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Town Plans Three Bills For 1955 General Assembly

Formation of a committee to prepare groundwork for legislation to be introduced at the next session of the General Assembly was announced today by Republican Town Chairman Bill Anastasio.

It is planned to draw up bills on three items, Anastasio said. The first will revise the Board of Finance Act so that its members will be elected rather than appointed. A clause may be inserted making each member responsible for unauthorized expenditures. Another bill will place East Haven police and firemen under a merit system which would guarantee their jobs for them and prevent the possibility of a mass firing, such as was threatened recently during budget cuts.

The third will place equal responsibility for illegal liquor purchases whether in a package store or elsewhere on minors as well as vendors. Anastasio will head a committee as chairman, assisted by vice chairman Charlotte Miller, State Central Committeeman William Jaspers, Representatives Elizabeth Cromney and Adelbert Maulte, Judge of Probate Edward Reynolds, Judge Vincent J. Fasano, Prosecutor Robert M. Taylor Jr., Third Selectman Frank Barker, and former Second Selectman Ernest Anthonis.

Music Parents Assoc. To Open Town Drive For Band Uniforms

The East Haven Music Parents Association met in the high school Monday and voted upon uniforms for the high school band. A company representative demonstrated several types and styles of uniforms.

The firm will make a sketch coloring in a proposed uniform for the Association will be held for the purpose of preparing plans to raise funds needed to purchase 50 uniforms. Of the required \$3000 fund, some \$250 has already been pledged.

Connecticut Company Asks Bus Line For No. High St.

Application to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to operate a half-week half-day bus line on North High Street is being filed at once, according to General Manager Harry Springer of the Connecticut Company.

If approved, buses will operate on a four-week trial basis from Wednesday to Friday during the hours of 1:15 to 5:45 p. m.

Citizens' Cmte. Seeks Efficient Govt. Thru C.G.G.

Efficiency in government achieved through education of the public on political issues, candidates' qualifications and inadequacies in administration is the primary objective of a new group which held a pre-organizational meeting last week.

A number of interested people from various sections of the town met at the home of Theodore Shumway on Grammis Street to discuss the need for a citizen's committee to study and disseminate information on town government.

To be known as the East Haven Citizens for Good Government, the group is headed by Robert Hall of Sunset Road in Riverdale, serving as temporary chairman.

Need for such an organization was pointed out during the recent town meetings held to pass on the budget, Hall explained. With the influx of new residents unfamiliar with town government, functioning a group such as this is needed to make a study of all phases of town government, Hall said. At the conclusion of last week's meeting, these objectives were adopted:

1. To work for needed reform in local government.
 2. To present qualifications of local candidates for public office.
 3. To present objective appraisal of local issues.
 4. To support those candidates whom the C.G.G. feels will bring good government to East Haven.
 5. To keep the public informed at all times of deficiencies in local government, and to support the administration against unwarranted attack.
- Shumway and James Brown of Maplevale were two of the members selected to attend the citizens' committee meeting called (Continued On Page Two)

Dog Has His Day In Court; Finds Home

A stray poodle who nearly died of malnutrition after being locked up in a vacant house for a week without food or water found a new home in town court Monday when an agreement was reached to turn the dog over to a neighbor.

William Phillips of 32 Van Horn Drive was presented on a charge of cruelty to animals. Bernard Kennerson of the Connecticut Humane Society told the court that he had been called to High Ridge on October 9 on complaint of a neighbor that the dog had been left unattended. On peering in a window, he saw that the animal had sufficient food, and left. However, a week later, he was called back and found the dog near death.

Phillips' attorney stated that his client was under treatment for injuries suffered in an accident a year ago. He had been staying at the home of a fellow employee and "completely forgot" about the dog.

Since Phillips' wife and child are staying in Milne, and there would be no one to look after the animal, Phillips readily agreed to turn the dog over to a neighbor who wished to give it a home. The owner was found guilty by Judge Vincent J. Fasano and fined \$10.

Ask For Suggestions On Naming Schools

The two new schools, which are nearing completion, are still without names. The School Naming Committee repeated its invitation to the public this week to send in suggested names for the new Foxon and Gerrish Ave. schools.

The names should be sent to either George Lettis, Hunt Lane, Foxon, or to Francis Walsh, 11 Ozone Rd. The names will be chosen by the committee which consists of Walsh, Lettis, Elizabeth Chapkovich, Edward Luning, James Cundligham and Alfred Holcombe.

