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Dems May Try To Oust Miller From P & Z Bd.

Study Statutes Requiring Self Disqualification

The Town administration may seek the ousting of Charles H. Miller, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, charging him with disregarding state law in not disqualifying himself from consideration of sub-division plans in whose preparation he had participated.

The EAST HAVEN NEWS learned this week that members of the Democratic administration have asked Town Counsel Richard Reilly for an opinion on Miller's status. Officials confirmed this but would offer no comment on the matter. The former town engineer, who is a registered Republican, was recently appointed to another term on the board before the advent of the Clancy administration.

Greets News Calmly
In the meantime, Miller greeted news of the inquiry calmly, stating that he would respect a fair opinion on his activities. Miller admitted, without hesitation, that he was aware that the statutes provided that "no member of any planning or zoning commission or board and no member of any zoning commission or board and no member of any zoning board of appeals shall participate in the hearing or decision of the board or commission of which he is a member upon any matter in which he is directly or indirectly interested in a personal or financial sense."

He volunteered, also, that he had participated in the commission's decisions on a number of plot plans which, he, as a private engineer, had prepared. However, he said, in no case did he allow his service in that capacity to prejudice his final judgment as a board member.

"It has been difficult enough many times to obtain a quorum on the board, never mind disqualifying myself from cases in which I helped prepare the plans," he said.

Miller said that the fact that he had acted in these two capacities on sub-division plans submitted by contractors was never any secret. "As a matter of fact," he said, "I've been expecting a kick about this for some time." He said he was surprised that it

Harold LaPointe Named To Parking Authority Post

The appointment of Harold E. LaPointe, of 39 Elm St., to the Parking Authority temporarily completes the make-up of that newly established body.

The naming of LaPointe as a Democratic member of the authority was announced yesterday by Frank S. Clancy. The first selectman said that he expected the resignation soon from that body of Arthur Riccio, who is also a member of the Board of Public Safety. Clancy said he would prefer not to have the Democratic member on both boards.

LaPointe has been active in Democratic affairs for a number of years. In 1952 he was the Democratic candidate for the state House of Representatives from East Haven.

The new board member is an official with the Southern New England Telephone Company.

Five Insurance Men Appointed To Special Commission

Five local insurance agents were named today as members of an Insurance Commission established by First Selectman Frank Clancy. The body is to study means of securing optimum coverage for the Town at minimum expense.

Clancy named the following: James F. Gartland, an adjuster and claim agent for U. S. Fidelity Guarantee Co.; Donald Chidsey, of the firm Chidsey & Coker; James Milano, Alfred Holcombe, and Ralph Castellan.

Gartland, who resides at 126 Hughes St., has his office in New Haven. He is Democratic town chairman. Chidsey, who lives at 44 Taylor Ave., is a partner in the long established firm of Chidsey and Coker with offices at 49 High St.

Milano operates his own agency under his name at the corner of Main and High Sts. He resides at 176 Tyler St. Holcombe, who lives at 23 High St., and Castellan, both maintain businesses of their own on Main St. near the town center.

Foxon Housewife Mans A Shovel



Mrs. Billie Frey, of Maple Dr. in Foxon, was one of hundreds of East Haven housewives who operated a snow-shovel (manual type) to dig the homestead out of the heavy fall. Her two daughters, Barbara and Carolene, joined with a neighbor, Billy Brockton, in a rickety demonstration of how much they enjoyed the powder snow, whatever Mama might think of it.

'Miracle Baby' - One Of Twins - Is Home From Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jerolman, of 44 Elm St., had a happy announcement to make to neighbors and friends this week: their baby girl, Debbie Ellen, one of twins born last November 11 was home from the hospital to stay.

Thus the Jerolmans felt free to make an announcement which they had withheld because of Debbie's illness; they are the parents of twins, Debbie and her brother, Douglas Edward. Debbie had contracted double pneumonia five days after she was born and had been given little chance to live.

Doctors call Debbie a "miracle baby". The Jerolmans said they wanted to thank all their neighbors and friends who had prayed for Debbie Ellen's recovery. Only last week doctors say it was all right for the youngster to join her parents and brother at home.

