick is \$3,700 minimum and the maximum \$5800. The Teachers' Alliance requested the schedule be raised to \$4300 minimum and \$6400 maximum, effective in September, 1961.

Do Not Agree

In announcing its decision, the school board said:

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"In teachers pay schedules, West Warwick ranked approximately eighth in the state. Therefore, the West Warwick School Committee feels that at this particular time the Alliance's request is out of line compared to what other systems are paying. We feel that the taxpayers of West Warwick have been fair and equitable through the years in paying their school teachers."

In support of its actions in granting the \$200 raise, the school committee said:

"However, in view of the fact that the school committee firmly believes that the community position of our school teachers demands that they be adequately compensated for their very important duty, we recommend that in view of pending state legislation that the salary schedule of the West Warwick teachers be increased to \$4000 minimum, \$6,000 maximum to become effective September, 1960."

School Principals

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Undoubtedly, Mr. Archambault's name at top of the Republican ticket will be an inspiration to office. Republicans to run for office.

John Petrella, of Natick, well known realtor and insurance agent, has announced he will seek the Republican nomination for state representative. The Democrat incumbent is Rep. Felix Apolonia.

Town Solicitor Says Millburn Mills May Move to W. Warwick

Millburn Mills, which yesterday sold its Quinck building in Coventry to Hoechst Chemical Co. there, may move to West Warwick, Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor, said last night at an industrial attraction forum addressed by R.I. Development Council leaders at the West Warwick Country Club.

Sign Contract To Furnish Town Building

P.J. Jan 29, 1960

The time when West Warwick officials will abandon their present antiquated buildings and move into the smart, new Veterans' Memorial Municipal Building moved nearer yesterday when Joseph D. Richard, Town Council president, signed a contract for building furnishings.

The contract with Bene & Co. of Providence, low bidder, was originally announced as for \$20,573.88, but changes negotiated on some items and correction of an extension of figures cut the final cost to a little over \$19,600, Mr. Richard said.

Police and fire headquarters now should be able to move from their present dilapidated quarters, the old Arctic fire house and the former Arctic Elementary School, in about two weeks, although all of their furniture may not be delivered for three weeks. The vendor will be delivering it piece by piece and storing it in the garages underneath the building.

Louis Samson of Almanzor J. Samson & Son, architect, told Mr. Richard yesterday the building will be completed in about 10 days but painting of some present furniture that is being retained will probably stall moving the town hall office for perhaps six weeks.

A new police radio tower and aerial will be up in time for their move two or three weeks from now, but other inside radio equipment won't be delivered for a month or six weeks by Motorola Co., Mr. Richard said. Because of FCC changes on police radio bands, the police will also have to have new cruiser car radios, but that won't be mandatory until next Aug. 1.

He said that he and Joseph D. Richard, Town Council president, talked to Millburn Mills officials yesterday. Prospects are good that the firm, whose owner, J. I. Kingson, has Dessart Bros., Toby Toys and other interests in West Warwick, may move to the former American Luggage Works plant, he said.

A move to the West Warwick plant, once the old Arctic Mill, would depend upon the firm's use of the town sewer system for industrial wastes. Sewer Supt. Pierre Harpin thinks a plan of dumping a certain number of gallons into the sewer lines could be worked out without upsetting town sewage disposal, Mr. DeCiantis said.

That was the only current industrial prospect for the town mentioned at the forum, which was called by Rep. Francis X. Kennedy to see what can be done to attract new industry to West Warwick. About 30 town leaders and other interested persons heard Adolph T. Schmidt, executive director of the Development Council, outline successful industrial attraction attempts in Woonsocket and Warwick industrial parks.

Mr. Schmidt and Fred Hansen, his industrial division director, disclosed attempts to do something with the desirable 27-acre Clyde Print Works site, vacant for several years. Norbert Coutu and Patrick J. Bloomer of the town's Chamber of Commerce have worked with them on that and other possible prospects, they said.

Inability to get the Paterson, N. J., owner of the print works either to give the site to the town or sell it at an acceptable price has stymied new development there, it was said. Most of the old buildings would have to be demolished at some cost, it was explained.

'Home rule' by Mr. De Ciantis

Your newspaper is to be highly commended for the editorial of Jan. 18 in regard to the preparation of the financial budget for the town of West Warwick.

This is but one small part where Mr. De Ciantis' domineering influence is felt. Some department heads would not dare make a definite move without his suggestion or approval.

He has 75 per cent of our committee in a position where

they don't dare express an opinion of their own on any matter brought before them. It is a dangerous situation when a man who does not hold an elective office controls town government and a political party. Are we in America?

Alphonse P. Archambault
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Although Mr. Fogarty is regarded as the logical successor to Senator Green, and persons high in the party believe he can have the nomination for the asking, the congressman has given no hint of what he plans to do.

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Bourgault Sees Tax Hike Estimate Too High

Charles J. Bourgault, West Warwick town meeting moderator, today called upon fellow administration members to "sharpen their pencils some and relieve taxpayers of threats of increased taxation" due to the proposed budget.

"It appears to me," Mr. Bourgault said regarding reports of an estimated \$1.80 tax hike, that "the estimates of income to the town treasury are rather low."

At the same time, Town Council President Joseph Richard said that the council was going to hold its action concerning the proposal to raise teachers salaries \$200 until the budget hearing, tentatively set for March 7. "We're certainly not going to turn them down tonight," Mr. Richard said at the special council session last night.

The Teachers' Alliance which had requested a \$300 across the board raise and increases for administrators for next fall has scheduled a meeting of its salary and executive committee tomorrow.

The school committee announced yesterday it recommended teachers raises amounting to \$200 across the board starting next September.

In a check against rumors that police and firefighters were considering asking for salary adjustments the following statements were obtained by the TIMES:

John Bruno, president of the West Warwick Police Relief Association, said that any discussion of what the police contemplate doing would have to come at the regular association meeting Monday night.

Urban James, president of West Warwick Firefighters, Local 1107, said his group would make no comment at the present time.

Town Solicitor, Michael DeCiantis, who drafted the proposed 1960-61 budget had predicted a

Warwick Council

W. Warwick Firm Awarded \$2,210 Contract for Shades

The West Warwick Town Council last night, at a special meeting, awarded a contract to Sun Control Products of West Warwick, represented by Armand Soucy, to provide vertical drape shades for the new Veterans' Memorial Municipal Building for \$2,210.

made the motion to award the contract after Councilman Antonio Miller and Joseph D. Richard, Council president, said it was the only bid on the type of shades the Council prefers.

Other bids were Valley Venetian Blind Co., West Warwick, \$825 for 73 horizontal shades and alternate of \$1,800 for vertical; Lucien Lafrenaye, West Warwick, \$819.45, horizontal shades; Sunlight Venetian Blind Co., Coventry, \$931.38 for horizontal shades with aluminum slats, and alternate of \$2,910 for draw drapery style.

It was explained that the blinds the Council bought have six-inch, rather than two-inch, slats. On architect Louis Samson's advice, they will be a neutral gray color to go well with the pastel shades of paint in various offices.

After hearing prices from Fire Chief Lionel P. Gareau on six beds and a refrigerator and stove for the fire station, the Council told him to shop around and come up with recommendations. Mr. Richard said he will poll the Council by phone when the chief is ready to make the

tax raise of \$1.50 per \$1000 valuation if the state did not come through with a \$46,000 hike in aid to education. He made this prediction without provision for teachers raise which it is estimated would cost \$9,000 this year.

Mr. DeCiantis had said, "On the basis of the income of \$1,512,228.46, there will be a tax increase of about \$1.50." The town solicitor said it was estimated the town would receive \$1,314,478.46 in general taxes next year and the remainder would come from other sources such as licenses and fees, beer, and betting.

Mr. Bourgault said it would appear to him that the estimates of income are rather low. "A projection of a tax collection of \$1,314,000 based on an increase of \$1.50 in the tax rate seems unnecessarily low. The present tax rate certainly ought to yield us collections in the coming fiscal year of a sum in the vicinity of \$1,305,000," he said.

In holding out the hope that by careful examination of the estimated income much of the tax increases could be avoided, Mr. Bourgault said, "no matter how much any of us may speculate on the tax rate the fact is what it will be depends heavily upon the decisions of taxpayers at the town meeting and all discussions of probable tax rate must finally await the decision of the taxpayers."

Solons Ponder Election Voting District Plans

West Warwick legislators continue to burn the midnight oil pondering over legislation pertinent to the town's 13 voting districts and the methods of election of town committeemen.

Rep. Felix Appolonia, Democrat of Rep. Dist. 3, which is generally the Natick and Phenix areas, said he is drafting a bill that would assure each representative district, representation on the Democratic and Republican town committees.

"What a difference a year makes," — that's the theme song of Sen. Francis LaChapelle (D) as he finds nothing but favorable comment on his bill which would

have both Republicans and Democrats working at polling places on election day. His measure would also have the voting district moderators and clerks appointed by the canvass board instead of being elected by ballot.

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Kent County Bar Association leaders are (l-r) Francis V. Reynolds, Judge Paul E. Brodeur, District Court Clerk Russell H. Hawkins and James P. Quirk.

Kent County Lawyers Pick Slate

Clerk Russell H. Hawkins of the fourth district court last night was elected president of the Kent County Bar Association at its annual dinner meeting in Valley County Club on Ledgermont.

The county lawyers, taking cognizance of a recent finding of the R.I. Judicial Council that Kent County has had the greatest rate of growth of any of the state's counties in the past 10 years, also moved to seek General Assembly legislation to provide for a fulltime superior court judge in the county.

The court now holds two 12-week sessions in East Greenwich Superior Court House a year, with no sitting from December through April. Under the proposed amendment, the sitting would be the same as in Providence with only a recess

during the latter part of the summer.

The increasing population of the county calls for more judicial service in the county proper, the lawyers said. The possibility of asking for appointment of more superior court judges was discussed, but it appeared to be the consensus that the other proposal would be more advisable at this time.

Named to the committee to press for the needed amendment to the state law on the subject were A. Norman La Salle, Warwick; Probate Judge Eugene J. Laferriere, West Warwick; Town Solicitor James F. Murphy, Coventry; Town Solicitor Clinton Clough, East Greenwich and former state Rep. Robert L. Gammell of Coventry, who has served as West Greenwich town solicitor.

Other officers elected are Ambrose Carroll, Warwick, Vice-

President; Probate Judge Paul Brodeur of Coventry Court, a West Warwick resident, treasurer, and James Quirk, Warwick, secretary.

Elected to the executive committee were James Morris and Michael Monti, both of Warwick; Leo B. Charbonneau, West Warwick; Mr. Gammell and Joseph G. Reed, ast Greenwich.

Elected to the recreation committee, all as recommended by Judge James W. Leighton for the nominating committee, were Harry F. McKanna Jr., West Warwick, chairman; Wilford S. Budlong, Warwick, and Robert R. Afflick, West Warwick.

Judge Leighton recommended that the executive committee consider the system of electing officers, inasmuch as many new lawyers are moving into the area.

Council Gets Plan to Eliminate 'Epidemic' Danger at Dump

A five-point program for preventing an "epidemic" caused by the West Warwick town dump was delivered to the Town Council by the planning commission last night.

Board members have rejected the idea of hiring private firms to collect refuse as too costly. Judge Robert E. Quinn, chairman, said. Also rejected is an

incinerator which would cost from \$400,000 to \$500,000, he said.

The program delivered to Councilman Fulda E. Geoffroy last night calls for rodent extermination, anti-smoke measures, creation of a park on the site and purchase of a sand and gravel pit for clean fill.

Not mentioned in the program but endorsed last night by the board was purchase of a shovel-dozer to carry out land-filloperations at the dump. Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca said the dozer would be necessary.

The budget drafted by Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis carries no provision for corrective measures at the River Point dump. Mr. Geoffroy said he will bring the board's program before the Council tomorrow night. A budget hearing is scheduled March 7.

Judge Quinn said the dump threatens the town with an epidemic. He disclosed a letter from Joseph J. Maguire, state supervisory sanitarian, reporting no improvements at the

dump since Nov. 8, 1959. The report referred to a "heavy rodent population."

Judge Quinn said Walter J. Shea, chief of state sanitary engineers, has recommended landfill operations at the dump. The board agreed that the town highway department could best carry out the program if provided a dozer and pits for clean fill.

The possibility of purchasing a dozer from federal authorities under the priority given school departments on surplus goods was suggested. It was agreed to seek school committee cooperation.

Mr. Petrarca suggested that city authorities might perform

Chairman Denies It

Rumor Rao Will Resign

By G. RICHMOND CARPENTER

As restive Democrats continued to await word from Rep. John E. Fogarty as to whether he will run for the U.S. Senate, a report of the imminent resignation of Frank Rao as state chairman circulated today in some party circles.

Several party sources said they had heard the rumor that Mr. Rao is planning to step down within two weeks after eight years as party chairman. The report was denied by Mr. Rao this morning.

The chairman recently made known that he was not taking his annual Florida vacation and wished to catch up on work that accumulated at Democratic headquarters during his recent brief illness.

He still has to name eight new members to the executive committee of the Democratic State Committee. Authority to do this was voted to him by the state committee early last month when it was decided to double the size of the executive committee—from 17 to 34.

Other new members are the four members of the Congressional delegation and the Democratic general officers of the state.

Meanwhile, four weeks have elapsed since U.S. Sen. Theodore Francis Green notified Mr. Rao and the state committee of his



Frank Rao

ably will have no statement until late next month.

Members of the party who have talked to him here in Washington have come away with no more definite idea of what he has in mind than they had before.

Some Democrats who may have a stake in the election as potential candidates on either the state or congressional level, would like an inkling of the congressman's plans even if he doesn't choose to make them public. This obviously would permit them to make some of their own.

The feeling among numerous Democratic legislators appears to be that once Mr. Fogarty does disclose his plans, announcements from other candidates will follow fairly soon.

Mr. Fogarty appears to have three choices—to announce for governor, to run for the Senate or to be a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives, where he is completing his 20th year.

Few Democrats believe Mr. Fogarty will seek the gubernatorial nomination. Those who hope he will be the senatorial candidate are numerous. They maintain, among other things, that he owes it to the party to make the race and that his position from the standpoint of organization will be stronger if he does.

On the other hand, there is some thinking that Mr. Fogarty will remain in the House where his seniority places him in a position of prestige and influence.

Thus far, only Claiborne Fell of Newport has said he would be "available" in the event Mr. Fogarty decides not to run for the Senate. But, if that should be Mr. Fogarty's decision, unquestionably others would seek the nomination.

Meanwhile, in Democratic circles the name of former Lt. Gov. Armand H. Cote continues to be mentioned with increasing frequency. Mr. Cote, who is vacationing in Florida, has not intimated what part he may take in the forthcoming election.

But Lt. Gov. John A. Notte Jr., the only avowed candidate for the party's nomination for governor, said recently that he plans to talk to Mr. Cote at some time in the future.

land-fill operations at the dump with Seabee reservists. The Seabees are now planning work at a recreation field in Natick and are completing work on Paine Field in Coventry.

The program proposed last night called for use of the dump site as an athletic field. Adjacent Pawtuxet River would offer swimming and boating.

"Pépère Michaele" Please Come Home!

While you're away sunning in the South Soft Breeze, "Poor Richard" is left with Mammonites to appease.

The School Mammys are crying and want that \$200.00 across the board, (Win, Place and Show). Also most of the town departments are in the "Claiming" for a bigger purse, upping the odds on the budget to a "Long Shot" Payoff of Taxes. So, you see Pépère, you'd better come home, either to revise your budget or clean the stables. Your top Jockey, Joe Richard, is about due to quit the saddle. Track condition too Muddy.

In case you're not interested in the "Watch Tower" or the BULLETIN, here are a few of my scrutinized issues that may interest you! Gen. Charles DeGaulle, bringing the "Algerian Crisis" under control without calling on Senator Kennedy. Fogarty still hanging to that "pot handle" and delaying the "unification" of the party. Sounds in the night, whispering Coté for the U. S. Senate and Notte to be our next Governor. "Delusion of Grandeur": Boko taking the "Cat-Tree" IQ exams to replace Regan at Howard, but fearing his answers would rate him a mental political patient.

On the local scene: "Frère" Gus tells me that Charbonneau got up last Tuesday, saw his shadow and went back to sleep for another six weeks. Bené's of Providence should kick back some of Town's loot by sponsoring Sears' next Santa's parade and contributing toward the decorations of our town's streets next Christmas Season. The "New Look" will tell if Edna has knock knees. She's the "Helen of Troy" of the Arctic News "Espresso". Go Go Man! Where's that big horse? Felix and Paul's Concussions may develop into political repercussions. "Cue Ball" Kelly of Eastern Fuel is quite clever. His bank account is greener than a four leaf clover. He should head "St. Pats" Parade come March, for outside of having talent for making dough, I think he'd be a jolly replacement for Briscoe. Louis "Hercules" Samson, the Architectural genius, is to adorn Coventry with his artistic "savoir faire". George Robert hasn't left for Florida yet. What's keeping you, George? We need to miss you a little. However, Pépère, remember me telling you about the "Wolf" on my doorstep? Well, it just had pups. Should I send the litter to Jack Doyle at Blackstone or would you care to help raise a few?

"Boko"

The Maynard Press

W. Warwick Library Is Issue

Senior, Junior Chambers Clash

The West Warwick Junior Chamber of Commerce drive for a central library at the old Arctic School ran into a snag yesterday.

At a meeting of Jaycees with senior Chamber of Commerce leaders, the senior chambermen stuck to their guns and supported previously announced town plans to raze the school and create an additional 15-parking spaces for free municipal parking.

Melvin C. Green, senior chamber president, stressed that his group would strongly support the Jaycee drive for a central library in another spot, but that the site proposed is in the heart of the commercial area. Parking space is needed for future growth, he said.

Rene Dionne, Jaycees presi-

dent, said the Jaycees are adamant about their proposal, adding, "they won't tear the school down if we have to lie in front of it to stop them."

Mr. Green said he wants to emphasize that the chamber would favor a central library and that he personally would make a contribution and would give it the utmost support on his radio station, WWRI. However, he pointed out that the disposition of the school is up to the Town Council and that it has been indicated all along it would be torn down for parking purposes.

Mr. Dionne said an architect has advised it would cost \$40,000 to put the town hall in shape for a library and only \$23,500 to make the school suitable, he said.

The central library is one

of several recommendations the Jaycees made in a town survey several years ago. Others included acquisition of an aerial ladder truck for the fire department, elimination of the town dump, establishment of an industrial commission, and creation of a separate recreation committee.

He pointed out the town soon will receive its aerial ladder, and that Town Solicitor Michael DeClantis has promised elimination of the dump. Rep. Francis X. Kennedy is getting an industrial omission started, he said, and Alphonse P. Archambault reportedly plans to seek taxpayer approval of creating a recreation commission. The School Committee currently is the recreation committee.

Mr. Dionne said the general Jaycee membership will discuss the snag in the library plans at a meeting tonight at 8:30 in Langevin Post, VFW.

He said the senior chamber

men "scream and holler about parking, but at 9 a.m. the First National Parking Lot is filled up with employe cars. Employes in the stores in the center could park back on the Coutu lot on Curson Street the way Sears and Industrial National Bank employes do."

Mr. Green answered that he did not see too much relationship between that point and use of the school as a library "for the simple reason that it's up to the First National management. If they permit everybody to park there, it's their personal problem. Others have private lots and a policeman there so only customers may park."

A new library building would cost at least \$80,000, Mr. Dionne said, but Mr. Green said he thought one could be obtained at a lower figure.

"If we end up without a library, we're sure to know where the blame rests on this thing," Mr. Dionne declared. "We've been working on this for three or four years. We're begging for a headache. This could slap us in the face, if we get the building and don't get the money. (The Jaycees could conduct a \$35,000 fund drive to remodel the old school.)"

Council Gets Plan to Avoid W. Warwick Dump Epidemic

A five-point program for preventing an "epidemic" caused by the West Warwick town dump was delivered to the Town Council by the planning commission last night.

Board members have rejected the idea of hiring private firms to collect refuse as too costly. Judge Robert E. Quinn, chairman, said. Also rejected is an incinerator which would cost

from \$400,000 to \$500,000, he said. The program delivered to Councilman Fulda E. Geoffroy last night calls for rodent extermination, anti-smoke measures, creation of a park on the site and purchase of a sand and gravel pit for clean fill.

Not mentioned in the program but endorsed last night by the board was purchase of a shovel-dozer to carry out sanitary landfill operations at the dump. Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca said the dozer would be necessary.

The budget drafted by Town Solicitor Michael De Clantist carries no provision for corrective measures at the Natick dump. Mr. Geoffroy said he will bring the board's program before the Council tomorrow night. A budget hearing is scheduled March 7.

Judge Quinn said the dump threatens the town with an epidemic. He disclosed a letter from Joseph J. Maguire, state supervisory sanitarian, reporting no improvements at the dump since Nov. 8, 1959. The report referred to a "heavy rodent population."

Judge Quinn said Walter J. Shea, chief of state sanitary engineers, has recommended landfill operations at the dump. The board agreed that the town highway department could best carry out the program, if provided a dozer and pits for clean fill.

Alliance Still Awaits Word From Board

The West Warwick Teachers' Alliance has received no official reply from the school board on its request for upward revision of the salary schedule, Roland Archambault, salary committee chairman, said last night.

The alliance meets Monday night. It asked the school board on Jan. 14 when it made its salary hike plea for an answer by Monday. "We're confident we'll get an answer," Mr. Archambault said. He said the alliance would make no decisions until Monday.

Last week the school board issued a compromise proposal to the press but reportedly did not officially notify the alliance. The alliance has declined to comment on that compromise until it receives official word from the school board.

The alliance asked for a \$300 across-the-board pay hike for all 92 teachers next September. Basically the compromise provides for a \$200 adjustment.

Mr. Green denied that the Jaycees had been put off in their desire to hash the problem out with the senior chamber, as instructed by Joseph D. Richard, town council president. He said he had been sick in bed with the flu and that later the chamber elected officers and it wouldn't have been right for a lame duck group of officers to conduct any conference. The new directors appointed standing committees only last week, he said.

It was also pointed out by Mr. Green that a library at the school spot would require additional parking spaces for persons spending hours there reading and doing research. Looking ahead, the senior chamber sees need for more parking spaces, he said. He pointed to the busy scene in the shopping center on Monday nights.

"We haven't heard that they're going to tear down that school in a hurry," Mr. Green said. "We're doing a lot of hollering at each other, but the town council will finally decide its disposition, as the governing body."

"The chamber is completely in sympathy with the idea of a central library," he said. "We're behind the thing. The

only objections is we don't think it's the right spot. We don't have a constructive suggestion for another spot. Who knows, maybe some philanthropist property owner in town will give a piece of land with an old building on it."

He said the new municipal building employes and persons having business there will add to the parking problem, even though Louis Samson, who was with the Jaycees at yesterday's meeting in Radio Station WWRI offices, pointed out more space will be gained behind the municipal building.

Representing the Jaycees yesterday were Jean Peltier, chairman of its library committee; Maurice Archambault, Robert Belanger and Mr. Dionne. The senior chamber men present were Mr. Green, Bernard Boyle, parking committee chairman; Hector Gilman, Leonard F. Hennessy and Bert Margolis.

JAYCEES PLAN NEW MOVE FOR LIBRARY

IN STALEMATE WITH CHAMBER OVER SCHOOL

Times Feb. 9, 1960.
The West Warwick Junior Chamber of Commerce announced today it will continue its fight to save the first floor of the old Main Street School, Arctic, and remodel it into a central modern public library.

Jean Pelletier, chairman of the library committee, said he will file at the regular Jaycees meeting tonight a complete report on the meeting with the senior cham-



JEAN PELLETIER

ber Monday, which ended in a stalemate.

The parking and traffic committee of the chamber of commerce said they also favored a central library, but not at the Main Street school site, which they would have made into a municipal parking lot after the school building has been razed. Chamber directors will receive a first-hand report of the snagged meeting at a special directors session Thursday at 5:15 p.m.

Leonard F. Hennessey, secretary-treasurer of Centreville Savings Bank recalled that the bank in planning its drive-in facilities had gained the approval of the town council to build steps leading from the Main Street school site to the bank's parking lot. He said that the bank at considerable expense had planned the steps and a walk-in window because it had been informed the town would raze the old school.

The bank official said that the bank in the future may provide a walkway to Main Street between the bank and the Archambault Building.

Mr. Hennessey stressed that the bank was not opposed to a library but stands ready to assist the Jaycees in such a worthwhile civic project. However, he said that the bank would take any extreme to oppose the Jaycee plan to keep Main Street school for a library.

Rene Dionne, president of the Jaycees, said that if the chamber members were so concerned about keeping all available spaces they should keep their own employees from parking in the center of the business district.

"Where was the chamber of commerce when the town sold the parking lot at Main and Weaver Streets to Mr. Archambault?" he asked.

Mr. Pelletier said that the location of the library in the old

school would not take more than 1520 parking spaces. He said that with the rebuilding of the Robert Street-Legion Way connector there will be additional parking spaces and the parking problem is not as great as it was four or five years ago.

Burt Margolis, of the chamber said that the library would require more parking spaces than just at the building site. He said persons using the library require parking. He said he knows of no community which has a library in the heart of its business district.

In answer to Louis Samson, architect, Mr. Margolis said that the parking spaces at rear of the new building would be filled by employees and those doing business there "so it still hasn't helped our problem."

Hector Gilman of the chamber said that 15 parking spaces mean

a great deal when you don't have them.

Bernard Boyle, chairman of the chamber committee, said he agreed with the Jaycees that the site is ideal for a library but that it would aggravate parking.

Melvin Green, chamber president, said the consensus of opinion is that the members are for a library but are against putting too much money in such an old building especially where parking is more important in that location.

Mr. Pelletier said to renovate the first floor of the school, which has 40,000 square feet, would cost \$23,000. To build a new library would cost about \$80,000, he added.

Mr. Pelletier said that if the Jaycees could find a building with 3,000 square feet of space on the first floor it would consider planning the library at that spot.

Mr. Samson said it would be difficult to convince the public they need \$80,000 for a library when they ask if one couldn't have been provided for \$25,000.

Chamber directors will meet Thursday night at the office of Patrick J. Bloomer, retiring executive secretary. In addition to receiving a report about the Jaycees proposal the directors will choose a new executive secretary.

DESPITE SITE OBJECTION

POLICEMEN SEEK PAY

EXPECTED TO FOLLOW

RAISE; FIREFIGHTERS

SALARY HIKE PLAN FOLLOWS TEACHERS'

Times Feb. 9, 1960.
By RONALD ANDERSON

West Warwick Town Council today was confronted with another request for a pay raise. And a third similar petition may be on the horizon.

The Police Relief Association has voted to seek a meeting with the town council and discuss a pay raise for the permanent police.

John Bruno, president of the police relief association revealed that he had also conferred today with Captain Urban James of the West Warwick Firefighters. Captain James said he will call a special meeting of the permanent firefighters to discuss the possibility of their seeking a pay raise.

School teachers have already asked that they be given a \$300-across-the-board pay hike effective Sept. 1. The school committee has announced it favored giving the teachers a \$200 adjustment.

Patrolman Bruno said that the amount of pay raise the police will seek was not determined at the association meeting Monday.

He said a salary committee was named and they will talk figures with the town council. The salary committee members are Patrolman Manuel Barretto, chairman, Sgt. William Gallucci and Patrolman Joseph Razza.

The executive board and the salary committee of the West Warwick Teachers Alliance maintains that it still has not, to date, received any official answer from the school committee concerning its request for an adjustment of the teachers' salary scale. "All we know is what we read in the newspapers" the teachers' group stated.

The town council, in drafting the record budget of \$1,510,478.46, said it had not received any recommendation from the school committee for a pay raise, for teachers and consequently did not include it in the proposed budget.

Meanwhile, Alphonse Archambault, a member of the West Warwick Democratic Town Committee, said that "speaking as a taxpayer" he would raise the ques-



MANUEL BARRETTO

tion about dental health programs in the schools.

Mr. Archambault said that in reading about the pupils winning posters on "Dental Health", he would publicly ask Dr. Maisie Quinn, superintendent of schools, and Dr. Richard P. Duffy, school board chairman, "just what has

the town done for the dental health of our school children in 1959 and what are the plans for 1960?"

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New Police Headquarters Finest in New England



CELLBLOCK in new municipal building is checked by Chief Arthur Groleau of West Warwick police as quarters near completion and department prepares to move in. —Times Photo

Police headquarters in the north section of the new half million dollar West Warwick municipal building in Arctic will match and probably surpass in beauty anything of a similar department to be found in the state and possibly in New England.

The quarters, occupying all three levels of the new structure, have been arranged for a maximum of functional convenience in daily operation of the department.

Chief Arthur Groleau, who made a tour of the quarters, said he doubted that anything better, as far as police headquarters are concerned, can be found elsewhere in the state or even in the New England area.

In contrast with former headquarters maintained by West Warwick police in the now demolished building which was located almost at the same spot, a cramped dingy and uninviting building, the new quarters are spacious and cheerful, with pastel toned walls and fixtures, providing for every phase of police work.

The cellblock, comprising a row of seven cells secured with massive steel doors, to house male prisoners, is located in the basement level with entrance leading directly from the rear parking lot. A similar three compartment cellblock is located on the main floor for use as women's detention quarters.

Chief Groleau's office overlooks the easterly corner of the property, connected by a smaller room to the Captain's office, which in turn leads to the main duty room, a few steps from the Main Street entrance at the front of the building.

The quarters also provide for a squad room, interrogation room, police two-way radio room, an excellent photo lab equipped with stainless steel fixtures, cabinets and counter work area, the latter leading off from the room where prisoners are photographed. Ceramic tiled showers and lavatories also are provided on two floors.

An important asset to the department in the new quarters is a series of garage stalls in the basement, steam heated and allowing plenty of room for storage of department equipment.

Chief Groleau said he was extremely pleased with the manner in which the quarters were built, with the architect incorporating many of the rooms along plans suggested by the chief.

All that remains for transfer of the department from its temporary location in the old Arctic school is installation of new furniture now awaiting delivery. Chief Groleau said he expected to move his department into the new quarters within the next two weeks.

Police, Firemen End Raise Bid Firefighters, Police Ask No Pay Increase

Departments Inform
Council Salary Hike
Unreasonable Now

In a surprise move, West Warwick police and fire departments last night dropped plans for seeking salary raises this year.

It was announced after a joint meeting of the departments that the men believe taxpayers are facing the expense of the new municipal building, equipment and furnishings, and that it would be unreasonable to approach the voters for a raise this year.

The executive committees of the police association and firefighters' Local 1104, AFL-CIO, met with the Town Council prior to its regular meeting and informed the Council of their decision.

Patrolman Manuel Larreto, chairman of the recently-named police department pay raise committee, and Capt. Urban G. James, president of the firefighters' local.

With Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis, chief budget-maker for the Town Council, vacationing in Florida, the negotiations that resulted in the decision not to seek raises apparently centered around Joseph D. Richard, Town Council president.

"My store looked like the town hall with the comings and goings yesterday," Mr. Richard said.

He said every \$40,000 to be raised means a \$1 increase in the tax rate, and that it wouldn't have been possible to stop with the police and fire departments. Any raises would probably have gone down the line in all departments, he said.

