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Free Speech Gives Boro Council Rough Time

Borough Attorney John Warhol was called upon at the Borough Council meeting last week to deliver an informal lecture on the perils of public life in our democratic system of government.

It came about when William Hughes of W. Al-

lendale Avenue rose to express what he termed a "citizen's SECOND TRY opinion" about the affairs of FOR WATER WELLS the borough. In the course of Critchley reported that alhis remarks he attacked the though the test wells dug on Council itself for not taking the borough property south of the lead in policy matters and recreation park did not bring charged that in effect the in a new source of water, mor Planning Board was running tests will be taken in the area. the town.

at Francis Scafuro, Chairman he was disappointed that the of the Planning Board, whom wells did not come in, but not he charged with.

plaint letters from residents of Company reported with reas-Crescent Heights pertaining to onable assurance that water drainage problems that had can be found some other place not been dealt with by the de- in the area. veloper of the area.

charge from the floor later.)

(2) implied that Mr. Scafuro had used his position as said. chairman of the Planning Board to get conforming months has been twenty five rights to his non conforming per cent greater than in the 4-family residence on W. Al- same period last year Mr. lendale Avenue.

Mr. Scafuro denied this charge too and said that he was still living under a non conforming residence that he had "inherited" when he bought the house 11 years ago).

(3) said that Mr. Scafuro had, through his office, bene-

Mr. Critchley said at the He directed most of his ire Council meeting last week that charged with. (1) having solicited com- Artesian Well and Equipment

If these tests prove fruitless (Mr. Scafuro denied this it may be possible to tap water on some other piece of borough property Mr. Critchley

Water usage in the last 3 Critchley reported. Seven million gallons a month have been used and this is just about what the pumping system has been able to handle.

Police Chief Robert Wilson said that the "no sprinkling" ban was still in existence because lawns are in pretty good shape due to recent showers. If the ban were lifted, he said, the drain on the existing water



Issue Proclamation

Mayor John Tucker

Mayor John Tucker, proclaimed the week of Sept. 20th to Sept. 27 as Girl Scout Drive Week. Mrs. J. R. Foster is the chairman of the Drive. Your full cooperation and generous support is urged to bring about a successful conclusion to this drive.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOLD FOOD SALE

There will be a Food Sale from 10 to 12 Saturday, September 19th, in the Griffiths Insurance Agency and we are hoping for the usual enthusiastic support of the public. All items will be homemade of course. Mrs. T. H. Zane and Mrs. H. L. Bogart are co-chairmen, and the committee consists of Mrs. S. J. Hadel, Mrs. C. B. Hutchinson and Mrs. R. J. Black.

Job Suit Against Boro Thrown Out Of Court

Pat Job's suit against the Borough Council was dismissed in Superior Court in Hackensack by Judge Donald M. Waesche last Friday.

Mr. Job, said he planned to apepal the case he raised against Councilmen Frank McCord and Helen

FIRETRUCK COSTS FULL PRICE

All hope of the borough geting a \$6000 rebate on the new firetruck from the Federal government under the civil defense program vanished when Borough Attorney John Warhol told the Council that Allendale was not eligible for help under the program.

Mr. Warhol returned the application, which had been submitted to him for study, at the said that the firetruck did not meet specifications. Aid is given comuniteis in critical areas that purchase equipment in addition to what they already have, he said, Allendale bought the firetruck last year to replace its old one.

Also, Mr. Warhol said, the pumping equipment did not come up to specifications.

However, he did see a possibility of the borough recovering some money for the auxiliary equipment purchased, such as hoses etc., under the State Civil Defense program.

The Council decided to apply for aid from Trenton. The Borough will be advised whether or not any cash refund is to be forthcoming when the

Hanson, but would not try again to take court action against the Borough Council.

Mr. Job's case against the two councilmen for what he considered "prejudical voting" was dismissed in July. Grounds fro the appeal action are not known and Mr. Job said he was awaiting word from his attorney as to how he would re open the case.