Testimonial Planned For George Mulligan

Arrangements for a testimonial dinner honoring George F. Mulligan, of Glenmoor Dr., commander of the Second District of the American Legion, and Mrs. Lucille Rogers, of Milford, district president of the Legion Auxiliary, are being planned for Saturday evening, Jan. 30, in New Haven.

Charles R. Henste, of Waterbury, is chairman in charge of arrangements and reservation forms

E. S. B. Committee May Ask Additional Funds For Schools

The Elementary School Building Committee may seek an additional appropriation of \$30,000 each for furniture for the two new schools in addition to a contingency fund, the EAST HAVEN NEWS learned this week.

George Lettis, chairman of the Elementary School Building Committee, said, however, that no announcement could be made about the final report to be submitted by the committee until after bids were opened on the Momaugun addition next Tuesday.

Only with the knowledge on the lowest bid for the proposed addition of three classrooms and an all-purpose room to the Momaugun School would the committee be able to pass a general recommendation to the Board of Finance, which must approve any request for additional funds and which must subscribe to bonds financing all the new construction.

Lettis reported that the building committee had considerable success in paring down plans for the construction of the two eleven-room elementary schools in Foxon and on Gerrish Ave. The lowest bid received for the construction of the two schools for which a total of \$760,000 had been authorized was that of P. Francini and Company of Derby. The bid was \$788,950 and did not include furni-

ture. The elimination of a number of optional features enabled the committee to cut the total construction costs "without cheapening or stripping the buildings," the chairman said.

Lettis said that subscription of bonds for the construction would be undertaken for all three projects (the two new schools and the Momaugun addition) at the same time. Awarding of bids apparently would have to await a final okay by the Board of Finance and, perhaps, another town meeting if additional funds are needed.

The chairman said there was nothing more to report on the committee's efforts to pare costs. He declined to be drawn out by questions which were posed by members of the Board of Education during its meeting last Friday.

Lettis, who is a Republican member of the board, was pressed on the matter by several Democratic members. Bernard C. Luongo, board secretary, requested "more information" on the ground that his own lack of knowledge about the school building committee's activities made it impossible for him to answer questions put to him by private citizens.

"I hate to get everything out of the paper," he said. "We (the school board) are like little orphans here," he said, "anything we learn we have to get out of the paper."

Town Picked Up Tab At Dem Dinner, Says FAB;

Park Commissioner Charges Are Without Basis Clancy Says

The Park Commission last night formally requested of the Board of Education permission to open to the use of children school playgrounds during week-ends. William Withington, chairman of the committee on buildings, with which the Commission met, said he would relay the request to the board.

First Selectman Frank S. Clancy, who presided at the meeting, declared that he felt the "Town would be wiser to throw its limited resources into developing the recreational possibilities of these facilities rather than undertaking the expense of developing marginal areas which had been set aside or turned over to the Town for recreational use.

The Park Commission also discussed briefly the possibility of installing a couple of tennis courts in one corner of Memorial Field. The matter had been discussed at an earlier meeting, and remained open to further examination. Clancy said he thought it might be possible to put down a blue diamond surface for the courts.

The combined bodies discussed the Educational department's policy of restricting use of playgrounds to school days. Bernard C. Luongo, the other member of the committee on buildings who was present said he did not know whether a set policy had been set but felt rather than an "unwritten law" had been established restricting their use.

Park Commission, said he did not think the Town would be liable to any serious extent except through defective playground equipment. Clancy said that while someone will have to be in charge of the recreational program, he did not see why children could not use play areas without immediate supervision. He also suggested, at one point, that the Board of Education might finance such simple improvements as a baseball backstop at the Momaugun School field, for instance.

The Park Commission noted that it was requesting the use of the playgrounds at Momaugun, Gerrish Ave., Foxon schools and at the two new schools on Gerrish Ave. and in Foxon when they are ready. On the suggestion of Charles Coyle, the commission pointed out in its request that it was not asking for the use of school buildings. Children who had access to the playgrounds would not need entry to school buildings.

Clancy Hit For Claiming No Funds For Rifle Range

Did the Town of East Haven pick up the check at a recent testimonial dinner given to George E. Wood, retired member of the Board of Finance? The question of possible misappropriation of Town funds was raised this week in a statement released by Frank A. Barker, Republican member of the Board of Selectmen.

