

# THE NEWS LETTER

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## *Narcotics and Drugs*

Narcotics and Drugs was the recent topic of an inservice day held for faculty at Northern Highlands. Vincent Herold, vice-principal and coordinator for the day, was responsible for the program.

Ernest Frahm of River Vale, a special agent with the Justice Department, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs; John Hollowood, a narcotics investigator with the County Prosecutor's Office; and Mrs. Edna Egan of Saddle Brook were guest speakers.

Each speaker gave a different point of view on how the narcotic and drug problem should be handled.

Speaking of marijuana, special agent Frahm said, "I'm sure legalizing marijuana is not the answer; when you are in a position to see how many do lose their lives or ruin their lives you are a lot less inclined to say, 'Let's legalize it.' It's been no bargain in those countries where it has been legal."

Frahm said that the nation appears to be moving in the direction of changing the penalty for possession and use of marijuana.

John Hollowood, investigator for the County, said he opposes legalizing marijuana, but added that present penalties may be too severe.

Mrs. Edna Egan, President of the Mothers Foundation Against Drug Abuse, took a stronger position.

"Keep your laws strong," she said. "Take the first 12 marijuana users and sock it to them. The only thing children today are afraid of is jail."

Under the present state law, the penalty for first violations can be from 2 to 15 years in prison and a \$2,000 fine. The policy frequently followed in the county prosecutor's office and by many police departments is to treat first offense marijuana users as disorderly persons, with penalties up to 6 months in jail and a \$500 fine.

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## Board Receives New Budget Figure

On February 3, 1970, the voters rejected by a vote of 166 to 179 the amount of \$1,577,170.00 to be raised in taxes for Current Expense and by a vote of 164 to 179 the amount of \$85,440.98 for Capital Outlay. As both questions on the ballot were defeated, the budget was sent as required by law to the town councils of Allendale and Upper Saddle River on February 5, 1970, for their determination of the amount to be raised by taxes.

At a joint meeting held February 10, 1970 of the Northern Highlands Regional High School District Board of Education, the Allendale Council and the Upper Saddle River Council, the Board offered to cut \$24,454.00 to which the Allendale Council agreed; however, the Upper Saddle River Council disagreed and wished to review the budget further.

On February 18, 1970, the Finance Committee of the Board discussed the budget with the Upper Saddle River Council and subsequently received a memorandum suggesting cuts totaling \$161,345.00.

The Board met in executive session on February 24, 1970, and unanimously agreed that to maintain a quality educational system they could not cut the budget further than the \$24,454.00 offered at the February 10, 1970 joint meeting.

On Wednesday, March 4, 1970, the Upper Saddle River Council certified that a cut of \$161,345.00 should be made to the regional school budget.

On Friday, March 6, 1970, the Allendale Council failed to certify an amount to be raised by taxation but urged that the Commissioner consider carefully the suggestions for cuts of the Upper Saddle River Council. The Budget was then submitted to the Commissioner for his determination of the amount to be raised by taxes and on Tuesday, March 24, a hearing was held before officials of the Department of Education to review the budget. In attendance were members of the Board and Administration and Mayor Sherwood of Upper Saddle River and Mayor Merz of Allendale.

The Northern Highlands Regional High School District Board of Education received notification on March 31, 1970, from the Commissioner of Education that the school budget for 1970-71 was reduced by \$60,000. The only part of the budget that was affected was the Capital account which was reduced \$60,000 which represented the proposed purchase of relocatable classrooms. It is the opinion of the State Department of Education that the \$60,000 requested for the purchase of the relocatable classrooms would not be permissible without prior approval in a referendum by the voters. In the ruling, the State felt that the Board of Education could rent the facilities for a one-year period from the Current Expense section of the budget and the extra money could be obtained from existing balances.

# Spotlight On . .

*James Gibson*, science department chairman and *William Tryanowski*, science teacher, attended a science seminar program at Jersey City State College. At this conference various new applications of teaching chemistry were discussed.

*Robert Haskell*, *Thomas Petrush*, and *Gerald Scola*, science teachers, attended the Eastern States Planitarium Exhibition where a study of the eclipse was seen. The full Virginia eclipse was also seen.

*Andrew Boyajian*, science teacher, attended the New Jersey Science Teachers Meeting at Rider College in Trenton. The topic was "Science in the Secondary School." Attendance was by invitation only.

*John W. Mintzer*, principal, and *Vincent Herold*, vice-principal, attended the National Association of Secondary School Principals meeting held in Washington D. C. "What's Right with American Education" was the theme of the conference.

*Ellen Lankenau*, physical education teacher, and *Tony Komon*, mathematics teacher were recently engaged to be married. A June wedding is planned.

*James Van Benschoten*, social studies teacher, and advisor to the student council accompanied *Bruce Caldwell*, *David Sloan*, and *Richard Scillieri* to Washington, D. C. where they attended a one week conference in citizenship. The course was conducted by the National 4-H Club Foundation in cooperation with the Cooperative Extension Service, and the National Council of the Social Studies and the American Association of School Administrators of the National Education Association. Topics of discussion centered on "Challenges Facing Today's Young Citizen," "Understanding Political Processes," "Game of Democracy" and "Law and Order in the United States."