Only the school teachers have an active pay raise proposal now. The school committee has recommended roughly \$200 across the board for them, although they had asked about \$300 across the board this year for a higher scale next year.

By RONALD ANDERSON

West Warwick Town Council has received official notice from the permanent police and firefighters they seek no pay raises this year.

"This ends a move that undoubtedly would have prompted all other town employees to ask for a salary hike and it would have increased taxes," Town Council President Joseph Richard commented. "This is a big break for us in preparing for the financial town meeting."

Only the school teachers are now on record with a request for a higher salary adjustment. They want \$300 across-the-board and the school board has announced it favors a \$200 raise. However, there is no provision in the budget for a pay raise for the teachers, but it can be included prior to the taxpayers.

Concerning the budget the council also announced it had received from the planning board several recommendations about the town dump but Mr. Richard said no appropriation to alleviate "health menace" conditions there would be sought at the town meeting, March 22.

The police and firefighters told the council in a joint statement: "We feel that with the expense of the new municipal building, equipment and furnishings facing the taxpayers at this time, we felt it would be unreasonable to approach the taxpayers for a pay raise."

Other Matters
In other major considerations of its agenda, the council:

Denied the petition of Edward P. Flanagan, 55 Woodside Avenue for a Class C saloon license for 965 Main Street, Clyde, in face of protests from other nearby bar operators; reprimanded the Corner Cafe, Phenix Avenue and Main Street for being open after hours; made further preparations for the opening of the new municipal building in about two weeks; awarded the contract for No. 5 fuel oil for the new building to the Eastern Fuel Co., Hay Street, Riverpoint for .0969 a gallon delivered.

The bid of Eastern Fuel was the lowest of others submitted by J. B. Pelletier and Son, .0990 and Brindamour's Oil Service, .0970. When Mr. Richard asked Charles P. Kelley of Eastern Fuel if he would see to it that the 2000 gallon fuel tank at the new building was kept full without his company having to be called, Mr. Kelley asked if he could speak to the council in private. When asked by reporters what

Firefighters, Police Ask No Pay Increase

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the closed session was about, Mr. Richard said that Mr. Kelley wanted to install another tank at his expense. This would necessitate less frequent deliveries. A fourth bid submitted by Petroleum Heat and Power Co., Providence, was not opened because the specifications stipulated bids by West Warwick suppliers only.

Opposition to the Flanagan petition for a saloon license at Clyde Square came from three liquor license holders who operate nearby. Frank Mello who owns Mello's Cafe, 993 Main St., said there are too many liquor spots in town today and there should be less of them. Daniel Silva of Danny's Cafe, Pike St., said he would be willing to sell his license to anyone. Raymond Miller of Sam's Cafe, Main St., Clyde said he works 13 hours a day, seven days a week and if another liquor place opens near by "he will starve with us." Frank Mello said there were more liquor places in the Clyde area than in any other section of

the town. There's enough for the next 100 years he said.

According to police the Corner Cafe was found open at 2:15 a.m. and a customer had a glass of beer in his hands. William Saunders Jr., proprietor told the council it was the first offense against his license. After he and his manager, Joseph DiChristofaro, promised the council there would be no repeat of the late hour closing the summons was dismissed with warning.

Read Laws

Councilman Fulda Geoffroy who in absence of a town solicitor, read the general laws pertaining to liquor licenses also informed fellow councilmen that Gordon Fallow of 550 Wakefield Street had legal recourse in submitting a \$100 bill for damage done by dogs to one ram and two ewes of his. The council approved payment of the \$100.

Mr. Geoffroy who attended the recent planning board session said that town body favored a land fill garbage disposal system and relocation of the dump in another section of the town. The council voted to receive the rec-

ommendations for further consideration.

At request of the architect the council agreed to meet this Sunday at the new municipal building to consider some minor changes which the architect said needed the council's consideration. It was suggested that the old furniture to be retained for the building be repainted in the fire station when it is abandoned. Most of the furniture is expected to be retained.

A letter was received from the Portuguese American Sports Club requesting permission to purchase an old roll type desk. The bid contractor announced it would buy the old furniture not wanted for the new building. At request of Charles J. Bourgault, tables will be ordered for the vaults. Mr. Geoffroy who as a title expert spends considerable time in tracing property recordings will inspect the vaults to determine tables needed.

Adopted

The council also:
Adopted a resolution of sympathy in tribute to the late Yvon Archambault.

Acknowledged that the petition of the Veterans Council for an increase in memorial service fund had been provided in the proposed budget. The veterans said they would also memorialize the Civil War veterans.

Referred to Highway Commissioner Henry Petrarca, notice from the state department of public works the state will conduct three manholes over the culvert near Mac's Bowlaway, 890 Main Street, Clyde to alleviate rain water drainage problems. The state requested the town department clean the basin and maintain the drainage to the mill trench.

Referred to the town solicitor the suggestion of Mr. Bourgault that the town support legislation introduced by Sen. Francis LaChapelle which would permit probate clerks to cease from recording all papers that come to the court. Mr. Bourgault contended this procedure is time consuming and expensive to the taxpayers. He said that persons referring to probate court records consider the original papers only.

Appointed Gaston A. Dubus, 6 Nicholas Court, and Ronald G. Gallant, 80 Harris Avenue, as police constables.

Appointed Norbert C. Coutu, 66 Earl Street, an auctioneer. Referred to the health department the petition of Ovide DeFolle to operate a victual license at 40 Brookside A.

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Jaycees to Continue on Library Drive

The West Warwick Junior Chamber of Commerce announced today it will reappear before the Town Council at the March 10 meeting and again present its request to take over Main Street School, Arctic, for a modern, central public library.

In the meantime, the Jaycees will solicit public support from both organizations and individuals to its library plan.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce who oppose a library at the school site have scheduled a meeting tomorrow at 5:15 p.m. to hear a report of the meeting, its parking and traffic committee, held with the Jaycees library committee. The chamber does not oppose a library but thinks the school site should be a parking lot, as previously argued and a more suitable library location found.

At the town council session tomorrow night, the planning board will present a program which it states would avoid an epidemic at the municipal dump at Riverpoint.

The program calls for rodent extermination, anti-smoke measures, creation of a park on the site and purchase of a sand and gravel pit for clean fill.

\$6,000 Item

There is no provision in the proposed budget for a land fill program which requires a bulldozer and operator. The only extra-budget item is \$6,000 for a sewer extension along Beulah Drive.

Jean Pelletier, chairman of the Jaycees library committee, spelled out several factors which he said were in favor of locating the library at the Main Street School site.

They were, Mr. Pelletier said: its location, easy accessible; the building is divided into very large rooms with about 1,000 square feet in each which would make remodeling very easy; the town has already spent \$15,000 in remodeling the building for the police station and sufficient heating and plumbing facilities are on hand; the building is sturdy and by removal of the top floor it would be easy and economical to install a roof; school age children could use the library while their parents were shopping; it would consolidate the many types of library books in one location.

Another Site

However, Mr. Pelletier reiterated that the Jaycees would consider another location for a library providing the building had at least 3,000 square feet at the first floor level.

At the March 10 council meeting the Jaycees will present up-to-date statistics concerning the parking problems based on the Wilbur Smith Associates Survey of 1957. The Chamber of Commerce opposes retaining the Main Street School chiefly because it would have the building razed and its site used for parking.

Edward J. Murray, of East Greenwich, continues as a Kent County member and Mr. DeClantis becomes the new member from that county.

Other new members are Leo P. McGowan from Bristol County, Thomas H. Levesque from Newport County, Louis B. Cappuccio from Washington County and four additional members from Providence County who are Mayor Raymond J. Morrisette of Central Falls, John E. Rebello of East Providence, Edmund Wexler and B. Albert Ford, both of Providence. The latter is president of the Providence Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Two vacancies remain. One is for the governor when the Democrats have one and the other is the party treasurer, who is elected by the full state committee.

Parochial Council, School Bd. Clash Over Dental Plan

Representatives of the West Warwick Parochial School Health Council last night clashed with the school committee over the problem of a dental health program for the town's elementary and junior high school students.

Guido Pettinicchio, chairman of the health council, demanded to know why the committee has not acted on a plan which was submitted at the September meeting by Dr. Angelo M. Parente, public health dentist for the state.

Under the plan submitted by Dr. Parente, the state would establish a dental health program in West Warwick, using the dental unit at the Clinton School, and the parochial schools could avail themselves of the service.

Dr. Richard T. Duffy, chairman of the school committee, told Mr. Pettinicchio that he would not institute such a plan until he has official notification from the town's dentists. He said that when the plan was made public he received a call from a local dentist who is vehemently opposed to the health program.

Dr. Duffy said that he has been informed by local dentists that they would be willing to go along with a survey program, but for a number of reasons they did not want a full program established in West Warwick.

Mr. Pettinicchio asked why there was nothing done after the dentists gave their approval for a partial program. Dr. Duffy answered that he did not receive an official letter from the dentists and that Dr. Parente said he did not feel like going through with a partial program. Dr. Parente was not sure if the state would underwrite a partial program, Dr. Duffy said, and we are not going to take the entire amount upon ourselves.

"We want to take full advantage of state aid for a partial program, if any, and that is the reason for the delay," Dr. Duffy added.

Mr. Pettinicchio said that Dr. Parente was to have met with a group of Pawtuxet Valley dentists last night to discuss the dental plan, but he did not know the outcome.

Dr. Duffy said "if the dentists will say they want this thing and the state will pay them and all we have to do is provide the transportation, I don't see any problems. But I won't ever go along with it until I get an official notification from the Valley dentists."

Mr. Pettinicchio noted the difficulty of getting such a notification, because the Valley dentists are not organized in a body. The Kent County Dental

Association includes the town's 13 dentists, but there are others who would not be concerned, he added.

Dr. Duffy suggested that the school committee and the Parochial School Health Council get together with the Valley dentists and hash over the health program.

Dr. Duffy said he would contact the dentists today for a date to hold the meeting, and

West Warwick Teachers Drop Wage Hike Bid

Feb. 16, 1960

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Asked why the Alliance dropped its original demands, Mr. Archambault said it was believed that most of the extra \$100 across the board asked by teachers would be lost in taxes and was "not worth arguing about just now."

The school board has delivered its compromise recommendation to the Town Council which will study it early

March at a public budget hearing. The proposed town budget now contains no salary increases for teachers.

The original Alliance proposal called for lifting the present \$3,700-\$5,800 scale to \$4,300-\$6,400 by a year from September. The school board offered a \$4,000-\$6,000 scale for next September "in view of pending state legislation."

West Warwick could get as much as \$46,000 if the Governor's proposal for more state school aid is approved. Town Solicitor Michael De Clantis has said that money would be used to forestall any tax increases.

The Alliance yesterday named Mrs. Jean Tattrie, Richard Connolly, Cornelius Cummiskey, Robert Moorehead and James Miller as delegates to the Rhode Island Education Association, Mr. Archambault said.

He said a dinner is scheduled for April 27. The Alliance yesterday also accepted Mrs. Patricia Gibney and Manuel Silva as members, he said. Members devoted a minute of silence to the late Miss Veronica Markey, an informer teacher.

DeClantis On State Committee

By Staff Correspondent

State House. — Town Solicitor Michael DeClantis, of West Warwick, today was named a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee by Chairman Frank Rao under the amendment of the party's by-laws adopted last month which provided for enlargement of the executive committee from 17 to 34 members.

The renewed setup resulted from a demand by some party leaders, headed by Albert J. Lamarre, chairman of the state board of elections, for broader representation on the party's policy for ethnic and racial groups.

The change in the by-laws made all Democratic congressional and general state officers members of the committee by virtue of their office and provided for additional members from each county.

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Asked why the Alliance dropped its original demands, Mr. Archambault said it was believed that most of the extra \$100 across the board asked by teachers would be lost in taxes and was "not worth arguing about just now."

The school board has delivered its compromise recommendation to the Town Council which will study it early in March at a public budget hearing. The proposed town budget now contains no salary increases for teachers.

The original Alliance proposal called for lifting the present \$3,700-\$5,800 scale to \$4,300-\$6,400 by a year from September. The school board offered a \$4,000-\$6,000 scale for next September "in view of pending state legislation."

West Warwick could get as much as \$46,000 if the Governor's proposal for more state school aid is approved. Town Solicitor Michael De Clantis has said that money would be used to forestall any tax increases.

Teachers' Alliance Approves \$200 Pay Hike

Feb. 16, 1960

The West Warwick Teachers' Alliance has accepted the offer of a \$200 pay boost recommended by the school board.

The teachers had asked for a \$300 across the board salary increase.

Whether or not the teachers will get the pay hike is now in the hands of the Town Council. There is presently no provision for any pay raise for teachers in the proposed budget. The budget will have to be increased by approximately \$9,000 to meet the salary boost effective this September. Subsequently, the town council if it endorses the raise proposal, will submit the request to the taxpayers at the financial town meeting, March 22.

School teachers are presently the only town employees on the board for a salary adjustment. The permanent police dropped their plan to seek higher wages and the firefighters announced they were not going to ask for more pay this year.

In other business, the Alliance appointed Mrs. Jean Tattrie, James E. Miller, Richard Connolly, Cornelius Cummiskey and Robert Moorehead to the Rhode Island Education Association.

Welcomed Mrs. Patricia Gibney and Manuel Silva as new members. Proposed that Mrs. Barbara O'Hara become a member.

Named Mr. Cummiskey to arrange the annual banquet, April 27.

Proposed an amendment to the by-laws that the salary committee be appointed by staggered terms with three secondary and three elementary teachers.

Paid tribute to the late Miss Veronica Markey in a moment of silence.

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Alphonse Archambault In Ring for Green's Seat

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The last time Mr. Archambault offered his services to the Democratic Party, he was one of three West Warwick Democratic insurgents who won seats on the 21-member Democratic Town Committee. The others are Charles J. Bourgault, presently a member of the State Liquor Control Hearing Board and candidate for the Lieutenant Governor nomination, and Alfred Chartier.

The three ousted Mr. De Ciantis from the Democratic town committee in the 1958 party primary. Mr. De Ciantis was

town committee chairman at the time.

In his letter to Mr. Rao, Mr. Archambault asked on whose recommendation Mr. De Ciantis was named to the state executive committee with seven others yesterday.

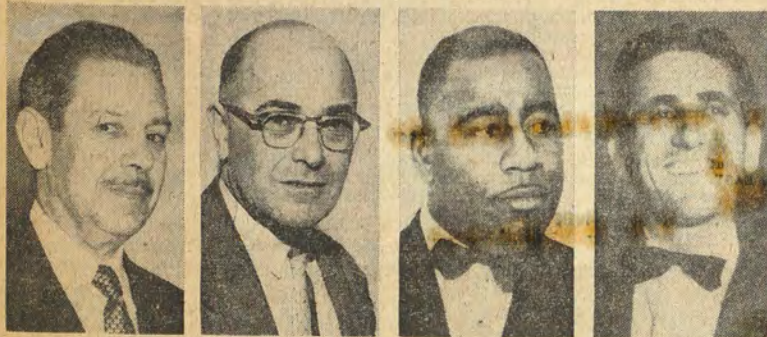
"Did you know that he was defeated for a minor town committee post by a comparative unknown in the 1958 primary?" Mr. Archambault wrote. "Would you call this a show of political strength by a supposedly outstanding leader? Our local town committee was not informed of this choice, and we had no voice in the matter."

Mr. De Ciantis is spending several weeks on vacation in Miami.

Mr. Archambault was a member of the Cote for Governor Committee in 1958 and is now a member of the Bourgault for Lieutenant-Governor committee.



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Rao Names Eight to Expanded Democratic Executive Group

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Democratic State Chairman Frank Rao today named eight new members to the expanded executive committee of the Democratic State Committee under authority voted him a month ago.

The eight appointments brought to 32 the executive committee membership as compared to 17 prior to Jan. 11, when the state committee adopted a by-law change.

Five of the new members named today were selected on a county basis; the three others to fill spots that opened up as a result of the state committee's action.

New members named today are:

Leo P. McGowan of Barrington, Bristol County; Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick, Kent County; Thomas H. Levesque of Portsmouth, Newport County; Louis B. Cappuccio of Westerly, Washington County; Mayor Raymond J. Morissette of Central Falls, Providence County; John E. Rebello of East Providence, B. Albert Ford of Providence

and Councilman Edmund Wexler of Providence.

Mr. Rao, facing a difficult task, made the selections from about 50 applications or recommendations, a score of them from the City of Providence.

The by-law change also gave automatic membership on the executive committee to the four members of Congress from Rhode Island, the four Democratic general state officers, the party floor leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives and the speaker of the House.

Since Sen. John O. Pastore, Rep. James H. Kiernan of Providence, floor leader, and Speaker Harry F. Curvin of Pawtucket already were executive members, Mr. Rao was enabled to appoint the three additional members.

Potentially, the full membership of the executive committee could total 34 since all Democratic general state officers were voted automatic membership. The party no longer has a governor and a vacancy in the post of party treasurer long has existed.

The by-law change came

about as a result of agitation, principally on the part of Albert J. Lamarre, state elections board chairman, to expand the executive committee and make it more representative of ethnic and racial groups within the party.

Mr. McGowan, an attorney, is chairman of the Barrington town committee. Mr. DeCiantis, West Warwick town solicitor, is a former Democratic town chairman. Mr. Levesque, a lawyer, is chairman of the Portsmouth town committee. Mr. Cappuccio, former probate judge and town solicitor, is a member of the state committee. Mr. Morissette recently won election as mayor of Central Falls.

Mr. Rebello, an East Providence funeral director, had been endorsed for the executive committee by the Portuguese-American Democrats of Rhode Island. Mr. Ford is president of the Providence Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Councilman Wexler, an attorney, is Democratic floor leader in the Providence City Council.

Richard Nips Latest Rumor

West Warwick Town Council President Joseph D. Richard today nipped the sprouting rumor that he will seek the Democratic nomination for state senator.

"I am definitely not a candidate for the senate nomination at this time. That is a definite decision," Mr. Richard said.

Meanwhile, there were published reports that Alphonse P. Archambault, insurgent Democratic Town Committeeman, is a candidate for the United States Senate seat now held by Sen. Theodore Francis Green (D). Mr. Archambault reportedly stated he wanted to be the first to declare his intention since no other Democrat has come forward.

"I am definitely not a candidate for the state nomination at this time," declared Mr. Richard.

With Mr. Richard having made up his mind, the field of possible State Senatorial candidates narrowed to date to three: the incumbent, Sen. Francis LaChapelle; Probate Judge Eugene J. Laferriere, and Cameron R. Quinn.

Of the three, only Judge Laferriere has announced he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination. Senator LaChapelle stated he presently is devoting his time strictly to the business of the Senate. Mr. Quinn is expected to make his decision soon.

When asked if he would seek re-election to the town council, Mr. Richard said "I haven't been asked yet, although I realize aspirants should make their intentions known to the town committee."

The town council president said that a budget hearing has been tentatively slated for March 7. He said a definite date will most likely be set after a conference between the council and Town Treasurer Robert J. Harrop.

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Car Tax Plan Opposed by Council Head

P.J. Feb. 19, 1960
Joseph D. Richard, president of the all-Democratic West Warwick Town Council, last night said the town would lose \$57,800 in car taxes if the state collects them and takes 40 per cent as Governor Del Sesto proposed.

Declaring he will strongly oppose it, he said the Governor seems to be trending toward a city-state form of government for Rhode Island.

"Is this part of a plan to abolish the communities?" he asked. "I don't think I'd want the state to do that. Apparently he'll get some opposition from his own party."

As far as West Warwick is concerned, it's fast becoming an ideal town that knows its income and expenses, he said. It can't expand much more in its small 8.18 square mile area, he said, and so won't have terrific growth problems.

Now at \$32 per \$1,000 valuation, the town's tax rate should level off in the future at about \$40, he said, whereas many other communities will probably be going up to \$50 per \$1,000.

Aided tremendously by a large system of parochial schools, the town may some day be faced with a new high school or an addition to the present one, Mr. Richard said, but the school plant situation otherwise is good. It will have to continue making sewer extensions and try to eliminate the town dump health hazard, but faces no other major expenditures, he said.

The assessed valuation on cars in town is now \$4,504,780, he said. At the present rate of \$32 per \$1,000 valuation, the town would lose \$57,800 if the state were to retain 40 per cent of car taxes, he said.

The governor's proposal that the state also collect intangible personal property taxes, such as on stocks and bonds, and keep 60 per cent of it to help get the governor's proposed additional \$10,000,000 revenue would also result in the town losing part of its revenue, he said.

Need State Aid

Says West Warwick May Escape Tax Hike

P.J. Feb. 17, 1960
West Warwick can escape a tax increase this year if an estimated \$46,000 additional state aid is appropriated, Council president Joseph D. Richard said last night.

Mr. Richard said there would be a chance to avoid a 50 cent to \$1 tax rate hike without the additional state aid but that chance would be slim.

The Council president said he hopes the school department this year will submit a budget that is easier for taxpayers to understand. "I think they will," he said.

Last year, voters at the annual town meeting rejected the school board's proposal to

School Dental Plan Will Be Aired Monday

P.J. Feb. 23, 1960
The state public health dentist and West Warwick dentists will meet Monday to study a dental program for West Warwick schools which now provide no dental examination or care.

Dr. Angelo M. Parente, state public health dentist, said last night he has arranged a meeting with the town's 13 dentists to discuss the state's offer to support a full dental program for parochial and public schools.

Dr. Parente submitted the state offer to the school board in September. It calls for a clinic at the Dr. Malsie Quinn School, Crompton, where parochial and public school students would receive full dental care.

The school board has delayed decision on the state proposal until it receives the opinion of town dentists. Dr. Richard Duffy, board chairman, has said he thinks the local dentists will approve a dental survey of pupils.

Guido Pettinicchio, chairman of the West Warwick Parochial School Health Council, which seeks acceptance of the state offer, last night expressed confidence local dentists will accept a teeth-examination program.

"Wait until they have a screening program (examination only) and you'll find out how imperative dental care is here," Mr. Pettinicchio said. Dr. Parente said last night he thinks West Warwick might need a dental program more than many other communities in Rhode Island.

The Parochial Health Council at a school board meeting earlier this month demanded to know why the school committee had not acted on the state offer. Dr. Duffy then said the board would not act without sanction from local dentists.

Dr. Parente said he asked for and received the approval of the Kent County Dental Society before proposing the state offer to West Warwick. The town dentists are members of that society.

He said he could not comment on whether the state would back a partial or screening program until after his meeting Monday with local dentists.

County Water Head Asks Protective Law For Rights of Users

P.J. Feb. 23, 1960
Gerard Di Fiore, chairman of the Kent County Water Authority (KCWA) last night called for legislation to protect KCWA and other water users' rights to water supplies.

He said he had written to Governor Del Sesto and the State Water Resources Coordinating Board about the need for such a law last fall. Mr. Di Fiore is a former vice chairman of the state board.

The principal immediate cause for concern, as far as KCWA is concerned, is the excellent supply being pumped from wells at Hunt's River, off Post Road, East Greenwich. That water serves East Greenwich and as far as Kent County Memorial Hospital in Warwick, Mr. Di Fiore said.

Chairman Walter J. Shea of the state Water Resources Coordinating Board told a public hearing on the proposed Big River and Wood River reservoirs last week in Coventry that KCWA has asked the state to protect its interests at Hunt's River. Three or four interests want water there, he said.

Navy Seeks Supply
Mr. Di Fiore said last night the Navy is seeking a supply of up to four million gallons a day in the Hunt's River area.

There would be a further danger to KCWA interests if the Jamestown Oil Refinery should be established, Mr. Di Fiore said. They would then have to come to the mainland for water and would, no doubt, be looking in the same area, he said.

KCWA has certain rights in the area north of Hunt's River wells, according to its old deeds, Mr. Di Fiore said. It acquired rights from an abutting owner.

The Navy began probing for water and realized KCWA had certain rights, Mr. Di Fiore said. A Naval delegation called on KCWA last fall. KCWA okayed the Navy search with the understanding the Navy would inform KCWA of its developments and that KCWA wasn't ready to give up any rights, Mr. Di Fiore said.

Best in Area
Hunt's River has the best water supply in the area now, Mr. Di Fiore said. "We'd be in an awful mess if they took water away from us. I don't know how we'd feed East Greenwich," he said. "My argument is we're established."

Stressing the need of a law to protect KCWA, he said, "they could go upstream and take from us. I've asked them to look into the matter and try to protect not only us, but any water consumer. That could apply to a private individual who might dig a well on his land and find someone else coming along and taking it right away from him."

KCWA is getting quotations on pumps and other requirements for its proposed new one million gallons a day gravel-packed well on property acquired last year off Route 3, Tiogue Road, Washington, Mr. Di Fiore said.

Must Get Going
"We've got to get going there quickly," he said. "We thought that supply might be needed in five or six years, but now I

think it's going to be needed sooner." He said there have been inquiries from proposed developers of another big Coventry area past existing KCWA lines on Route 3. There are reports up to 700 homes are planned on both sides of Route 3 there.

"Every day they're begging for other water improvements," he said. "Many places are too high, like one site in western Cranston. It's about 110 feet above our level and would have to pump up there."

Petrarca Sees No Change in \$32 Tax Rate

P.J. Feb. 23, 1960
Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca, West Warwick Democratic chairman, said last night he is confident the Democratic town administration will be able to hold the existing \$32 per \$1,000 valuation tax rate.

He said he hopes nothing will be changed in the budget proposed for presentation at the March 22 annual town meeting as a result of a public budget hearing March 14 at 8 p.m. in the town hall.

Town Treasurer Robert J. Harrop also has said the town should be able to get by with the same tax rate. That belief was based on a proposed \$1,510,478 budget announced by Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis last month, plus no more than \$6,000 for a Buehler Drive sewer extension and \$9,000 for a compromise teachers' raise of \$200 across the board.

Police and firemen have dropped any plans to seek a salary boost this year. Although they haven't had a raise in about three years, they feel the town has a new expense in the veterans' memorial municipal building, their spokesmen said.

Highway and garbage collection workers have been silent since their drive for tenure wound up with the dismissal of their most vociferous spokesman after an assault.

Mr. Petrarca said he could get along with the same garbage and dump trucks he has, although some were cut out of his budget request by Mr. DeCiantis and the Council. Two of his four garbage trucks are 10 years old. One is used as a spare truck.

"I'd like to keep the tax at the rate we're paying," Mr. Petrarca said. "The people of this town are working people and they can go up only so high on taxes. There's a limit to what people can pay."

Firemen Move Into New Home

P.J. Feb. 24, 1960
West Warwick firemen, who have used their electrical and mechanical know-how to do a lot of work themselves in their new headquarters, yesterday became the first to move into the new \$550,000 Veterans' Memorial Municipal Building.

A large amount of furniture was delivered for all offices in the combined town hall, police and fire station yesterday. Police and town hall offices are expected to be occupied in the next few weeks.

Fire alarm and air horn installation, cabinet building and other work was still going on last night, with Fire Chief Lionel P. Gareau leading his officers and men in work details.

A pumper truck, officers' cars and rescue boat were moved into the new station. Other equipment remained at the old headquarters. Chief Gareau said equipment will be dispatched from both places until all headquarters men and equipment are settled in the new building in about two weeks.

Rao Resigns As Democratic State Chairman

Bull. Feb. 25, 1960

By G. RICHMOND CARPENTER

Frank Rao resigned today as chairman of the Democratic State Committee and said his resignation is "irrevocable."

But the resignation will not become effective until it is accepted by the Democratic State Committee.

The 63-year-old chairman, who has held the party reins for close to nine years, submitted his resignation in a letter to John G. Coffey, state committee secretary.

His action bore out a published report that had circulated among some party members a little more than two weeks ago. At that time Mr. Rao denied the report.

There was no indication at the moment who Mr. Rao's successor might be. In the past, the names of Sen. John G. McWeeney of Providence, majority floor leader; Joseph L. Byron of Newport, former state purchasing agent; Mortimer W. Newton of West Warwick, former state director of business regulation, and Rep. John F. Doris of Woonsocket, a deputy House floor leader, had been mentioned.

More recently the names of Judge John P. Cooney of Providence and Sen. John E. Moran of Cumberland have been advanced by some party members. Both are friendly to Congressman John E. Fogarty, who has

not yet made known whether he will seek the party's nomination for U.S. Senate or choose to remain in the House of Representatives where he is winding up his 20th year.

The ruddy-faced, dapper chairman made public his letter to Mr. Coffey and said he had notified legislative leaders in the General Assembly, Democratic general officers and Democratic members of congress from Rhode Island of his resignation.

Mr. Rao said that "at the proper time, when the party feels it is ready to elect my successor, I'll call a meeting of the executive committee and of the state committee to make my resignation effective." Meanwhile, he will continue as chairman.

The executive committee will recommend to the state committee the name of a new chairman.

"This is to inform you, as Secretary of the Democratic State Committee, that I am submitting my resignation as chairman of the Democratic State Committee, effective

immediately upon the election of my successor," said Mr. Rao's letter to Mr. Coffey.

"The office has grown over the years from an honorary and part-time assignment to a time-consuming and arduous full-time job. In addition, my responsibilities to my family and business demand that I take this action.

"I had been contemplating this step for some time. In fact, about a year ago I submitted my resignation to the



Frank Rao

executive committee but the executive committee did not accept my resignation and strenuously urged that I continue in the office of chairman. Against my wishes I reluctantly acceded to the executive committee's request.

"My decision today, however, is irrevocable."

Mr. Rao went on to say that because of his "deep concern" for the party, he feels that his decision should be made now so that the full committee may have an opportunity to elect a successor and "insure the success of the party in November."

He noted that there are many important matters to be determined in the "very near future." He cited the selection of candidates for state offices, the election of delegates to the national convention and "other problems too numerous to mention."

"It is quite obvious," Mr. Rao wrote, "that a new state chairman will need time to acquaint himself with the duties of the office and to get acclimated to the atmosphere in which challenges must be faced and overcome.

"I confess that I tender my resignation with mixed emotions. I have given of my time, my resources and my energies to the services of my fellow citizens, not only in Providence, but also in the entire state. I

gave my best, and I hope I served with honor and dignity."

Mr. Rao said that he was grateful for the many honors bestowed upon him and appreciated the confidence and trust placed in him, not only by fellow Democrats but by the citizenry of the entire state.

Mr. Rao became chairman in October, 1951, succeeding Stephen A. Fanning of Cumberland, now a Superior Court Judge. He was the choice of the then Gov. Dennis J. Roberts, with whom he had been closely associated politically for many years.

The chairman, who served in that post longer than any other person in recent party history and probably raised more money for the party during his stewardship than any other, is stepping completely out

of politics.

"That would be impossible," he said in answer to a question. "I shall always be in politics."

But he said he intends to devote an "awful lot of attention" to Rao Bros., beer and wine distributors of which he is president and his brother, John, is general manager. He also plans to be with Mrs. Rao "a great deal" more than he has in the past nine years and "if time permits to do a lot of golfing."

Mr. Rao became a dollar-a-year chairman at a time when party coffers were depleted. After the 1958 campaign, when he went all out in an unsuccessful effort to re-elect Mr. Roberts to a fifth term as governor, the party had more than \$30,000 which Mr. Rao said "enabled us to carry on with a nice balance." Party finances at present are in good shape.

The chairman claimed that his resignation is entirely voluntary and that he has been under no pressure from any one to step down.