The statement handed to the EAST HAVEN NEWS in typed form and signed by the former first selectman dealt mainly with another matter: criticism of the present administration for tabling a request for funds for the construction of an indoor rifle range. The Board of Finance had ruled that no funds had been set aside for the project which was a project of the Harry Bartlett post of the American Legion, to whom Barker had promised support, while still first selectman.

Barker's statement claimed that the sum of \$100.41 was paid to the owner of a restaurant by the Town. It claims, further more, that the voucher for the payment did not come before the board, a member of the Board of Selectmen and that he had "dug it out of the files."

"I am forced to believe," the statement said, "that this Democratic alibi was being promulgated by Barker for the purpose of saving Town tax money."

First Selectman Frank S. Clancy replied that he had "no comment" immediately to make on Barker's charges but that he intended to prepare his own answer. He would try, he said, to have this answer ready by press time.

The Republican selectman's statement also attacked as two of "three examples of unscheduled spending" the purchase by the Town of a new pick-up truck from the East Haven Green Garage, which is co-owned by Second Selectman Dominick Ferrara for the price of \$1,347.32 and the hiring of a Director of Public Works, which he described as "a new political job."

Mainly Rebuttal
However, the importance of these two points appeared to be mainly as a rebuttal of the administration's argument against providing funds for the rifle range on the ground that no money had been provided in the present budget for such purposes.

Barker claimed that the contingency fund had been increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000 "to care for this purpose (the range) and other recreational purposes that could not be accurately listed at the time the budget was prepared."

The Harry Bartlett post, sponsors of the rifle range to have been constructed under the High School, had requested the amount of \$2,500 to pay for materials and part of the work on the range. After being routed back to the Board of Education for a written okay, the committee was turned down by the Finance Board on the ground that no funds were provided in the present budget.

Barker also disputes a claimed statement that "the Board of Finance did not know about these plans" and asserts that the board minutes for last June 3 show the rifle range was discussed.

According to prior news stories, the testimonial for George E. Wood was held at Florio's Country House in Foxon Park.

Barker's typed and signed release to the East Haven News is printed below.

Barker's Statement
As the minority member of the Board of Selectmen, and as the only elected Republican in the administrative branch of the East Haven Town government, I feel it is my duty to issue statements from time to time, calling attention to some of the things that are not published by the Town Administration. This is not an election year, so these reports should not be considered as political propaganda, but as the reporting of facts which the general public is entitled to know.

Proprietor Of Inn Declines To Comment

Pat Florio, proprietor of Florio's Country House restaurant at which the testimonial in question was held, was asked whether he had received a check in the amount of \$100.41 from the Town.

Florio asked what the payment was for. When he was told of Barker's claim, the restaurant proprietor, said first that he would have to examine his books and would provide an itemization of what the check was for.

However, he said later, that he would have "no comment" on the matter. "I don't feel that I'm in a position that I should comment on the matter," he said he would leave it to Frank Clancy to answer Barker's charges. "I provided services for the Town, and it's up to them to answer, not me," he said.

Committee To Study Need For New School Survey

A special committee to look into the matter of securing a survey to determine how well presently planned for school buildings will accommodate the Town's growing population was appointed Friday by Francis Walsh, chairman of the Board of Education.

Announcement of the appointment has prompted speculation in some quarters whether the naming of the committee represents a renewal of a long-standing conflict over the suitability of the present school building program and the 6-3-3 or junior high plan to which it is geared.

However, Walsh emphasized that the purpose of the committee was not to cover the ground presently occupied by the activities of the Elementary School Building Committee. "I want this committee to take over where the Elementary School Building Committee leaves off," Walsh said. "It will not interfere with the building committee's plans."

Walsh named Mrs. John Sullivan, William Withington and Mrs. Mary Fairbanks to the committee which has been directed to establish a procedure for gathering and organizing information about the growing school population in the various sections, and the presently available and projected school facilities.

He pointed out that several developments have already filed plot plans for future building and that, if possible, similar information would be sought out on other possible developments.

In addition, the committee would seek means of obtaining information on the growth of school population figures. Walsh pointed out that the previous school board last year had estimated the growth of population for the next five years on the basis of present homes and homes whose construction was already planned.