Attoreny Ralph Chandless of Hackensack, represented Council meeting last week. He Mr Job in asking that the court rule on the two contentious: (1) that the court determine that the zoning ordinance (which would have rezoned Mr. Job's Inn for business) wasn't legally adopted because of the votes of Councilman Frank McCord and Councilwoman Helen Hanson. (2) hat the Borough Council must reconsider the ordinance.

Judge Waesche dismissed the case on both grounds saying that the ordinance' required at least four votes in order to pass. (The law requires a twothirds majority for passage of an ordinance not approved by the Planning Board). Mr. Job received only three affirmative votes, those of Councilmen Elwood Critchley, Perry B. Conklin and John Wattles. The judge also ruled that the court had no right to direct the borough to consider any kind of ordinance. He suggested that if Mr. Job considered his property improperly zoned, then Mr. Job should take action against the existing ordinance.

fited himself and a "chosen few."

In a rebuttal charged with supply would be too much. emotion, Mr. Scafuro denied this accusation also. He asked fectly all right to use water to for evidence of proof of the soak new shrubs, wash cars. or charges to the audience. (Mr. for any modest project, but Hughes offered none.) He said asked residents to continue to

The Chief said it was per-(Please Turn to Page Five) | be cautious in the use of water.

PTA Holds Opening Meeting Wednesday

Stressing that a warm and friendly welcome awaited new members, Mrs. John Lothian, president, announced last night that the first meeting of the Allendale PTA would be held on Wednesday, September 23 at 8:15 p.m. in the public school auditorium.

Mrs. William Dixon, Chairman of Home Room mothers bicycles. and Mr. George Smith, mem- Beginning in October, the bership chairman, will be on Association will meet on the

to greet newcomers. Plans of all Committee chairman for the coming year will be heard.

In special concern over the safety at the beginning of the school year, the Safety com- Women's Club was given Wedmitttee, headed by Mrs. Wal- nesday evening at the Epipter Kunisch, will present Sgt. hany Church. Neil Flynn, a member of the Glen Rock Police Force. Mr. president, said that 20 guests Flynn will describe the plan attended. Mrs. Janet Freeman adopted by Glen Rock, which was chairman of the party and has been so successful, featur. Mrs. Gerald Danby, co chairing inspection and licensing of man in charge of the supper.

hand at the registration desk third Wednesday of each month.

Supper For New Members

A buffet supper for prospective members of the Junior

Mrs. J. Brunson Williams,

PITTIS ROAD **GIVEN 6 MONTHS**

Dr. Godfrey Pittis was given an extension until March 20, 1954 on his \$1500 performance bond covering the improvement of Pittis Road, by the Borough Council last week.

One of the reasons stated by Dr. Pittis for the delay encountered in completing Pittis Ave. was the option taken by the School Board on a 9 acre tract of land which borders the road. The land is being held until the voters of the town decide whether or not they wish to purchase the land as a future school site.

When it is decided, following a special election to be held in October, what the town intends to do regarding the tract, work will proceed on the improvement of Pittis Ave.

REGISTER NOW FOR NOV. ELECTION

The Borough Clerk, Charles Vollaro, will register voters at the Allendale Fire House, Saturday, September 19, between the hours of 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 22 beteen 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. ·

application has been processed.

WIDENING CORNER REQUIRES \$ \$ \$

An emergency appropriation is being applied for by the town Council in order to get the funds to round off the corner of Franklin Turnpike and E. Allendale Avenue.

Borough engineers estimate the cost of improving the corner at \$41,000. Emergency funds are necessary if the Borough is to coordinate its construction work with that of the county, which is planning to correct the drainage problem on the corner.

The project has been stalled for many months awaiting the engineer's report which includes widening of the north west corner owned by Van-Houten and Sons Real Estate, and the south west corner by the library.

so that work can be done be- Show on Oct. 17 and 18. fore cold weather sets in.

sible.

(Please turn to Page Two)

NEED MAN POWER AT REC. PARK.

Volunteers are needed to help lay Cinder blocks at the Recreation Park this Saturday and Sunday for the new toilets and locker roms which the Cerebral Palsy Horse Show committee is building. Work on the foundation of the building has gone forward under Fred Thurston but he now needs help in erecting the walls. This building will be a decided asset to the park grounds and the people of Allendale.