Mr. Rao first was elected to the Providence School Committee in 1922. Subsequently, he was councilman and later alderman from the 4th Ward for many years and became first president of the unicameral City Council under the new charter.

Race to Succeed Rao Appears Wide Open

By JOSEPH V. SHANLEY

A wide-open contest for the post of Democratic state chairman appeared to be shaping up last night.

The list of possible candidates to succeed Frank Rao was as long as a weekly grocery list and gave every indication of becoming longer.

Yesterday's self-announced "irrevocable" resignation of Mr. Rao will not become effective until it is presented to and is accepted by the newly-expanded Democratic State Committee. He will continue as chairman until such time as the party is ready to elect a successor.

Getting a willing and acceptable candidate who will satisfy the majority of the state committee—upon whom the choice of a chairman will evolve—is viewed as a big undertaking that will not be accomplished in a short time.

Several party leaders said last night that the candidate who gets the support of Rep. John E. Fogarty and/or Sen. John O. Pastore will be in a highly favorable position.

Reaction of leading state Democrats to Mr. Rao's resignation was a mixture of praise for his near nine-year tenure and the need for considered judgment in selecting a replacement.

Former Gov. Dennis J. Roberts, who has had a long and close association with the chairman, said:

"I don't have anybody in mind to succeed Mr. Rao. My first thought is personally to express my appreciation to Frank Rao for his service and contribution to the membership of the Democratic Party and particularly the officeholders of the party during his tenure as chairman. I think it will be extremely difficult to find an individual to replace Mr. Rao who

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will be able to make the sacrifices, financially and timewise that Mr. Rao has made and also one who has the record of service to the party. Great consideration should be given to his successor."

Lt. Gov. John A. Notte Jr. said:

"I don't have any particular candidate in mind at this time. I think the new chairman, whoever he might be, must be one who can exercise renewed leadership and rekindle the confidence of our people in the party. He must devote all his time and effort in directing the party to a victory in November."

Atty. Gen. J. Joseph Nugent said that Mr. Rao's decision came as a "complete surprise." He praised the chairman for the "tremendous job" he has done through the years. He said he had no candidate in mind.

"It is extremely important," he said, "for the Democratic Party to select a chairman who is not affiliated with any faction of the party."

Secretary of State August P. LaFrance said:

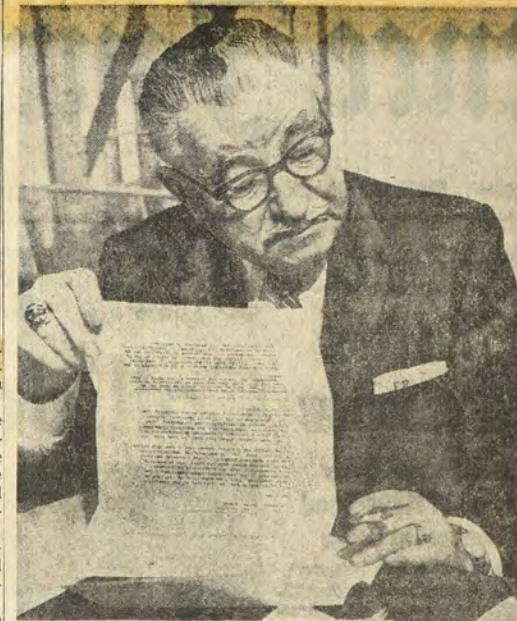
"I have no specific candidate. The chairmanship of the party is a very serious position and whoever is chairman must be prepared to devote a great amount of time to the Democratic organization. I am sure there will be no trouble in finding a dedicated Democrat to replace Mr. Rao."

General Treasurer Raymond H. Hawksley said:

"I made known several weeks

ago that if and when Mr. Rao did resign, if I could be of any assistance to the Democratic Party and if the Democratic Party wanted me, I would be available to become chairman. I still feel the same way."

Sen. John G. McWeeney, majority leader and frequently



Frank Rao

—Journal-Bulletin Photo by Winfield I. Parks Jr.

mentioned as a possible candidate for the chairmanship, last night was noncommittal on whether he desired the job. He said there were business, financial, family and other factors to be weighed.

By his own choice, the chairman's job has been unsalaried, though some of his predecessors were paid.

Rep. John F. Doris (D-Woonsocket), a deputy leader in the House, and Giovanni Folcarelli, chairman of the Scituate Democratic Committee who has worked closely with organized labor in this state, said last night that they are interested in the post.

Other potential candidates, who have been mentioned at times when it appeared that Mr. Rao was going to step down, include Mortimer W. Newton of West Warwick, former state director of business regulation; Judge John P. Cooney Jr. of Providence, Sen. John E. Moran of Cumberland; Joseph L. Byron of Newport, former state purchasing agent, and Judge Harold A. Arcaero of Providence.

In announcing his resignation, Mr. Rao said that responsibilities to his family and business—he is president of Rao Bros., wholesale liquor dealers—dictated his decision. He said it was entirely voluntary and that he was under no pressure to step down.

Rumors of his resignation—requested or otherwise—began shortly after the 1958 election which saw the entire Democratic state and congressional ticket—with the exception of the office of governor—swept into office. Democrats also gained unprecedented control of the General Assembly.

A meeting of the top party

brass was held in November and it was reliably reported then that Mr. Rao would be asked to resign, but to pick his own date. However, the move did not materialize.

Mr. Rao spent a good many moments in office during the last 18 months denying reports that he was stepping down. About a year ago, he submitted his resignation to the executive committee, but it was not accepted. After a vote of confidence he was prevailed upon to stay.

Factors that influenced the committee decision were Mr. Rao's recognized fund-raising abilities and the difficulty in finding a successor who would be agreeable to the many elements within the party.

Mr. Rao's relations with the Democratic-controlled legislature never have reached the point where his opinions have carried much weight.

To his intimates and friends, Mr. Rao has always been held in high regard and esteem. While chairman, he has been loath to attack individuals and has shied away from controversy. He never engaged in the practice of firing bars at the Del Sesto administration, preferring to let others in the party do the talking.

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SEEKS BUDGET COMMITTEE AT MAR. 22

FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING

GOP PUSHING BI-PARTISAN PROPOSAL

(EXCLUSIVE)

By RONALD ANDERSON

A resolution to establish a budget committee for West Warwick will be introduced at the March 22 financial town meeting.

A. Earl Shaw Jr., attorney and member of the GOP Town Committee, said today he is preparing the resolution for presentation to the taxpayers.

Leo B. Charbonneau, GOP chairman, in endorsing the proposal of his committeeman said "a bi-partisan budget committee would give the town a clearer viewpoint of the actual expenditures and appropriations sought by each department."

Mr. Shaw said that instead of the town departments sending their requests for appropriations for the ensuing year to the Town Council, their requests would first go to the budget committee.

Presently, Mr. Shaw pointed out the budget is drawn by one man, Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis. He said with a budget committee any so-called one-man rule could be done away with if it existed.

A salient feature of Mr. Shaw's proposal is that the budget committee would be empowered to hold public hearings concerning the requests made by the departments. He said that under his proposal the town department heads would be required to prepare a detailed estimate of what they needed with explanatory statements of any changes in comparison with the past year. This information, he stressed, would have to be filed in sufficient time for a public hearing.

Mr. Shaw said that the final draft of a budget by the budget committee would go to the Town Council and then the council could prepare its own budget for submission to the taxpayers.

The budget committee, the GOP committeeman said, would be composed of seven members, four from the majority and three from the minority party.

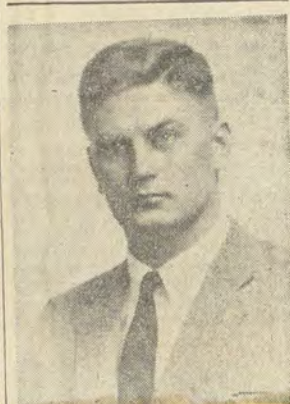
Concerning the present policy by which budgets are drafted by the town solicitor, Mr. Shaw said that this question has been raised: Does the council, consisting of businessmen who hold council office as part time, have sufficient time to prepare a budget and consequently pass this job off to one man?

Mr. Shaw said that the statement of Mr. DeCiantis that the town council was only paid a small amount of money for its time at the job "is no excuse."

"I am certain that there are many public minded citizens of our town who would be happy to serve on a budget committee," Mr. Shaw said. And he pointed out, in the town of Smithfield the budget committee receives no pay.

He also said that a bi-partisan budget committee permits the minority opinion to be made known.

Mr. Shaw urged taxpayers to attend the town meeting and support his resolution. He said the



A. EARL SHAW

taxpayers or the General Assembly can authorize a budget committee. Appointment of the committee members is by the town council.

Mr. Charbonneau said that the Republican party plans to question several parts of the proposed budget.

"Is it logical to establish an appropriation out of line with the expenditures of previous year?" he asked.

"It's all right to fix a low budget but if it is below what is needed by the departments it should be looked into. We shouldn't have a budget with low figures just to make it look good."

DeCiantis Said

Shortly before he released the record-breaking \$1,510,478.40 budget for 1960-61, Mr. DeCiantis

came under a blistering attack by a Providence newspaper for his "taking over the reins from the town council in drafting the town's budget." The critic said it was the town council, elected at the polls and not its appointed town solicitor that had this obligation of drafting a budget.

In reply, Mr. DeCiantis said other communities throughout the state, and the governor himself is assisted by committees and directors in drafting new budgets. The governor, the solicitor said, has a budget bureau which meets for weeks with department leaders in preparing the new year's appropriations.

The policy of having the town solicitor draft budgets has been going on for many years, Mr. DeCiantis pointed out.

Future of Old Town Hall, School in Air

With West Warwick firemen already in the new Veterans' Memorial municipal building and police and town hall offices about to follow any day, the Town Council has not yet decided what to do with the old quarters.

Joseph D. Richard, Council president, said the question of how to dispose of the old town hall and old Arctic School, temporary police headquarters, probably will be taken up at the Town Council meeting next Thursday.

It will be the first meeting in the Council chamber of the new \$550,000 municipal building.

New furniture, including a semi-circular Council table, has not all been delivered yet. However, some old furniture can be used temporarily, Mr. Richard said.

The annual town budget hearing March 14 also will be held in the new municipal building, he said.

Most of the furniture for the new building has arrived. Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca's men have carted several truckloads of town hall records and materials to the new building in the past three days. All old files, counters, desks and other furnishings being retained are being sprayed with paint to match the new decorating scheme.

Moving activity is noticeable at the old police station also. Furniture that is to be kept is being washed and painted.

West Warwick Jaycees, over senior Chamber of Commerce opposition, have been seeking use of the old Arctic School for a central library when it is vacated. They are expected to attend next Thursday's meeting, Mr. Richard said.

Jaycees originally had asked use of the old town hall and some feel they should stick to that plan. Others advocate a new building, either on a corner of the old Arctic School lot that the town administration has long promised for free parking, or at Bayan Street recreation field.

Brushes Off W. Warwick 'Suburb' Talk

P.S.J. March 6, 1960

Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis of West Warwick yesterday brushed off a statement by a Coventry official that West Warwick will become a suburb of growing Coventry by predicting that his town will remain the commercial trading center of the Pawtuxet Valley.

He hailed as evidence of it a report by Willie J. Regnaire, building inspector, that a Newton, Mass., developer has had preliminary talks with him about a proposed \$1,500,000 shopping center off Route 3, in Crompton.

Mr. De Ciantis said he knows definitely that First National Stores plan to build a supermarket in the new Crompton center.

He cited the center as another step in West Warwick's business growth. Once Phenix was the major shopping place, he said. Then commercial areas spread to Clyde and to Arctic. Now they are extending across town to Crompton, he added.

West Warwick is considered one of the top ranking commercial communities in the state in volume, largely on Arctic's drawing power covering a large area in Central, Southern and Western Rhode Island and nearby Connecticut.

Is it going to maintain its standing, and will Arctic keep up as other centers develop? Mr. De Ciantis says he has no doubt of it.

Because of geography, Arctic is still the hub of commerce, he said, and will remain so. Extension of business to Crompton is good and warranted by new residential plats in nearby Coventry, as well as in Crompton, he said.

"There has been fear placed in the hearts of some because the Boston Store is closing in Arctic," he said.

He said he had been advised that a major Providence department store will open a new branch in the store area after Boston Store's lease expires this month. "With a new front on the building and other improvements, Arctic will be given another boost," he said.

That was suggested by Wendell C. Smith, president of Boston Store Associates, Inc., last week. He said availability of the 24,000 square foot store with parking lot in the rear offered a good opportunity and could be run advantageously as

Freeze Was On For the Council

P.S. March 11, 1960

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a branch store. A longtime department store location, it was formerly Sinnott's store.

With the new Robert Street extension under way and widening of Main Street, near Arctic Square, traffic will be able to get in and around Arctic as easily as in any well-regulated commercial center, Mr. De Ciantis said.

"We have enough parking," he said. "To keep Arctic progressive, we've got to have continued good parking for future growth."

One attraction in West Warwick, Mr. De Ciantis said, is the comparatively low tax rate of \$32 "despite foolish criticism of the budget," and the fact the budget involves no tax increase this year. East Greenwich, Coventry and surrounding communities face tax boosts, he said, adding, "how can anyone say West Warwick isn't the place for business?"

"Let me prophesy one thing to my good friends in Coventry who have kidded me about West Warwick becoming a suburb of Coventry," he said. "I prophesy that the Arctic shopping center and the new Crompton shopping center will be the centers of Coventry and all the Pawtuxet Valley."

"We have done everything for industry," he said. "While we have been criticized for granting 10-year tax exemptions, the fact is we did gain jobs for the people. We've treated the taxpayers fairly and not burdened them."

He said many towns have a poor financial rating with Moody's Investor's Service, but West Warwick has an "A" rating that is nearly a "AA" rating. Because of it, while Pawtucket and Woonsocket have paid over four per cent interest on bonds, West Warwick's last school issue sold at 3.80 per cent, he said.

Jaycees Seek to Build New Arctic Library on School Lot

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He asked for a quick decision in order that plans can be drafted and the money raised. The neighborhood libraries have done a good job and should be kept, but the central library is needed, he said.

Robert Forcier said there is no great split between the Jaycees and the senior chamber. Mrs. Brousseau asked the cost to the town. Mr. Peltier said it is contemplated the town would take the library over when it is completed and pay the librarian and for janitorial service. It would cost perhaps \$5,000 a year, he said, and would be a community library, not a private library.

"Wouldn't a boys' club be better?" asked Mrs. Brousseau. Mr. Peltier said he is a boys' club director and that both are needed. Mr. Richard said he is also on the boys' club board and that the group is about to obtain a site that can't yet be disclosed.

Mr. Deitch stressed that the senior chamber is not against a library, but that its big interest is in parking. He said his unit would support a library if the Jaycees find a more suitable site.

In other matters, Mr. Richard read a letter from Domenic A. Petrarca, superintendent of the Kent division, State Department of Public Works, offering his cooperation to the town. Moderator Charles J. Bourgault suggested rebuilding of New London Avenue and correction of drainage problems there.

Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis said he has asked in vain for some improvements. Two bids were received on the proposed Buehler Drive sewer extension and taken under advisement until after the March 22 town meeting. The bids were \$4,785 and \$15 a cubic yard for rock excavation from Wilfred Lavallee and \$5,300, with \$18 a cubic yard for rock excavation from Ray Petrarca Construction Co., West Warwick.

The council instructed Mr. De Ciantis to prepare legal papers under which St. Anthony's parish will be given use of land between its school and the old town hall, Pike Street, for as long as there is a school there. The Rev. Hyacinth Moniz, pastor, sent in a letter saying the parish would like to buy the land, but the council proposed the alternative plan.

Mr. De Ciantis said he had talked to Father Moniz and was told the parish plans a new school in the future.

A petition from 14 residents of Greene Street, Spencer Street and Woodside Avenue for sewers in their area was filed. Mr. Richard said that sewer extension requests should be filed by those who want them and that they will in the future be taken up in turn. Cleveland Street residents had filed a request earlier, but their extension couldn't be made until the nearby Buehler Drive extension is completed.

The council froze the number of liquor licenses as follows: Class A, 7; Class B tavern, 3; Class B victualling, 33; Class D club, 19; Class D limited, 2; Class E, 2, for a total of 66.

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The annual report of Building Inspector Willie Reanoire listed 45 new dwellings, \$506,500; 129 alterations and additions, \$109,021; one industrial permit, \$4,000; two industrial alterations, \$15,000; 15 commercial, \$627,500; 40 garages, \$47,250; total of \$1,427,871. He collected \$2,962 in fees.

Granted four zoning exceptions as follows: Walter F. Tencher Jr., for parking in a house at 11 Beauchamp St.; Raymond J. Gonsalves, for a beauty salon in a house at 29 Matteson Ave.; Joseph and Dorothy Lavoie, for a dress and hat business at 60 Andrews Ave.; Joseph and Dorothy Lavoie, for a building at 41 Crossen St. to contain three sewing machines for lace mending.

Appointed these police constables: Paul

Richards, 23 River Ave.; Leo St. Onge Jr., 111 Greenway Avenue; George A. Carrone, 222 Providence St.; John A. Bianchi Jr., 147 Leavis Ave.

Took under advisement an invitation from the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Pawtucket Valley to participate in their parade March 13 at 2 p.m. in Arctic and one from Mayor James L. Maher of Newport to participate in that city's St. Patrick's parade March 17. There are no Irish on the council, but Mr. DeCiantis said they'd better take part "to get some votes."

Took under advisement a request from Albert Verville and his engineer, Robert Hartman, for approval of developing four lots through creation of turnarounds at the ends of Miami and Davis Streets.

Authorized Langevin Post, VFW, to hold a poppy drive May 27, 28.

Granted eight tax abatements on the 1959 assessment, including one large one of \$4,480 to Kenny Mfg. Co., 699 Wellington Ave., Providence, because the property was out of town on Dec. 10, 1958, and the assessment date is Dec. 31.

Granted two tax abatements on the 1958 assessment, including one of \$44.30 to Alfred Lombardi at 943 Main St., as his store was closed as of Dec. 31, 1957.

Voted to follow up a complaint from John S. Brunero, attorney for Toby Pucino, Hopedale Drive, Brookfield Hills, that William Canaan has done nothing about objectionable parking of his trailer truck there, although it was brought up last month of the council. "I don't like to go to the newspapers or get a writ of mandamus at the expense of the ratepayers of the town to do their duty or resign," Mr. Brunero said. Mr. Richard said Chief Groleau was to have talked to Mr. Canaan.

Referred to Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca a complaint from Milton Reed, Providence Street, that private dump trucks don't cover their loads with canvass and drop cardboard and papers that are a nuisance at his property.

On recommendation of Mrs. Amy S. Chinal, tax collector, approved her returning to the 1952 tax roll and crediting to that record a \$129.38 tax payment received from the Mary A. McMahon estate on Jan. 25, 1950, after it had been abated. The abatement had been criticized by Leo B. Charbonneau, GOP leader.

Granted a \$5.48 sewer tax refund to Vincenzo Centracchio, Wakefield Street, as the total tax had been abated.

Referred to Dr. John A. Wack, health officer, a complaint from Harry A. Martin, 10 Burns St. about rats near his home.

Approved payment of \$55 to E. J. Fay, Quaker Lane, for the killing of three sheep by dogs on recommendation of Capt. Henry F. Miller Jr., appraiser of dog damages.

Took under advisement a request from Joseph G. Lawrence, public welfare director, for a pay raise.

Jaycees Press Library Fight

West Warwick Jaycees, in the role of "angry young men" seeking improvements, last night carried their fight for a central library to the town council.

With Rep. Felix Appolonia Jean Peltier and Robert R. Forcier spearheading the drive the Jaycees dropped their earlier idea of converting the old Main Street School, Arctic, and asked permission to build a new library building on the school lot.

The council took the request under advisement, after Jerry Deitch, secretary of the senior Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Clarence Brousseau, a business property owner in the area, said they are concerned about taking up parking space in the business center.

Mr. Peltier said the new Robert Street extension and widening of Main Street near Arctic Square will make available more than 300 additional parking spaces.

He said there will be about 144 additional parking spaces on land between the post office and nurses' building, about 100 near St. James' School and about 70 along Main Street.

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Jaycees that buildings along Main Street are to come down in connection with the state's widening of Main Street, Mr. Peltier said.

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tion of the building, but that the hot water heating system worked fine after the lines were "bled."

Despite the cold, Town Moderator Charles J. Bourgault, one of those who fought for the building, gave a flowery address about the town embarking on a new phase of community life. His remarks left Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis cold.

"I'll get another cold if I'm not careful," Mr. De Ciantis said. "A little bit of hot stuff would go better here tonight."

The council room last night was set up with furniture

from the police station recreation room because the council chamber furnishings have not yet arrived. The council is to have a semi-circular desk.

All town offices are now located in the new building except the town clerk's, which was in the process of being moved in last night as the council deliberated. Mrs. Lamb said she and her staff will be moved in within a week.

Councilman Antonio Miller, as the councilmen headed for their warm homes, made a motion "we have heat for the next one day."



First Customer: Corp. Raymond Miller of West Warwick police talks with George LaCombe (right) during the first four of duty in the new police headquarters in the Municipal Building. Radio transmitter is still in the old police station.

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DR. MAISIE QUINN DEFENDS SCHOOL BUDGET

AT COUNCIL HEARING

NO CHANGE IN TAX RATE IS PREDICTED

By RONALD ANDERSON
 Dr. Maisie E. Quinn, school superintendent, in a pinch hitting role for the absentee School Board Chairman Dr. Richard P. Duffy, bore the brunt of questioning last night at the West Warwick Town Council budget hearing.

About 100 taxpayers assembled in the council chamber of the new Veterans Memorial Municipal Building where they heard an outline of the record \$1,538,478.46 officially presented at the March 22 financial town meeting.

With exception of the appropriation for the school department the entire budget remained intact as it was drafted by Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis and the Town Council last January.

The school budget was hiked \$18,000 to a total of \$515,512, to provide \$10,000 for a \$200 across-the-board raise for teachers and \$8,000 for a new school bus.

The only extra budget item proposed by the administration this year is \$6,000 to extend sewers along Beuhler Drive, Phenix.

Tax Rate Stands

The town solicitor said the total budget would mean no change in the existing tax rate.

At request of Republican Town Chairman Leo B. Charbonneau, the council president, Joseph Richard in reading the budget also listed the actual expense of each department the past fiscal year. It showed that of the 57 budget items, 18 were overexpended last year.

In answer to John Keenan, the town solicitor said that West Warwick last year lost \$36,000 in state aid to education because it did not hire 14 more teachers. The town this year has asked for a hearing on further cuts in state aid because it stands to lose another \$46,000 in aid, Mr. DeCiantis explained.

Dr. Quinn stated that the school budget had been increased comparison with last year \$39,700 for teachers salaries, increase transportation costs because of the consolidation program and the hot lunch program.

In answer to Clarence Coutu, Dr. Quinn said that every school in town was in good condition. She said that Vincent Lamb, school maintenance superintendent, receives a salary of \$4,300 and his duties also are responsibility of the school transportation system. She said there were nine janitors and two maintenance men. She said the principal reason for the 17 per cent increase in the school budget in the past two years because there are more

pupils and for teachers salaries. In further answer to Mr. Coutu, the school superintendent said that although there are now three school buildings less under the consolidation program, transportation costs have risen as experts had predicted they would.

Study Programs

Dr. Quinn told Alphonse P. Archambault that \$750 for health supplies isn't a small amount.

She said that a dental health program is presently being studied by dentists of the town and the state. Eye health she said is the responsibility of each teacher who is trained in this and that if parents don't buy eyeglasses then the the Lions Club always has. She also said that West Warwick has teachers who have received special training at the School of the Deaf.

She told Mr. Archambault that the cost to the town to teach Italian and French languages to upper grade level students would be the salary of one teacher.

Dr. Quinn told Peter Diachun that teachers are deserving of salary raises because of the qualifications they have to meet, the money they have to spend for their own education and because if West Warwick doesn't pay enough they will go to other systems to teach at higher pay.

Roland Archambault, chairman of the teachers salary committee, said that West Warwick is below the salary scale levels of neighboring communities.

Dr. Quinn told John Petrella that service was a feature in renting instead of buying bubblebers at the Natick school.

She said that fuel oil was purchased from local distributors but was not bought on bid.

She said it would be cheaper to buy a new bus than hire three buses for transportation.

At one point when Mr. Petrella said he saw a bus almost speeding to evidently keep a time schedule, Dr. Quinn, said "then The Good Lord must be caring for us, because we have had no accidents."

No Addition

In answer to William Barlow, Dr. Quinn, said there was no plan to build an addition to Harris Avenue School. Mr. Barlow had stated it would help the transportation system. Town Treasurer Robert J. Harrop said that if an addition was needed there was \$300,000 in bonds not yet issued from the original \$1,200,000 school bond issue. Mr. Harrop told Mr. Coutu there are about \$20,000 in bonds left of the \$900,000 bonds sold.

Several suggestions were made by taxpayers which Mr. Richard said would be investigated by the town council. They were: pushbutton telephone system for the new building suggested by Mr. Coutu; federal aid to the police radio system by incorporating with Civilian Defense, as mentioned by Mr. Charbonneau; extension of Mill Street to tie into the rebuilding of Robert Street, as suggested by Mr. Coutu.

Also, suggestions by Alphonse Archambault to expend playground money in part as follows: \$500 each for band concerts, outing for Golden Agers, promotion of sports for girls, expenses in hiring public buildings for youth organizations and \$300 for a memorial plaque and flag pole at Pagan Street.

Lorenzo Bergeron, of the



Budget Hearing: West Warwick officials listen to taxpayers' questions last night. From left, seated at table, are Councilmen Frank W. Kusiak, Domenic Petrangolo,

Fulda Geoffrey; Joseph D. Richard, council president; Michael DeCiantis, town solicitor; and Robert J. Harrop, town treasurer.

school committee which is in charge of the town's recreation program said that he can't make any plans for recreation at this time because he understands there might be a recreation director appointed.

Mr. DeCiantis told Mr. Petrella that the federal government may assist the town in filling in and leveling a play area site in Brookfield Hills.

The town solicitor told Mr. Charbonneau that expenses for supplies for the new building are on a trial period this year because it is the initial year of operation.

Street Lights

Chester Kulasewski, superintendent of street lighting, told Mr. Coutu, that his budget figure, each year is based on the cost of the past year. The town solicitor said a new street light expansion program is planned.

When Mr. Coutu asked why were street lights only on the West Warwick side at the Warwick boundary, necessitating payment by the town, Mr. Harrop said Warwick is very uncooperative. And he said the city also owes the town for fire protection it provided in the Centreville area the past five years. Councilman Domenic Petrangolo said West Warwick pays for all street lights along Providence Street at the Warwick line also.

The town solicitor told Mr. Charbonneau that the planning board is looking for land to carry out a land fill dump program and a special town meeting may be called for that purpose this year. He said the state department of health has also requested the town to buy a dewater machine for the sewer bed because of discharges into the Pawtuxet River.

In answer to Rep. Francis X. Kennedy, Highway Commissioner Henry Petrarca said that the \$5000 for drainage will care for the Centreville area. He said that drainage has been installed from Coit Avenue to Tampa Street and it now is a matter to connect from Tampa Street to Revere Avenue. Mr. Petrarca told Mr. Petrella that sometimes he does the work and sometimes he contracts to have drainage work done. Mr. Archambault asked if the town couldn't afford to buy a street sweeper. Domenic Petrarca, state roads maintenance superintendent, said such a machine would cost \$14,000.



DR. MAISIE E. QUINN

Budget Post-Hearing Debate Waxes Warm

A post-budget meeting exchange took place today at long distance.

John Petrella, of Natick, said he visited the Providence Street School to check again on answers he received at the hearing from Dr. Maisie E. Quinn, superintendent of schools.

Subsequently, Dr. Quinn, responded to the queries.

It went something like this:

Petrella: "The storm windows for the fire escape exits were not on the escape windows, but were in the cellar gathering dust instead of being returned for credit."

Dr. Quinn: "The storm windows were taken down after the fire escapes were installed and new panic storm windows are on order. The old ones will be returned for credit when the new type arrive."

Petrella: "Steps for the children to reach the fire escape windows were not in place."

Dr. Quinn: "The steps are being assembled in the basement and will be put together and installed."

Petrella: "The fire escape at rear of the building ends a distance of nine feet from the ground, and there is no ladder the rest of the way to the ground."

Dr. Quinn: "The fire escape ends atop the lavatories, eight feet from the ground."

Petrella: "I was alone in the building with the janitor and the oil burner using relatively costly No. 5 oil made no noise, as I was told it did."

Dr. Quinn: "The boiler at that school cannot use No. 5 oil. It's a different building from Harris Avenue School."

Dr. Quinn also stated that she was at the budget hearing primarily to answer questions about finances, not building or maintenance matters.

Dr. Quinn Questioned on School Expenses at

Budget Hearing

Dr. Maisie E. Quinn, school superintendent, underwent the most extensive questioning last night at West Warwick at a public hearing on the \$1,528,478 operating budget proposed for the March 22 annual town meeting.

The administration also proposes up to \$6,000 in addition for Buehler Drive sewers, which would make the budget total \$1,534,478. Town Solicitor Mi-

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Dr. Quinn attributed the school budget increase to teachers' salaries, increased transportation caused by the consolidation program and the hot lunch program. She said the school department, which was in the red by \$21,630.31 during the fiscal year that ended Feb. 29 would have been all right if it had not been penalized \$36,400 in state aid.

Peter M. Diachun questioned the system under which teachers receive raises regularly but other employes do not. Dr. Quinn said more preparation and expense is required to become a teacher, that salary minimums and maximums are affected by state law and also must be increased to keep the town competitive with other communities.

Roland Archambault, chairman of the teachers' salary committee, cited higher salaries in other communities and said

Coventry has a higher scale under which teachers reach a \$6,000 maximum in 10 years. He thanked the school committee for recommending a \$200 across-the-board raise this year.

Leo B. Charbonneau, Republican chairman, questioned several budget items in what was regarded as a fairly mild rehearsal for the annual town meeting.

Clarence Coutou maintained that a pushbutton telephone system throughout the new municipal building would permit cheaper communication. Joseph D. Richard, council president, said it will be investigated.

Mr. Archambault asked that other money be earmarked out of the recreation appropriation as follows: band concerts, \$500; golden agers, \$500; girls' recreation, \$500; and lights, heat and custodial costs of public buildings to be used by Scouts, CYO, YMHA, golden agers and other groups, \$500.

Mr. Petrella asked what is planned for "the swamp we bought at Brookfield Hills."

Lorenzo Bergeron, recreation committee chairman, said that of the \$10,500 recreation appropriation, \$4,000 is for recreation, \$3,800 for salaries and the rest for the Babe Ruth and Little Leagues. He said he had already gotten equipment for the new Payan Street Playground.

Asked by Leo B. Charbonneau, Republican chairman, about any other plans, Mr. Bergeron said there might be a new recreation director. He did not elaborate.

The school budget is the only item changed in the list, as compared with the budget released by Mr. DeCiantis last January. At that time the sum needed from the town for schools was \$497,512, but it is now \$515,512.

The operating budget this year, is \$1,528,478.46, plus the \$6,000 for the sewer extension, totals \$1,534,478.40. But aid from other sources is estimated at \$196,000, making the amount needed from town taxes \$1,338,478.40.