Committee Is Appointed To Study Future School Need

Appointment of a "committee," consisting of the board of Education's permanent committee on buildings, with the suggested inclusion of a member of the Board of Finance and "interested citizens" to study future school needs was made by the school board chairman, Francis Walsh, at Friday night's meeting.

Walsh's move was made with the suggestion that this "committee" study the "immediate" classroom needs as of next September and also of later on.

It brought from George Lettis, board member and chairman of the Elementary School Building Committee, an objection that study of the needs be kept entirely within the province of the Board of Education.

Lettis, who was upheld by Harold Hall, another board member, also argued that it was the duty of the superintendent of schools to help prepare such studies and that he already had gathered much information on this matter.

Offers Own Study
Lettis also declared that he had made his own study of information already released by the superintendent and was prepared to deliver a report on the study. "I'd like to enlighten you on the figures," he said.

However, Chairman Walsh said he would rather have it wait for another meeting. He told Lettis that "the committee will be glad to sit down with you at any time."

Chairman Walsh told the board that he was "very anxious to get started" on the general problem of school facilities.

The matter came up again, later in the meeting, when Lettis was asked by Walsh if he could tell when the two new schools and the Momauguin addition would be ready for occupancy. (See story on building progress).

In the course of this second discussion, Miss Elizabeth Chapkovich asked if the Elementary School Building Committee was now "through" since it had fulfilled the last point of its official instructions in purchasing property on No. High St. for a school site.

Other members pointed out that the committee was not "through" until the elementary school construction in progress was finally completed and accepted by the Board of Education.

Lettis expressed his wish "that we can get on with the second phase" (planning and building of a junior high school). He predicted that the board faced an im-

mediate problem in providing classes for children in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades by 1956.

At this point Walsh complained that the Board of Education was not being advised on future plans, although he did not make himself clear on this point. "I think that the group you represent — not the committee but the citizens — had failed to meet with the board. I don't understand why they have not come around," he said, "and it has upset me very much."

Lettis replied that securing of the Junior high site was done under instruction of a town meeting (May, 1953) and that "that phase had to be taken (completed)" before any other steps were. He denied representing "any group of townspeople" other than the public at large.

School Board Still Hopes To Hire An Extra Nurse

The Board of Education still has hopes of being able to hire another school nurse, but it will have to take another look at its budget to see where the funds will come from.

The additional nurse, favorite project of Elizabeth Chapkovich, chairman of the committee on schools, may still be obtained. Since she wouldn't be hired until after the first of the year, only three-fifths of her salary of \$3,100 or about \$1,860 and expenses (amounting to a total of \$2,100 approximately) would have to be met.

Of the \$2,100 the board was able to figure on savings of \$950 in the present budget. Another \$1,150 will have to be raised somewhere.

This brought up a claim by board member Harold C. Hall that expenses for bus transportation could be cut somewhat "without hurting anybody." He recalled how he had opposed the entry of school buses into the Foxon developments.

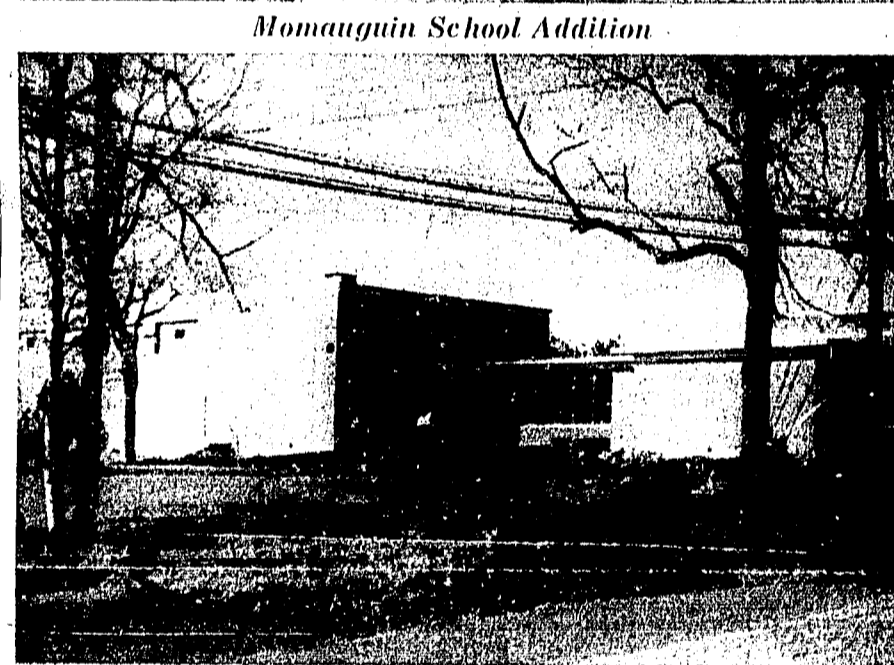
Hall was in favor of a central pick-up point in the developments and elimination of "door-to-door" pick-ups on the ground that some money might be saved in this way.

