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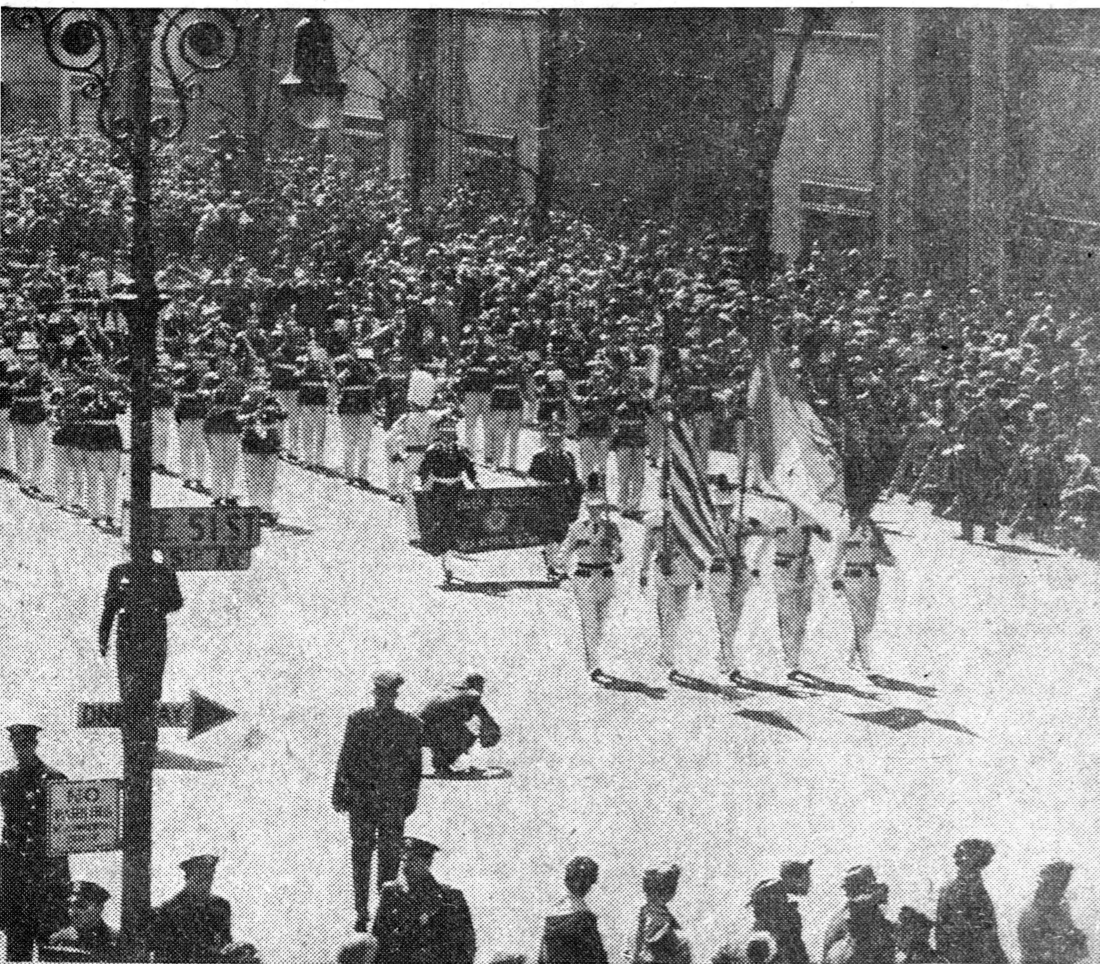
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The 60-piece Don Bosco High School Band of Ramsey, marching along New York's Fifth Ave. on St. Patrick's Day. Drum major, Anthony Favale, graduating this year, led the band for the last time. The director at the school is the Rev. Edward I. Mazurek, S.D.B. and Brother Bernard Carr, S.D.B. is moderator.

Report Urges Renovation Of Old Ramsey Swim Pool

RAMSEY—The citizens committee, which has been studying Ramsey's swimming pool needs for close to a year, recommends that the most economic and practical solution to the long standing borough headache lies in the renovation of the old pool rather than in the construction of a new facility. This can be accomplished at a maximum estimated cost of \$62,570, according to a 12-page report filed Monday night with the Recreation Commission. The figure stands con-

amortization. When the total sum was pledged the bond holders would elect a permanent board of trustees who would collect the pledges and construct the pool.

The pool would be leased to the Recreation Commission for an annual fee which would be used to retire

the debt. At the end of the 12-year period the pool would be deeded to the borough.

\$10,000 Annual Expense

An estimated annual operating expense of \$10,000 would be paid by the pool income, a part of which also (Please Turn to Page Two)

Merchants Like

Indict Allendale Postmaster For Stealing from the Mails

Zoning Changed

McLarty Request Denied by Judge

NEWARK, (UPI)—A federal judge yesterday refused to issue a temporary injunction to block a Ramsey borough ordinance designed to rezone a section of the Franklin Turnpike from commercial to residential usage.

District Judge Reynier J. Wortendyke, Jr. denied the restraining order sought by Robert A. McLarty, president of the Franklin Turnpike Assn., against the borough.

Campaign Planned By Birrer

FRANKLIN LAKES — Approximately 40 Regular Republicans met Sunday at the Crystal Lake Inn in Franklin Lakes, to discuss plans for returning Councilman Richard B. Birrer to office. Campaign Manager Henry Dienema stressed the points that he felt should be conveyed to every voter in town.