That, as Town Treasurer Robert J. Harrop pointed out, is not much different overall from last year, when the actual tax levy assessed by the assessors was \$1,345,122.42. Last year's actual operating budget was \$1,474,368. But the amount needed from revenue was increased by a non-recurring \$7,000 Rex Street sewer extension and \$40,000 for an aerial ladder truck.

Mr. Charbonneau asked if the \$4,500 general government supplies item were large enough, since there was a \$1,025.77 over-expenditure in the account last year. Mr. Harrop said it is not known what operations in the new building will entail. Mr. DeCiantis said it's variable.

Queried about the oil appropriation by Mr. Charbonneau, Mr. DeCiantis said it adds up to \$2,500 in the different departmental budgets. It will probably be a separate figure next year, now that they are all consolidated in one building, it was said.

An item of \$5,000 for additional personnel at the new building was included by the council, although he advocated \$7,500 to \$8,000. Mr. DeCiantis

Separate from the two janitors on the staff now, that sum would take care of aid to the town hall janitor and provide for service at the public comfort station, he said.

The Town Council is waiting for a final word from the planning board on instituting a sanitary land fill system or trying to buy a new dump site, Mr. DeCiantis told Mr. Charbonneau.

Queried by Mr. Charbonneau, Highway Commissioner Henry J. Petrarca said he can get by until next year without the new trucks he had asked for, and Sewer Supt. Pierre Harpin said he can get by without the sludge de-waterer he requested. All were knocked out of the budget by Mr. DeCiantis and the Town Council.

Mr. Petrarca assured Rep. Francis X. Kennedy there is enough money in his budget to do a Centerville drainage job and widen Lexington Avenue.

When Ernest Lefebvre questioned why the highway department hasn't replaced equipment more regularly to avoid a bond issue of \$75,000 for equipment later, Mr. Petrarca said he has gotten new trucks each year for the past three years.

Dr. Quinn said she is asking less for upkeep of grounds this year, as Vincent Lamb, maintenance supervisor, is no longer driving a bus and he can save on maintenance. Practically every school is in good condition, she said.

With Highland Street School now closed, Clarence Coutou couldn't understand certain raises. Dr. Quinn explained the department went in the red \$4,300 on heating last year. Queried by Mr. Coutou, she said she has nine janitors and two maintenance men, having added one over the previous year. She said enrollment has increased to 2,274 pupils.

She outlined plans for a dental program which the state may help finance and also told Mr. Archambault one additional teacher would be needed if French and Italian were to be taught in lower schools.

Dr. Quinn and Ernest Frenette became involved in a heated exchange over the beginning time of teachers' raises. Mr. DeCiantis said the \$10,150 cost of raises this year for only part of the fiscal year, effective in September, will double for a full year next year. Mr. Fazzano noted Cranston officials are refusing to honor raises even though contracts have been signed.

Mr. Petrella said he doubted one bus could take the place of three hired ones. He said drivers are already pressed to meet requirements, adding, "I followed one bus one day and it didn't stop at Riverpoint crossing. It went 38 miles an hour from the junior high to the senior high school."

There are no plans to add to the Harris Avenue School, for which there still remains \$300,000 bond authorization, Dr. Quinn said. Sacred Heart plans to open its new school next fall, after which rooms its pupils are using now in Natick School will be available, she said.

She is still trying to raise substitute teachers' pay. Dr. Quinn told Norman Champagne.

The per pupil cost in town is \$329, Dr. Quinn told Mr. Keenan. He asked what is boosting it higher than other towns. Mr. Fizzano said, "Fewer pupils per teacher than others."

Puzzled, Mr. Keenan said, "Too many teachers per pupil boosts cost, but it's not enough to qualify under the state aid law. That's odd."

Warwick Budget Hearing

Dr. Quinn 'Under Fire'

Feb. 15, 1960

Dr. Maisie E. Quinn, school superintendent, underwent the most extensive questioning last night at West Warwick at a public hearing on the \$1,528,478 operating budget proposed for the March 22 annual town meeting.

The administration also proposes up to \$6,000 in addition for Buehler Drive sewers, which would make the budget total \$1,534,478. Town Solicitor Michael De Ciantis said it would mean no change in the existing \$32 tax rate.

Questions posed to Dr. Quinn at the first hearing in the new

Veterans' Memorial Municipal Building ranged from whether the school department bought storm windows for the fire escape windows at Natick School to why the school budget is up in the light of school consolidations.

Dr. Quinn told John Petrella that the storm windows are on the fire escape windows. However, Mr. Petrella later made a special inspection and said he couldn't see them.

Dr. Quinn attributed the school budget increase to teachers' salaries, increased transportation caused by the con-

solidation program and the hot lunch program. She said the school department, which was in the red by \$21,630.31 during the fiscal year that ended Feb. 29 would have been all right if it had not been penalized \$36,400 in state aid.

Mr. De Ciantis told John Keenan that the town questions the law under which it was penalized for failure to meet the prescribed teacher-pupil ration and had asked for a hearing on it.

Peter M. Diachun questioned the system under which teachers receive raises regularly but other employes do not. Dr. Quinn said more preparation and expense is required to become a teacher, that salary minimums and maximums are affected by state law and also must be increased to keep the town competitive with other communities.

Roland Archambault, chairman of the teachers' salary committee, cited higher salaries in other communities and said Coventry has a higher scale under which teachers reach a \$6,000 maximum in 10 years. He thanked the school committee for recommending a \$200 across-the-board raise this year.

Leo B. Charbonneau, Republican chairman, questioned several budget items in what was regarded as a fairly mild rehearsal for the annual town meeting.

Clarence Coutou maintained that a pushbutton telephone system throughout the new municipal building would permit cheaper communication. Joseph D. Richard, council president, said it will be investigated.

Schools Show \$21,630 Deficit

Feb. 15, 1960

The school department, which overspent its budget by \$21,630.31, headed the list of West Warwick accounts that went in the red during the fiscal year ended Feb. 29, Town Treasurer Robert J. Harrop told the annual budget hearing last night.

He said he will have his annual report ready by the end of this week for taxpayers' inspection prior to the annual town meeting next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Junior High School auditorium.

Other accounts and the deficit amounts, as read by Joseph D. Richard, Town Council president, are: Town officers' salaries, \$22,477; town hall clerical, \$296.49; supplies and expense, general government, \$1,025.77; telephone, \$413.76; memorandum, \$558.32; miscellaneous, \$2,193.49; board of canvassers' personal, \$11; police personnel, \$1,498.69; police supplies, \$1,394.06; police equipment, \$454.54; ambulance, \$444.19; additional police car, \$475; street lighting, \$1,577.93; sewer personnel, \$1,356.18; sewer supplies, \$2,546.76; garbage collection, supplies, \$229.61; highway personnel, \$1,145.95.



Explaining increased school expenses at West Warwick town budget hearing last night was Dr. Maisie E. Quinn, school superintendent. She answered many questions.

Contempt Charge Against Patrolman Termed Illegal

An attorney for a West Warwick patrolman who was directed to appear before the Juvenile Court yesterday to answer contempt charges contended that the police officer was being deprived of his right of free speech.

Michael DeCiantis, attorney for Patrolman John Bruno, said the contempt proceeding was illegal and void because it deprived Mr. Bruno of rights and privileges "without due process of law."

The proceeding was initiated after Patrolman Bruno reportedly commented that a decision of the Juvenile Court was a "miscarriage of justice."

Patrolman Bruno's alleged comments were made after the court acquitted a juvenile who was reported to have participated in the beating up of the patrolman while he was working in his part-time job in an Arctic restaurant as a short-order cook.

Three other youths who participated in the incident each were given 60-day jail sentences. They appealed.

Patrolman Bruno said he was beaten unconscious by the quartet after he had ejected the juvenile from the restaurant when he became boisterous.

The citation read by Chief Judge Francis J. McCabe of the Juvenile Court stated that

the comments purported to have been made by Patrolman Bruno would interfere with the function of the court.

The comments allegedly made by Patrolman Bruno were printed in the Pawtucket Valley Daily Times.

Readers of the newspaper article would look on the court with "distrust and disgrace and disrespect" after reading the article, according to the contempt citation.

According to the newspaper article that was read at the court hearing, Patrolman Bruno protested the Juvenile Court's recent decision and said, "I just hope I don't end up having them put an assault charge against me."

Mr. DeCiantis argued that the proceeding not only de-

prives Mr. Bruno of his right of freedom of speech but also violates both the state and federal Constitutions.

Mr. DeCiantis indicated that an important question of law was involved because the contempt proceedings were in connection with a case that has already ended.

Judge McCabe said that the court must decide two questions: First, whether Patrolman Bruno gave the statement to the press, and, second, "whether the statements are or were in contempt of this court."

Mr. DeCiantis said that it was not his intention at this time to admit that the statements were made by Patrolman Bruno.

There was considerable dis-

cussion between Judge McCabe and Mr. DeCiantis about the legal right that the Juvenile Court has to institute contempt action.

Both Judge McCabe and Mr. DeCiantis agreed that the legislature did not specifically grant that power to the Juvenile Court.

However, Mr. DeCiantis indicated that the court probably does have an inherent power to hold in contempt subject to certain "qualification." Mr. DeCiantis indicated that in this case the court might not have that right.

Mr. DeCiantis commented that it was a "conclusion" of the court that Mr. Bruno's statement would harm the work of the court. He contended that it was up to the court to pro-

duce facts to support this conclusion.

The conclusion, Mr. DeCiantis said, "presumes not the innocence, but the guilt" of Patrolman Bruno.

It put him in a position, Mr. DeCiantis said, of answering "a true or false proposition."

Mr. DeCiantis said that apparently there is some reason why the legislature limited the power of the court to do certain things. This reference was made to the lack of any statutory provision such as is given to District, Superior and Supreme Courts to bring contempt action.

At the conclusion of his oral argument, Judge McCabe reserved decision and gave Mr. DeCiantis until April 11 to file formal argument.

The Primary Law Should Be Revised

Rhode Island voters who will elect a new United States senator in November have reason to wonder whether the lopsided primary law is robbing both political parties of the vitality required to keep them strong.

In almost any other state in the Union with an upcoming vacancy in the United States Senate, candidates with get-up-and-go would be climbing over one another for the honor of running for one of the nation's top offices. This is hardly true in Rhode Island.

Sen. Theodore Francis Green's withdrawal announcement on Jan. 11 created a one-week sensation. But the flurry in the Democratic Party was caused not by a stampede of candidates but by the breeze of people hastily stepping aside to make room for Rep. John E. Fogarty. All concede that Mr. Fogarty can have the nomination if he wants it. While the party waits for the congressman to make his stage entrance—an entrance he has not committed himself to make—an apparent calm has settled on the party. Meanwhile, former Governor Dennis J. Roberts and Claiborne Pell of a distinguished Newport family stand in the wings, waiting.

On the Republican side, the only avowed candidate is Raoul Archambault Jr., who resigned a \$22,000 budget bureau job in Washington to come home to campaign. Governor Del Sesto has implied a desire to run if Mr. Roberts is the Democratic nominee. Otherwise, calm has settled on the GOP, too.

How can so much placidity be explained except in terms of a popularly held belief that the candidates will be named within the inner sanctum of both parties, while the



Rep. John E. Fogarty

primaries will be a mere formality?

The primaries are a formality because under present law they are rigged in favor of endorsed candidates. The odds are 10 to one that candidates picked by the party executive committees and endorsed by the state committees will win. Mr. Archambault said last month that he is confident of winning the nomination because a majority of state committee members support him, "and the members of the state central committee are the only people in the party who can deliver any nomination." Mr. Archambault should know from experience. He was soundly whipped when running without endorsement for the governor's nomination in 1948.

Another unendorsed candidate,

Armand H. Cote of Pawtucket, said after his defeat by Mr. Roberts in the 1958 Democratic primary that he never again will contest for public office while the present primary law is on the books.

Odds of 10 to one in a party primary smother the opposition. Able men are discouraged from seeking nominations which they know they cannot win without endorsement. The supply of candidates, therefore, always is limited. Party power tends to gravitate to the small core at the center. The parties don't always present their strongest candidates, and the people don't always get the best public officials.

For their own good, both parties ought to stop giving lip service to primary law reform and vote for it. Study committees have urged basic reforms to lower the odds against unendorsed candidates. Three recommendations stand out. One is that both parties should hold their primaries on the same day. Two others would let unendorsed candidates name a few primary officials to work behind the rail, and to combine nomination papers to qualify for a spot on the primary ballot. Both parties have accepted these recommendations in principle, but the primary law has not been amended. Even this year, four bills have been filed in the state legislature, but not one of them proposes all three basic reforms.

There is time yet this year to pass a reasonable program of primary law reform. But more than time is needed. There has to be a will. If the governor and Assembly leaders in the Democratic Party see fit to amend the law, they could come to an agreement. Then fresh vitality would come to both political parties.

Cooney Fitted for Rao Job, Say Pastore, Forand, Fogarty

By EDWARD J. MILNE
Journal-Bulletin Washington Bureau

Washington—Strong support built up here yesterday for Judge John P. Cooney Jr. of Providence as successor to Frank Rao as Rhode Island Democratic state chairman.

Sen. John O. Pastore and Reps. Aime J. Forand and John E. Fogarty all spoke favorably of the Sixth District Court judge as being the type of man who would meet their ideas for a new party head.

It was the first time any of the three leading Democratic vote-getters of 1958, whose influence in shaping the party's choice could presumably be strong, has named a specific

person as the kind of man he would like to see at the helm.

Judge Cooney is reliably reported to have expressed a willingness to step down from his \$10,500-a-year seat on the bench and undertake the chairmanship if major leaders of the party desired or approved.

One of them said he understood that "while Judge Cooney would not be enthusiastic about a contest," he "would be available if widely acceptable."

Judge Cooney was reported to have discussed the chairmanship with Senator Pastore dur-

ing a recent visit to Washington to see daughters in school here.

Senator Pastore was reported to be pleased with evidence that Judge Cooney would consider taking the chairmanship and to feel that his selection would bring "tremendous prestige" to the party organization.

Asked for his reaction to the possibility of a Cooney choice, Senator Pastore said:

"A man of the background and reputation of Judge Cooney would in my opinion fill the bill splendidly."

Fits Need for "Neutral"

"I think John Cooney is just the type to make a good chairman. He is not tied to any particular faction, he is a man of sound judgment, and would make a fine choice. I don't want to confine myself to John Cooney, but I do say he is the type who would meet those qualifications the new chairman should have."

Representative Fogarty said: "I think he's the type of man who would do a good job. I think he would fit with all factions."

Senator Pastore was reported to feel that Judge Cooney comes from a family long and favorably known among Rhode Island Democrats and to share the belief of Representatives Forand and Fogarty that he fits the specifications for a "neutral" chairman.

It is known that Judge Cooney has long been at or near the top of a list of six or seven men that Mr. Fogarty has felt would meet the requirements for a chairman satisfactory to all hands.

McWeeney Says He Has Reynolds OK

Senate Democratic majority leader John G. McWeeney said last night that before he became an announced candidate for the post of Democratic state chairman he had asked for and received the support of Mayor Reynolds and the Providence organization.

He added that while he has

consulted with Congressman John E. Fogarty about getting his support, he is looking forward to it. "I feel that I have his support," the senator said.

Recently, the congressman said that Judge John P. Cooney Jr., who along with Sen. McWeeney is considered a leading candidate for the job now held by Frank Rao, would be a good man for the chairmanship.

Sen. McWeeney was interviewed on recorded Rhode Island Newsbeat, broadcast over station WEAN, one of the Journal-Bulletin stations, by Harry V. McKenna, station news director.

The majority leader said that he has sent letters to members of the party's executive committee asking for their support and soon will write similar letters to state committeemen and city and town chairmen.

Sen. McWeeney said there is no question that the Democratic-controlled legislature will approve a highway building program, but he was not prepared to say how much of a one.

He added that House and Senate Democrats will not be able to intelligently review the administration's road building pro-

gram until they receive more information on the governor's financing and tax revenue proposals.

Battle for Democratic Chairman Post Looms

Shaw to Press Plan For Budget Committee

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A battle for the chairmanship of the Democratic Party was shaping up today. Three members of the state's congressional delegation, who earlier this week said Judge John P. Cooney Jr. is the kind of man they would like to see as chairman, yesterday decided to ask Chairman Frank Rao to select a date other than March 31 for the state committee meeting.

U.S. Sen. John O. Pastore and Reps. John E. Fogarty and Aime J. Forand want to be in Rhode Island when the executive committee meets to select a candidate to recommend. Their decision to seek the change was interpreted in Washington to mean that they intend to try to put Judge Cooney over for chairman.

The three members of congress are afraid that the March 31 date, which falls on a Thursday, might prevent their being present.

State Sen. John G. McWeeney of Providence, Democratic majority leader, who is regarded as having powerful support for the chairmanship, said last night that before he announced, he asked for and received the backing of Mayor Reynolds and the Providence organization.

The state committee, which will do the electing of a new chairman to succeed Mr. Rao, is comprised of 200 members, two from each of the state's 100 representative districts. Since there are 25 districts in Providence, 50 of the votes in the committee, or one-fourth of the total, will be cast by members from this city.

There was no indication presently just how many of the Providence votes Senator McWeeney would get, but organization support should produce a substantial number.

Senator McWeeney said that while he has not talked to Congressman Fogarty about getting his support, he is looking forward to it. "I feel I have that support," he declared.

The majority leader, who was

interviewed on Rhode Island News Beat over Station WEAN, one of the Journal-Bulletin stations, is sending letters to all state committee members and to city and town chairmen. He already has sent letters to executive committee members. Meanwhile, Mortimer W. Newton of West Warwick, first to announce formally for the chairmanship, has been continuing his efforts to line up support.

The decision of the three members of congress to seek a change in date for the meetings of the executive committee and the state committee was believed, at the very least, to mean that they want to exert a strong influence in the choice of chairman.

Mr. Rao, when told last night of the move for a new date, said he will do everything possible to accede to the request "because I want them present to lend their advice to the executive committee."

He said he had deliberately chosen a later date than he ordinarily would have because of the filibuster in Washington. There is a problem, he said, of getting hotel accommodations, and because of that, he could not get the date he originally wanted but had to settle on March 31.

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Senator Pastore said afterward they had taken note of an Evening Bulletin story on Tuesday attributing to Mr. Rao the desire to set a meeting date convenient for the members of Congress, all four of whom are members of the executive committee.

Senator Pastore said: "Predicated on the desire expressed by Mr. Rao and fortified by our desire to be present,

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Mr. Fogarty's annual appropriation bill for the Health Education and Welfare Department will reach the House floor on Tuesday, March 29, and could well be at a decisive stage on the 31st.

Mr. Forand is virtually certain that he will be deeply engaged during that week in Ways and Means Committee consideration of his bill to add health insurance to the social security system.

In the Senate, where anything can happen any time, a Thursday is bound to be a busy day.

Both branches hold Saturday sessions only in unusual circumstances. If Mr. Rao picked a Saturday, all three Rhode Islanders probably would take their chances of missing a record vote on one issue or another and be in Rhode Island for the meetings on the chairmanship.

All three could be available for a meeting any Sunday.

The Congressional Easter recess this year is expected to be shortened because of the legislative log jam created by the civil rights debate. It may run only from Friday, April 14, through Easter itself, April 17.

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A. Earl Shaw Jr., West Warwick Republican, last night said he will urge creation of a five-member bipartisan advisory budget committee at the annual town meeting Tuesday night.

He said the detailed eight-section resolution he will introduce Tuesday is "the mildest form" of budget committee and the Democratic administration should not fear it as a threat to its control.

Mr. Shaw said the Rhode Island Public Expenditures Council has informed him that 16 Rhode Island towns have budget committees similar to the one he proposes.

He said that the 13 towns where town councils act as budget units, as in West Warwick,

are the smaller towns in population. The 16 town budget committees are generally in heavily populated areas like West Warwick, he said.

The resolution Mr. Shaw proposes gives the Town Council authority to name the budget group. Not more than three would be from the same political party and town committee chairmen would make nominations.

Mr. Shaw emphasized that the proposal does not deprive the Town Council of fiscal authority. The proposals of the budget committee would be solely advisory and not binding, he said.

The proposal requires:
That town finance records

be open at all times to the budget committee.

That all departments before Feb. 1 of each year file detailed estimates of money needed to operate and explanations for changes in appropriations in the current year, with the budget committee clerk and that the budget committee investigate the reports and hold public hearings on them, if advisable.

That the budget committee investigate and report to the next town meeting any matters referred to it by voters at a town meeting.

That the budget committee make recommendations concerning departmental budget requests to the Town Council which would retain sole power to present a budget to voters.

Town officers and salaried officials of the town would be barred from budget committee membership.

Under the terms of the resolution the budget group would be appointed at the next regular town council meeting from lists submitted by the political chairmen. Members of the committee would serve for one year without salary.

Mr. Shaw several weeks ago requested that his proposal be included in the warrant for the town meeting.

Mr. Shaw said communities which now have budget committees are Barrington, Cumberland, Warren, Bristol, Gloucester, Middletown, Johnston, Little Compton, Lincoln, Westerly, Tiverton, Portsmouth, Narragansett, North Smithfield and Burrillville (board of estimate).

Congressmen Seek Meeting Date Shift

By EDWARD J. MILNE
Journal-Bulletin Washington Bureau

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They want to be in Rhode Island for the executive committee meeting at which a new chairman will be recommended to the full committee, and they are afraid the legislative situation in the Senate and the House on that date, which falls on a Thursday, might prevent it.

Their decision to seek a change was interpreted here as meaning that they intend to try to put over Judge John P. Cooney Jr. of Providence for chairman. They have not said outright that he is their man, but earlier this week all three said he is the kind of man who would fit their specifications for a neutral chairman.

At the very least, their decision was believed to mean that they want to assert a strong influence on the choice.

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\$25,228 Operating Surplus Is Reported For West Warwick

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West Warwick ended its fiscal year on Feb. 29 having disbursed \$25,228.60 less than it took in. Town Treasurer Robert J. Harrop reported today.

Mr. Harrop listed total revenue at \$1,732,017.29 and total disbursements at \$1,706,788.69.

But his report indicates West Warwick was unable to whittle down the \$175,000 tax anticipation notes outstanding.

The town cut its cumulative deficit from \$77,648.81 on March 1, 1959 to \$19,570.86 on Feb. 29 of this year, Mr. Harrop reported.

West Warwick's total gross debt on March 1, 1959, was \$2,297,000. Mr. Harrop closed the fiscal year Feb. 29 with \$2,512,000 in gross debt, includ-

ing the \$175,000 in tax anticipation notes and \$2,337,000 in bonded indebtedness.

On sewer operations, Mr. Harrop reported that \$66,895.11 was due the general fund on March 1, 1959 and \$97,379 was due on Feb. 29. He listed nothing in the sewer assessment general fund cash balance as of Feb. 29.

Mr. Harrop breaks down the total revenue receipts as follows: property taxes, \$1,264,487.89; interest on property taxes, \$3,466.22; cost and fines, \$70.17; business licenses and fees, \$1,146; non-business licenses and fees, \$13,726.35; state aid and grants, \$284,893.90; departmental receipts, \$94,127.41; other revenue, \$8,694.73; refunds and reimbursements, \$81,404.62.

Town Property Sale on Docket

The West Warwick Town administration will seek taxpayer approval of sale of two pieces of town property at the annual financial town meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Junior High School.

Taxpayers will be asked to decide whether to sell the old Highland Street school to SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Phenix, for \$3,000. That is the same price paid by Christ the King Church for old Centerville School.

SS. Peter and Paul at one time used half the Highland Street School on a nominal fee lease basis and has used all of it since it was abandoned in connection with opening of the Maisie E. Quinn Consolidated School.

Taxpayers also will be asked to approve the sale of a narrow strip of land adjoining the Christovao C. Nunes residence at 19 East Main St.

Mr. Nunes reportedly has expressed interest in purchasing the property.

West Warwick Rejects Plan for a Budget Committee

Taxpayers Vote \$1,526,299; No Rate Increase Is Expected

West Warwick taxpayers approved early today a \$1,526,299 budget, then rejected a Republican bid to create a budget committee the GOP said would better educate voters on financial matters.

No change in the present \$2 tax rate in the town is expected, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis said.

Although 410 taxpayers had checked in at the meeting, many had left by the time of the budget committee showdown. The standing vote, actually proposed by Town Moderator Charles J. Bourgault on the question whether the voters wanted to consider A. Earl Shaw Jr.'s budget idea, was 113 in opposition to 84 in favor.

Mr. Shaw declared that the budget committee would replace the system under which one man (Mr. DeCiantis, Democratic Party leader) has had most to do with drafting a budget. He said budget committees are in effect in many towns.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

In another fiscal improvement move, Clarence J. Coutu tried unsuccessfully to get voters to approve paying taxes in August, a month early, this year, as well as a month earlier than that next year.

Mr. Coutu, who said quarterly payments also would be advanced a month under his plan, said it would save on more than \$11,000 interest in tax anticipation notes the town paid last year. He said it would also gradually reduce the \$175,000 in tax anticipation notes that has been outstanding at the end of recent fiscal years.

The interest money could then be used to buy needed highway equipment, Mr. Coutu said. While Mr. DeCiantis, Town Treasurer Robert J. Harrop and other administration leaders said the plan had some merit, they were reluctant to put it into effect without study as to its effect. It was rejected on a voice vote.

The voters approved the administration's overall budget intact. Also approved was up to \$6,000 for extension of sewers to Buehler Drive, making the total amount needed from revenue \$1,532,299.46.

On motion of Joseph D. Richard, Town Council president, the voters ordered tax assessors to levy a tax of not less than \$1,325,000 and not more than \$1,400,000. The levy actually assessed last year was \$1,345,122.42 in the same general spread.

Alphonse P. Archambault did not follow through with his announced plan to seek organization of a police traffic squad with four "meter mollies." He presented several resolutions that did not affect the budget and also questioned Dr. Richard P. Duffy, School Board chairman extensively. He elicited from Dr. Duffy that there is no professional dental health program in schools, no hi fi equipment for music and no existing options on land for schools.

Mr. Archambault also asked about possible merit rating for

teachers. Dr. Duffy said he considered present automatic raises for teachers and extra pay for advanced degrees sufficient.

The voters approved planned sale of old Highland St. School, abandoned in connection with opening of the new Maisie E. Quinn School, to SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Phenix for \$3,000.

Also approved, after some questioning by Mr. Archambault as to why it hadn't been brought up at the recent budget hearing, was sale of a triangular piece of land in the rear of the Town Hall. The Town Council plans to sell it to Christovao Nunes, who owns adjoining land. Councilman Fulda Geofroy explained that it is sort of an island.

He said the Council has received two differing appraisals of the value of the land that would be sold to Mr. Nunes. Henry J. Clarke appraised it for \$800 and Earl R. Handy for \$600, he said.

On motion of Leo E. Charbonneau, GOP chairman, General Assembly legislation will be introduced ratifying both proposed sales of town property.

Mr. Archambault asked that the Highland St. School sale be with a proviso that the school land be available when not used for school activities as a play area for Phenix children under supervision. Judge James W. Leighton, counsel for the parish, said he knew of no other planned use for the property than school purposes, indicating a play area would be available.

Late in the meeting, Robert Forcier Jr., a Jaycees' leader, successfully presented a resolution petitioning the Town Council and school that the \$25,042.85 balance listed in the original \$900,000 school construction fund be made available to furnish and equip a proposed new central library.

Mr. DeCiantis at first said it was out of order, but Mr. Bourgault ruled it was only a petition plan and not an appropriation. Mr. DeCiantis then said the idea was going to be considered anyway.

Mr. Archambault asked that the old town hall be made available to civic groups under supervision of a 10 man committee to be named by voters. Asst. Atty. Gen. Francis J. Fazzano successfully moved to table the idea, as it was not in the call.

The meeting was marked by more participation by women voters than usual. Mrs. Edith Mehaffey asked several questions of officials, including why those on welfare couldn't where possible, be given town jobs and just what kind of aerial ladder truck is on order by the fire department. Mrs. Mary Hesketh questioned the adequacy of libraries.

John Keenan questioned Dr. Duffy extensively on the school department. He said he couldn't understand remarks by Dr. Maisie E. Quinn, superintendent of schools, to the effect the town must keep its teachers' salaries up in the face of competition from other towns. While Dr. Quinn said salaries are not up, pupil costs are high, he said.

When Mr. Keenan said, "why not raise the scale and meet surrounding towns," Dr. Duffy said he doesn't agree that the West Warwick scale is lower than surrounding towns. He said the new budget proposes a \$4,000-\$6,000 salary scale, the same as Coventry put into effect last fall. Warwick pays

more, but West Warwick pays better than most, he said.

John Petrella said that children of the third, fourth and fifth grades at Providence Street School, Natick, would have to jump eight feet to the ground because ladders have not been added to new fire escapes. He also argued that it would be cheaper to hire three buses to transport pupils than to buy a new one for \$8,800.

Dr. Duffy said it is not true that a bid has already been obtained on a bus before the appropriation was made. He said he would prove to Mr. Petrella, if he went to the school department, that figures of the last 10 years show it would be cheaper to run the school department's own bus than to hire.

Rep. Felix Appolonia broke in at that point to declare Mr. Petrella out of order. But Mr. Bourgault overruled Mr. Appolonia. Continuing, Mr. Petrella asked if it were true that a school bus is garaged in Warwick. Dr. Duffy said it is.

W. Warwick Budget Table

P.J. March 23, 1960
The West Warwick operating budget for the coming year, as compared with last year's, follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1959-60	1960-61
Town officers' salaries	\$ 32,758.00	\$ 32,758.00
Clerical—town hall	27,275.60	27,275.60
Supplies and expenses	4,500.00	4,500.00
Telephones	3,300.00	3,450.00
Town hall maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00
Add. personnel—municipal bldg.	5,000.00	5,000.00
Service memorial	300.00	300.00
Insurance and bonding	15,000.00	15,000.00
Memorial services	2,000.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	3,500.00	3,500.00
Board of convalescers:		
Personnel	4,289.92	4,289.00
Supplies	500.00	500.00
District meetings and elections	2,900.00	14,635.50
PROTECTION		
Police Department:		
Personnel	117,211.16	117,211.60
Supplies	14,256.00	14,256.00
Equipment trade-in	3,750.00	4,250.00
Ambulance	600.00	600.00
Additional police car	1,000.00	800.00
Clothing allowance	2,600.00	2,600.00
Fire Department:		
Personnel	115,019.00	115,021.80
Supplies	14,250.00	12,500.00
Hydrants	20,000.00	20,000.00
Clothing allowance	2,600.00	2,600.00
New roof—station 3	3,000.00	800.00
Pensions, police and fire	27,900.00	27,900.00
Street lighting	36,000.00	38,000.00
SANITATION		
Sewer Department:		
Personnel	35,442.77	35,442.77
Supplies and expense	16,600.00	17,300.00
Chains, fence	18,400.00	18,400.00
Aeration tank repairs	3,150.00	2,000.00
New ridding machine	5,000.00	5,000.00
Garbage and rubbish:		
Personnel	31,454.28	31,454.28
Supplies	5,876.00	5,876.00
New truck	8,800.00	8,800.00
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Maintenance:		
Personnel	70,802.16	70,802.16
Supplies	28,000.00	28,000.00
Drainage	5,000.00	5,000.00
Equipment—new truck	6,200.00	6,200.00
Construction and improvements	10,000.00	10,000.00
Sidewalk construction	2,500.00	2,500.00
EDUCATION		
Support of schools	475,803.00	513,233.00
Teachers' Pension	18,400.00	18,400.00
Libraries	4,150.00	4,150.00
PUBLIC WELFARE		
DEBT SERVICE		
Bond and note retirement	110,000.00	135,000.00
Interest on bonds and notes	45,030.00	73,993.75
Interest on tax anticipation notes	15,000.00	15,000.00
Interest on bond anticipation notes	10,000.00	10,000.00
HEALTH ACTIVITIES		
Mosquito control	5,250.00	5,250.00
P.V. Visiting Nurse Association	2,500.00	2,500.00
Kent County Memorial Hospital	5,000.00	5,000.00
PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION		
General expense and supplies	10,500.00	10,500.00
OTHER		
Southern R.I. Farm Bureau	400.00	400.00
Social security	12,000.00	14,000.00
Dutch Elm disease	1,400.00	1,400.00
Workmen's compensation	5,000.00	5,000.00
Hospital and physicians service	18,000.00	18,000.00
Contingencies	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,474,368.09	\$1,526,299.46
Buehler Drive Sewer Extension	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,480,368.09	\$1,532,299.46

West Warwick Voters Will Hold Annual Town Meeting Tonight

P.J. March 23, 1960
Facts and figures on the West Warwick town meeting:

When: Tonight, 7 o'clock.
Where: Junior high school auditorium.