The ninth annual Connecticut Spring Flower and Garden Show will be held March 10th-16th, 1955 in West Hartford State Armory, 836 Farmington Avenue.

City Industry Decentralization, Growth Of Suburban Districts Can Help Town, Report States



New Foxon School



Momauguin School Addition



New Gerrish Ave. School

Decentralization of industry in the New Haven area coupled with the growth in the size of suburban shipping areas provide East Haven with opportunities to develop all of its resources to help solve its fiscal problems.

That is the promise seen in a town planning report shortly to be published and released by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The report, complete except for minor editing, has been prepared by Technical Planning Associates, Inc., of New Haven. It will be published complete with maps and charts and with a booklet of proposed zoning regulations superseding those now in effect.

The report will be made available to the public and a public hearing will be held by the local commission before it adopts the new report and zoning code for the town. This is expected to take place in the very near future.

An advance copy of the report was made available to the NEWS. It states that "East Haven is not and should not plan to be a large manufacturing community." For that reason, light industrial districts have been drawn that will allow desirable industrial plants such as "machine shops, the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals, and the finishing of various types of articles."

In addition, on the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the T-P Association will append an outline report on planning for future school expansion.

The plan will be presented to the public for study, Charles Miller, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said, after which the commission will hold a public hearing to receive suggestions on the proposed plan.

"The underlying purpose of the town plan is to facilitate wise decisions," the report states, and adds that it must "look" far ahead, at least twenty years, or else it will be too late or too expensive to achieve the desired results."

The shore area, and Momauguin particularly is cited as an example of lack of planning. "Because of crowded use of the land, serious sanitary problems have arisen, as well as considerable blight in some areas. Unless these conditions are to continue, a complete rehabilitation of the area must be gradually undertaken," the report says.

Noting that East Haven has almost no public beach, the report suggests that the proposed Redevelopment program now in the planning stage would assist the town in acquiring a considerable area of public beach, and would also carry out the aims of the Pilot Plan.

An estimated population of 29,000 persons by 1970 is predicted. Pointing out that the northern end of town which is less densely settled now can expect expansion, the report warns that future schools and future residential neighborhoods must be planned together, since the trend today is towards making the school a real community center with use of its facilities for recreational and other community purposes.

Residential growth in the Foxon area will result in a demand for retail shopping facilities, the report goes on, and suggests as a possible site the triangle formed by Route 80 and North High Street where Foxon school now stands.

The plan also includes industrial growth in the north end of town including garages, warehouses and truck terminals along the western end of Route 80 at the New Haven line.

A problem that must be faced is that of sanitary sewage, the report cautions. "Much of East Haven has been built up closely with small lots," and "other portions have unfavorable drainage conditions."

"Conditions have become serious in the center of town and in parts of the shore areas. The town has had a preliminary sewer survey prepared and should proceed with further plans at once. The state statutes provide various methods for financing sewers, either by assessment or by user charges, or as part of the town budget," the report continues. It also suggests that the

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School Bd. Trims \$18,630 From Budget On Friday

The Board of Education voted \$18,630 worth of cuts in its original recommended budget. The cuts did not touch operation of kindergartens, the adult education program, original increases in salaries to non-teaching personnel.

Also retained was \$5,000 worth of pupil transportation which was marked for cutting by the Board of Education under the original 33-mill tax limit. However, the bus transportation account, totaling \$30,180.00, may still be trimmed.

Savings were effected in the cafeteria subsidy for the new Foxon and Gerrish Ave. schools. Because the school lunch program would not be established until late, it was deleted for this year.