The work is under the direc-The work of the county has tion of Mr. Fred Thurston and been held off until the borough Mr . Stewart Archibald who could make clear its own has worked hard in obtaining plans. The Borough Council materials from various contrachopes that its application for tors either free or at factory emergency appropriation from cost. This building will be the Local Government Board tuned over to the borough in Trenton, will be approved free and clear after the Horse

Since this is for such a Borough Attorney John War- worthy cause and also a decidhol said that he would pilot the ed asset to the borough, we application through channels hope a large number of volunin Trenton as rapidly as pos- teers will show up at 10 a.m. to help.

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CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY REV. BAYARD HANCOCK VICAR Franklin Turnpike Allendale

Sunday, Sept. 20th (16th) Sunday after Trinity): 8 a.m. ed down by the Council on the noon. Holy Communion, 9:30 a. m. basis that to change Crescent Church School (Family Service Inn to a business zone would Mrs. Charles A. Gildea and 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a. m., Classes constitute "spot zoning." At other members of the commitand Adult Study Group, 10- that time Mr. Job commented | tee issued an open invitation to a. m. Sunday School. Mrs. J. 10:30 a.m.)

Sermon: Sermon title: "God Council's own grounds, by Thomas J. Beauchamp of the Father." (2nd sermon in a seeking to show that his Mot- Saddle River who sang a numseries on the Creed). Small her's residence which is on W. ber of musical selections. children will be cared for in Crescent Avenue between the the Parish House during this service.

Sunday, Sept 20, 3 to 5 p m. All members of the Congregation are cordially invited to Planning Board meeting Monattend an Open House at the day night when Mr. Job's ten-Vicarage.

7:45 p.m. first meeting of fouth group in the Parish from the Crescent Inn lot. House: Mr. Robertson F. Alwelcome.

A new class is being organiz- If the Planning Board should The first of this Fall's Inquir-

er's Classes will meet next week. The Adult Class will meet in the Vicarage at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22. The Young

CASE DISMISESED

(Continued From Page One) Mr. Job would make no comment on whether or not, the borough.

Mr. Job's rezoning was turn-11 a.m. Morning Prayer and fight against the town on the program was given by Mrs Hour, Archer Hall. Crscnt Inn and a light industrial zone was a prime example of "spot zoning."

Speculation along thses lines tatively approved the separting the lot on which his the Junior and Senior High mother's house is located

Isolating Mrs. Cyril Job's ford of Saddle River will talk house might pose a ticklish to the group about his recent problem for the Planning trip to Europe and about the Board which would then have Coronation. All young people to rule on the house, rather than on the Inn.

ed in the Church School for rule that his mother's house is date and plan to attend. All senior boys. The class, which in fact an example of "spot will be taught by Mr. A. W. zoning,' and change it to light Waldwick, will meet for the industrial, Mr. Job would then Cornewal of Wyckoff Ave., have his Inn adjourning a light first time this Sunday, Sep. 20. industrial zone, rather than residential.

same place Friday, Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m. The classes are for those interested in being con-People's Class will meet at the firmed and those who simply want to know more about the Episcopal Church.

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men will be welcome to join. VIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII George De Young, O.D. Complete Visual Care 4:30 to B:30 By Appointment 102 W. Allendale Ave

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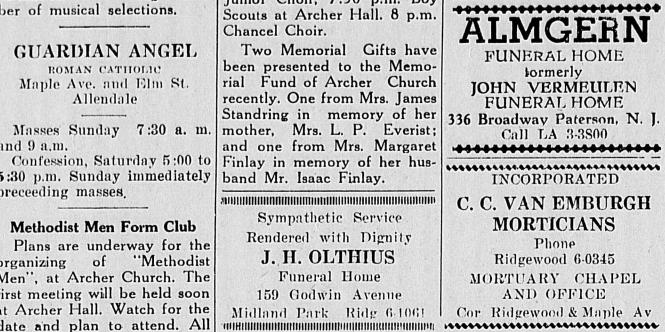
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ROD AND GUN CLUB ARCHER MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH STARTS THURSR. MEETS The Allendale Rod and Gun Club met last night at 8:30 in the War Memorial Building, Allendale. Sound pictures on