Issues: Operating budget of \$1,528,478.46; additional sum for Buehler Drive sewer extension up to \$6,000; sale of Highland Street School to SS. Peter & Paul parish for \$3,000; sale of strip of town-owned land on East Main Street; Republican proposal to establish a bipartisan budget committee of five members to serve in an advisory capacity to Town Council and be appointed by it.

Eligible vote: 8,025.



P.J. March 23, 1960
West Warwick Town Meeting: Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, right, takes the microphone to address the meeting. Others, from left, are Vincent Murray, stenographer; Charles J. Bourgault, town moderator; and Mrs. Edith Mehaffey, a taxpayer.

SIDETRACK BUDGET COMMITTEE PROPOSAL;

VOTE RECORD OUTLAY

By RONALD ANDERSON

Taxpayers of West Warwick last night approved a record breaking \$1,526,299.46 budget. Right afterwards, incumbent Democratic administration leaders beat down two resolutions affecting town fiscal operations.

One was a budget committee proposed by A. Earl Shaw, of the Republican Town Committee.

The other was a move by Clarence J. Coutu to change tax payment periods to save the town paying interest charges on money borrowed in anticipation of taxes. The tax resolution which called for a collection of not less than \$1,325,000 nor more than \$1,400,000. Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, has predicted there would be no increase in the present \$32 per \$1000 tax-rate. He said that taxes could go up another \$1.50 per \$1000, however, if the state withholds \$46,000 in pending state aid.

Women

Spice to the five-hour meeting attended by 410 taxpayers was added by the women. There were no temper displays, long vote lines or boisterous outbreaks last night.

Mrs. Edith Mehaffey, of Crompton, questioned several of the 50 items in the budget including highway drainage, town hall miscellaneous fund, the aerial ladder truck and the school department. Not completely satisfied with answers received from the floor she cornered the department heads and conferred with them privately.

Mrs. Beverly Hesketh, of Crompton, said she was not satisfied with the operation of the public school libraries. She said the Crompton library did not have sufficient open hours and she understood a student couldn't get near a library at the junior high. Town Treasurer Robert J. Harrop said Phenix Library is considered one of the best reference libraries in the state. School libraries are financed and managed by the schools themselves, he said.

In addition to the budget the taxpayers also approved:—Spending up to \$6,000 for extension of sewers to Beulah Drive, Phenix.

—Sale of abandoned Highland Street School at \$3,000.

—Sale of a triangular piece of land at rear of the town hall to Christovao Nunes who owns adjoining land.

—A request by Robert Forcier Jr., a Junior Chamber of Commerce official petitioning the Town Council and School Committee that the \$25,042.85 balance in the original \$900,000 school construction fund be made available to furnish and equip a proposed new central library.

Standing Vote

The single standing vote of the meeting came upon motion for consideration of the proposed budget committee by Mr. Shaw and seconded by Leo B. Charbonneau, GOP chairman. The vote was counted as 113 against 84 for having the resolution reach the floor for consideration.

Mr. Shaw said that West Warwick was unique in having a town solicitor prepare a budget. No other town does, he said. Mr. Charbonneau said the budget committee would take no power away from the town council. There are 29 of the 39 state communities with lower tax rates than West Warwick, he said.

The budget committee idea was sidetracked when the town moderator called for a vote whether or not the motion should be entertained by the taxpayers. He said: "The sponsors and those opposed

to the budget committee brought to the meeting what they seem to think is applicable law. I have some honest doubt as to our right to entertain this motion. I ask you taxpayers to decide shall the resolution be considered. This is a privilege of the chair."

Clarence J. Coutu failed to garner enough voter support to approve paying taxes a month earlier this year and a month earlier next year. He said that with the advancement of quarterly payments of taxes the town would save on more than \$11,000 interest paid in borrowing on tax anticipation notes. This, he said, would reduce the \$175,000 in notes that have been outstanding at end of recent fiscal years. The plan, he said, was the plan of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council.

Town Treasurer Harrop said Mr. Coutu's proposal was an attempt to run the town without borrowing. He said it was an attempt to bring the fiscal year in line with the tax collection year and such a move demands serious consideration. Mr. DeCiantis and Francis J. Fazzano, former council president, concurred that the suggestion may have merit but needed more study.

John Petrella, of Natick, argued with Dr. Richard P. Duffy, school board chairman, that it would be more economical to hire three busses than to buy a new one for \$8,000. Dr. Duffy said he could take Mr. Petrella to the school office and show him records for the past 10 years showing that it would be cheaper to buy the bus. The moderator overruled Rep. Felix Apollonia who declared that Mr. Petrella was out of order.

Dr. Duffy told Mr. Petrella the town presently has no bid for the new bus. The \$8,000, he said, was just an estimate.

Recreation

Alphonse Archambault questioned whether or not the town has a recreation program planned for the year. Lorenzo Bergeron of the school committee, which handles recreation, said there was no program because rumors have it a full time recreation director was to be appointed.

Councilman Fulda Geoffroy told Mr. Archambault the town council has received appraisals of \$800 and \$600 value on the land

that would be sold to Mr. Nunes. Judge James W. Leighton, counsel for SS. Peter and Paul's Church, told Mr. Archambault that he knew of no other planned use for the property than for school purposes. Mr. Archambault asked that the playground be made available for all children of the area when properly supervised.

Mr. Fazzano tabled a motion of Mr. Archambault that the old town hall be made available to civic groups under supervision of a 10-member committee appointed by the town council. Mr. Fazzano said he was not objecting to the idea of the suggestion but the proposal was not before the meeting because it was not in the call.

Mr. Fazzano also tabled the motion of Mr. Archambault that all town hall employees be paid at least \$50 a week for 40 hours work. Mr. Fazzano said by law minimum wages can only be set by the town council.

Council President Joseph Richard told Norbert Coutu that the reason police cars receive some service and supplies from a service station in Warwick is because that is the only station that is willing to service the police anytime and any day of the week, Sundays or holidays.

Both Fire Chief Lionel P. Gareau and Police Chief Arthur

Oroleau told Mr. Archambault there was no annual physical examination for the men of their departments.

Lighting Commissioner Chester Kulasewski gave extensive answers to street lighting raised by Dr. Harry F. McKanna and Thomas Boyle Jr.

Richard Boucher said he would have highway workers as well as the police and firefighters receive compensation when out sick.

Mr. Richard told Clarence Coutu that Mill Street extension to Robert Street is now figured to be done.

Taxpayers continued the annual \$166.60 pension for retired police sergeant Edward Jalbert.

Town Meeting Sidights
In answer to Anthony Stasio who asked, "I'm a newcomer and in all due respect to Mike (Town Solicitor DeCiantis), is it the duty of the town solicitor to present to us the budget?" Mr. DeCiantis said: "This procedure has been going on for years. Mr. Stasio is just as he says he is, a newcomer."

While listing the ages of his vehicular equipment, Highway Commissioner Henry Petarca said the best truck he has is a dump truck purchased by Ernest Lefebvre,

former Republican Town Council president in 1946-47.

At 10:30 p.m., Moderator Charles Bourgault called a 10-minute recess so the stenotypist hired for the meeting, could rest his fingers.

During discussion of one issue, the town solicitor addressed the taxpayers — "If it please the court." At 11:30 p.m., while regular resolutions were being introduced Mr. DeCiantis said some of the town councilmen who were to present the resolutions had lost their copies and he would read the originals.

Right near the very end of the five-hour meeting, while the resolutions were being introduced, the moderator asked if there was a single "aye" in the hall to second the routine proposals.

The moderator prohibited political party leaders from referring to their opponents as "the opposition." "We are taxpayers here," Mr. Bourgault said.

Mr. Bourgault directed the town clerk to express sympathy to the husband and father of the drowning victims in Crompton, Tuesday.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Edgar H. Malmstrom, pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Centerville, and by a salute to the flag led by Miss C. Loretta Nolan, principal of the Maisie E. Quinn Elementary School, Crompton.

West Warwick Budget Appropriation

General Government—	
Town Off. Salaries . . .	\$ 32,758.00
Clerical: Town Hall . . .	27,275.60
Supplies, expense . . .	4,500.00
Telephones	3,600.00
Town Hall maint. . . .	1,500.00
Add. personnel	5,000.00
Municipal Bldg.	5,000.00
Service Memorial . . .	15,000.00
Ins. & Bonding	2,500.00
Mem. Services	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	3,500.00
Board of Canvassers:	
Personnel	4,289.00
Supplies	500.00
Dist. Meetings & Elections	14,635.50
Protection—	
Police Dept.:	
Personnel	\$ 117,211.60
Supplies	14,256.00
Equip. Trade-In	4,250.00
Ambulance	600.00
Add. police car	2,600.00
Clothing Allow.	

Fire Dept.	\$ 115,021.80
Personnel	12,500.00
Supplies	20,000.00
Hydrants	2,600.00
Clothing Allow.	800.00
New Roof. Sta. 3	
Pensions, Police & Fire	27,900.00
Street Lighting	38,000.00
Sanitation—	
Sewer Dept.	
Personnel	\$ 35,442.77
Supplies, expense	17,300.00
Chains, fence, etc. . . .	
Aeration Tank Repairs	2,000.00
New Rodding Machine	5,000.00
Garbage & Rubbish:	
Personnel	31,454.28
Supplies	5,876.00
New Truck	
Highway Dept.—	
Maintenance:	
Personnel	\$ 70,802.16
Supplies	28,000.00
Drainage	5,000.00
Equip., new truck	
Construction and Improvements	10,000.00
Sidewalk Const.	2,500.00
Education—	
Support of sch'ls	\$ 513,333.00
Teachers' pension	18,600.00
Libraries	4,150.00
Public Welfare	\$ 20,000.00
Debt Service:	
Bond and Note Retirement	\$ 135,000.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes	73,993.75
Interest on Tax Anticip. Notes	15,000.00
Interest on Bond Anticip. Notes	
Health Activities—	
Mosquito Control	\$ 5,250.00
P. V. Visiting Nurse Assn.	2,500.00
Kent County Mem. Hospital	5,000.00
Playgrounds and Recreation—	
Gen'l Expense and Supplies	\$ 10,500.00
Other—	
So. R. I. Farm Bureau	400.00
Social Security	14,000.00
Dutch Elm Dis.	1,400.00
Workmen's Comp.	5,000.00
Hospital and Physicians Serv.	18,000.00
Contingencies	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,526,299.46

She Kept Going Under

When March 23, 1960 Mrs. Erwin Stoetznor, 106 Harley Street, Crompton today gave the TIMES the following dramatic account of how she saved herself and her three-year old son, Philip, from drowning in the Crompton Mill trench.

"It's hard for me to remember everything. "My neighbor, Jean Picard, came over and we were outside where we could see the children. They were playing on swings and a slide at the rear of my house. "Then we came into the house and I went to the closet and put my coat away. I then went to the sink to do the dishes. I have a window over the sink that looks over the back yard. I didn't see the children. This was just a matter of minutes. "We have an English setter named Sally and I heard him barking. I went outside and I saw Mrs. Roberts coming into my driveway. We saw the dog on the ice. Mrs. Roberts started to run down the yard towards the ice. She ran out on the ice and I followed her. "At first, I think she saw Glenn because she cried 'Glenn is in the water.' She got to the edge of the ice. I jumped in the water too. I was right behind her. I remember seeing her get hold of her son.

"I couldn't see my little boy. I went down under the water. I am five foot, three and my husband says the water there is about 10 feet deep. "While under the water I was having a hard time to get to the surface. I had on heavy shoes. When I got to the top I couldn't see my boy. I don't know how, but I managed to grab hold of him. He must have been right there. I know he was under the water when I grabbed him. "I pushed him to the surface. I went under again and I was having a hard time to stay afloat. I think I am a pretty good swimmer. I was finally able to stay afloat. I was acting from instinct to keep his head out of the water. "I started to swim to the opposite side. I tried several times to touch my feet to the bottom but I couldn't. I kept going down under the water, but that was to try to keep my boy's head above the surface. "The water was freezing cold. It was hard to move. I didn't have a coat on but I think that helped me to move. "When I finally made it to the other side I couldn't stand up. The water was too deep. I was just about done. I saw a branch sticking over the bank and I grabbed onto it. I got some breath. My son and I were still in the water. "I saw my boy getting blue and I had to do something to revive him. I managed to sit in the water. I put him across my lap and started pounding his back. I couldn't get up the bank. It was too sheer. I kept up the pounding and then I heard him start to cry. "I looked over to see Mrs. Roberts and she kept going under. I cried out to her to try to float on her back. Then I started screaming for help to the neighbors. "Then the police came. The ice was very thin and they ventured out onto it. The officer (Cpl. Manuel Simas) tried to reach Mrs. Roberts and he fell through the ice. I saw his head go under and it was hard for him to stay up. He got over to the other side. He was all in. We sat there in the water. He got up the bank somehow by grabbing onto the bushes. You know, to tell the truth, at this time I didn't realize the coldness of the water. I was trying to tell Mrs. Roberts to 'please float.' "The policeman helped me out and he held my boy and started to run towards the mill. I ran, too, as fast as I could. I wanted to reach a house where it was warm for my boy. He was starting to turn blue. "In the meantime my dog had fallen into the water. My boy told me today that Sally had reached him in the water and had grabbed him with her teeth. "I saw Mrs. Roberts go down under. I tried to put my boy down so I could help her, but there was no place to do it. If there had only been a place to put him so that I could have helped her."



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PERSONALITIES AT FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING.—From (l-r) West Warwick
 GOP Chairman Leo Charbonneau and A. Earl Shaw discuss Budget Committee pro-
 posal; Dr. Richard Duffy, school board chairman, explains department figures as
 meeting moderator Charles J. Bourgault listens closely; veteran town meeting goer
 J. Clegg and Alphonse Archambault, as latter studies his notes; and conference han-
 dle with Francis J. Fazzano, Mortimer W. Newton, Town Solicitor Michael DeClantis
 and Council President Joseph Richard. —Times Photos





Scene of Drownings: Boys walked out about 125 feet from near side of river to where the ice gave way.

—Journal-Bulletin Photo by Edward C. Hanson

P.J. March 23, 1960

Mother, Son Drowned In Crompton 'Trench'

A West Warwick mother and the three-year-old son she was trying to rescue were drowned yesterday in a branch of Pawtuxet River.

Another mother whose son fell through thin ice at the same spot managed to save both the boy and herself by swimming about 40 feet to shore.

The victims were Mrs. L. Jacquelyn Roberts, 27, of 105 Harley St. in the Crompton section and her son, Glenn.

The survivors are Mrs. Emily Stoetznier, 32, of 106 Harley St. and her son, Phillip, 3.

The scene of the double tragedy is a part of the Pawtuxet River South Branch that loops through Crompton and is known as the Crompton Mill trench.

The drownings were the third and fourth in the vicinity within six years.

The river almost claimed another victim yesterday when Cpl. Manuel Simas, weighted down by his police equipment and a heavy leather jacket, fell through the ice in a rescue effort.

He struggled to shore. Mrs. Stoetznier and her son were admitted to Kent County Memorial Hospital where they were reported last night to be recovering from the effects of the icy immersion.

Frederick Roberts, husband and father of the victims, collapsed when told of the two deaths. He was placed under sedation and taken to the home of his late wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Burns of Warwick.

Mrs. Stoetznier from her hospital bed gave this account:

Shortly before noon, she heard her neighbor, Mrs. Roberts, shouting to Glenn to get off the ice on the mill trench which parallels Harley Street behind the Stoetznier home.

She rushed out and, with Mrs. Roberts, they started across the ice to where the two boys had fallen through, about 125 feet away and near the opposite bank. The water is 12 to 15 feet deep in the trench.

She was able to reach her son and swim to the bank with him. Part of the mill trench on the far side was free of ice.

Mrs. Stoetznier looked back and saw Mrs. Roberts and her son still in the water.

Meanwhile, Mrs. George Picard of 111 Harley St., who had been visiting with Mrs. Stoetznier, called police. Mrs. Picard had made an unsuccessful effort to rescue a boy who was drowned near the same spot three years ago.

Corporal Simas and Sgt. William A. Gallucci arrived in a police cruiser and as the corporal ran to the bank of the river he heard Mrs. Stoetznier cry:

"Hurry up! Hurry up! There are still others in there!"

"I saw two heads in the water and started out on the ice," Corporal Simas said. "Sergeant Gallucci threw a stick out to help me."

"I tested the ice with it. I didn't take my coat and gun off. You don't think of that. I was reaching for the boy under water when the ice gave way underneath me."

The corporal was treated later at Kent County Memorial Hospital for immersion and was released. The water was so cold, he said, that he felt himself lucky to be alive.

"Seems to Numb You" "The cold water seems to numb you," he said. "That woman deserves a lot of credit for getting her son out. The instinct to protect your own is strong."

When the corporal reached shore, he and Mrs. Stoetznier took turns carrying her son

about 300 yards along the woodbank to a point where Sergeant Gallucci was able to reach them in the police car.

The sergeant covered the boy with his coat and drove all three to the hospital.

Patrolman John Bruno, who arrived a few minutes after the



Glenn Roberts



Mrs. Frederick Roberts

first policemen, started out on the ice but was warned back by Corporal Simas just as the corporal fell in. The patrolman later had to restrain an unidentified spectator who tried to jump in to reach the victims.

7 Tanks of Oxygen West Warwick firemen recovered the bodies from their rescue boat. Rescue squad members used seven tanks of oxygen in an attempt to revive the victims.

At 1:05 p.m., Dr. Edward Asprinio, a Kent County medical examiner, pronounced the mother and son dead as the result of accidental drowning. The last rites of the Roman Catholic Church were administered by the Rev. Roland Remy of St. John's Church.

Both bodies were taken to the state morgue.

Mr. Roberts was working in Providence at the General Acceptance Corp. when the tragedy struck. He arrived home knowing only that there had been an accident and collapsed in a state of shock when he was informed of the two deaths.

He was treated by Dr. Daniel Magiera.

Among the spectators on the riverbank was Mrs. Robert Phillips of Windsor Park Plat. It was her son who was drowned about 200 yards away three years ago.

The drownings yesterday kindled a smoldering resentment among residents of the plat

where the Roberts and Stoetznier families live.

Robert Kolungian of 100 Harley St. said the residents will ask the Town Council at a meeting April 14 to help get a fence put up along the mill trench.

Mr. Kolungian was a spokesman when parents asked for action on a fence when the Phillips boy was drowned. Another boy had been drowned near the same place in 1954.

Never Materialized After the complaint three years ago, the Town Council agreed to have the highway department dig holes if the residents would buy the fence material.

The proposal would have required contributions from residents, some of them childless, along a half mile of the mill trench where the drownings occurred.

The plan never materialized. At the time, officials brought out that the area involved is actually private property through which the Pawtuxet River is diverted. No liability was involved, the officials said.

Neighbors said yesterday that the Roberts had always kept a close watch on Glenn, their only child. They said the boy was usually confined to a swing and play set next to the cottage Mr. and Mrs. Roberts had occupied since their marriage in 1956.

Mrs. Roberts always kept a close watch on Glenn and he was not supposed to cross Harley Street to the river area, the

neighbors said.

One housewife asked through her tears, "When are they going to stop it? That river has killed enough." Beside her as she spoke were her own three young children.

Sen. Francis J. La Chapelle (D-West Warwick) said last night that he will introduce legislation requiring barriers around all dangerous bodies of water and pits to prevent similar tragedies.

He said legislation now is being drafted that would require all private property own-

ers and communities to erect barriers around potential danger spots. The legislation would make the communities and private owners liable for failure to comply.

Mrs. Roberts was born Nov. 21, 1932, in Boston, daughter of Marcus J. and Mary L. (Wilson) Burns, now of Warwick. She had resided in Warwick until her marriage five years ago, when she moved to West Warwick.

In addition to her parents and husband, she leaves a brother, Marcus J. Burns, also of West Warwick.

Glenn Steven was born in Providence, Oct. 19, 1956. Besides his father and maternal grandparents, he is survived by his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Eva F. Roberts of Cranston.

A double funeral will be held Saturday at 9 a.m., from the Chapel in The Butterfield Home, 500 Pontiac Ave., Eden Park. A solemn requiem Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Crompton, at 10. Burial will be in St. Ann's Cemetery, Cranston.

It Was the First Time Glenn Had Strayed

Yesterday was the first time that three-year-old Glenn Roberts, the only child of Frederick and L. Jacquelyn Roberts, had ever strayed from the yard on the right side of his house.

Wearing his grey snowsuit, the little boy, who neighborhood mothers described as an unusually docile and obedient youngster, ventured from his home at 105 Harley St., Crompton, crossed the street and headed for the "trench."

In the trench, Glenn and his 27-year-old mother died of drowning.

Recuperating from an effort to rescue the Roberts in the I ran outside," Mrs. Tallman said.

"It's funny what you think of at a time like this. All I could think of was that I should get a big stick and try to pull somebody in."

"They said Jackie had screamed for help, but I couldn't see Jackie. And Emily had gone after Jackie, when somebody screamed to her to watch her own. Emily's son, Phil, was in the water, and he had no coat on, just a polo shirt. She saved her own boy."

"It's funny but I know just what time it was. It was ten to twelve. My four-year-old Jean was home watching tele-

on. I had kept her in, and she was watching "December Bride," and the 11:45 commercial had just been completed.

"Emily looked like she was sitting on something like a little island in the middle of the trench, with Phil shivering in her arms."

"I started into the water with the stick when somebody screamed to me to stay where I was. 'You've got three of your own—they need you.'"

"And then I could see the policemen had sticks, so I

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stayed where I was. I saw them carry Jackie and little Glenn out of the water. It was all over."

Mrs. Tallman took charge of Paul Stoetznier, 5, when his mother and little brother went to the hospital. Playing with the Tallman children, and staying over night with them is an interesting diversion for little Paul, who has been told only that his mother and brother got wet from the trench and are in the hospital so that they don't get bad colds.

"He Wasn't Allowed"
Mrs. Tallman said that other parents used to envy Mrs. Roberts, because Glenn was so well trained.

"He never left his mother's sight. He was only allowed to play on the side of the house outside where she would have full view of him. He wasn't allowed on the other side. He never went into other children's back yards, they came into his."

"I know Jackie was particularly afraid of the trench, and that was why she didn't even let Glenn go into the yards on our side of the street. She told me that she was thinking of moving because of the trench. She used to worry about whether to warn Glenn away from the trench, or if it was better not to mention it at all, on the theory that she might be putting ideas into his head by mentioning it."

It seemed to upset her very much, just the thought of the trench."

All around Harley Street, and the other streets of the Crompton development called "Windsor Park," the word of the tragedy carried.

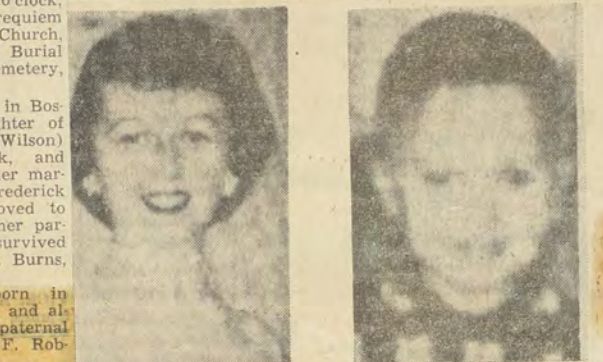
Mrs. Robert Kalungian, who lives to the left of Mrs. Stoetznier, seemed stricken by the disaster.

"I just saw Jackie on the way to get Glenn today," she said. Mrs. Kalungian, however, like the other neighbors felt a strong personal anger at the tragedy.

"That trench. It should be fenced off. Glenn and Jackie weren't the first to die there. Two years ago, little Robert Phillips from Sheffield Street died there. He was five."

"And my son was not the first one either," Mrs. Phillips reported. "There were older children before that. Now we have to do something. All the neighbors will get together. We'll go to the town and to the state and the mill and everybody. And this time we'll get action. Somewhere, there'll be somebody who'll give us backing to get protection for our children."

Plan Mass Meeting in Double Drowning Tragedy



FRED ROBERTS sobs over bodies of his dead wife and child at scene of drowning tragedy in Crompton. Rescue squadman in foreground continues to administer oxygen in futile attempt to revive victims, and Police Chief Arthur Groleau leans over to comfort grief-stricken Mr. Roberts. Below, mother and son.

Heartsick but irate residents of the Harley Street section of Crompton today planned a mass meeting Monday in an effort to prevent further drownings in the Crompton Mill trench near their homes.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Falcon Hall, Crompton.

It will follow the double funeral Saturday of a young mother and baby son who lost their lives yesterday noontime when the ice gave way.

Meanwhile, Senator Francis Lachapelle and Rep. Francis X. Kennedy were drafting legislation which they said, would force private enterprise and municipalities to erect barriers

where any danger exists to children. They said they plan to introduce a bill in the General Assembly this week.

At the other end of town, Brookfield Hills, Natick, John Petrella said he has gained approval of Highway Commissioner Henry Petrarca to have the town put up a barrier on town property between Alden Drive and a brook. "The brook flows two and three feet deep in some places and is a hazard to both children and motorists," Mr. Petrella said. He added that last year he helped pull a child out of that brook.

Mrs. L. Jacquelyn Roberts, 27, and her son, Glenn, 3, of 105 Harley Street, Crompton drowned after going through thin ice in the Crompton Mill Trench.

Mrs. Erwin Stoetznier, 32, and her son, Philip, 3, of 106 Harley Street, narrowly escaped the same fate as their neighbors. Mrs. Stoetznier reached shore safely with her baby in her arms. The mother and son and West Warwick Police Cpl. Manuel Simas were taken to Kent County hospital and treated for immersion. The policeman left the hospital last night. Mrs. Stoetznier and son were both discharged this morning.

Lat Residents Seek French Safeguards

Residents of the Windsor Park plat in West Warwick cast about yesterday for a means to prevent a repetition of the tragedy that cost the lives of a mother and son by drowning Tuesday.

Among the solutions suggested were construction of a high fence by voluntary contributions, town action to make owners of the land and waterway erect safeguards and a new state law making the property owners liable for injury. Meanwhile, a mass meeting

of residents and other interested persons has been called for 8 p.m. Monday in Falcon Hall, Crompton.

The principal object of concern is a stretch of water called the Crompton Mill Trench. Through the trench flows water from a cut-off of the Pawtuxet River South Branch.

The wide trench or canal has claimed four lives within six years. The victims Tuesday were Mrs. Frederick Roberts, 27, of 105 Harley St., Crompton, and her 3-year-old son, Glenn.

Some 240 families live in Windsor Park, which straddles the West Warwick-Coventry town line.

Robert Kulungian, a Harley Street neighbor of the Roberts and a prime mover in efforts to eliminate the danger of the river by law or regulation, said interest is high. A \$100 contribution toward a fence was offered by one West Warwick resident, he reported.

The land between the Harley Street homes and the mill trench is owned by Westerman Realty Co. Jack Westerman, head of the firm and president of a dyeing company that occupies part of the former Crompton Mill, was out of town last night.

West Warwick legislators plan to seek a regulatory law in the General Assembly that would require property owners to fence potentially dangerous areas.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick said the state Division of Harbors and Rivers might be able to establish such rules and regulations.

However, Henry Ise, chief of the division, said he knows of no law giving any state official the right to order the owner of a mill trench to fence it in.

Mr. Kulungian, calling for immediate community action, said Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle (D-West Warwick), Mr. Westerman and Harley Robinson, developer of the Windsor Park plat, are being invited to the Monday meeting.

Mr. Ise expressed the belief that the demand of residents for immediate installation of a high fence makes good sense and such a safety measure should be of concern to the owner.

In Johnston last night, Safety Council Director Thomas Volatile said that if a recommendation made by his group six or seven years ago to have a life ring and a 200-foot coil of rope carried in all police cars had been followed, the accident could have been avoided.

Police "evidently didn't take the recommendation seriously," he added.

Kent County Hospital today is Mrs. Emily Stoetznier of 106 Harley St., with her three-year-old son, Philip Stoetznier, a playmate of Glenn's.

According to Mrs. Betty Tallman, who lives to the right of Mrs. Stoetznier, "Emily Stoetznier went out to help Jackie. And then I went out to help Emily." Jackie was Mrs. Roberts.

Mrs. Tallman is the mother of three youngsters, four, six and eight years old.

"One neighbor had come in to tell me what was happening and she got so excited she couldn't speak English. She kept talking to me in French,"

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Mrs. Emily Stoetzner with Philip and the Stoetzner family dog, Sally.

R.I. Congress Delegation Backs Cooney

P.J. March 24, 1960
Opposes McWeeney For Chairman of State Democrats

Rhode Island's two U.S. senators and its two U.S. representatives came out yesterday for Judge John P. Cooney Jr. of Providence for Democratic state chairman.

The announcement set the stage for a head-to-head fight between state Sen. John G. McWeeney, Democratic majority leader, who has the support of the General Assembly leadership, and Judge Cooney for the soon-to-be-vacated post now held by Frank Rao.

When informed of the delegation's move, Senator McWeeney said last night: "I am prepared to bring my fight to the floor of the Democratic State Committee on the basis of my service to the party." He said he is confident of obtaining the needed support.

The majority leader confirmed a report that he had received a letter from Sen. John O. Pastore yesterday stating reasons why he does not favor Mr. McWeeney's candidacy.

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The 200-member state committee will meet April 2 to elect a new chairman. Earlier in the day, the executive committee will meet to recommend a candidate to the full committee.

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But the contents of the letter obviously are not as important as the fact that, for the first time in the party's history, the congressional delegation has decided, as one man, to take a hand in trying to influence the choice of the party chairman.

The 1960 election is the first in recent history in which the party finds itself without an effective organization run by a Democratic governor and state chairman. The congressional delegation has decided to step into that void and try to fill it.