He said the survey would determine whether the new elementary construction plus the planned-for junior high school would still meet the needs of future years.

However, the newly-appointed committee on which Walsh will serve as an ex-officio chairman, will not do the actual surveying. According to Walsh, it will determine the general procedure to be followed in studying town school needs and will then recommend, possibly, the appointment of a larger committee, on which private citizens may have representation, or the securing of the services of a professional firm to make the actual study.

Appointment of the committee was announced by Walsh at a meeting of the Board of Education last night.

Nocturnal Snow Removal



Members of Town crews join with a rented plow to clear the sidewalks on Main St. of the heavy snow fall. Crews worked the clock around, to clear the way for both autos and pedestrians. This picture was taken at 3 a. m. Tuesday morning. Operating the plow is John Limonecchi, local contractor, and brother of Peter Limonecchi, of the Board of Public Safety.



New Year Baby
Mrs. William C. Montgomery, of 21 Chisbury Ave., poses with her two week old son, Albertus Magnus, who, as East Haven's first baby of the new year, was recipient of gifts from local merchants.

Her son was born at 4:44 p.m. New Year's Day in Grace-New Haven Community Hospital. News of the event was relayed to her husband who is stationed with Army forces in Pusan, Korea.

Mrs. Montgomery received the following gifts for herself, her husband and their child: a baby swing from Ann's Kiddie Shop, two pairs of nylon stockings from Daytop's, a set of knitted rompers from East Haven Department Store, a 4 1/2 inch wide-reading sports from Towne's, a picture frame from the Science Shop, a free photograph from Lucius Studio.

Also, a baby auto seat from Anderson Auto Accessories, a stuffed animal toy from East Haven Hardware, a Westinghouse iron from Metz Brothers, Inc., along with a \$50 gift certificate toward a Westinghouse Laundry, plastic crib bumpers from Kibby's Liny, a crib seat from Tammy's Furniture House and a year's subscription to the East Haven News.

Mrs. Montgomery, who is the former Joyce Hale, lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sisson.

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Injunction Over Melilli Awaiting Judges Decision
Pending the announcement of a decision by Judge Raymond J. Devlin of the Court of Common Pleas an injunction still stands against the Town of East Haven forbidding further prosecution of Pasquale Melilli, accused of violating a Town ordinance prohibiting the bringing in of garbage. The announcement was due Tuesday but had not been announced by press time.

David M. Rolly, counsel for the defendant, who operates a pig farm in East Haven, has filed a motion for quash on the grounds on the ground that they were passed at a town meeting which was improperly conducted.

Common Pleas Prosecutor George Tyrann, who represents the state, and indirectly, the Town of East Haven, has contested the motion claiming that a motion to dismiss should have been filed and the quash request was improper.

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Lyman Hall Push-Over For Easties Who Win 64-29

A four-game winning streak for Lyman Hall came to an ignominious end Friday night when the Wallingford cagers came up against a rough-riding It all somewhat ragged East Haven squad. The Blue and gold won by a score of 64 to 29.

The Easties opened slowly, in a spirit of cautiousness against the school which had last year upset their claim to the state Class M title. Thus in the first period the Easties totted up a mere 12 points to 9 for the Orangemen. Then, with a combined bombardment by Massari and O'Mara, the Blue and gold scored 18 more points while employing a light defense against which the Wallingford team was helpless.

O'Mara Erups
In the third period the Easties maintained their shooting pace but relaxed somewhat on the de-

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E. H. Swimmers Lose To Hillhouse By One Event

By Bill Webster
Calculations for a halfbreath victory over Hillhouse in the 200-yard freestyle, Tuesday, it went down to a 30-28 defeat in the event with a time of 1:16.3.

The other first place captured was by Mike Breston who got one of his finest performances in the diving event. For Hillhouse, Macarty, McChabala and Belmont were the star performers.

Although this contest marks the second defeat in three starts for East Haven, it holds the consolation "title" of a small school team which has gone but of its

Scrabble

Easties Facing No Real Threat To Clean Record

Of course, there is always the possibility of an upset. A good example is the well remembered manner in which Lyman Hall, twice beaten before in prior contests, tied up a superior East Haven team and rode of with the Class M title last January.