a "Big Fish" were shown. A wow of a report and the whole gamut of big events Divine Worship. Sermon topic to come was given by John B. Schockert, president of the ing You". Mr. Goodrich. 9:45 club. John B. also predicts a full season of hunting and fishthat the would continue his all friends of the Villa. The Witmer, Supt. 11 a.m. Nursery ing on the club grounds in Milton and Oak Ridge, Morris Friday Sept. 18, 3:30 p.m. County.





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The widening of W. Crescent Ave. is a big improvement in the safety factor of the road but the very improvement may give some motorists a false sense of security. This can be fatal. Let's not fall into such a trap.

Chief Wilson and his men and the Junior Patrol have done a marvelous job so far. The least we motorists can do is to exercise the utmost of caution on borough roads especially at school time.

Remember, Mr. and Mrs. Motorist, "slow down, lives are in your hands.

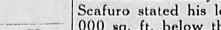


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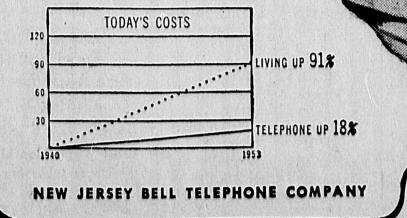
Mr. Hughes remarks were appropo, "There Is More to it than meets the eye", of course one can understand just why Mr. Scafuro would rather these facts be with held, even to what extent the Chairman of the Planning Board has 'Vested Interests''.

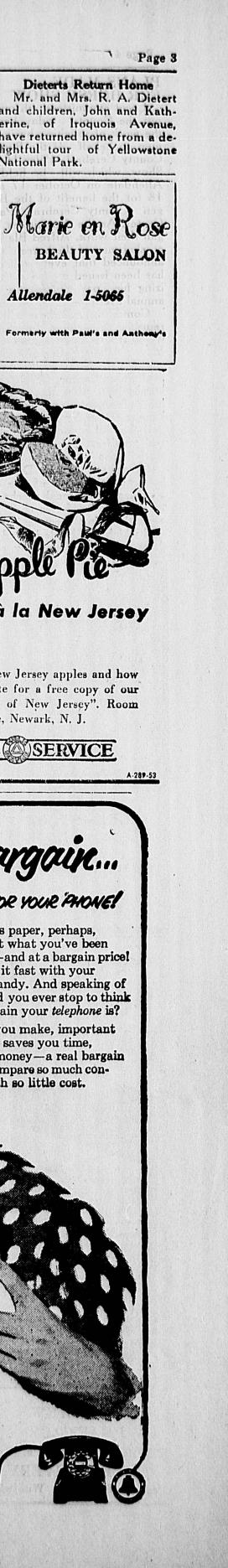
I thank Boro Attorney Warhol for his clear cut analysis of the situation and his clarification of what the rights of the Citizens is: Quote, "We live under a democratic process and the only defense the People have is their right to











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COUNCIL MEETING

Continued From Page 1 that he had never asked that letters of complaint be written, that he was now living in a non conforming 'residence and would have no protection if the house "burned down tomorrow," and said that he had never used his office to benefit any individual or group of individuals.

With a desperate note in his voice, Mr. Scafuro asked the borough attorney if he, as a public figure had any protection from "these unwarranted attacks."

of law.

life must subject themselves | as it now exists. to open criticism," Mr. Warhol Another recurrent problem said.

ent situation, it lies within the about the nonconforming stat- gavel for order and said he jurisdiction of the Mayor and us of his house. Pat Job, owner thought it was unfortunate that Council whether they want to of Crescent Inn, was quick to we had to have "this continulisten to talk. Legally, under cit Mr. Scafuro's remark that ous bickering." The meeting civil law restictions there is no he had "no protection" under was adjourned forthwith a remedy fro what a man may- a non-conforming permit. He 12:45 a.m.

lic life was "worth it." "Some Pat Job, had been trying to remarks," he said, "are political and should be dismissed as such."