It has been known for two weeks that Senator Pastore and Reps. John E. Fogarty and Aime J. Forand were leaning strongly toward Judge Cooney as a "neutral" Democrat whom they consider well qualified to manage the party's affairs. Yesterday's disclosure that all four members had signed the

Mr. Nolle is a close ally of Senator Green and Edward J. Higgins, the senator's executive secretary.

Several Democratic leaders, in private conversation, tie in speculation on Mr. Fogarty's political plans with the chairmanship.

They say that if Mr. Fogarty decides to seek the seat now held by Senator Green, he will have a much stronger say about who will be chairman than if he chooses to run for reelection. A primary contest for the senatorial nomination is viewed as a distinct probability in the event that Mr. Fogarty stays where he is.

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Senator McWeeney said recently that he would resign as leader if chosen state chairman.

Senator Pastore said that while his personal choice is Judge Cooney, Senator McWeeney would have his "unequivocal support" if he is chosen by the state committee. He hoped that every Democrat who is a candidate for the chairmanship is "willing to submerge his own ambitions to the great challenge that lies ahead."

Senator Pastore said he was not the first one to talk to Judge Cooney about the possibility of his being a candidate. "Judge Cooney saw fit to see me to talk to me."

The state's junior senator added that Gustave A. LeBreche, Woonsocket city chairman; James F. Christian of North Providence, former assistant to the state director of public works, and Mortimer W. Newer of West Warwick, former

director of business regulation, as well as Senator McWeeney, had asked for his support. The Cooney-McWeeney contest, as it shapes up now, is being viewed as more than one just between two men. The congressional delegation is pitting its strength and popularity against that of Democrats on the local scene who believe they have sufficient votes among members of the state committee to put Senator McWeeney across.

Senator McWeeney has said that he has the support of Mayor Reynolds and the Providence organization and further sup-

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Judges' Participation In Politics Protested

P.J. March 25, 1960

The Republican Party yesterday made an indirect entry into the contest being waged for the Democratic state chairmanship.

Sen. C. George DeStefano (R-Barrington) introduced a resolution which would put the General Assembly on record as being in favor of the following principle:

"That no member of any of the courts of Rhode Island shall be a candidate for partisan political office unless he shall first have resigned or relinquished his judicial post."

It was referred, without comment, to the judiciary committee.

Asked specifically if the resolution pertained to Judge John P. Cooney Jr. of Providence, who is a candidate for Democratic state chairman, Senator DeStefano said, "So far as I am concerned, I don't refer specifically to Judge Cooney. I refer to the judiciary getting into politics, anybody."

Democratic Senate majority leader John G. McWeeney of Providence and Judge Cooney are viewed as the two principal contenders for the chairmanship.

When asked for comment on the resolution, Judge Cooney said: "I am in accord with any feeling that the judiciary should

be impartial. My tenure of office has been administered without regard to partisan politics."

He added that "it strikes me as rather strange that Senator DeStefano should be concerned about any question of the judiciary at this particular time."

He said that he would resign from the bench if elected chairman. Asked if he expected to be paid a salary as chairman, Judge Cooney said, "I can't tell you about that because I don't know."

Frank Rao has served as chairman without compensation, but there have been reports that some of his predecessors were paid.

Senator DeStefano said he had received several calls from individuals expressing concern about the courts getting into politics.

"I discussed the resolution with the governor as the appointing authority of judges and he concurs with me and has assured me that if the resolution passes he will sign it."

Asked if the measure has to do with the current situation in the Democratic Party, he said:

"I don't want to comment on the current situation in the Democratic Party because that is their business, but it would

appear that the situation has prompted a great deal of conversation. As a Republican, I have no interest in their internal problems."

If Judge Cooney is elected chairman and resigns from the district court, it will give Governor Del Sesto an opportunity to make a Republican appointment, subject to Senate confirmation. The appointment would be unlike those which the Senate Democrats rejected last year. At that time the district court posts were held by holdover appointees. This time there would be a physical vacancy.

Meanwhile, in Kent County, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick, member of the party's state executive committee, said, "I think Mortimer Newton is going to be the next chairman. He's in there all the way. It's a question of a man going in there and trying to get the votes."

"I have the greatest respect for Senator McWeeney and Judge Cooney, but, of course, we think there should be county representation. I was hoping the congressional leaders would give Kent and Washington counties a break, but apparently they're tying in with Providence County. All of them, without exception, come from Providence County."

port was given him last week at a meeting of legislative leaders in House Speaker Harry F. Curvin's office. Mr. Rao was present and is believed to be in Senator McWeeney's corner.

There also have been strong reports that former Gov. Dennis J. Roberts is a McWeeney supporter. When asked for comment last night on where he stands in the chairmanship contest, Mr. Roberts said he had no comment to make.

A similar answer came from Lt. Gov. John A. Nolle Jr. when asked to comment on a story out of Washington that he probably will come out for Judge Cooney soon after the congressional members do.

R.I. Congress Delegation For Cooney

Bulletin March 27, 1960

Battle lines tightened today in the contest for chairman of the Democratic State Committee in the wake of an announcement from Rhode Island's four members of congress that they are for Judge John P. Cooney Jr.

The development in Washington produced from Sen. John G. McWeeney of Providence, who appears to be Judge Cooney's principal opponent, a declaration that he is "prepared to bring my fight to the floor of the Democratic State Committee on the basis of my service to the party."

He expressed confidence in being able to garner the necessary support to be elected as successor to Frank Rao.

As the contest between Judge Cooney and Senator McWeeney continued to intensify, Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick, a member of the executive committee of the state committee, stated that he is for Mortimer W. Newton, his fellow townsman, "all the way."

The 32-member executive committee will recommend to the state committee its choice of a candidate. Both committees meet on April 2.

Mr. DeCiantis said he had been asked by some political associates to become a candidate for chairman himself. He said he has entertained the idea and still has it in the back of his head. He said he "still is for the underdog" and what happens will depend on what the executive committee recommends.

Meanwhile, three political committees in Providence made public the text of a telegram supporting Senator McWeeney, which their secretaries have sent to members of the congressional delegation and to Mr. Rao.

"The Democratic Party needs his youthful, vigorous and proven organizational ability and leadership," read the wires.

"Respectfully but urgently ask for your support for the man who has the respect and admiration of the rank and file Democrat who can unify and bring a glorious victory for the Democratic Party this November."

The telegram was signed by Arthur Richard of the 8th Ward committee, John J. Wrenn of the 19th District committee, and John T. Gorman of the 20th district committee.

The announcement last night that the state's two U.S. senators and two U.S. representatives had come out for Judge Cooney set the stage for a head-on fight which some Democrats predicted will be a "donnybrook" if it goes all the way.

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Plea for Unity Voiced by Cote

P.S.J. March 27, 1960

Both Candidates for Party Head Praised By Ex-Lt. Governor

Former Lt. Gov. Armand H. Cote, who has been away from the political wars for 17 months, got back into the swing of things last night with an appeal for party unity and an attack on the administration of Governor Del Sesto.

Mr. Cote made no mention of his own political plans—if any—but sounded like a candidate in a short talk to more than 300 supporters and friends who honored him at a reception at the Lindsey Tavern in Lincoln.

When questioned specifically about his political future and talk in some party quarters that he might be a candidate for elective office in November, the veteran Democratic office holder said, "I just want to be a good Democrat—not that I haven't been in the past."

He practically bowed out of politics—except for some support he lent to Mayor Raymond J. Morissette last fall in Central Falls—after his defeat by former Gov. Dennis J. Roberts in a 1958 primary.

He said the present contest over the post of Democratic state chairman is a healthy one because he believes that all segments of the party should have a hand in party decisions.

Mr. Cote took no sides in the chairmanship race which appears to center around Senate Democratic majority leader John G. McWeeney and Judge John P. Cooney Jr.

He said: "The Democratic Party is indeed fortunate in that each of the leading candidates is a capable, experienced and honest man. I am sure that I reflect the thinking of all of you, as well as the thinking of all true Democrats throughout the state, when I say that every one of us shall unite behind the new chairman in support of the principles for which our party stands."

Turning his attention to the administration, he said that all Rhode Island is looking to the Democratic Party for leadership.

"Rhode Island needs forthright and decisive action, but the present administration has been marked by indecision and vacillation. Monday's pronouncements of policy bear little resemblance to Tuesday's action, which in turn is subject to reconsideration on Wednesday—reversal on Thursday—discard on Friday—more reconsideration on Saturday—and finally forgotten on Sunday. While this adds up to one week, it also makes our state weaker day by day," he said.

The administration, he said, has gone back on its party platform pledge to economize in government operations. "Mr. Del Sesto has consistently devoted his efforts and talents to saddling the taxpayers of our state with additional and wasteful expense by creating scores of new positions," he said.

"Neither do we need the Madison Avenue methods—his mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Newton, was the state's first national Democratic committeewoman—his personality,

partments whose sole job is to proclaim the alleged virtues of the administration. Let's have less Madison, and let's have more Jefferson and Jackson," he said.

Scores Bureaucracy

Mr. Cote was particularly critical of what he called "assistant directors and assistants to the assistant directors."

He said that his vacation from active politics has given him the chance to see more of his family, devote more time to his business and to enjoy occasional vacations.

Sen. Walter J. Kane (D-Smithfield), who introduced Mr. Cote, said it was not a political gathering but a get-together of former Cote workers and friends. There was no head table. Senator Kane called out the names of many of the persons who were present.

Among those were eight other Democratic state senators and two representatives. They were Sens. Arthur A. Belhumeur of Central Falls, Joseph A. Savage of Newport, Andrew J. Loiselle of Pawtucket, deputy majority leaders William M. Davies Jr. of Lincoln and Frank Sgambato of North Providence, Edward P. Gallogly of Providence, Francis J. LaChapelle of West Warwick, and John E. Moran of Cumberland. The representatives were Thomas F. Kelleher of

Providence and Augusto W. SaoBento of East Providence. Several councilmen from cities and towns also were introduced. Mr. Cote was accompanied by members of his family and two sons-in-law.



Together at dinner for Armand H. Cote are (l-r) Sen. William M. Davies Jr. of Lincoln, Mr. Cote, Sen. Walter J. Kane of Smithfield and Sen. Arthur A. Belhumeur of Central Falls.

'Give Newton a Chance'

Murphy Criticizes Letter

P.S.J. March 26, 1960

Town Solicitor James F. Murphy, Coventry Democratic chairman and supporter of Mortimer W. Newton of West Warwick for Democratic state chairman, last night criticized the state's two U.S. senators and congressmen for what he called "a pressure letter."

He said he was referring to a letter sent out over their signatures to members of the Democratic state committee yesterday. In it they supported Judge John P. Cooney Jr. of Sixth District Court, Providence, to succeed Frank Rao as chairman.

"Instead of the congressional delegation sending out the pressure letter they sent out why not submit the names to the 200-member body and give Mort a chance?" he asked. "That's all we ask."

"With Mort's background—his mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Newton, was the state's first national Democratic committeewoman—his personality,

administrative experience and long service to the party, he'll fare a lot better than the congressional members feel he will and the state legislators feel he will," he said.

Mr. Newton is the underdog in a three-way race for the chairmanship with Judge Cooney, who has indicated he is willing to resign from the bench, and Sen. John G. McWeeney, senate Democratic leader.

Mr. Murphy, whose wife, Evelyn, is a member of the Democratic state committee and will support Mr. Newton, said, "the city and the small surrounding area has everything. The kick before was they blamed the Roberts-Rao faction for exercising absolute control. Now, instead of the control coming out of the state house, it's going to come out of the four men entirely removed from the scene. So it's six of one and a half dozen of the other."

"It's about time the area outside of Providence got

some consideration," the Coventry party leader declared. "Ten years ago the population was so strong in the metropolitan Providence area that they should have had a majority of representation. But today, with people and industry moving out of the city—they're even building bridges across Providence so people won't have to stop there—the picture is different."

"Mort Newton has every conceivable asset that anyone could want to make a good chairman," he said. "And I'm not detracting one bit from either of the other two candidates. He's not tied up with either an elective or appointive job."

"If the elective officials want to keep it that way, okay, but sometime they're going to realize the Democratic party has got to get back to the old foundation, where the men around the state—the ones who put them in office—can choose the chairman."

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DeCiantis Attacks Drive In Behalf of Cooney

Bulletin March 28, 1960

As opposing factions within the Democratic Party continued today to line up strength for Saturday's showdown vote on a new party chairman, Michael DeCiantis, West Warwick political leader, entered the fray.

Recently named to the party's executive committee, Mr. DeCiantis, who is backing his fellow townsman, Mortimer W. Newton, for chairman, got off a statement questioning the motives of the state's congressional delegation in urging support of District Court Judge John P. Cooney Jr.

Judge Cooney and Sen. John G. McWeeney of Providence are the two leading candidates for the post which Frank Rao is vacating.

"Why don't they tell the people what's really behind their move?" was a question Mr. DeCiantis asked about the congressional members. "Why do they wish to take a man off the bench and make him chairman? Is it because they have

in mind a candidate whom they wish to place on the state ticket and at the same time knock somebody off who is considered to have a place on it? "Since they have become the Great White Fathers, they think they know all the political moves. Is this good politics to take a man off the bench and give Governor Del Sesto an appointment?"

"This entire question of candidates for the state chairman should not have been brought to the public without having been discussed by the executive committee. If the congressional delegation had a candidate in mind, why didn't they first bring it to the attention of the executive committee? While they talk about harmony, they've created a hornet's nest."

When asked whether he could be more specific regarding his question concerning potential state ticket candidates, Mr. DeCiantis refused to go beyond his statement.

Committeeman Favors Bourgault Endorsement

Times March 29, 1960

An influential member of the West Warwick Democratic Town Committee said today he would favor a move to endorse Charles J. Bourgault for re-election to the town committee.

However, the committeeman said he would vote for any endorsement of Alphonse Archambault and Alfred Chartier. They were elected with Mr. Bourgault to the town committee as "insurgents" in the last election.

And, the committeeman, who asked that his name be withheld said he would not approve endorsement of any other insurgent West Warwick Democrat For Good Government to replace Archambault or Chartier.

The welcome mat for Mr. Bourgault is undoubtedly one that some Democratic committeemen feel would break the back of any move for a primary battle like 1958.

During the last primary the endorsed Democrats of West Warwick were given a rough shaking by the insurgents in a top-to-bottom primary battle. There were 4388 votes cast and when the tally came in such party stalwarts as former Town Chairman Michael DeCiantis former Councilmen Chester Kula-sewski and Hervey Niquette were defeated.

The Democratic committeeman's opinion follows along this line — "It looks as though Sen. Francis LaChapelle will get the endorsement for re-nomination. If he does and if Mr. Bourgault also gets the committee endorsement, then who is going to be a banner bearer for the insurgents?"

This, observer said, is undoubtedly going to take a lot of salesmanship and politicking to get across to other members of the town committee. It is unlikely that Mr. Bourgault could today gain a majority of the 20 member committee votes for his nomination to return to the committee.

But the influential committeeman is known to want peace within the party and thinks that with Mr. Bourgault and Sen. LaChapelle both wearing the party endorsement it will be that much easier to attain.

West Warwick Residents Act

Mill Trench Fence Fund Sought

P-J March 29, 1960

Residents of Windsor Park in West Warwick decided at a mass meeting last night to conduct a fund drive for a fence along the Crompton Mill trench where a young mother and her three-year-old son were drowned last week.

Contributions totaling \$2,510 were pledged last night. The cost of the fence was estimated at \$6,000 or more.

More than 200 plat residents and town officials attended the meeting in Falcon Hill, Crompton.

Robert E. Kulungian of 100 Harley St., Harold Cochran of 27 Kowalik Drive and Raymond Tallman of 118 Harley St. were named co-chairmen of the drive.

Mr. Kulungian, who also was picked as treasurer, asked that all contributions be sent to him until a committee is formed to organize a large-scale drive.

The crowd cheered when Jack Westerman of Westerman Realty Co., which owns the unprotected mill trench, announced that he would give \$1,000 toward a high fence.

Harley Robinson, developer of the plat, said he would match Mr. Westerman's contribution.

Other contributions pledged last night included \$300 from Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis; \$100 from Francis J. Fazzano, assistant attorney general; \$50 from Rep. Francis X. Kennedy and \$60 from Joseph D. Richard, Town Council president. Mr. Richard said his contribution represented his council salary for two months.

Mr. Kennedy and Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle, another West Warwick Democrat, have sponsored legislation which would make it punishable not to put fences along streams or other hazards within 100 feet of any home.

Mr. Fazzano told the gathering last night that no one can be held liable for the drownings last week. The victims were Mrs. L. Jacquelyn Roberts and Glenn Roberts.

Mr. Robinson estimated that it would take about 2,200 feet of fence to guard the section of the mill trench where the drownings took place. He said that length of six-foot chain-link fence would probably cost \$6,000 to \$7,000. Other estimates were higher.

Only one woman spoke in opposition to the fence, Mrs. John O'Connor said a fence could not possibly cover all the danger spots along both sides of the trench. As an alternative she said state life saving officials should provide instruction for people in the area.

The legislation would provide a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment of not more than a year, or both, upon conviction. The legislators said last night that, although the proposed fence apparently will solve the Windsor Park problem, there still exists a potentially bad state-wide problem. Therefore, they will continue to press for their legislation.

Town Moderator Charles J. Bourgault was elected to preside over last night's meeting, at times a hot one as Mr. DeCiantis and others discussed the problem.

Recalls Difficulty Wasyf Redonowicz, owner of one of the former Crompton Mill buildings, recalled the difficulty he had with someone, apparently an adult, breaking a fence he had erected. The break was made to create a path, he said.

Mrs. O'Connor said, "I don't think the fence should go up." The mother of several children, she said she lives in the plat where Mrs. Roberts of Harley Street was drowned while trying to save her son last week. Their double funeral was held Saturday.

Mrs. O'Connor said she looked upon the area as she would Scarborough Beach, Route 3 or Pulaski St., a main artery near the plat. She said that perhaps the state Division of Recreational Safety can help out.

Mr. Westerman, who occupied a seat near the front of the packed hall with Earl Fraser, secretary of the Quiddick Reservoir Co., said he needs the water supply from the mill trench at his mill holdings and can't drain the trench.

He said he would be glad to allow the erection of a fence along the mill trench, so long as his men can get in to repair the trench.

Firm Has No Rights Mr. Fraser said, when asked, that the mill trench property is owned by Mr. Westerman and that the Quiddick Reservoir Co. has no rights in the trench area.

He explained that Mr. Westerman is a member of the Reservoir Co. as are other mills along the river that draw on the river.

Mr. Fazzano, who was Town Council president when another youngster was drowned in the mill trench about three years ago, noted that there is no law to prevent the owner from putting up a fence along his own property line.

He said the legislation proposed by Senator LaChapelle and Representative Kennedy are "dangerous" because they technically would require anyone with land within 100 feet of any habitation to fence off land near water.

Mr. Bourgault said it had been called to his attention that a youngster can sometimes get under a fence. That happened in Centreville last year, when a child was drowned in the river.

Mrs. Mary Collins told the meeting that she lives in the area and has built a three-foot high fence of her own.

Not Up to Town

Mr. DeCiantis said the owner of the property should have taken care of the fence required. He said it was not the town's responsibility and suggested that the people try to collect money throughout the town. While the town can't legally pay for a fence, he is sure the townspeople will give generously to prevent a recurrence of the drownings, he said.

Senator LaChapelle said it was all very well to talk about the moral responsibility of the owner, but that there have been four drownings in the area in the past several years "and our bill has brought a lot of things to the front." He approved the subscription drive in the present case.

An unidentified resident said the town administration should have stopped building in the area, working through the building inspector, Mr. DeCiantis said a builder might go to the building inspector and not know exactly how many houses he will ultimately build.

Robert Phillips, who lost a young son in an accidental drowning at the same trench three years ago, spoke in favor of the fence plan.

Sewer Factor

Mr. Bourgault pointed out to Mr. DeCiantis that, as far as the builder of the plat was concerned, he went to the Town Council with a full explanation of his plans there to get approval for a sewer extension. He recalled that he was the attorney in the case, that Mr. DeCiantis was solicitor, and that "if there is any responsibility, I want to share it with Harley Robinson and every member of the former Town Council that permitted the sewer extensions."

Leo B. Charbonneau, Republican town chairman, said the idea should not be to try to blame anyone, but, "let's try to do something about it. The fence is a solution of sorts. I don't know if it will be the answer."

Senator LaChapelle also called for an end to placing any blame and said, "we're here to discuss what to do so that it will never happen again. Let's not stray afield."

Would Decline To Run Again

McWeeney Not to Seek Reelection If Named by Party

Senate Democratic majority leader John G. McWeeney of Providence said last night that if he is elected party chairman he will not be a candidate for reelection to the Senate this fall.

Senator McWeeney had announced earlier that he would resign his leadership post immediately if chosen chairman.

Meanwhile, there was quick reaction yesterday to the letter sent by Rhode Island's congressional delegation urging state Democratic leaders to back Judge John P. Cooney Jr. of Providence for chairman.

James F. McManus, chairman of the 12th Ward Democratic Committee in Providence, said his committee had notified Sen. John O. Pastore that the group strongly endorses Sen. John G. McWeeney, majority leader of the state Senate.

"You have praised Senator McWeeney for his fighting spirit and fine contributions to our party," Mr. McManus wrote to Senator Pastore. "I consider this an endorsement."

William J. Cain, chairman of the 10th Ward Democratic Committee in Providence, reported that his committee had given its "full and unqualified endorsement" to Senator McWeeney at a meeting Friday night. Mr. Cain said a report of the endorsement had been wired to all four members of the Rhode Island congressional delegation.

Michael DeCiantis, named last month as a new member of the executive committee of the Democratic State Committee, last night took strong exception to the letter from the state's two senators and two congressmen.

"I read the letter from the Big Four with great disgust," Mr. DeCiantis declared. "It is an insult to every member of the executive committee, to every state central committeeman, to every town and city chairman in the state."

"I for one don't expect to have the Democratic Party run from the halls of Congress. This attempt to pressure and to take over the Democratic Party will not work. The letter didn't even mention Mortimer W. Newton, who is a candidate. To them he may be the forgotten man, but

Land Clear For Fence

March 29, 1960

Jack Westerman, owner of the Crompton Mill Trench, told the TIMES today he checked the deed to the waterway and found he has the right to grant consent to either the town or the Windsor Park Plat for the erection of a fence barrier. He said that he would be glad to give this consent and all that his company needed was accessibility to and from the pond for future years.

He also said he was looking into the feasibility of lowering the water table level. He said it will be June before he knows whether this will be possible without hurting the mills with their water rights. He said also that every June he gets many calls from residents of Johnson's Pond and Lake Tiogue asking that the water be held back so they could use their respective ponds a little longer.

Speaking about the fence fund drive to which he has contributed \$1000, Mr. Westerman said, "this appeal should not die but should be kept going until the job is completed. I hope there are no excuses. I don't want any official coming to me in future years and reporting another death in that trench. I urge the fund raising committee: 'Please don't sleep on it. Get to work on it.'"

OPEN TOWN-WIDE FUND DRIVE TO FENCE CROMPTON MILL TRENCH

200 PLEDGE UP TO \$2,510 AT MEETING

Windsor March 31, 1960
By RONALD ANDERSON
Anxious residents of Windsor Park Plat, Crompton, have launched a town-wide appeal for funds to fence Crompton Mill trench to prevent further drownings in its waters.

And more than 200 parents, five of whom have lost their children in the trench, loudly applauded as their drive got off to a \$2510 start during the mass meeting at Falcon Hall last night.

There was some objections. Three area residents called for safety measures. They expressed fear a fence could "backfire" in event a child somehow got through the fence and the fence made it that much more difficult to get to the victim. Mrs. John O'Connor, of Bryant Place, an objector to the fence proposal, called for "an all-out water safety program starting with the mothers. "There is hardly any situation that will keep 2-3-year-olds from this trench," she said.

A child's drowning is an accident, but she continued, it's not an accident when a grownup doesn't know how to act in the water. She said ladders should be put out for every ten houses along with life preservers in the summer. "This trench doesn't have to be fenced if people learn how to cope with it," she declared.

Accept Responsibility

Robert Simmons, 70 Harley Street, also objected to the fence. He asked how many residents had put up fences themselves. He said he accepted the responsibility of his children.

After some discussion, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis walked to the front of the hall and asked the people to decide whether or not they wanted a fence. He said Windsor Park residents were mostly young homeowners with big mortgages and needed help to finance a fence. They would get aid for the fence from one end of the town to the other, he predicted.

Donations to the fence fund in the amount of \$1000 each were made by Jack Westerman, a principal owner of the trench, and by Harley Robinson, developer of Windsor Park Plat. Other pledges included \$300 from Town Solicitor DeCiantis; two-month town council pay or \$60 from Council President Joseph Richard; \$50 from Rep. Francis X. Kennedy, and \$100 from former Town Council President Francis J. Fazzano.

Named to head the committee to spearhead the town-wide appeal for funds were Robert Kulungian, 100 Harley Street, Raymond Tallman, 118 Harley Street, and Harold Cocoran, 27 Kowalik Drive. Checks may be made to "West Warwick Fence Fund" in care of Mr. Kulungian who will serve as committee treasurer.

Contributions also can be made in person from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the radio station, 1501 Main Street, Centreville. Receipts will be given for all donations.

The mass meeting was prompted by the double drowning last Tuesday of Mrs. L. Jacquelyn Roberts, 27, of 105 Harley Street,

and her three-year-old son, Glenn. At the meeting last night were Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Phillips, of Sheffield Avenue, whose son Robert, 5 was drowned in the trench three years ago and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Duperre of Lexington Ave., Centreville, who lost a son, Robert, June 18, 1954 in the same trench waters.

Mr. Robinson suggested that the fence extend along the trench a distance of about 2200 feet from Wilshire Drive to a point at Harley Street where that highway curves away from the trench. He estimated the cost of a six-foot link fence would be at least two dollars a foot.

Mr. Westerman, however, figured the cost of the fence could run up to \$50,000. He suggested fence experts be called in for an estimate.

Mr. Westerman rejected proposals that the trench be drained. He said the need for the trench was as great today as it was 20 years ago, and there was no possible way of eliminating the water. He said that he was only one of the stockholders in the Quidnick Reservoir Association, which owns the water rights. He said he would call a special meeting of the association. He added that with the association's approval he would donate the land so that a fence could be erected between the trench and the dwellings on Harley Street.

Earl Fraser, secretary of the Quidnick Reservoir Co., said after the meeting that his company has no rights in the trench area. He said that Mr. Westerman is a member of the Reservoir Company, as are other mills along the river that draw on the river.

Cooperation to the committee was pledged by Mr. Richard. He suggested formation of a committee which he said would be better to work with than a mass meeting. Councilman Fulda Geoffrey served as secretary of the mass meeting.

Mr. Fazzano said if the people were in accord and wanted a fence and would pay for it it would be better than the proposed legislation. Sen. Francis LaChapelle and Rep. Kennedy are co-sponsors of a bill requiring fencing off of water hazards. Sen. LaChapelle said the presentation of the bill to the General Assembly helped to bring the issue to the front.

Fence Damaged
In answer to Wasy Fedorowicz, a mill owner at Crompton, Sen. LaChapelle said it wasn't a three or a four year old child that had damaged his fence. Mr. Fedorowicz had asked who was going to police a fence if one was erected. He complained that he had put up a fence near the mill and it was damaged in two weeks' time.

Mrs. O'Connor said she didn't think some people would think a fence was a good idea if they had to pay for it.

Mr. Kulungian observed that the children who have drowned in the trench were not from families whose property adjoins the trench. "They came from across

Zufley Street and were not aware of the trench," he said.

Robert O'Neil said he lived in the Coventry section of Windsor Park and he wanted to know if the fence will stop at the West Warwick line.

"Where are the Coventry Town Councilmen tonight?" he asked.

William Dugan called the situation a problem for the entire town. "It may not be a child who resides in the area who loses his life in the trench," he said.

Mr. DeCiantis said the trench was a "dangerous condition," anyone could slip and drown in it. He said that a new developer has been advised that it must provide protection from the river waters before it gets a building permit.

William Rush said the town administration should have looked into the Windsor Plat plan in the beginning. Mr. Cocoran said responsibility of Windsor Park does not rest with Mr. Robinson but with those in power. Mr. Rush asked why the building inspector didn't see the houses being built along the trench. Mr. DeCiantis said a building inspector couldn't tell what was to be done with land at rear of the houses.

Don't Accuse

Leo B. Charbonneau, Republican Town Chairman asked that no one be accused. He said the town had a serious problem on its hands and if it was agreed a fence was the solution then a committee should be started.

The extent of town cooperation nearly reached to a special financial town meeting and all-day referendum on whether or not the town should pay to have the fence erected.

In discussing the motion of Thomas H. Boyle Jr., of whether or not to vote to have a fence erected, Raymond O'Connell asked what would happen if Mr. Westerman deeded the town the land on which to build a fence. Town Solicitor DeCiantis, who only minutes previously had called for a town-wide appeal and had advised the town could not pay for a fence, said "then we will build the fence." However, the town solicitor said that "I am not chickening out but I don't want a taxpayers suit by having the town pay for the fence."

In answer to Charles J. Bourgauf, town moderator who served as chairman of the mass meeting, the town solicitor advised that a special town meeting would also create a legal problem.

Francis J. Fazzano, former president of the town council and an assistant state attorney general, said an appeal would create better feeling than a town meeting. He said the problem, morally is everyone's but legally it is no one's obligation. He urged formation of a fund raising committee and for it to get to work at once.

Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis said today a fence company of Providence has told him the firm would build a fence for the town at cost with no profit.

Notte Reported Making Offer To McWeeney Said to Have Asked Senator to Quit Race For Party Chairman

P.S. March 31, 1960
By JOSEPH V. SHANLEY

The contest for state chairman of the Democratic Party was intensified last night with the report that Lt. Gov. John A. Notte Jr., who earlier in the day backed the candidacy of Judge John P. Cooney Jr. of Providence, had asked Senate majority leader John G. McWeeney to drop out of the race.

It was learned on high authority that Mr. Notte asked Senator McWeeney to abandon his campaign for chairman in return for the lieutenant governor's support of endorsement for lieutenant governor, Congress or mayor of Providence. Senator McWeeney would neither confirm nor deny the report last night.

Mr. Notte said that he is "not in any position to offer support for any of the offices mentioned."

Senator McWeeney remained very confident of winning the chairmanship Saturday night when the election will be held.

Mr. Notte said at a news conference that while there are several outstanding candidates for the chairmanship, "I am supporting Judge Cooney because I believe his stature will join all of us in the coming campaign."

It is understood that Mr. Notte felt he was under extreme pressure from Senator John O. Pastore and Edward J. Higgins administrative assistant to Sen. Theodore Francis Green, to back Judge Cooney. Mr. Notte is a former member of Senator Green's staff.

The four-member Washington delegation last week unanimously endorsed Judge Cooney. Since then, some of them have visited or telephoned Rhode Islanders to drum up support for their candidate.

Senator McWeeney said last night that he has "solid pledges of support" from 18 of the 32 members of the executive committee which will meet Saturday noon.

The executive committee will recommend a name to the full 200-member committee which will vote a successor to Frank Rao who has submitted his resignation.

Senator McWeeney said, "Regardless of how the executive committee vote turns out, I will bring my campaign to the floor."

While the contest for chairman appears to center on Judge Cooney and Senator McWeeney, supporters of Mortimer W.