However, the season is now old enough to be able to judge the relative strengths of various teams and a look around shows no major threats to a perfect season for the Crutemans.

What promised to be a rough game for the unbeaten East Haven hoop squad was postponed because of the weather this week. A return game with Middletown scheduled for Tuesday night was called off, Coach Frank Grant announced.

The East Haven team opened month and after running nip and tuck for three periods finally broke loose for a 29-24 victory. Scheduled for tonight (Thursday) is another return match—this one with Boardman. The another team annihilated by the unbeaten Easties. The game will be played here.

Tomorrow (Friday) East Haven will travel to Derby to take on its first rival in the Housatonic League.

The Derby Red Raiders scored a league upset last week when they overtook Shelton 66-60. However, they lost to Lyman Hall which proved no sort of a match against East Haven last Friday.



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It Snowed Dollars

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High School Notes

Joan Bachman Proofs have been read and required for the first half of this year's classes. The 1954 Pioneer... The freshmen class is holding an active campaign for class officers. Miss Marcella Welch and Edward Levy are the faculty advisors.

Old Stone Church

8:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Intermediate choir. 8:30 p.m. Rehearsal for Senior choir. 9:45 a.m. Church Worship Service. Rev. James E. Waery, pastor. Mrs. William Hassel, organist. Mrs. Florence Guehl.

Exchange Club To Hold Amateur Contest Feb. 25

The third annual Amateur Exchange Club will be held at the High School on Thursday, Feb. 25, Chairman James Milano announced this week.

Christmas Seals Here Bring Total Of \$1,011 So Far

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Second Fiddle Tunes

A thrilled fifth grade pupil confided to her teacher, "I'm going to be on the program at the next year's school festival." Teachers just about have to be dedicated to their profession to be able to endure with patience the many behavior patterns of their pupils and still feel that they love to educate with patience.

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Momaigun Town Topic

Compared with other maces by Old Man Winter, this one will be a pleasure. Dry cold air and skies after the snow had made it all so enjoyable.

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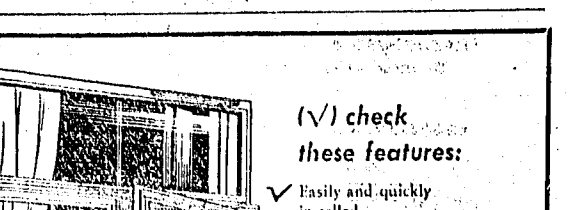
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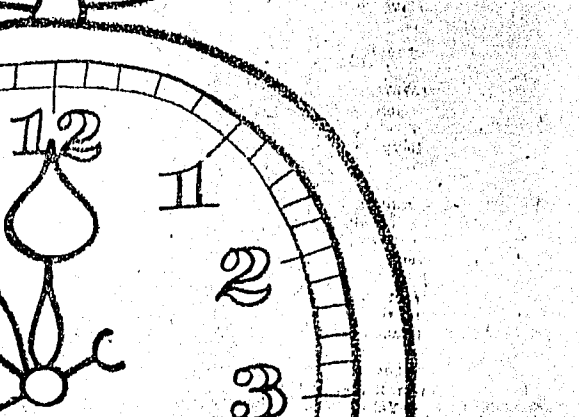
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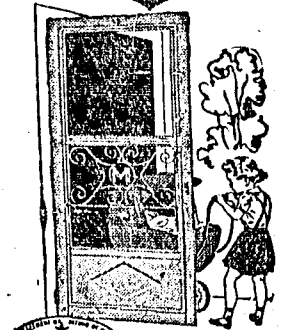
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had taken so long. The law, specifically Section 161c in the latest revision of the statutes, provides that "in the event of such (self) disqualification, such fact shall be entered on the records of the commission or board and the remaining members of the commission or board, unless otherwise provided by special act, shall choose an elector to act as a member of such commission or board in the hearing and termination of the particular matter or matters in which the disqualification arose."

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term and was automatically reappointed (presumably by then First Selectman Frank A. Barker). Miller defended his dual role as commission chairman and private engineer. He said that he had considered dropping his activities on the Planning and Zoning Commission several times, but was reluctant to do so because he wanted to see the program of securing a comprehensive plan for the town carried through.