"There is no iron-clad guar. One stop for all your party antee that people in public life will be immune to criticism," he said. Being subjected to criticism

is nothing new to Mr. Scafuro who has been under attack sonal use. from Mr. Hughes for many months as a result of a feud that started when the Master Plan included a road that, if

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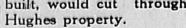
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again in a last effort to get Mr. iness. (The request for rezon-Hughes to show evidence ing had been voted down by that Mr. Scafuro or any mem- the Planning Board and later ber of the Planning Board had the Council.) done anything to favor any particular group.

Mr. Hughes did not answer. Former Mayor Les Johnson was also mentioned in Mr Hughes broadside, as having said that Orchard Street, where he lives, would only be opened up to Highway 17 'over my dead body.'

Mr. Johnson said he was Upon the direction of May- very much alive and had not or John Tucker, Mr. Warhol made such a remark. Regardanswered by saying that the ing the opening of Orchard St. democratic process has its iron- he said that it had been planical side at times. And this ned in the Master Plan to ex- development in this town. All mater is really not a question tend Orchard Street north to I'm asking is a little cooperaprovide an opening into the tion. "It is part of the democratic undeveloped land between process that people in public Powell Road and Orchard St.

of the P. B. was brought up to hear any more.' "Upon analysis of the pres- again by Mr. Scafuro's remarks Mayor Tucker pounded his consider unwarranted attacks". said Mr. Scafuro had just used Mr. Warhol said that he too the same point-that he would had been subjected to criticism be unable to rebuild if his and wondered at times if pub- house burned down-that he,

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built, would cut through Mr. | make all during the protracted debate on whether or not his Mr. Scafuro took the floor inn should be rezoned for bus-

"Why he should fight me down, I just don't understand" Mr. Job said.

a final rally to ask why the Planing Board should be able to prevent him from building a little garage on his property.. Mr. Scafuro: "It as not a little garage. It as a garage for trucks.

You should offer a plot plan and description of the use of the building would be put to.' Mr. Hughes: "This brings to light the attitude that prohibits

Mr. Scafuro: All we asked was an application, not an engineer's survey.' Mr. Hughes: "I don't want

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Mr. Hughes took the floor in The Citizen's Committee?

This anonymous group which claims no political affiliation has maliciously entered the political picture — but nobody knows who they are! The Republican Club of Allendale believes the voters should know them. When this question was raised at a public meeting only two reluctantly admitted membership - Steve Van Houten and George Wilson. Apparently they are assisted by the Jobs and W. Hughes.

Unlike the Allendale Republican Club whose meetings are open to the public and publicized ahead of time, the Citizen's Committee meets secretly. Why are they so reluctant to admit to their membership and why do they meet in secrecy?

THEY SAY they are a group of experienced citizens. Of the membership known to us only two have been connected with public affairs in Allendale.

1. Gil Job was defeated as a candidate for the Council.

2. George Wilson's record as a public official in Allendale can be found in the court files.

THEY SAY they want no part of machine politics where county political organizations may dictate policies to be carried out by underlings. Yet to the best of our knowledge the ONLY person in Allendale to receive a political plum from the County is Gil Job.

THEY SAY that they represent and speak for the "individual property owners and taxpayers". Aren't THESE individuals the selfish large real estate owners who want to dispose of their holdings in small lots, pocketing the excessive profits, all at the expense of the rest of the town in higher taxes and discomfort. Look at the conditions in other town where operators of this sort have taken advantage of inadequate zoning.

Since these individuals stand to gain financially through their campaign of distortions they can well afford to pay for full page ads. The Allendale Republican Club consists of men and women who do not have large sums of money to expend for ads of this sort. Nor do they have any reason to spend their money or time other than to see good government preserved in Allendale. If you are interested in our fight, which is yours too, please send a contribution to our Treasurer, Republican Club, P. O. Box 343.

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AROUND

KNIGHTS

Planning Board Confusion

that group, an official of the picture could be presented.

the improvements and the re-Plan which had been approved the same group present might reasons for many of their acduring the administration of Mr. George Christopher. This original nine-man Planning Board was sired by Chairman Francis X. Scafuro during the Burnett Administration.