Newton of West Warwick, former state director of business regulation, feel that hopes for their candidate depend on a deadlock between the two main contenders.

Relations between Mr. Notte and the Democratic Assembly leadership became strained yesterday after his statement supporting Judge Cooney. About two weeks ago, the leadership went on record endorsing Senator McWeeney's candidacy.

Senator McWeeney and the lieutenant governor come in daily legislative contact because Mr. Notte is the presiding officer in the Senate.

Other developments yesterday included an endorsement for Senator McWeeney from a colleague, Sen. William M. Davies Jr. of Lincoln, a deputy leader.

The 13th Ward Democratic Committee and the 17th Representative District Committee of Providence also came out for Senator McWeeney.

Trench Fence Drive to Start Tomorrow

P.S. March 31, 1960
Leaders of the campaign to erect a high fence along the Crompton Mill trench at Windsor Park Plat, West Warwick, yesterday planned to launch their drive with house-to-house solicitation tomorrow at 7 p.m. in their plat and environs.

While there have been some other promises of aid, the three co-chairmen of the campaign said the fund still stands at about the \$2,500 pledged at a mass meeting of more than 200 residents and town officials Monday night in Falcon Hall, Crompton.

Meanwhile Dr. Andrew A. Manickas, Warwick dentist and Rotary Club leader, told the Journal-Bulletin last night he would donate about 1,000 of surplus six-foot high chain link fence and fence posts.

It is estimated up to 2,500 feet of fence is required.

First house-to-house visits, according to the co-chairmen, Robert E. Kulungian, Harold Cocoran and Raymond Tallman, will be at homes of the 258 plat neighbors of Mrs. Jacquelyn Roberts and her son, Glenn, 3, who drowned in the trench last week.

The plat is partly in West Warwick and partly in neighboring Coventry.

If there is time, solicitors will also call on residents of Pulaski Street and the nearby area, according to Mr. Kulungian.

On Friday and Saturday, campaigners will move into the Arctic business district with a direct appeal to businessmen. Permission has been obtained from West Warwick Chamber of Commerce to approach its members.

The committee also plans to place containers in various stores.

Harley Robinson, plat developer, who matched the \$1,000 pledge of Jack Westerman of Crompton Mill at the mass meeting, estimated the needed six-foot high chain link fence would cost about \$6,000-\$7,000.



MASS MEETING SPEAKERS—Discussing proposed fence along Crompton mill trench where mother and son drowned last week are: top (l-r), Robert Kulungian who was named fund raising treasurer; Assistant Attorney General Francis J. Fazano, Mrs. John O'Connor who opposed erection of a fence, Town Solicitor Michael DeCiantis, Robert Phillips who lost a child in the trench three years ago, and Jack

Westerman, mill official, Bottom (l-r), Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle explains bill pending in General Assembly, plat developer Harley Robinson, Republican Chairman Leo Charbonneau, Wasy Fedorowicz explains a point, and Council President Joseph D. Richard and meeting moderator Charles J. Bourgault.

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Donate for Trench Fence: Robert Kulungian (left), treasurer of group seeking money to buy fence to enclose the Crompton water trench where a mother and son recently were drowned, receives \$200 donation from John Petrella (right) chairman of the Natick Old

Timers' Jamboree, as Henry Cipolla (second from left), Old Timers' secretary; Herman Petrarca (center), founder of the Jamboree, and Al Angelone, Jamboree beauty contest director, watch. (See story on next page.)

Windsor Park Residents Get More Offers in Trench Drive

P.S. March 31, 1960
(See Picture on Page 20)

Residents of Windsor Park Plat, West Warwick yesterday continued to receive offers of support from all sides in their drive for funds with which to put up a high fence to stop drownings at Crompton Mill Trench.

Robert E. Kulungian, drive treasurer, said that John Lynch of the Iron Workers' union called radio station WWRI, collection headquarters, and said his men would install any fence without charge.

The drive total rose to \$3,100, Mr. Kulungian reported, as residents strove to prevent a recurrence of the third and fourth drownings there in the past six years, those of a courageous 27-year-old mother who tried to save her little son without success in icy waters.

Gerard Laboissonniere, brother-in-law of Robert Phillips, whose son was drowned in the trench three years ago, pitched in to help the drive committee. He left his own \$50 contribution, plus a \$301 anonymous contribution, at the radio station yesterday. Contributions may be left there from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., he said.

The station was helping to publicize the drive by announcing contributions.

Meanwhile, a large committee of residents working toward the end since Mrs. Jacquelyn Roberts and her son, Glenn, were drowned last week, met last night at Mr. Kulungian's home, 100 Harley St., to complete plans for a house-to-house drive in Windsor Park and surrounding streets tonight at 7 o'clock.

The committee still has a goal of \$6,000 to \$7,000 and

has high hopes of reaching it by Saturday night, Mr. Kulungian said. Through collection containers and personal approaches to businessmen, the drive will move into Arctic business center tomorrow and Saturday.

Mr. Kulungian is investigating the possibility of obtaining some fencing that was torn down at the Olneyville Expressway from the state. He said he also looked at some fencing "generously offered" but hasn't decided whether it can be used yet, as it's four feet high. The committee is hoping to put up a six-foot fence.

"It all depends on whether we can get fencing for a good price," he said. "If we can get it for cost and the union erects it, we'll have enough money by Saturday evening, I'm sure."

Another \$1,000 Netted for Trench Fence Fund

P.S. March 31, 1960
The drive for money to fence in the Crompton Mill trench where a young mother and her son drowned last week netted more than \$1,000 in West Warwick's Windsor Park last night.

Robert E. Kulungian, treasurer of the fund committee, said 20 volunteers worked in Windsor Park, scene of the tragedy, last night. The money collected last night brings the total to about \$4,600.

Mr. Kulungian said more Windsor Park homes will be visited tonight and that volunteers will start a store to store fund campaign tomorrow in the Arctic business section.

It is estimated that about 6,000 feet of high wire fence is needed to guard the area where 27-year-old Mrs. Jacquelyn Roberts and her son, Glenn, died in icy waters while she tried to rescue the child.

Senator Seeks End to Penalty

P.S. March 31, 1960
Moran of Cumberland Opposes Law About Teacher-Pupil Ratio

A bill to abolish the section of the state's aid-to-education law providing penalties for cities and towns not meeting certain teacher-pupil ratios was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Sen. John E. Moran (D-Cumberland).

The measure would also wipe out the penalties for the current fiscal year which were announced yesterday by the state Department of Education. Senator Moran's town stands to lose the most state aid this year under the provision — \$72,800.

A similar bill passed the General Assembly last year but was vetoed by Governor Del Sesto. He said the measure would have removed present incentives for municipalities to meet state standards.

The five other communities, besides Cumberland, which will be penalized, and the amounts, are: West Warwick, \$49,400; East Providence, \$6,500; Central Falls, \$2,600; Warren, \$2,600; North Smithfield, \$5,200, and Coventry, \$15,600.

The penalties are assessed under the 1955 state aid act which requires cities and towns to furnish a specified number of teachers for each 1,000 pupils. The formula is called the staff adequacy index.

Cumberland was short 28 teachers last year under the formula. For the 1957-58 year it had been penalized for a 20-teacher shortage.

Other communities penalized a year ago were West Warwick, Central Falls and Burrillville. Burrillville has since brought its staff up to meet the requirements of the index.

Senator Moran released this statement concerning his bill, which went to the finance committee:

"The Town of Cumberland has from 1955 to the present time, through new construction and remodeling, provided 23 additional elementary classrooms and has gained three make-shift secondary rooms. Construction has begun on a 42-room instruction area high school which will be completed for the 1961-1962 school year.

"The total indebtedness incurred through this construction has been \$3,376,300.

"It has also in this period increased its staff from 74 to 114 certified personnel. Yet with this effort the staff adequacy index has not been achieved."

Showdown Set For Tomorrow

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Cooney vs. McWeeney Chairmanship Tilt Will Draw Big Vote

P.S. April 1, 1960
The contest for chairmanship of the Democratic state party is heading for a showdown fight with sponsors of both leading candidates — Senate majority leader John G. McWeeney and Judge John P. Cooney Jr. — predicting victory tomorrow night.

Outgoing state chairman Frank Rao predicted last night that 190 of the 200 members of the state committee will be present for the voting in Elks Auditorium. Earlier in the day, the 32-member executive committee will meet at the Sheraton-Biltmore to recommend a candidate to the full membership.

Mr. Rao said a simple majority of the votes will be needed for victory.

Mr. Rao said it has been traditional for executive committee members, even though they may not have a state committee vote, to address the committee on matters before them. He said he did not know exactly what procedure will be followed tomorrow night, adding that there has not been a previous comparable situation.

The voting will be preceded by a six-course Italian dinner which will be served at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Rao said that executive committee members will eat at tables located on the floor, but when the voting starts they will retire to seats on the stage. Eleven of the executive committee members—including Senator McWeeney—are also members of the state committee.

McWeeney Men Firm
Supporters of Senator McWeeney were firm in their belief last night that he will be recommended by a majority of the executive committee and will get more than a simple majority of floor votes.

"To begin with," one McWeeney supporter said, "John will have 40 of the 50 city of Providence committee votes and he can bank on 18 of the 20 Pawtucket votes and he has the 16 members of the Woonsocket delegation solidly behind him. Then he has support in South County, Warwick and Cranston, to mention but a few places."

Senator McWeeney, who has said he is confident of at least 18 votes within the executive committee, is reported to have the backing of Mr. Rao, former Governor Dennis J. Roberts, House Speaker Harry F. Curvin, House majority leader James H. Kiernan, Atty. Gen. J. Joseph Nugent and Secretary of State August P. LaFrance.

General Treasurer Raymond H. Hawksley has stated publicly that he is interested in the chairmanship post, but it is understood that he has taken this position to remain maneuverable and has no real designs on the vacancy.

Members of the state's congressional delegation and Lt. Gov. John A. Notte Jr. have arrayed themselves behind Judge Cooney, while Senator McWeeney's strongest support has come from General Assembly leaders and Mayor Reynolds' city organization.

Test of Strength
Many observers view the contest as a test of strength

and popularity between congressional office holders and influential Democrats on the local scene, to indicate which group will run the show.

While the immediate prize is the chairmanship, the group that emerges victorious will be in a commanding position, observers believe, to exert a powerful influence in the selection of state and congressional ticket candidates, and the head of the state's delegation to the national convention.

Rep. John E. Fogarty said yesterday that he will wait until after a new chairman has been chosen to announce his own political plans. It has been reported that he wants nothing he does with respect to his own future course to be construed as a maneuver in the chairmanship fight.

Many Democrats on the local scene felt that Mr. Fogarty has taken too long to announce whether he is going to be either a candidate for reelection or to run for the Senate.

There is also some resentment locally that the Washington group chose an inopportune

time and issue to get vitally interested in local matters, the feeling being that the time for concerted action on their part, in matters relating to the home front, was after the 1958 election.

Supporters of Judge Cooney and Congressman Fogarty think it is ironic that Mr. Fogarty has been accused of not showing enough interest in local matters but that when he does decide to act some Democrats are ready to cut him down.

Walter R. Hazard, chairman of the North Kingstown town committee, said last night its members will vote for Judge Cooney. He said the judge's election would lead to a "new deal" for small towns and rural areas.

In Exeter, Edwin P. Moon, committee chairman, said the members will vote either for Senator McWeeney or Mr. Newton but will not disclose their choice until tomorrow.

McWeeney Elected Head Of Democrats, 121 to 45

Congress Unit Unable to Stem Powerful Drive

Sen. John G. McWeeney of Providence, Democratic leader of the state Senate, was elected chairman of the Democratic State Committee by an overwhelming majority last night.

He received 121 votes to 45 for Judge John P. Cooney Jr. and 10 for Mortimer W. Newton of West Warwick.

Senator McWeeney received powerful backing from the Democratic organizations in Providence, Pawtucket and Woonsocket, and considerable support from other cities and towns.

He had been backed strongly by Democratic leaders in the General Assembly, while Judge Cooney was supported by the four members of Congress from Rhode Island.

An early indication that the tide would run strongly in Senator McWeeney's favor came when a move for a secret ballot, emanating from the Cooney forces, was tabled by a vote of 136-50.

Backed Cooney

The contest began in earnest when the congressional delegation issued a statement in Washington saying that Mr. Cooney would make a good party chairman.

A short time later, Sen. John O. Pastore, Rep. John E. Fogarty and Rep. Aime J. Forand issued a statement formally endorsing Judge Cooney for the job.

They were later joined by Sen. Theodore Francis Green.

At the same time, the McWeeney candidacy built up a big head of steam at the State House with strong endorsement from Democrats in the General Assembly.

That strength held up right through the voting last night, overwhelming the Cooney candidacy and the sentiment of the Washington Democratic delegation.

One of those on the losing side of the contest was Lt. Gov. John E. Nette Jr., who only last week formally endorsed Judge Cooney.

Made "No Promises"

Mr. McWeeney addressed the committee briefly as soon as the final tally was announced.

"I promised nobody anything and nobody asked me to promise them anything," Mr. McWeeney told the crowd.

"I guarantee you that we will come out with a united party and win the next election."

Mr. McWeeney had a good word in the end for "the nice people who worked against me." He said the people of Rhode Island are looking for a Democratic victory and with a united party "we will win a victory."

After the final vote was announced, Edward J. Loughlin, the Providence committee member who nominated Judge Cooney, moved to make Mr. McWeeney's victory unanimous. The vote already had been recorded, however, and nothing official was done to change the record.

300 Spectators

The balloting for a chairman came at 11:10 o'clock before some 300 spectators and 186 state committee members.

It was preceded by lively nominating and seconding speeches by members of the Washington delegation and members of the General Assembly.

Lt. Gov. John A. Nette Jr., the last person to speak before the balloting began, said that regardless of who was named chairman the vote would prove to the Republican Party that the Democratic Party is vital and energetic.

He said that as a Democrat "I have the right to give my opinion and to make my own decision."

Endorses Cooney

He said that he was endorsing Judge Cooney because of his "devoted and dedicated service" to the party.

Michael DeCiantis, who nominated Mortimer W. Newton, said that "the only way that harmony and all the factions can be brought together" was by the election of Mr. Newton.

He said that disagreement within the Democratic Party is "so serious that if it is continued, and a way of ending it is not found, it will do harm. The disagreement has caused such a division in our party that the wounds will never be healed."

The first test of strength between the forces backing Senator McWeeney and those backing Judge Cooney came less than an hour after the meeting got under way. The resignation of Mr. Rao had been accepted and the recommendation of the executive committee endorsing Senator McWeeney as Mr. Rao's successor had been read.

The committee's resolution in respect to Senator McWeeney was laid on the table temporarily so that other nominations might be made from the floor.

However, before this was done, Edward F. Clement, member of the committee from the 22nd Providence district, moved for a secret ballot. His action provoked shouts of "No, No," and boos from the crowd in the galleries.

Mr. Rao said that as chairman of the Democratic Party over the last nine years, he had never before had to entertain such a motion and declared himself emphatically "in favor of an open meeting."

Shouts From Galleries

His remarks brought more applause and someone in the galleries shouted, "What are you afraid of?" Someone else countered with, "Stand up and be counted."

Mr. Rao said he intended to

move with a firm hand because he believed there should be decorum at the meeting.

As soon as Mr. Clement made

his motion, Senator Pastore, who was seated on the platform with other members of the executive committee rose from his chair and went to the microphone to address the committee. His remarks concluded by his seconding the motion for a secret ballot.

The senator made a plea for orderly conduct and declared there was "no need for any demonstration."

Senator Pastore said that what those assembled hoped for was that a militant leader of the Democratic Party might be elected at the meeting to bring prestige and dignity to the party and to spread the gospel to the people of the state so that this year it would score a great Democratic victory.

Many Good Candidates

He gave the results of the vote in the executive committee for the various candidates. He said that each of the candidates is a qualified leader and in fact there were so many good candidates that it was difficult to choose one.

For the first time in the history of the state the public had been allowed to attend a meeting of the Democratic State Committee, a thing unheard of in the political annals of Rhode Island, he said.

Senator Pastore said that the Democratic Party does not have a governor in office and is facing a campaign within a few months that will be "rather difficult."

He said there are many rumors as to who owns the Democratic Party and who runs it. "So far as I am concerned," he declared, "every Democrat in Rhode Island has an equal partnership in the destiny of the party."

At that point, Senator Pastore declared that he was backing Judge Cooney.

"Clear the Air"

"If we want to clear the air and leave this hall as a united party and if we want to dispel the rumors which have no foundation," he went on, "then what harm is there to say that every person in this room is entitled within his own conscience to privately express his choice?"

He said he knew that some did not want that, but again he asked what was wrong in the sanctity of the ballot and electing a chairman as the president of the United States is elected.

"I second the motion for us to express in the secret privacy of our own conscience our choice here tonight," Senator Pastore concluded.

Applause from the floor and from the galleries followed his remarks.

Kiernan Speaks

Rep. James H. Kiernan, 75-year-old Democratic leader of the House and a supporter of Senator McWeeney, then addressed the committee. He said it was the first time in his memory, possibly with the ex-

ception of an occasion in 1924, when there had been any such development.

"To have a secret ballot in a Democratic gathering is not the democratic way of life," he said.

He said he wanted the committee members to have a voice in the party, "so their next door neighbor would hear their voice." Mr. Kiernan then moved to table the motion for a secret ballot, and his motion to table was seconded by Thomas S. Lnongo Jr. of the 18th Providence district.

The roll was called and the motion to table carried 136-50. This killed the move for a secret ballot.

Nominates Cooney

Councilman Edward J. Loughran of Providence placed Judge Cooney's name in nomination, but it remained for Representative Fogarty to give a ringing endorsement.

Mr. Fogarty said the 57-year-old candidate has "no mark at all against him. There isn't any better qualified person" and "he will guarantee victory for the party next November."

The congressman stated that the Washington delegation backed the candidacy of Judge Cooney after discussing the names of some 10 or 11 persons. In asking for support for Judge Cooney, the congressman said no threats were made, nor were there any jobs promised. "We are doing this all on our own."

He said there has been some "little discussion" about a letter the Washington delegation sent out endorsing Judge Cooney. He said it was done because since the last election, hundreds of Democrats have been talking about the need for a change and for the Washington delegation to take an active part in local affairs.

"They Want Action"

Mr. Fogarty said the Washington delegation came out in support of Judge Cooney because they believe he is the best candidate. "What we want to do is get back in power. I've been talking to rank and filers everywhere I go, and they want some action. We find no fault with other candidates nor do we hold any malice."

Mrs. Cooney, wife of the judge, rose on the floor on the auditorium and said that she had worked for Governor Roberts' election two years ago. She questioned whether the party wanted a chairman who was going to be bossed.

She said that while she wasn't directing her remarks at Senator McWeeney, she was familiar with his "supporters up there on the stage. I have worked with Mr. Roberts and Mr. Rao."

The judge's wife added that neither Mr. Roberts or Mr. Rao called to offer any help to her husband. She ended up by saying "maybe you won't win in November, and there will be no jobs to be given out."

Forand Speaks

Representative Forand added his voice to the support of Judge Cooney.

Mr. Forand told the gathering about his decision not to run

for reelection and said his health was the only reason for that.

Mr. Forand told the committee members that he would hate to think that because he is leaving the political scene that there would not be another Democrat succeeding him in Congress. It was for that reason that he joined the rest of the congressional delegation in sifting all the candidates for the party chairmanship and favoring Judge Cooney, he said.

Mr. McWeeney's name was placed in nomination by Mr. Kiernan.

Compliments Cooney

Mr. Kiernan opened his speech by paying high compliments to Judge Cooney. He said he once acted as an emissary of J. Howard McGrath when Mr. McGrath was governor in offering Judge Cooney an appointment as chief judge of the Juvenile Court. He said Judge Cooney turned down the offer.

But Mr. Kiernan told the committee members they would not find any candidate as qualified for the post of party chairman as Mr. McWeeney.

Mr. McWeeney's nomination was seconded with short speeches by Paul Murray of Newport, Louis Capucio of Westerly, Edward J. Plunkett, Providence police court judge, and Gustave A. Labreche, Woonsocket Democratic city chairman.

The meeting of the committee finally was called to order by Mr. Rao at 9 o'clock. He thanked the committee members for their "loyalty and cooperation during the years he served as chairman."

John G. Coffey, state committee secretary, read Mr. Rao's letter of resignation and moved that the resignation be accepted. Mr. Rao then said that while he is resigning as chairman, it does not mean he will not continue to be active in the party.

Executive Body Backs Senator In 5-Hr. Parley

P.S. April 3, 1960
The executive committee of the Democratic State Committee gave its endorsement to Sen. John G. McWeeney yesterday afternoon a few hours before the Democratic State Committee chose him to succeed Frank Rao as state chairman.

Supported strongly by Democratic leaders in the General Assembly, the Providence senator won with ease over Judge John P. Cooney Jr. of Providence.

The vote was: Senator McWeeney, 17; Judge Cooney, 11; Mortimer W. Newton of West Warwick, 2, and General Treasurer Raymond H. Hawksley of East Providence, 1.

It came at the conclusion of a five-hour meeting behind closed doors in a Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel room.

Rep. James H. Kiernan of Providence, Democratic leader in the House of Representatives who had been from the start one of Senator McWeeney's strongest supporters, nominated his candidate.

Judge Cooney was nominated by U.S. Sen. John O. Pastore.

Senator Pastore confirmed a report that during the committee meeting he made a strong speech in support of Lt. Gov. John A. Notte Jr. for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

He said, "I am for John Notte, regardless of who runs against him."

Early this week, Lieutenant Governor Notte, believed to be under tremendous pressure from the Washington delegation, announced his support of the candidacy of Judge Cooney.

Michael DeCiantis of West Warwick nominated Mr. Newton. Mr. Hawksley was not nominated but received one complimentary vote when the balloting got underway. He was

not an announced candidate for the state chairman, but said he would be available if the party wanted him.

Mr. DeCiantis, in his talk on behalf of Mr. Newton, said that talk on the street was that the rank and file voters were distressed at the pressure tactics being used by the Washington delegation on behalf of Judge Cooney.

He also said that there was some talk against making Judge Cooney chairman because it would make a judicial appointment available to the state Republican administration.

Mr. Rao announced the result of the balloting when the meeting broke up about 5:30 p.m., but three-quarters of an hour earlier word had come from the committee room that forces backing Senator McWeeney had prevailed.

The breakdown of the vote in the secret session was not announced, but thoroughly reliable sources said this was the way it went:

For Senator McWeeney — Atty. Gen. J. Joseph Nugent; Secretary of State August P. LaFrance; Mr. Hawksley; House Speaker Harry F. Curvin of Pawtucket; Mr. Kiernan; Mr. Rao; Mrs. Eleanor P. Slater of Warwick, vice chairman of the state committee; John G. Coffey of Warwick, secre-

tary of the state committee; Thomas H. Levesque of Portsmouth; former Gov. Dennis J. Roberts; Mayor Walter H. Reynolds of Providence; Councilman Edmund Wexler of Providence; Gustave A. LaBrecche of Woonsocket; John F. Ford of Providence; William F. Bolster of Narragansett; Louis B. Cappuccio of Westerly and Senator McWeeney.

For Judge Cooney—Lt. Gov. John A. Notte Jr., William D. Doyle of Newport, Edward J. Higgins of Warren, Leo P. McGowan of Barrington, Senator Pastore, Mayor Raymond J. Morissette of Central Falls, Robert J. Connelly of Central Falls, Congressman Alme J. Forand, Congressman John E. Fogarty, Andrew V. Powers of Cumberland and Judge Harold C. Arcaro of Providence.

For Mr. Newton—Edward J. Murray of East Greenwich and Mr. DeCiantis.

For Mr. Hawksley—John E. Rebello of East Providence.

Mr. Rao said that although Senator McWeeney had gained the support of the executive committee for chairman, he expected there would be nominations on the floor of the state committee meeting since backers of the other candidates had reserved the right to make



P.S. April 3, 1960
Supporters and former opponents of new Democratic state chairman, Sen. John G. McWeeney (crew cut, right center) extended their congratulations after Saturday's election. In left center, nearer camera, is Attorney General J. Joseph Nugent, while behind Senator McWeeney is executive committeeman Louis B. Cap-

puccio of Westerly. To the right is Secretary of State August P. LaFrance, wearing glasses. At extreme left and right are Senator Pastore and Congressman Fogarty, two of the new chairman's principal foes during the election.

—Journal-Bulletin Photo

New Democratic Chairman In Assembly Since 1947

P.S. April 4, 1960
Sen. John G. McWeeney, the new chairman of the Rhode Island Democratic Party, has been a member of the General

Assembly since 1947, when he was chosen at a special election to fill a vacancy caused by the death of William G. Troy.

He has been the Democratic leader in the upper legislative branch for the last four years, sitting in the same seat and serving in the same capacity as had his predecessor.

He has been chairman of the Senate finance committee on two different occasions and also has served on the Senate labor and fisheries committees.

The senator, who is 46 years

old, attended public schools in this city and graduated from Commercial High School. He is engaged in the general insurance business.

Since he was 16 years old he has been active in Democratic affairs, has been a member of the state committee for six

years, was recently named to its executive committee, and for nine years has been a member of the Eighth Ward Committee and a member of the Providence City Committee.

Senator McWeeney is chairman of the bipartisan Legislative Council activated last year by action of the General Assembly.

He is a member of the Providence Lodge of Elks, the Eagles and of Assumption Parish. He is married to the former Catherine Hames of Providence and the father of four children, John R., 21; Marie, 20; Donald 10; and Michael, 4.



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New Democratic state chairman, Sen. John G. McWeeney.

—Journal-Bulletin Photo by George E. Rooney

R.I. Democrats

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man has that authority except for those seats held by virtue of elective or General Assembly position — he said no changes would be made until after the Assembly adjourns.

"Strong Party Interest"

He said he did not know if there would be primaries for positions on the state and congressional tickets, but added that there usually are in cases of vacancies, "which is indicative of strong party interest."

Senator McWeeney's state committee strength — as opposed to Judge Cooney's — was centered in the metropolitan areas. The senator got 41 out of 48 votes cast by the Providence delegation; 19 out of 20 in Pawtucket; 16 out of 16 in Woonsocket; nine out of 10 in Cranston, six out of six in Warwick, and six out of eight in East Providence.

A big factor in the city vote was the strong backing the senator had from influential members of the legislature. Senator McWeeney also picked up town and city votes by making personal calls and being conversant with local problems, observers believe.

Moreover, General Assembly leaders felt that they should have more of a role in party matters. The fact that the Assembly was in session weighed in Senator McWeeney's favor because it offered a ready-made base of operations.

Without Consultation

The state committee vote would seem to bear out reports that the Washington delegation received a rebuff because home-front Democrats felt that the decision to back Judge Cooney was arrived at without any consultation on the local level; Judge Cooney was not as active in party affairs as was his opponent; the delegation waited too long to take an active interest in local affairs, and a belief that if the Washington group had its way, local committees would be left out in the cold.

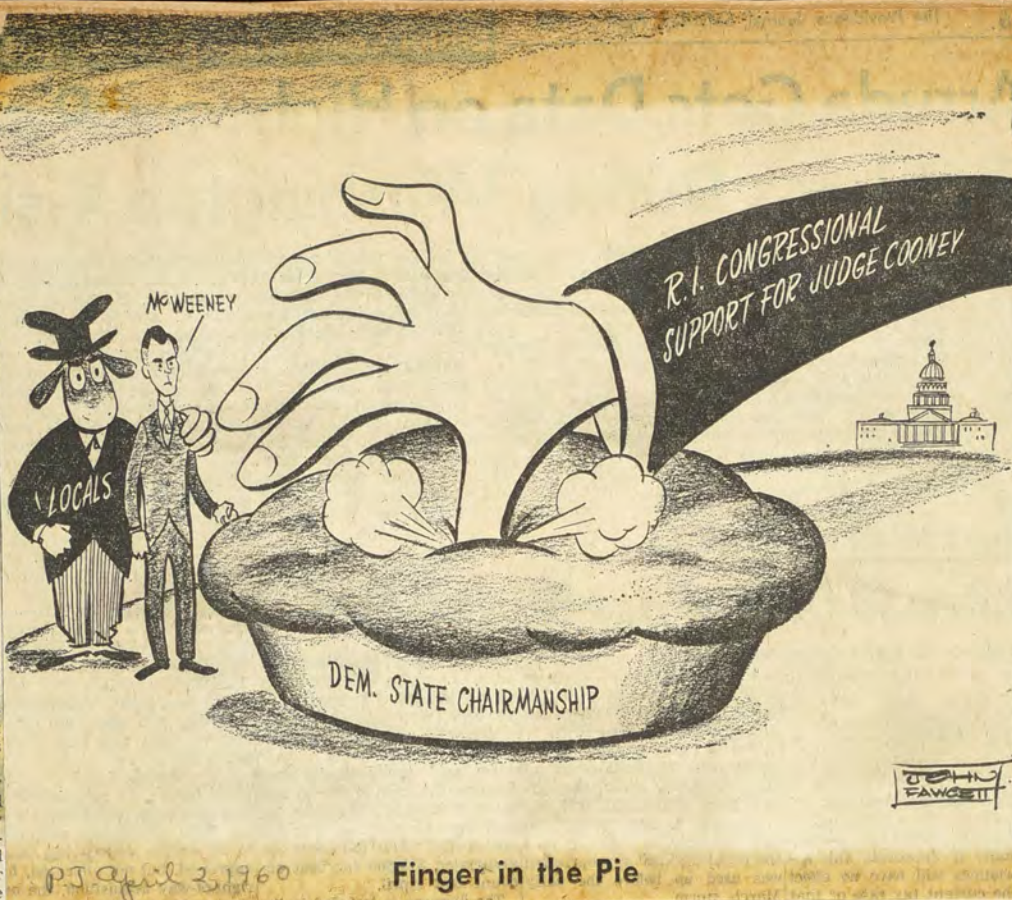
Speculation on candidates to succeed Aime J. Forand included the names of former Lt. Gov. Armand H. Cote, who said yesterday that he had no immediate political plans, Mayor Kevin K. Coleman of Woonsocket; Sen. John E. Moran of Cumberland, Edward Heroux, secretary to Mr. Forand; Sen. Joseph A. Savage of Newport and Rep. Augusto W. SaoBento of East Providence.

Individuals who are believed to have some interest in the post of Democratic national committeeman include former Gov. Dennis J. Roberts, Edward J. Higgins, administrative assistant to Senator Green; Senator Pastore and House majority leader James H. Kiernan.

Assembly is nearing adjournment, but he feels that the chairmanship job should be full time.

Probable candidates to succeed Senator McWeeney as leader include Frank Sgambato of North Providence and William M. Davies Jr. of Lincoln, deputy leaders, and Primo Iacobucci of Providence.

When asked if he intends to reorganize the executive committee — since a new chair-



Finger in the Pie

Forand Won't Run Again For Congress

Legislator's Decision Stuns Party

U.S. Rep. Aime J. Forand announced yesterday that he will retire from Congress at the end of his present term.

"I have reached the point where I am exhausted," he told the executive committee of the Rhode Island Democratic State Committee.

Mr. Forand has represented the first Rhode Island district in Washington for 22 years.

His decision not to run for reelection is irrevocable, he said.