Advised Comprehensive Plan
Miller, who served as town engineer under previous Republican administrations, had for the past several years been one of the leading advocates for securing a comprehensive town plan. Such a plan is now being prepared by the New Haven firm of Technical Planning Associates.

The former town engineer said that he felt that not enough interest was displayed by others in the need for a town plan and he had been reluctant to give up a job that was not completed. At the same time, he said, he could not be expected to forego the income in his professional work as a civil engineer which a strict interpretation of his duties on the zoning commission, for which he receives no compensation, would deny him.

Will Continue Interest
He said that his actions were never dictated by anything other than what he thought was the best interest of the town. "In my years on the board," he said, "I can honestly say that politics, or anything else, has never been allowed by any member to interfere."

Miller stated he would accept a fair opinion by the Town Council on the situation if it is disputed. Whether as a member of the board or as a private citizen, he said, he would continue his interest in the field of planning and zoning.

The action of the Democratic administration was viewed in some quarters as aimed at gaining control of the five-man commission which at present is dominated by a three-to-two GOP majority. A resignation by Miller would pave the way for a Democratic appointment and control. Democratic town officials have expressed dissatisfaction with the present constituted Zoning Commission and were critical of the manner in which it handled the recent rezoning of the area bounded by Coe Ave. and Short Beach Rd.

Ironically, one of the exhibits that the Democrats might seek to use is a plot plan recently approved by the commission and bearing the signatures of George E. McManus, Edward L. Reynolds and Miller. It is for the Maplevale section being developed by Arthur H. Riccio, local contractor and member of the Board of Public Safety and the Parking Authority. The plan was drawn by Miller, whose signature as designing engineer is also prominent.

Two Attending Purdue From East Haven

Two East Haveners are among Connecticut students who are enrolled in Purdue University at Lafayette, Ind., according to a release by the office of the registrar of that college. Robert W. Lindeman, of 361 High St., is a sophomore in aeronautical engineering. Joseph F. Valentini, of 116 Hughes St., is a freshman enrolled in the school of engineering.

Town Picked —

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First, I would like to clear up the matter of the refusal by the Administration to find money for establishing a rifle range that was to have served hundreds of boys and girls under the guidance of the American Legion. It has been stated that my Administration failed to provide any money in the budget for this purpose. It is true that no money was specifically listed under that heading. It is also true that the contingency fund for this year was increased by \$10,000 over that of last year to care for this purpose and other recreational purposes that could not be accurately listed at the time the budget was prepared. It has also been stated that the Board of Finance did not know about these plans. The minutes of the meeting held on June 3, 1953, show, however, that the matter of the rifle range was discussed at that meeting. This rifle club activity I considered to be particularly important because it would provide an activity for so many young people who are not suited to the heavy competitive game sports that usually get most of the attention and money. It would also serve as a range for training purposes for our Police Department.

Excuse Insulting
The excuse of the present Administration that no money was specifically listed is especially thin and insulting to the intelligent because money has been found and spent on other items that were never listed or even considered when the budget was prepared. I offer the following three examples of unscheduled spending for public consideration and judgment.

According to Town voucher No. 5013, the sum of \$160.41 was paid to the owner of a restaurant. This restaurant was where the dinner was given for Mr. George Wood, who was retiring from the Board of Finance, by the leaders of the Democratic Party. Since there was no occasion that would call for payment from the town to a restaurant, especially such a large sum, I am forced to believe that this Democratic dinner for a retiring prominent Democrat was paid for with Town tax money. My belief is strengthened by the fact that as Third Selectman I was called upon to sign vouchers No. 5012 and No. 5014, but never saw the restaurant voucher No. 5013 until I dug it out of the files. This statement is in no way a reproach to Mr. Wood who well merited any praise and consideration his party could give him, but I believe that public money should not be used for political parties. Certainly this party was not listed in the budget.

Trust Not Planned
When there was the purchase of a new truck from the East Haven Green Garage, which is co-owned by Second Selectman Ferrara for \$347.32, this purchase was not planned in the budget, but the Administration managed to find the money for it. Nor was there any item in the budget to cover the salary of the newly created office of Director of Public Works. I had assumed that the new, higher salary for the office of First Selectman was intended to pay that person for spending the necessary time required to handle the increased duties, and supervision of the highways had always been one of the main duties of the First Selectman. However, unappropriated money was found to create

a new political job and to lessen the work of the First Selectman, who had just accepted a large salary increase.