"Our candidate, Dick Birrer," he stated, "is characterized by his energy, perseverance and fairness. We can be sure that when Dick Birrer is re-elected to the council he will continue to serve all the people for a full term."

Mr. Dienema then asked Mr. Birrer to state his reasons for seeking re-election and to explain why he had not been accepted as a candidate by the executive committee of the Regular Republican Club.

Cites "Lack of Stability"

Mr. Birrer stated that the Franklin Lakes Borough Council "has ab-

McLarty asked for the restraint to halt enforcement of an ordinance passed by the Mayor and Council Tuesday night, which would remove a 150-foot section from either side of the turnpike from its present commercial classification and make it completely residential.

McLarty wanted the section expanded for commercial purposes from its present depth to a 300-foot depth on either side.

In an earlier suit brought before the U. S. District Court, McLarty had asked that the former zoning ordinance be declared unconstitutional. At that time, Wortendyke declared he had no jurisdiction to hear the case.

McLarty appealed to the circuit court and was awaiting a hearing when the Ramsey Council met last night and passed the new zoning ordinance.

In asking for a temporary injunction to halt the ordinance, McLarty argued that the ordinance would defeat his pending appeal.

Attorney James M. Muth, who (Please Turn to Page Two)



FRANK A. FARRELL

Federal Grand Jury Action Follows Probe

By ANTHONY T. SPERANZA

ALLENDALE—Frank A. Farrell, postmaster here for 17 years, has been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on six counts of stealing from the mails. The charges stem from a six-month investigation of the Allendale post office, according to postal authorities.

Mr. Farrell is charged with stealing household equipment and medical supplies. If convicted, he would face a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$2,000 fine, or both.

The probe followed complaints by residents who charged they were not receiving articles they expected through the mails.

Suspected for 2 Months

For two months, said the authori-

ties, Mr. Farrell had been suspected. On March 12 he was arrested and taken to police headquarters for interrogation by postal inspectors.

At present, Mr. Farrell is technically under arrest but he will remain in his home, it was learned. A tentative date, April 2, has been designated as the time when Mr. Farrell will enter his plea in the Federal District Court in Newark.

The official announcement of Mr. Farrell's indictment came from Assistant U. S. Attorney John J. Mangini of Oradell.

Mr. Farrell is accused of stealing an electric drill, a water sprinkler, a small American flag, a bottle of patent medicine, a supporter belt and two trowels, said Mr. Mangini. It is alleged that Mr. Farrell has been stealing from the mails since last June 12.

According to Chief Robert Wilson, Mr. Farrell signed a confession at the police station on March 12. He (Mr. Farrell) subsequently requested a 30-day annual leave. Last week, it was learned from Rep. William Widnall that Mr. Farrell had resigned and William F. Anderson was considered for the position of postmaster.

Mr. Anderson has been assistant postmaster for four years and has (Please Turn to Page Two)

Area Churches Plan Easter Sunday Rites

Worshippers of all denominations will attend church services on Easter Sunday, beginning with the many sunrise services and continuing into the afternoon.

The sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. at the base of All Faith's Memorial Tower in George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, will be one of the largest services in this area. It is being sponsored by the Bergen County Council of Churches and during the past few years has had an attendance of more than 10,000 people.

Dr. John Thompson Peters, Secretary of Stewardship and Promotion of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,

will be the guest speaker at this service, and his topic will be "Good News for the Space Age." Other Bergen County clergymen who will take part in the service are the Rev. W. H. E. Smith and the Rev. Arthur F. Thumber of Hackensack, the Rev. H. C. Willenberg of West Englewood and the Rev. Martin A. Punt of Hasbrouck Heights.

Musical features of the service will include the singing of traditional anthems by the congregation and choral hymns by the Sunrise Choir and the Northwestern College Choir from Orange City, Iowa. Edward Odenwald will be soloist.

Ridgewood Service

At 5:45 a.m. a sunrise service will be held at the band shell on Veterans' Field, Ridgewood. This service is being sponsored by the United Christian

School Board Told

Good Friday

Indict

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been with the post office in other capacities for 30 years.

Postal authorities said yesterday that although many men were investigating the irregularities in the Allendale post office, these three inspectors were mainly involved: Bernard F. Steele, Fred A. DeLauter and John G. Bullard. Postal Inspector Wilfred A. Miner directed the operation from his Philadelphia office.

Mr. Farrell was to terminate his term of office on April 1 as he had reached the age of 65, retirement age.

When postal inspectors closed in on March 12, they found packages which had been in the process of going through the mails in Mr. Farrell's car.

Mr. Farrell lives at 50 Iroquois Ave. He has lived in Allendale for 33 years and became active postmaster on April 6, 1942. He is married and has two children.

Mrs. Farrell has been a career clerk in the post office system for 20 years, postal authorities said. She was not implicated, the authorities continued, and she will probably continue her duties.

Mr. Farrell has been active in civic organizations throughout his Allendale residency. Before becoming postmaster he was a candidate twice on the local Democratic ticket.

In 1938, he was instrumental in electing the first Democratic candidate in 20 years to the office of mayor.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Mr. Farrell as local chairman of the National Youth Administration, Recreation Service.