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MANACLED TO A PIPE and divested of his shoes and socks, Abraham Prins sits in Ramsey police headquarters. Even while receiving the congratulations of Chief R. A. Doremus, Sgt. John Gates keeps a watchful eye on his prisoner. Photo by David M. Knight.

Buried Loot Declared Convicts' Local Lure

RAMSEY — Is there buried loot, probably totalling between \$75,000 and \$100,000, somewhere in the area between West Crescent Ave., Allendale, and the commuter parking lots south of Main St., here? Chief of Passaic County Detectives Adam Reiser suspects there is, and that the buried loot was the reason for the visit of escaped convicts Michael Salvi and Abraham Prins to the Ramsey-Allendale area.

According to the theory of Chief Reiser, Prins participated in robberies that produced a considerable amount of loot. He is also suspected of having participated in the murder of Salvatore Malfetti in West Milford in October, 1960, and other gang killings, as well as having supplied the revolver with which former Lt. Nicholas Berardi of the Jersey City police was gunned down in a Journal Square holdup.

In Ramsey Before

Prins was definitely in Ramsey in January, 1955, as he was arrested that month by Lt. Norman Stegan for carrying a concealed weapon and violating parole. It is also regarded as a possibility that he was earlier one of the Jersey City youths who swam at Crestwood Lake, which would mean the area was even more familiar to him.

The burial place of the money would have to be one that was easily located by Prins, and would have to be fixed by a landmark not easily removed. For those reasons it is expected that the burial place would probably be located in a definite spot in relation to the Erie-Lackawanna right of way, its location fixed by relationship to a signal tower or some other easily spotted object.

Praise for Cooperation

Chief Reiser was most complimentary in regard to the cooperation given him in the hunt for the pair. He said that state and county police set up

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Mahwah Rate up 99 Cents

MAHWAH — The 1962 tax rate will rise to \$9.12, an increase of 99 cents per each \$100 of assessed valuation, upon the adoption of the municipal budget introduced at the Township Committee meeting last Thursday night.

The budget shows requirements for the municipal departments, deferred charges, statistical expenditures and capital improvements amounting to \$555,469.66, an increase of \$44,617.02 over 1961. The amount to be raised by local taxes for local municipal purposes is \$324,158.68, an increase of \$82,088.23 over 1961.

Valuations Decline

Mayor Morris E. Ruddick explained that the factors contributing to the increase are a decline of \$24,975 in net valuations taxable because of the elimination of household personal tax valuations and senior citizens exemptions, a decline in local revenues and a rise in the school tax.

A breakdown of the local tax rate shows \$6.13 allocated towards local schools, \$1.17 for the estimated county tax and \$1.82 for municipal purposes.

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Mahwah Players Edge Ramsey In Nip and Tuck Cage Battle

By Ed Finley

MAHWAH — It is written that revenge is a sensation that should be cast out of the human soul. Undoubtedly, this is true — except in a contest between Ramsey and Mahwah high schools. You can bet Vince Herold's T-Birds are enjoying this sensation, as they hung a sweet defeat on the Rams here last Friday night, 62 - 56. The win avenged a 51 - 29 humiliation inflicted on Mahwah earlier in the season on the Ramsey court.

It was a tight, hard fought contest all the way, enjoyed by a capacity crowd that roared all through the game with delight or despair, depending on individual loyalties. The game was tied five times and the lead changed hands five times in the first half.

Mahwah held a two point lead, 26 - 24, as the second half got under way, and Herold's quintet managed to hold the lead throughout the fray. At one time in the final stanza the T-Birds enjoyed a nine-point bulge, 50 - 41. Then fireworks, as the Rams again put on one of their last minute rallies to come within a single point with less than two minutes to play.

Marden Hits

Chip Marden, who came into the game late in the contest and had a hot night, netting four of five shots from the field, started it off with a swish from the side for two markers. Dave Ovaitt, who led the Ram scoring with 22 points, added a bucket. John Lisack, the game's high scorer with 23, traded baskets with the Ram's Skip Struebing to give the T-Birds a 52 - 47 lead.

The man to man press, which the Rams used through most of the final quarter, paid off in

the next few seconds, as Ramsey was able to effect three steals, enabling Marden to tally one basket and Ovaitt two, reducing the bulge to a single point at 54 - 53.

Ramsey had three more shots at the basket and missed. The last rebound was taken by Mahwah's Harley Schneider and the T-Birds worked a fast break off the rebound, permit-

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Co. Road Repairs Promised

ALLENDALE — In a letter addressed to Councilman Robert J. Osborne, read at last Thursday's council session, the county supervisor of roads announced plans to resurface roads in the borough. As soon as the Spring weather begins, work will start on Franklin Tpke. from Ramsey to the Waldwick line. Crescent Ave. will also be resurfaced and two miles of other county roads, including parts of Orchard St. and Brookside Ave.

Councilman John Morton requested that a letter of commendation be placed in Lt. Frank Parenti's file for his bravery and quick work in apprehending Michael Salvi, escaped convict. Mr. Morton and Mayor Robert J. Newman also praised Chief Robert D. Wilson for his excellent coordination of the search for the escaped convicts. Mr. Morton said that the

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LT. FRANK A. PARENTI JR. of the Allendale police sits with his prisoner, Michael Salvi, in police headquarters, after having captured the convict in the Allendale Spa. Photo by Jeff Hackenberg.