*Gerald F. Hopkins*, Superintendent of Schools, attended the 102nd annual convention of the American Association of School Administrators held in Atlantic City. There were almost 30,000 administrators in attendance for the four day conference which included speeches, exhibitors with over 1,464 booths, as well as many social activities planned for the administrators.

*Princine Calitri*, a journalist for the "Evening Record", lectured to the Humanities class on the fundamentals of creative writing.



*Robert Walker*, harpsichordist, of the New England Conservatory performed recently for the Music Literature and Humanities classes.

*Dennis Rouse*, foreign language teacher, served on a Middle States Evaluation Committee March 3-6 at Abington Heights Senior High School, Dallas, Penn.

*Karyn DeCesare*, student teacher, from Montclair State College is working with *Jeanette Struchen* in English. Miss DeCesare was at Highlands through April 10.

*Maureen Mahoney*, teacher of English and Humanities, is the director of the Children's Play, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," which has been performed in Upper Saddle River, Waldwick, and Allendale sponsored by the local P.T.A.

*Buddy Ajalat*, music teacher, and the N.H.R.H.S. Madrigal Group were invited to perform for the American Classroom Teachers Northeast Regional Conference of the N. J. Association of Teachers. Representatives from 12 states and Washington D. C. convened at the Marriott Hotel in Saddle Brook, April 2-4. Over 500 teachers heard the Madrigal Group.

*Nicholas Rotunda*, mathematics teacher, was recently employed as a part-time instructor for Fairleigh Dickinson University. Mr. Rotunda is teaching College Mathematics I and II.

*Odell Nassar*, chairman of the business education department, recently coordinated a conference on business education with representatives from Ramsey, Waldwick, Midland Park and River Dell. Another conference is being planned for May at Northern Highlands which will add Ridgewood, Hawthorne, Pascack Valley, Hackensack and Emerson to the list of participating schools.

*Donald V. Viglione*, director of data processing, participated recently in a panel discussion for the Hunterdon County Department of Education. Dr. Carl L. Marburger, Commissioner of Education for the State of New Jersey, gave the keynote address. The theme for the program was "Evaluating Effective Classroom Teaching."

## NARCOTICS (Continued)

Also present at the meeting was Sgt. Robert Congleton of the Allendale Police Department. Sgt. Congleton spoke briefly of the new Narcotics Drug Abuse Council being formed in Allendale.

According to Sgt. Congleton, the council is an unofficial private group that will assist the police and borough officials in forming a program to combat the use of drugs among residents.

Congleton said that anyone with a drug problem could come to the council in confidence and that the police would not be involved. He said its purpose is to aid those with drug problems, not arrest them.

According to the officer, plans are being made for a student committee to end the use of drugs among teenagers.

## Transportation Notes

Parents or Guardians of high school students requesting transportation for the 1970-71 school year to private/parochial schools must submit an application to the Secretary of the Northern Highlands Regional High School District, Hillside Avenue, Allendale, New Jersey by May 1, 1970. Applications may be secured from the office of the Secretary and a separate application is necessary for each child.

Bids will be solicited for bus routes in June and awards will be announced at the July meeting of the Board of Education. Parents will be informed in July of the bus route their child is assigned. If the cost of transportation should exceed \$150 per child per year, the parent must then provide transportation or contract for transportation himself and is then eligible for a reimbursement of up to \$150 for the school year.

All requests for elementary school private/parochial transportation should be made through the Secretary of the local Board of Education, Mr. A. Grossman in Allendale and Mrs. C. Davis in Upper Saddle River.

Questions relative to private/parochial school transportation will be answered by calling the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education.

### FOR PARENTS ONLY

When a student is absent it is the responsibility of the parent to notify the school.

Please call the school health office when a student is ill, 327-8700 EX. 17.

It is important that the school be notified when any student is hospitalized or seriously ill.

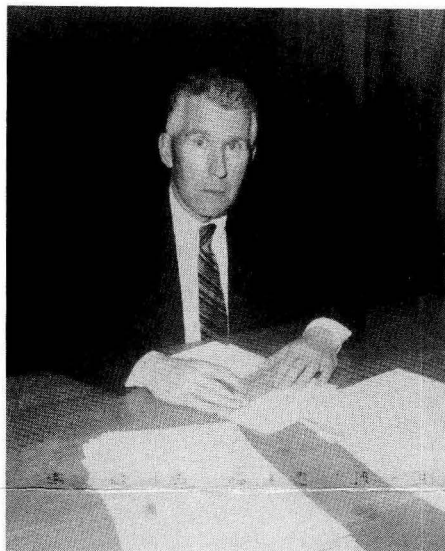
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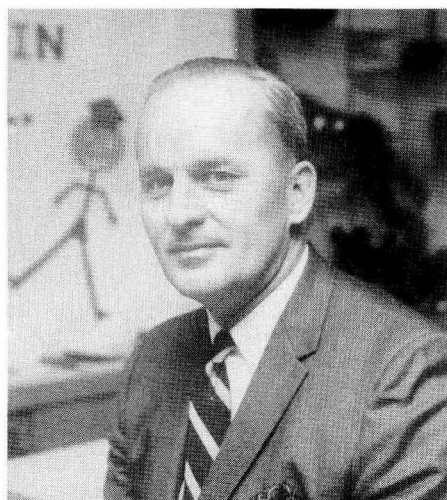
# Meet Your Board

A resident of Allendale for fifteen years, Mr. William A. B. Simpson has served on the Board of Education for seven years. He has served on both the Finance Committee and Board/Staff Relations Committee.