"I know that it is still possible to find and use the money needed for the rifle range construction. I doubt that it will however, for money spent on a rifle range for children cannot be used for purposes similar to those listed above."
—Frank A. Barker

Committee To —

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meeting of the Board of Education Friday. At the same meeting, School Supt. R. Vernon Hays reported preliminary reports on school enumeration figures showed that there were "between 4200 and 4300" children in East Haven between the ages of three and eighteen.

A break-down of the figures will not be available for a short while longer because of additional work that has to be done on them, Hays reported.

With respect to presently utilized rooms the board heard a letter from the president of the Gerrish Ave. School P.T.A., complaining that a basement room in that school now being used to house the seventh grade was unsatisfactory because of insufficient heat and ventilation and was noisy. The committee on buildings took the matter under study. A report from Miss Florence Parker, school nurse, stated that suitable first aid facilities for seven schools which needed them could be obtained for approximately \$560. The board voted to study the matter further.

E.S.B. Committee —

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Letis replied that "I can't tell you any more than you've read" and that there was nothing more to report. He reviewed briefly the action of the committee in inspecting the bids and its attempts to "test" and exercise any economic feelings necessary.

Elizabeth Chupkovich next entered the discussion: "I certainly feel," she said, "the newspapers are printing accurate figures as far as the bids go, but there are other kinds of information that should be available." She began shooting questions: "when is the bond issue to be floated? When will the schools be completed?"

The ESB Committee chairman appeared annoyed at the questioning. "Is this a cross-examination?" he asked. Francis Walsh, chairman of the board, then interposed that instead of "putting George (Letis) on the spot" that the board request a meeting with the ESB committee to obtain whatever information it desired.

Letis said he didn't "follow" the other board members. He did not see why a report was necessary at this point. "The committee has a job to do and they're doing it." He said that when it had completed its task it would then be able to give a report.

Luongo insisted that "no one is trying to put you (Letis) on the spot." Just answer me this question, here," he asked, "Do you sincerely believe that these schools will be completed by next September?"

Letis replied that "You can count as well as I can. There are 250 calendar days (required) but that's a complete job." He felt that at least some rooms could be

completed by occupation by the next school year. He said the 250 days would start from the day the contract was awarded. (Reporter's note: The number of calendar days required in Francis's bid was set at 270 days. When the ESB committee chairman was reminded of this later, he said he had not overlooked this but was using the 250 figure as an example since the times of completion varied among the several bids that were received.)

After further questions, Letis requested that the ESB committee could do nothing until the Monday bids were in, before making its report to the Board of Finance. The awarding of contracts could not come before that time.

Mrs. John Sullivan interjected: "The fact is, then, that the other plans being prepared earlier did not make any difference after all, isn't that so?"

The chairman replied that was so and that it had been formerly reported as so. "These are the things I feel the board should have," said Mrs. Sullivan.

The chairman then reminded the board that he had formerly delivered reports to the board on the ESB committee's progress but that the committee has now revised its policy so that statements are prepared by the committee as a whole. He blamed "discrepancies" on the school board for the discontinuance of the reports and said that he would "have been happy to go along and continue" but the

committee had since decided otherwise. William Withington then posed "a question that has been asked me: Where is the proposed site or has it been looked into... that is, have any options been taken for a junior high school site?"

Letis stated that the committee has been working on it. He said that public information would have to await the taking of options.

Luongo again pressed his demand for a meeting with the ESB committee. Letis suggested that the board write a letter requesting a meeting. He suggested that if the board members wanted information that they go to the committee.

"You're the ones seeking information," he said. On recommendation of Chairman Walsh, the secretary was instructed to write asking for a meeting with the committee or several representatives.

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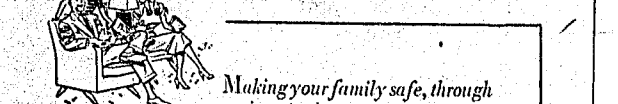
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