The citizen members of the Board were without experience or knowledge in the field of town planning. Mr. Scaturo recognized their incapabilities and lack of experience and thereupon recommended protessional planning consultants other meeting was ever held reason for its production. be employed for the purpose before the Master Plan was The meeting adjourned afof drawing up a Master Plan formally presented to the pub- ter Chairman Scafuro's personfor the community. Bagby and Pangburn of Upper Montclair, N. J. were retained as paid consultants by the Allendale Planning Board with the approval of the Mayor and Council. January 1, 1951 saw the seating of Mayor-Elect Leslie L. Johnson on the Planning Board and he immediately collaborated with Mr. Scafuro, both in the appointment of Planning Board Members and the outline of the Master Plan. A concentrated effort was then put forth by Mayor their property. Johnson who carried the ball and stimulated Planning Board group of citizens serving as At the final meeting held by activities. Endless meetings members of this important the Planning Board in the were privately held and decisions rendered and changed according to caprice and whim with the Planning Board members relying almost entirely on the suggestions and recommendations of the paid consultants. Wherever recommendations did not paralell some individual Planning Board or Council member's own personal desires, changes were made. However, by and large, the consultants' proposals were accepted. In the early spring of 1951 some of the larger propertyowners were invited to attend a meeting to be held in the firehouse on Good Friday. Present were: Mr. Scafuro, chairman of the Allendale Planning ad to attend meetings where were to be held. A few revi-Board, Mayor Johnson and a

membership to nine. They in- property owners were vague sented. cluded the following: the and unrealistic. It was evident Mayor, ex-officio, a member of considerable work was neces- payers and property owners the Council to be named by sary before any kind of a clear were asleep. The Planning

and six citizens of the Borough Scafuro, and the consultant and took them home for study. also appointed by the Mayor. were asked if another oppor-Surrounding communities tunity would be afforded these the delicate bubble burst. True were in the throes of rapid property holders to go over facts became apparent. Quesgrowth so it was deemed ad- this plan when it had been tions remained unanswered for visable that Allendale make whipped into better shape and its acceptance. The Mayor and provisions for rules governing beore the Master Plan would Board members - backed up be presented to the public. by the consultants-were unvision of the original Master The request was made so that able to produce satisfactory have an opportunity to ana- tions in connection with the lyze its contents. These men Master Plan. Citizens were concurred with the request. browbeaten and curtailed in The property owners departed their quest for information. believing at the time the facts Answers were ambiguous, as it were presented changes could became apparent the Planning be made where they were war- Board members did not know ranted.

Board Chairman Scafuro. No know what was in it or the

The Planning Board was sional consultants. Various the public so that Planning first established by ordinance maps and graphs were laid be- Board members could be ad-May, 1944 and consisted of rore this gamering. Flans were vised of desirable changes as five members. In May, 1950 it enurely in the embryo stage. evidenced by discussion of the was amended increasing the Answers to questions raised by issues and the objections pre-

Up until this time the tax-Board presented the Plan. The municipality to be appointed, Mayor Johnson, Chairman public purchased these books At the first public meeting, the answers themselves. They Later developments indicat- had simply relied on the paid ed these property owners were consultants who had produced Mayor Johnson and Planning Board who did not themselves

> al public statement that the question on planning reminded entire plan, paragraph by paraus of a form letter the boys graph would be discussed. As the summer wore 'on,

considerable criticism. Then a special meeting was held and the Master Plan was approved by the Allendale Planning Board under the astute guidance of Mayor Johnson, Councilwoman Hanson and Chairman Francis X. Scafuro.

Releases entirely for public consumption claimed the Master Plan was to be but a guide in the deliberations of the Planning Board. Actually it is being used as the Law of the community rather than a yardstick, as was its original intent.

The Republican Story Francis X. Scafuro — a

holdover on the Allendale Council, the Mayor stated, Planning Board who realized the many powers our legislators state granted planning to boards and a man fully in accord with the Master Plan's utopian dream made and put together the rules and regulations that resulted in the utter dein our community.