Four Teachers Leaving
Resignations of four teachers and the hiring of two others were acted on by the board. Resigning were: Mrs. Maureen Weber Dohna, English teacher in the High School; Mrs. Theresa Hatch, grade seven, Gerrish School; Raymond Panico, grade eight, High School; Mrs. Louise G. Castell, grade one, Gerrish.

Hired were Mrs. Claire Donovan, of 94 Robert Dr., a graduate of New Haven State Teachers College; and Mrs. Mary G. Heslin, of 131 Canner St., New Haven, a graduate of the College of New Rochelle, N. Y.

Mrs. Donovan, who will replace Mrs. Castell, taught for four and one half years in the Truman School in New Haven. Mrs. Heslin, replacing Mrs. Dohna, has taught in Seymour and Ansonia high schools.

Mrs. Donovan had been teaching here since October 11, and it was voted to make her pay rate retroactive to that date although she had been listed as a substitute. The reason given was that she would have been hired as a regular teacher earlier except for budgetary uncertainties. Harold

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East Haven Is Favored Over Branford Eleven In Football Thursday

High scoring East Haven will be the odds-on favorite to upend neighboring Branford in the traditional shoreline football feature here Thursday morning — but Frank Crisafi's high scoring Hornets will have Branford's power of upset in mind when they take the field at 10:30. Two years ago a high-flying Eastie eleven went into the Turkey Day classic undefeated and came out of it winged 7-6.

Crisafi's club, sparked by the high scoring exploits of All-State candidate Hank Luzzi, shows a 6-2 record of the year while Charlie Wedemeyers' Branford crew won its first four games before dropping its last two outings for a 4-2 record to date.

"Tickets" for the traditional schoolboy battle are on sale at all town drug stores and other business places throughout the community. Admission will be one dollar and the box office will open 45 minutes before game time.

East Haven goes into the game on the wings of a 49-12 rout of North Haven, a club which fell before Branford 19-0 earlier in the year. Branford is licking wounds taken on in a 26-13 loss to Shelton in its last effort.

Against other common foes, East Haven defeated Seymour 24-0 while Branford lost to the Galls 26-6 and the Easties took Lyman Hall of Wallingford 26-7 while Branford won 24-6. Branford topped North Haven 19-0.

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Citizens Comm. (Continued From Page One) by First Selectman Frank S. Clancy...

Yellow Jackets, Win On North Haven Fumbles 49-12... A touchdown parade at East Haven High...

Thomas Reilly Dies, Former Judge... Thomas F. Reilly, prominent real estate man...

School Bd. Trims (Continued From Page One) The board also voted to grant a \$200 increase in salary to John Carbett...

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City Industry

(Continued From Page One) "town can avoid future sewerage problems in undeveloped areas by requiring adequate size lots."

Stating that "East Haven is not and should not plan to be a large manufacturing community," the report indicates that "the town's position in the region has long been one of a 'bedroom town' for the metropolitan center."

"In recent years, the rapid growth in population, especially in school population, coupled with rising costs of all town operations, have raised the level of town expenditures above that of the tax income," the report states, and adds, "The town finds itself in a vicious circle of rising taxes, growing population, greater school needs and still more taxes."

It points out that the town has desirable areas to attract "high class housing" which must be protected by proper zoning, and at the same time, it "should take advantage of its regional position to attract good industries by establishing proper districts for them."

Touching on the traffic problem, the report is particularly critical of the fact that High Street bridge is the only crossing to the north end of the town and Laurel Street, not only does congestion result, but a serious problem exists in the event of disaster hitting when the bridge is obstructed or damaged.

The main points of traffic congestion at present are at the Town Hall corner on Main Street, and at Main and Homingway Avenue, it is pointed out. "One of the most important problems facing the community is that of proper circulation," the report stresses, and recommends further study of the bridge bottleneck and

consideration of construction of a second bridge, as well as advance planning for increased traffic which will result after the new state is opened to traffic.

The report also stresses that "in some respects the Pilot Plan contains features now found on the zoning map. This is because planning, of necessity, requires studies and recommendations concerned with possible future developments, while zoning must meet day to day problems. Therefore, proposals appear on the Pilot Plan, which will require more detailed study before they are translated into actual projects or into actual zoning."

Present zoning regulations which were adopted in 1936 are now "obsolete," the report states, emphasizing the need for careful study and planning far into the future. They have therefore been completely revised and a new map prepared to show the various districts.