Mr. Simpson attended Drew University and St. John's University. Presently he is the Manager of the Statistical Sections for the Phelps Dodge Corporation.



WILLIAM A. B. SIMPSON



JACK A. PEYMAN

Jack A. Peyman has been a member of the Board of Education for seven years. During this time he has served on the Finance Committee and the Board/Staff Relations Committee.

Mr. Peyman and his family have resided in Upper Saddle River for eleven years. His youngest son James is presently a freshman at Northern Highlands.

A graduate of Columbia University, Mr. Peyman also attended Harvard Business School and America's Institute of Banking. He has been with Chase Manhattan Bank for thirty-six years and now is Vice President.



WILLIAM G. DONALDSON

One of the Board's original trustees, Mr. William G. Donaldson, has lived in Allendale for ten years. He is currently chairman of the Building Committee. Mr. Donaldson graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy with a B. S. Degree. He also attended St. Vincent College, where he studied chemical engineering for two years. He completed his post graduate work at New York University.

While serving in the Coast Guard he designed and implemented the Greater New York and Philadelphia Port Security Communication System for the Korean Conflict. He spent two years in Hawaii supervising personnel in the operation of specialized equipment.

Presently Mr. Donaldson is the technical director of Federal Electric Corporation. He has been with FEC for thirteen years.

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## *The Counselor's Role in Educational Guidance* by Helen M. Blanchard

One of the significant functions of the high school counselor is to assist a student in obtaining the maximum from his academic program.

In attempting to accomplish this end, the counselor utilizes many forces: The student's use of wise, educational planning in selection of courses that take into account his aptitudes, abilities, interests, needs; the student's utilization of effective techniques of studying; the student's full development of his reading powers; the student's extensive use of the library resources; the student's taking advantage of enrichment and exploratory courses, whenever feasible; the student's seeking extra-help when needed; the student's cultivation of goals and motivation; the student's development of self-understanding and self-knowledge with all of its manifold ramifications.

This year the guidance department in the constant attempt to improve its service to the community initiated an innovation in one phase of the educational guidance procedure by having a scheduled student-parent-counselor interview with all members of the Class of 1971 and many of their parent(s) during the month of February. At this conference, the student's selection of courses for 1970-71 was determined with appropriate consideration given to his ability and aptitudes as evidenced by his past academic performance and available objective test data, his interests, his needs, his plans, his dreams, and his goals. The counselors, at this time, also discussed post high school educational institutions, available financial assistance, and other pertinent matters. The guidance staff have greatly enjoyed and profited from these conferences and plan to continue this procedure in the future.

Educational guidance for the high school student, like all activities for young people, must be a co-operative venture that emphasizes the mutual involvement of the student, the home, the counselor, and the school staff. Each individual named has a major, vital contribution to offer; yet it must always be remembered that the one totally involved person is the student who must be "heard" respectfully and understandingly, for he is the one who will profit or lose according to the effectiveness of the educational guidance and its relevance to him. But assuredly he needs help from parents and school staff alike in order to obtain the self-understanding and self-knowledge that will enable him to gain to varying degrees the all important self-fulfillment. This help, however, should be based on knowledge of the individual and not wishful thinking nor rationalization. It must, to be effective, be predicated on what is best and realistic for this young person with his personality and nature in this day and age.

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## MASTER CALENDAR

### April

24	Junior Prom		
25	Away	Baseball Game	Wayne Hills
25	ACT Test		
28	Away	Track Meet	Midland Park
28	Home	Baseball Game	Glen Rock

### May

1	Senior Prom		
1	Home	Baseball Game	Midland Park
2	SAT Achievements		
5	Away	Track Meet	Waldwick
5	Away	Baseball Game	Ramsey
6	Away	Baseball Game	St. Joseph
7	Home	Track Meet	Indian Hills
8	Home	Baseball Game	Waldwick
8	Sophomore Fair		
11	Board of Education	Meeting	8 P.M.
12	Away	Track Meet	Manchester
12	Referendum on School Addition		
12	Away	Baseball Game	Indian Hills
13	Home	Baseball Game	Pascack Hills
15	Music Department	Spring Concert	8 P.M.
15	Away	Baseball Game	Hawthorne
19	Away	Track Meet	Mahwah
19	Home	Baseball Game	Manchester
21	Home	Track Meet	Pascack Hills
22	Home	Baseball Game	Mahwah
23	League Track Meet		
23	Home	Baseball Game	River Dell

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