Because it was essential to have a man with a ruthless capacity to carry out the dictates of the political machine and its planning board, into the limelight stepped Wehner Baarck - formally the building inspector, privately he acted as the hatchet man for this aggreg. ation.

In succeeding bulletins we shall take each of these men in his official capacity and show you just how they worked for and manipulated the Johnson Scheme. Indeed accorded a fast doublecross by a plan for a local Planning SO successfully that in just two short years they absolutely ruled the community and succeeded in throwing it into political

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A new zoning ordinance had already been prepared. Yet when it came up for final passage, public sentiment was at such a fever pitch the Mayor and Council were forced to withhold passage in order that some modificationshowever small — could be made to save face and allay some of the objections.

Many flaws were apparent. The People were aroused. It was most interesting to note that at a public session of the "Everyone shall have the right to be heard" and he had didn't care on what they spoke even including -"How onions are grown in Bermuda.

Mr. Johnson this time kept his word. It was evilent from the first the moralization of building pattern was set. The Mayor had already told us vhat to expect. Let them alk themselves out and hen push the ordinance hrough. That was their lan. This rezoning was to be jammed down the throats of the people of the community simply because the members of the Council and Planning Board wanted it that way.

> We believe the Mayor and Council seriously erred in this action by not carrying out the ascertainable mandate of the people.

On one occasion when asked by a citizen how his individual problem should

lic. Always the answers to any sent home during their stay in a North Korean prison camp. continued meetings simply There simply couldn't be any plan, some fantastic , some luother side.

In no instance was any citizen present at the Good Friday meeting ever approached

Actually a well-meaning its consequences. for his holdings.

rame the Master Plan in its birds. present book form, accompani-

Always everything was fine: brough out more defects in the

dicrous, and others showing a complete lack of understanding of the situation. It became evident the members of the or contacted in regard to how Planning Board, the consultthis Master Plan might effect ants and some members of the him individually. Nor were Boro Council had already they ever extended the consid- made up their minds to push eration of an inspection of for adoption of the Master Plan in spite of opposition or

board -- with absolutely no Grammar School on Brookside knowledge or experience in Ave., in the midst of a question such vital matters as rezoning an answer period. Mr. Scafuro a community ---- ignored their turned to Mayor Johnson, who their fellow citizens by permit- nodded his head in acquiesting paid consultants to map cence. BANG WENT THE off sections of Allendale with GAVEL. Mr. Scafuro declarred and blue lines representa- ed the meeting closed, stated tive of new afeas to be rezoned they had heard enough thereby with absolutely no thought repudiating his promise made given as to whom it might to the citizens. The public had harm, the topography of the laboriously struggled page by ground or what the property- page up to number 22. This owner may have had in mind was the end of the road. Subsequent pages numbered 22 In midsummer of 1951 out through 39 were left for the

On many occasions the ad by a beautiful story, pic- Planning Board held special manhs and plenty of meetings. Only members knew fanfare. The public was invit- where or when such meetings the comprehensive plan was to sions were made to meet specirepresentative of the profes- gone over page by page by fic problems which had caused

turmoil and confusion from which they are still endeavoring to extricate themselves and their political organization.

Suddenly our "Town Fathers" had apparently been pressured on the subject of zoning legislation. Zoning laws were to be fastened on to the peoole regardless of their wishes in the matter.

be handled and solved Boss Johnson replied, "Why, that's your problem". The cost of reprinting the Zoning Ordinance exceeded \$200, and the feeling is abroad in our community that never, since its founding, has a scheme of this kind been so arrogantly attempted.

(To be Continued)

THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE with the help of other interested individuals was able through aggressive action to compel either the deletion pr the change in 29 separate items in the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance. All of these corrections were for the benefit of the small individual home and property-owner who would otherwise have been burdened with stringent restrictions detrimental to their ebst interests.

Do you know the Planning Board rezoned a plot directly adjacent to the Erie railroad fronting on Orchard Street as class A residential.

The lot has a railroad siding running into the property. Public discussion corrected this Faux Pas.



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