"Four residential districts have been set up, including homes, agriculture, forestry and truck gardening, North of Route 60 the Pilot Plan requires large lots, 25,000 square feet in area, which would result in an "acceptable growth" in that area and forest all difficulties with septic tank drainage such as now beset other areas of town.

Large districts have been planned for business, CA for retail, and neighborhood-type stores, CE for businesses such as theater and bowling, alleys, and CC for heavy business-type uses such as auto repair shops, boatyards and public utility buildings. The zones have been planned to provide a "non-conforming uses."

Included for the first time in the zoning regulations are new sections covering Off-Street Parking, and the Removal of Top Soil Sand, Gravel, and Loam. The latter item was among the suggested additions to present zoning regulations made by Glenham residents a year or so ago.

"A wise town will look ahead to see the physical improvements it will need and how they can be obtained. It will guide the development of new subdivisions and determine by proper zoning how the land shall be used," the report states. "To do these things, the town, through its voters in town meetings and through its officials, must make many decisions. The underlying purpose of the Town Plan is to facilitate wise decisions. It is really a statement of policy, showing what the residents believe their community should be in the foreseeable future."

The Zoning and Planning Commission expects to announce a date shortly for the proposed hearing which it is hoped residents of all areas of town will attend.

Pfc. A. W. Scillia Has Rest Leave At Kobe, Japan

KOBE, Japan — Army Pfc. August W. Scillia, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Scillia, 214 Old Foxon Rd., East Haven, Conn., recently spent a seven-day rest and recreation leave from his unit in Korea at Kobe, one of Japan's largest metropolitan areas.

Sight-seeing and entertainment facilities in Japan provided him with a welcome break in the task of maintaining security on the Korean peninsula.

Private First Class Scillia is a member of the 1343d Engineer Battalion.

Mother Of Three Still Missing

Authorities are still without a lead on the disappearance of Mrs. Anthon Schütz of 17 Borrmann Rd. who has been missing since November 10th. Police Chief Edwin B. Priest said he has received numerous inquiries, but that a 13 state search has failed to locate her.

Mother of three small children, the young woman is described

as about five feet, three inches tall, with blond hair and gray eyes. When last seen was wearing dark blue slacks, a three-quarter length light yellow jacket and light tan loafers.

Her husband told authorities that Mrs. Schütz had been emotionally disturbed recently and was under a doctor's care. She was carrying only a small amount of money when she disappeared.

Foxon Grange Elects Officers

Mary Ann Kelsey was named Master of the Foxon Grange at a meeting held last week. Other officers who will serve during the coming year include: Overseer, Paul Neubig; Steward, Herman Neubig; Assistant Steward, James Cannon; Chaplain, May Merrick; Treasurer, Maurice Bailey; Secretary, Gertrude Darnen.

Also, Gatekeeper, Roy, Walter Millinger; Ceres, Helen S. Kelsey; Flora, Rose Coverly; Lady Assistant Steward, Louise Neubig. Elected to the executive committee for three years was Marion Thompson, retiring master. The office of lecturer will be filled at the next meeting.

Free Press Want Ads Are Go Getters

Muscular Distrophy 'Lights On' Canvass Scheduled Monday

A "lights on" house to house canvass soliciting contributions to the muscular distrophy drive will be held Monday evening Nov. 29. Harold Oren, chairman, has announced that Fire Chief Thomas Hayes is honorary chairman of the drive and the captains of the four fire districts will have charge of the volunteer firemen participating in the collection.

The captains include John Chadeayne of Bradford Manor, Thomas Webster of Center headquarters, James Minahan of Foxon and Bert Hagar of Riverside. Each fireman soliciting in the drive will wear some identification such as a uniform cap or badge, Oren said. Envelopes are being mailed to residents which firemen will collect that night.

Bradford Manor firemen will report to their firehouse at 8:45 p. m. in order to complete collection prior to the regular meeting that night. Funds remaining from the East Haven Old Timers football reunion held recently have been turned over to the muscular distrophy fund as a kick-off to the drive, Oren announced.

Girl Scout Leaders Meet At Library

East Haven District leaders of the Girl Scouts will meet at the Hagaman Memorial Library on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Discussion of plans for an ice skating party at the New Haven arena will be held, and leaders will be asked to report on the planned attendance.

Center District leaders will serve refreshments.

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