The announcement came as a stunning surprise to the state's Democrats — and, incidentally, to Mrs. Forand, who said in Washington that she, like the rest of the state, had had no inkling of his plans.

Representative Forand said that doctors had advised him two years ago not to run for reelection then.

"But of course I did not listen to them," he said. "About 10 days ago I was reported to be at home with a cold, but really I was exhausted."

He added that doctors have advised him to take an immediate rest, but he does not intend to. He said that he hopes



Congressman Forand

to remain active in state politics, but not as a candidate.

The 64-year-old author of the controversial bill which would expand the Social Security program to include medical care for the elderly said that for the remaining days of the session he is going to try and get his bill out of committee.

He announced his decision while speaking on behalf of the candidacy of Judge John P. Cooney Jr. of Providence for the post of state party chairman at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel. He said later that "I wanted to let the committee

Richard to Eye Station Wagons For Police Cars

By the summer of 1961, West Warwick police may do their patrolling in station wagons.

This possibility was brought up last night by Joseph D. Richard, town council president, who said he will begin conferring this month with police about replacing cruisers with station wagons in coming years.

The latter could be equipped with stretchers, first aid kits and emergency and rescue gear too bulky to be carried in current police cars, he said.

"If I find the police feel the idea is a good one, I will work toward having funds appropriated next year for purchase of one or more station wagons," Mr. Richard said. "In some emergencies they could be used as ambulances."

The council president stressed that he does not favor replacing existing cruisers with station wagons until the former are considered up for trade.

Mr. Richard also reported delivery is expected this month of three new police cars, purchased from funds appropriated at the last financial town meeting.

know that there was nothing personal in my support of Judge Cooney."

Immediately, speculation arose about possible candidates for the nomination to succeed Mr. Forand in the first district, which includes parts of Providence and the eastern part of the state.

Kevin K. Coleman, former mayor of Woonsocket, said last night, "I am definitely interested in being a candidate for Congress." He added parenthetically, "I'll bet there are 900

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R.I. Democrats Face Drive For Harmony

McWeeney's Victory Blow to Prestige of Congressional Group

By JOSEPH V. SHANLEY

One thing stands out above all others in the aftermath of Sen. John G. McWeeney's overwhelming election victory Saturday night as state chairman of the Democratic Party.

Rhode Island's congressional delegation — which solidly backed Judge John P. Cooney Jr. for the job — appeared to have suffered an affront to its prestige and popularity. While the congressmen are tremendous vote-getters on a statewide basis, their support of Judge Cooney had little effect on members of the state committee.

The corrected tally was 131 for Senator McWeeney, 45 for Judge Cooney and 10 for Mortimer W. Newton of West Warwick. The announced vote at the Elks Auditorium was 121 for Senator McWeeney.

Fogarty Question

Facing the Democratic organization now is a drive for harmony while it waits for Rep. John E. Fogarty to decide whether he will run for reelection or seek a seat in the Senate. In addition, there is considerable jockeying for position as the result of Rep. Aime J. Forand's decision not to seek reelection and Sen. Theodore Francis Green's resignation as national committeeman from Rhode Island.

There will be no dearth of candidates for any of the available positions.

Speculation yesterday centered on the role of candidates for the state ticket in light of Senator McWeeney's victory, and the fact that Lt. Gov. John A. Notte Jr., an announced candidate for governor, was on the losing side in the chairmanship fight. Sen. John O. Pastore made it clear at the party's executive committee meeting that he would support Mr. Notte's gubernatorial bid.

Sees No Split

Senator McWeeney said yesterday that he does not believe the contest for chairman engendered any bitterness and emphasized that no deals, threats or promises were made to obtain support for his candidacy. He was confident of a united party and victory in November.

He said it is too early to be specific about plans he has for the party. For the moment he is going to concentrate on legislative matters and call on city and town chairmen and committee members.

"For my own good, I am going to make it a point to find out why some committee members preferred Judge Cooney or Mr. Newton."

He added: "I hope to be able to effect a closer relationship between the executive committee, state committee, city and town chairmen, the congressional delegation and the legislature."

He said that at a Senate caucus tomorrow he will submit his resignation as majority leader, in keeping with his announced plans. He said that some senators have asked him to remain on as leader, because the

Forand Surprised Himself

By EDWARD J. MILNE

Journal-Bulletin Washington Bureau

Washington — Rep. Aime J. Forand surprised even himself by his announcement Saturday to the Democratic State Executive Committee that he will bow out of the House at the end of this term.

"I had been giving this serious thought for some time," he said yesterday upon his return from Rhode Island, "but I had no intention of making any declaration Saturday."

A colleague on the executive committee said it seemed to him that Mr. Forand acted on impulse after listening to criticism of the part he and others of the congressional delegation had played in the campaign for Judge John P. Cooney Jr. for state chairman.

The colleague thought Mr. Forand's idea was to show that he was seeking no advantage for himself in backing the judge.

On Saturday, Mr. Forand had put it: "I wanted to let the committee know that there was nothing personal in my support of Judge Cooney."

Yesterday, he said:

"It was something like playing it by ear when you have a bill up. As circumstances develop, you act accordingly. This was the group to whom I would have made my announcement in any event. I made it before the vote was taken. Otherwise, I might have been accused later of being a sorehead."

Edward W. Heroux, Mr. Forand's executive secretary, first heard of his boss' decision as the congressman told a Journal-Bulletin reporter about it at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Heroux, who is thinking seriously of running for the seat himself, has been with Mr. Forand nine years.

Mrs. Emily Livingston, one of the secretaries in the office here, first learned of it by means of a telephone call from a friend in Rhode Island Saturday night. With Mr. Forand for seven years, she in turn informed another secretary, Mrs. Ruth McCoy, who has been with Mr. Forand eight years.

Don Champagny, who joined the staff last month, heard about it when he walked into the office yesterday morning.

Flood of Calls

The word of the Forand decision barely filtered through to the capitol over the weekend. His office was flooded with telephone calls yesterday, growing in number as the day wore on, asking if the "rumor" was true.

The author of controversial legislation to add health insurance to the Social Security program. Mr. Forand said he had not checked up on what his own pension will be when he quits Congress at the age of 65.

"No, I haven't bothered to," he said. "I know it's enough to keep me out of the poorhouse."

The sergeant-at-arms of the House said that only a member can, under the law, make public the amount of his pension. Mr. Forand has been contributing 7½ per cent of his pay, which for the last several years has been \$22,500 a year, to the pension plan.

By rough and informal estimates, a man with his length of service—22 years in the House, five and a half years as secretary to congressmen, and a little more than a year in service

in World War I—probably will have a pension in the neighborhood of \$15,000 a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Forand have Blue Cross and Blue Shield hospital and surgical insurance that costs him \$48 every three months. He can afford to keep on paying it after retirement, he said, but he doesn't think old age pension system members could.

Will Keep Active

With his health insurance bill still a major issue in Congress, Mr. Forand said he intends to keep "just as active as if I were seeking reelection."

But once the session ends, he said, "I am going to take a good rest."

He said he doesn't know where he and Mrs. Forand will make their home. They have "two comfortable ones," one in Kensington, Md., a Washington suburb, and the other in Cumberland, R. I.

After the rest?

"I hope I can do some writing," he said. "I have one pet subject, the mechanics of Congress. College professors tell me there is a lot of material on the subject but nothing by anyone with practical experience. I've accumulated a trunkful of material."

In recent years, Mr. Forand has been one of a squad of half a dozen picked members whom Speaker Rayburn has used as presiding officers during the House's touchiest debates.

Both Parties Praise Chairman McWeeney

Sen. John G. McWeeney of Providence, newly elected chairman of the Democratic Party, occupied the political limelight on Capitol Hill yesterday.

He received praise and assurance of support, and a Woonsocket representative notified him of a desire to become the party's candidate in the First Congressional District.

In writing and orally, the majority leader of the Senate received the plaudits of well-wishers on the floor and the promise of "wholehearted support" from Lt. Gov. John A. Notte Jr.

Rep. John J. Skiffington Jr. was the legislator who notified Senator McWeeney that he is a candidate for the congressional nomination in the district now represented by Aime J. Forand. Mr. Forand told the executive committee of the Democratic State Committee on Saturday that he will not seek reelection.

Action on Leader Delayed

Members of the Senate Democratic majority in caucus yesterday deferred until today consideration of selecting one of their number to be floor leader.

Senator McWeeney has said he would submit his resignation as floor leader. But the feeling around the General Assembly is that he could be prevailed upon to handle both jobs since the session has only a few more weeks to run.

A resolution offered in the Senate by Gilbert T. Rocha (D-East Providence) and 36 other members expressing "sincere good wishes" to Senator McWeeney was the signal for Democrats and Republicans alike to stand up and congratulate the new chairman.

Mr. Notte, who last week had announced his backing of Judge John P. Cooney Jr. for chairman, yesterday issued a statement congratulating Senator McWeeney on his election and offering him "my wholehearted support."

Makes Plea for Unity

"Now that the contest is over, it is the duty of all Democrats to work together in giving him the aid and encouragement necessary to weld us into a strong united party for victory in November," the statement declared.

When the resolution was on its way to passage by the Sen-

ate, Mr. Notte reiterated his sentiments.

Sen. C. George DeStefano of Barrington, deputy GOP leader, praised the "excellent choice" the Democratic Party had made and said of Senator McWeeney:

"He is a man of integrity, honesty, and when he gives you his word, he keeps it."

The Barrington senator wished the majority leader well "but not in politics" and Sen. James H. Donnelly of North Kingstown, GOP floor leader, praising his opposite number, wished him success "within the confines of his own party."

"Happy as Individual"

Among those who spoke was Sen. Edward P. Gallogly (D-Providence), who had supported Judge Cooney. He said he is "happy as an individual" to see his leader get the job and declared the same sentiment is shared by the "very slim minority" of which he was a member in support of Judge Cooney.

Sen. Harry J. Hall (R-Scituate), who has served for 32 years in the legislature, declared Senator McWeeney to be "one of the outstanding individuals, in my estimation, who has led his party" over that period.

"He has always been fair in the legislation he has sponsored" and has won the friendship of all in the Senate, Senator Hall declared.

Responding to the praise, Senator McWeeney said he felt as nervous as he did on the day 13 years ago when he first entered the Senate.

"I felt that day as I do now," he declared, "Gentlemen, I thank you all."

He said his opponents in the race for chairman were "dignified men" and the campaign was "clean."

"If all campaigns could be run as cleanly as this one, politics would be a lot different," he remarked.

Exchange in House

The new chairman's name also entered into an exchange in the House of Representatives as one member attempted to speak on personal privilege.

Rep. John H. Chafee of Warwick, GOP minority leader, said that Rep. James H. Kiernan, the Democratic majority leader, probably had "his finest hour" Saturday while working to put over the candidacy of Senator McWeeney.

House Speaker Harry F. Curvin joined in the exchange, saying that Senator McWeeney was elected because of his popularity, integrity and experience.

"It did not do Senator McWeeney any harm to have Mr. Kiernan in his corner," observed Mr. Chafee.

Mr. Skiffington in his letter to Senator McWeeney, cited his 10 years of service in the General Assembly and pledged himself to carry on Mr. Forand's programs, if elected.

Fogarty Plans

Will Stir R.I.

Political Pot

Rep. John E. Fogarty will end one phase of the political guessing game Saturday afternoon, and at the same time will open up a new one.

He said in Washington that he will announce whether he will be a candidate for reelection or run for the Senate.

Jaycees Seek Old Town Hall As Library Drive Quarters

The West Warwick Junior Chamber of Commerce last night voted to seek the old town hall as a temporary headquarters for a central library fund drive.

Jean L. Peltier, Jaycee library committee chairman, asked for the decision to ask the Town Council for the old town hall in what he called a "sink or swim" campaign for a new central library.

The Jaycees unanimously voted to seek council approval tomorrow night of use of the former town hall at 10 Pike St. for book storage and headquarters for library fund drive.

Mr. Peltier, emphasizing that no money would be spent on the old building, told members, "if you vote for this, you're in the library business, sink or swim, for now on."

Rene Dionne, Jaycee president, said there are indications that completion of the Robert Street Road project will open several locations for a new library to serve the entire town.

Both Mr. Dionne and Mr. Peltier hailed the planning board's announced support of the central library plan. Mr. Dionne said the board's support will lend prestige to efforts so far made primarily by younger men.

Mr. Peltier said Louis R. Samson, architect, has drafted preliminary plans for the proposed library. He said council permission to use the old town hall would clear the way for immediate start of a library campaign.

The Jaycees were unsuccessful in attempts to obtain the old Main Street School, Arctic, for reconstruction as a library. The Chamber of Commerce opposes the idea in favor of a parking lot at the site.

Mr. Samson, Mr. Peltier and Mr. Dionne, it was indicated, will attend the May 26 meeting of the West Warwick PTA Council in an effort to enlist organized PTA support for the central library drive.

Whatever decision he makes, it is bound to set off a flurry of candidate activity. Speculation seems to be running strong that he will decide to try for an 11th term in the House where he has become a national figure in health, education and welfare fields.

Names that pop up frequently as probably candidates for the senatorial nomination include former Gov. Dennis J. Roberts, J. Howard McGrath, former senator and governor, and Robert E. Quinn of West Warwick, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Military Appeals. Claiborne Pell of Newport has said he will be a candidate if Mr. Fogarty is not.

Meanwhile, Rep. John C. Agnew of Newport, added his name to the growing list of candidates for the Democratic endorsement as representative in Congress to succeed Rep. Aime J. Forand in the First District. Mr. Agnew is a Unitarian minister and a former Journal-Bulletin reporter. He made his intentions known to Sen. John G. McWeeney, Democratic state chairman.

McWeeney Plans Meetings With Democratic Leaders

Plans for meetings with the Rhode Island congressional delegation and with local Democratic Party leaders were disclosed yesterday by Sen. John G. McWeeney, new Democratic state chairman.

Mr. McWeeney said he will confer in Washington with the state's senators and representatives, all of whom opposed his election as state chairman on Saturday.

He indicated that among his objectives will be a decision by Rep. John E. Fogarty whether he will seek reelection or run for the U.S. Senate.

Mr. Fogarty said yesterday that he had given "no further thought" to his plans as a re-

sult of the election of Mr. McWeeney as state committee chairman. He said he has not yet fixed any time for a declaration of his intentions.

Former Gov. Dennis J. Roberts said that the outcome of the state chairmanship contest did not change his political thinking or plans. He said he did not consider the election of Mr. McWeeney a rebuff to the congressional delegation which supported Judge John P. Cooney Jr.

Mr. McWeeney said he will meet with city and town Democratic leaders on a night-to-night schedule. He said he also intends to set up conferences with candidates and elective officers to map campaign plans.

R.I. is a poor risk

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Complaints within recent weeks from both the state's general treasurer, Raymond H. Hawksley, and Mayor Lawrence A. McCarthy of Pawtucket, about the low opinion which Moody's investors service in New York has of the rating of bonds issued by governments in Rhode Island have brought a variety of suggestions from fiscal officials that ought to make taxpayers sit up and take notice.

It's the taxpayers' money that has to pay off bonds which the state and its communities issue to build schools, roads, sewers, water works and costly improvements. It's the taxpayers' money that has to pay the interest, and when a rating firm such as Moody's gives securities a low rating, investors who bid on the bonds generally pay some attention.

The sorry credit picture in Rhode Island, a recent check of Moody discloses, is that not a single community in the state enjoys a triple-A rating as "gilt edge"; only four per cent rate a double-A, which is "high quality"; 48 per cent get a single A, which is "higher medium

grade" susceptible to impairment, and another 48 per cent are rated Baa, which is "lower medium grade" with "speculative characteristics."

The state of Rhode Island itself dropped from Aa to A when the \$20,000,000 veterans' bonus bond issue was passed in 1946, doubling the state debt, and hasn't climbed back since.

Mr. Hawksley, who says he is going to ask Moody's to review its rating for Rhode Island securities because of economic improvement throughout the state, adds this observation: The general thing in bond ratings is for the credit rating of a state's communities to follow the rating for state bonds, since they all reflect an overall government fiscal problem.

Of 26 states east of the Mississippi, only Rhode Island's and West Virginia's bonds currently are at the single A level; eight are Aa, 11 are Aaa, and five have no general obligations whatsoever.

That there is a close relation between the ratings fixed for a state's own securities and those of its component cities and towns can be demonstrated easily.

Rhode Island is the only New England state with a

third-grade A rating; Massachusetts has an Aa rate, one step better, and the other four states have a top Aaa.

Now look at the ratings of municipalities, expressed in percentages:

	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa
Maine	5	50	45	0
N.H.	14	27	55	4
Vt.	14	64	22	0
Mass.	6	25	64	5
Conn.	10	33	56	1
R.I.	0	4	48	48

An ironic side-note to this matter of ratings is what happened not too long ago with the town of Scituate. Its town treasurer, Sam S. Tourtellot, tried to get some kind of rating to aid in sale of a high school bond issue. The town couldn't get such a rating for prospective bond buyers, because it didn't have any debt.

Fiscal officials talking about this cost-of-money problem in Rhode Island have some interesting views. One said outspokenly that regardless of how Moody's rates a bond issue, a community can get a good interest rate if it furnishes enough information about the community, its record of growth and good government, its fiscal picture. An instance cited was a prospectus put out by the city of Providence

The credit rating agencies give the state a low rank

in November to attract investors to bid favorably on \$4,550,000 of various improvement bonds. The city got a 3.765 price, including the premium.

But many cities and towns don't have facilities to furnish wide information to investors, and there is no state agency staffed to provide any such service for them.

Another official said some communities lean too much on so-called fiscal agents, usually banks, which collect fees for their services to the towns.

Another said there has been, until recently, a lack of real interest in Rhode Island's state and local bond investments by Rhode Island banks. They have, over the years, done an extensive business in buying tax anticipation notes — short term securities that require little more than a check of the governmental agency's balance sheet. These notes are issued to cover monies the city or town needs to pay bills until tax collections come in. More and more Rhode Island communities are ending this problem by synchronization of their fiscal and tax years.

Still other officials think the ultimate solution to improving of the bond status of the state's cities and towns is a subject which will be discussed more extensively tomorrow on this page.

Four Republican senators, none a leader, introduced the administration's proposed amendments to the general aid bill in the Senate. Their measure went to the finance committee.

The governor did not offer any amendments to the construction aid bill, although he pointed out that it provides no means of raising the money. He called it "probably the most poorly drafted measure of any importance presented to me during my term of office as governor."

"Should Have Vetted" After his lengthy message was read to the House, Rep. John J. Wrenn of Providence, the deputy minority leader, said that if the bills were as bad as the governor said they were "he should have acted on principle and vetoed them."

He told the House: "What has happened is that the governor is piqued because he did not get his original bill through and he is still piqued. I am getting a little tired of these sacrosanct epistles from the governor. Everybody is wrong except the governor of the state of Rhode Island."

The governor was defended by Rep. John H. Chafee of Warwick, the Republican floor leader. He said the governor apparently signed the general aid bill because it was the best he could get, for "half a loaf is better than none." He said Governor Del Sesto "is disappointed, and I think rightly so, that it isn't a good education bill."

The Senate amendments to the act were offered by Sen-

W. Warwick Gets \$24,995 School Grant From Govt.

West Warwick has been granted \$24,995 under the program to aid school districts with large numbers of federal employes, the federal education office announced yesterday.

Covering the fiscal year ending June 30, the grant may run as high as \$33,027, the education office stated.

Last June 9, the town school department reported receipts of \$24,377 in federal aid. According to its annual report, federal receipts amounted to \$32,148 last year.

fors Louis E. Perreault of Richmond, Ernest L. Nye of Foster, Charles J. Link of Charlestown and Raymond O. Howard of Glocester. Among other things the changes would:

1. Define "approved school expenditures" which communities may make in the name of education — a point on which the new law is silent.

2. Give the Board of Education the power to "recommend" local educational spending levels. The new law has these levels "determined" by the board.

3. Require communities to appropriate local educational funds for next year that are at least equal to the average local appropriation of the preceding three years. The new law provides only that total educational spending, including state and federal grants, shall be maintained.

4. Allow for the possibility of declining school enrollments, and hence decreasing local school appropriations in some communities, by requiring cities and towns to maintain the same per pupil spending for education, but not necessarily the same gross appropriation.

5. Provide, in a section guaranteeing all communities at least a 10 per cent increase in state aid during the coming year, that the present level of aid shall be computed without regard for financial penalties invoked this year for failure to maintain adequate teacher-pupil ratios.

The ground was knocked out from under this proposal shortly after its introduction when the House passed and sent to the governor a bill eliminating from the old law, which will be in effect until July 1, the section under which the penalties have been imposed.

It also waives all penalties against the seven communities affected this year. They are Cumberland, West Warwick, East Providence, Central Falls, Warren, North Smithfield and Coventry.

The new law has no such penalties. In his message, Governor Del Sesto told the legislators, "I am hoping that it will now act in a responsible manner and amend both measures so that they can become effective." Without the changes, he said, both acts "merely represent pious words of expression."

The General Assembly should act "forthwith," he said, because "it may well be" that the legislature has "created chaos in the finances of every one of the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island."

He said, "You have repealed most of the present state aid to education laws and you have substituted in lieu thereof a measure which is so vague and indefinite and ambiguous that

it cannot be put into operation."

The Democratic sponsors of the new law said it would provide around \$3,500,000 in increased state aid for the coming school year. Before he came to the argument that the law is inoperable, Governor Del Sesto said it would boost aid by around \$4,000,000, bringing total state educational aid to \$14,000,000.

The reason for the lack of precision in the estimates is that all the facts and figures used to compute state aid under the state's complicated formulas have not yet been accumulated.

Turning to the school construction measure, the governor said it is "meaningless," partially because there is no money on hand to make it work. He told the Assembly:

"If you want to make this act operative, then it is your responsibility to provide additional taxes and revenue so that any appropriations under this act can become effective."

The legislature has not yet acted on any revenue proposals. Governor Del Sesto criticized the construction aid law on a multitude of fronts, including charges that it:

1. Is fuzzy in its definitions of important terms.
2. Does not make it clear that state aid would go only for actual school construction and not such things as adjacent recreational developments.
3. Does not specify what kinds of school equipment the state might have to pay for.

Last year the school department estimated it would receive \$20,950. Its estimate this year was the same as the total federal receipts recorded in the annual report, \$32,148.



When the state's credit rating drops, the cost of all public works is apt to be higher. Shown here is the new classroom building at the Ladd School.

School Aid Law Called Useless If Not Changed

Amendments Are Proposed By Governor

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And his companion measure which appropriates \$1,500,000 to help communities with school construction costs, are "vague and indefinite." He said they "will not provide any funds whatsoever for a single community in Rhode Island."

He continued: "The Department of Administration, which includes the state budget office and the state controller's office, cannot approve the payment of a single dollar under either measure unless the General Assembly takes action as I am suggesting in this message."

Chance for Amendment

The governor signed both bills into law in the stated belief that vetoes of them would not be sustained. He said that by getting them on the books early he would give the legisla-

Governor Del Sesto told the General Assembly yesterday the aid to education bill he signed on Monday is so bad it will halt all state aid to schools unless it is amended.

In messages to the House and Senate, he said the general aid

Five New Police Posts Urged in W. Warwick

The West Warwick Town Council last night took under advisement a surprise recommendation from Police Chief Arthur Groleau to create two new lieutenants, a lieutenant-inspector and two sergeants.

Recommended for promotion to lieutenant were Sgt. Leo Ritchotte, currently the senior sergeant and serving on the night shift, and Sgt. Telford Lefebvre, a veteran day desk officer.

Sgt. William A. Gallucci, who

has done considerable investigative work under Capt. Henry F. Miller Jr., was recommended for promotion to a new rank of lieutenant-inspector.

Tapped for promotions to sergeant were Corp. Raymond E. Miller, who was patrolman for many years before he became permanent in 1948, and Corp. Manuel Simas, who was appointed to the permanent force in 1948.

Joseph D. Richard, Town Council president, said the council knew nothing of the recommendations until last night. Preliminary discussion in the town solicitor's office before the council meeting indicated the promotions would cost perhaps \$600 a year, he said. There is only about a \$2 a week pay differential between the ranks involved in the promotions, it was said.

Lt. Joseph F. Pontarelli, in charge nights, is currently the only lieutenant on the force.

Asked whether the proposed promotions have been discussed by the Democratic town committee, Chairman Henry J. Petrarca said they have not. Mr. Richard said they probably will be before any council action.

Fire Chief Lionel P. Gareau, who was present, told reporters that he will no doubt have some promotion recommendations for his men, if the police promotions are approved.

Appolonia Feels Town Will Not Lose School Aid

Rep. Felix Appolonia (D-West Warwick) said last night there is now a strong possibility that West Warwick will not lose the \$49,450 state education aid penalty it suffered this year.

Even if it doesn't get the money, it will not suffer another penalty in the future for same reason, under the McWeeny education aid bill that passed the House in concurrence and went to the Governor yesterday, he said.

The "word around the State House corridor" yesterday, he said, was that the Governor now may not veto either the McWeeny bill or the Moran bill that passed the House in concurrence yesterday and also went to the Governor.

Enough Republican senators, who helped pass the McWeeny bill, are seen likely to go along with the Democrats to override any veto by the Governor of the two bills, Mr. Appolonia understands.

West Warwick Jaycees, in the role of "angry young men" seeking improvements, last night carried their fight for a central library to the town council.

With Rep. Felix Appolonia, Jean Peltier and Robert R. Forcier spearheading the drive, the Jaycees "dropped their earlier idea of converting the old Main Street School, Arctic, and asked permission to build a new library building on the school lot.

The council took the request under advisement, after Jerry Deitch, secretary of the senior Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Clarence Brousseau, a business property owner in the area, said they are concerned about taking up parking space in the business center.

Mr. Peltier said the new Robert Street extension and widening of Main Street near Arctic Square will make available more than 300 additional parking spaces.

He said there will be about 144 additional parking spaces on land between the post office and nurses' building, about 100 near St. James' School and about 70 along Main Street.

Angelo A. Marcello, state director of public works, told the Jaycees that buildings along Main Street are to come down in connection with the state's

fire prevention bureau, who showed the Chicago school fire movie, and Frank Drohan of North Tiverton Fire Department, Fire Chief Lionel P. Gareau showed the chiefs around his modern station, after a buffet supper served under direction of West Warwick Deputy Chief James G. Prysor.

Expected to Seek Reelection to House

Fogarty to Tell Plans Saturday

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Washington — Rep. John E. Fogarty today picked the day and place to announce whether he will seek reelection or run for the Senate.

The day will be Saturday and the place will be back home in Rhode Island.

He is expected to say he will run for an 11th term in the House.

He scheduled a press conference for Saturday afternoon at 3 in his office in the Custom House for his long-awaited announcement.

Mr. Fogarty declined to say what his decision is. He was reported to feel that as a courtesy to his colleagues in the Rhode Island Congressional delegation and his political associates in Rhode Island he should keep mum until he makes it known formally.

But everything pointed toward a decision, short of unexpected 11th-hour developments, to stay in the House, where he has spent his entire 20 years in public office and has built up a seniority of value in both national and state affairs.

Put another way, there have been no signs he will announce for the Senate.

Mr. Fogarty has been considering his future course since

long before Sen. Theodore Francis Green's announcement in January that he would not run again.

His 1958 reelection victory was the most decisive ever scored by a Democrat in what was once the strongly Republican Second Congressional District.

His first decision was that he would never oppose Senator Green for the Senate nomination.

When the 92-year-old senator decided against running for a fifth term, Mr. Fogarty, then 46, had problems. There was his own strong inclination to remain in the House, to which he was elected at the age of 27 and where he has acquired a position on the Appropriations Committee that has made him an authority in the health, education and welfare fields.

But there was also the possibility of a Senate draft. Mr. Fogarty did not want it and did not expect it, but he did not want to put himself in the position of barring it if party interests dictated it. While his mail had indicated a widespread assumption that he would run for the Senate, no one has tried to sell him the idea that he is

House come January. It would take them a number of years to win committee assignments of national scope or real value to the state.

Could Have Nomination

When the first hints appeared last year that Senator Green would not run again, there was important opinion that Mr. Fogarty could have the Senate nomination with little serious opposition. That opinion was confirmed by the statements of party leaders after the senator's announcement.

Upon word of the Green decision in January, Mr. Fogarty, already strongly inclined toward remaining in the House, said he would put off his decision until after he had disposed of his annual labor, health, education and welfare appropriation bill. Pressures on him to announce have built up in the intervening weeks.

He probably would have announced in Providence last Saturday, a few days after his bill passed, had not the state chairmanship issue intervened. He made it plain that he did not want a prior announcement by him to be taken as an effort to influence the outcome of the Cooney - McWeeny contest. There is no evidence that the outcome of the contest has influenced his expected decision to run for the House again.

Juvenile Court Receives Brief In Bruno Case

A written brief was filed with the state Juvenile Court yesterday afternoon in support of the contention of Patrolman John Bruno of West Warwick that the court lacks authority to hold him in contempt.

The brief was left with the court by Michael DeCiantis, attorney for Patrolman Bruno. Along with the brief, Mr. DeCiantis left a new and more detailed draft of a motion for the quashing of the contempt proceedings against the policeman. Mr. DeCiantis is town solicitor of West Warwick.

Patrolman Bruno allegedly made comments which the court regarded as possibly contemptuous after the court had acquitted a juvenile who reportedly participated in beating up the patrolman at a restaurant where he had a part time job.

The patrolman said he was knocked unconscious by the youth and three companions after the youth had been ejected from the restaurant.

The officer's supposed remarks were published in the

Police, Firemen Bills Chances Put at 60-40

The bill that would tax insurance companies to provide a \$600 salary boost for police and firemen has a 60-40 chance of passing the General Assembly, Sen. Francis J. LaChapelle (D-West Warwick) said last night.

He gave those odds to a Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Club meeting in the new fire station of the West Warwick Veterans Memorial Municipal Building. Earlier, Michael Fogarty of the club's legislative committee, had predicted the bill has a 50-50 chance of passage.

Privately, other sources at the meeting were skeptical of the bill's passage because it would not help the many volunteer firemen in the state. The bill would apply to those who earn their livelihood from police or fire work.

Mr. Fogarty reported no action this year on the two-year-old proposal of a special commission for modernization of the state's building codes and fire requirements. He said he has hopes something will be done next year.

The commission advocated the state action after the disastrous Chicago parochial school fire two years ago. The chiefs last night saw a movie,

graphically depicting the school fire in which about 100 students and nuns lost their lives.

Also Mr. Fogarty reported that a \$2,500 appropriation bill to cover cost of prizes at the East Greenwich Firemen's Muster has been passed by the General Assembly.

Chief Thomas Duckworth of Warwick Fire Department reported on plans for a state-wide observance of Firemen's Memorial Sunday, June 12. The R.I. State Firemen's League, the Fire Chiefs Club and Warwick Fire Department are co-operating in the planning.

Chief Arthur Selley of North Kingstown told the chiefs that the firefighters' training courses held for the first time during the past year at East Providence High School were highly satisfactory and will most likely be carried on another year.

Former State Police Col. John T. Sheehan, now public relations representative of the R.I. Electric Protective Co., showed the 150 club members a film, "When Every Minute Counts," illustrating the prompt sounding of alarms.

Admitted to membership were Capt. Alfred Hanks of Cranston Fire Department's