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"GOOD NEIGHBOR" CONFERENCE A SUCCESS - WE'RE ROLLING NOW!

FLASH NEWS

PETITIONS calling on the City Council and Zoning Board of Adjustment to refuse to grant a variance for the large tract at 534 Clinton Avenue to be used for business or commercial purposes, are being circulated by our Council.

Further, the petitions ask the city to develop the plot as a swimming pool and playing fields. (Only the South Ward has no pool, among all city areas.)

So if you want to help push this campaign, call Stan Winters (BI 2-6825), Stan Hallett (ES 2-3184) or Olga Russell (BI 8-5445) evenings after 6 p.m. and petitions will be gotten to you.

CLINTON HILL CALENDAR

- June 14, Executive officers meet, 26 Shanley Ave., 8:30 pm.
- June 15, Block meeting, 47 Farley Avenue, Mr. H. Jones, Host 8:15 p.m.
- June 19, Shanley Avenue Asso. meets at Mr. F. Stalks, 43 Shanley Ave., 8 p.m.
- June 24, Youth Council meets, home of Susan Lippman, 189 Seymour Ave., 8 p.m.
- June 26, Block and Executive meeting, 39 Hillside Ave., Brock Kiddie Academy.

CUB SCOUT CARNIVAL

Avon Ave. School cub pack held a gala carnival on May 25 for which over 600 tickets were sold. Everything was sold except the fixtures which assures the pack's future for the coming year. The Star Ticket Salesman sold 75 tickets. All you super salesmen had better watch this dynamo, who's on his way to big things, we are sure.

250 Turn Out for South Side H.S. Roundtable, Drink Punchbowl Dry

Sunday, May 20 marked a turning point in Clinton Hill's history and signalized a giant step forward for our Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council. Over 250 good neighbors turned out, despite the attractions of fine weather and other observances.

By their presence they showed their willingness to pitch in and make Clinton Hill a better and happier place in which to live.

Dean C. Willard Heckel, Chairman of the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations, was conference chairman. His wit and stage presence helped put everyone at their ease.

The main theme voiced by the guest speakers and in the roundtable discussions which followed, was the pressing need for increased recreational facilities.

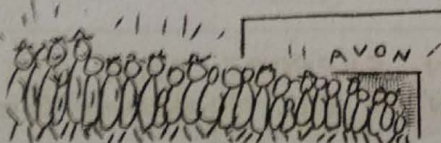
This was pinpointed by Tim O'Brien, advisor to the Catholic Youth Orgzn. at the Blessed Sacrament Church, to mean a city-operated swimming pool and a neighborhood social and recreational center.

"What we're doing in Clinton HILL has meaning for the entire country," said Rev. Curtis B. Geyer, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church.

"We're in a gold fish bowl," he said, "and nations who differ from us are watching to see how we solve our problems."

The economic advantages of living close to your medical practice were cited by Dr. Booker T. Crombie, president of the North Jersey Medical Society. The Misses Linda Pollock and Dorothy Kurzrock enacted a skit depicting teenagers demands for a park and a youth forum.

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SOUTH WARD CLEANUP!

The Rev. John R. Stanford of Zion Hill Baptist Church urged us to translate precepts of "love thy neighbor as thyself" into every-day living, if we really wish to make progress.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, Rabbi of Temple B'Nai Abraham, a scheduled speaker, was unexpectedly called out in connection with religious duties.

Dr. Edith Gann, principal of Avon Ave. School, stressed the importance of a stable home life in developing mature personalities among youth. Good teachers and building modernization were also needed, she said.

Topics frequently mentioned at the different roundtables were: Better street lighting; enforcement of traffic laws against "hot rods" and speeders; opening institutional facilities on a non-sectarian basis to neighborhood youth, and integrating newcomers and rooming house occupants into community social life.

Four songs were delightfully rendered by the South Side H.S. Madrigal Singers, who were so well rehearsed they barely needed Miss Dorothy Schneider's direction. Miss Schneider also led those present in community singing, which helped greatly to "break the ice." Expert hostesses were the South Side P-T.A., led by Mrs. Ella Brown.

We want to thank all those who made this conference possible and all our good neighbors who joined us on that memorable day.

The South Ward Home Owners and Tenants League is beginning to get rolling on a cleanup drive of the streets between Hawthorne and Watson Aves, below Bergen Street. For this we are working closely with the Jr. Chamber of Commerce of Newark, Bob Leff, president.

The block between Hawthorne and Watson on Jelliff was our first choice. It wasn't too bad a block but was ideal because it was mixed Negro and white and because most of the families on it were low income and had similar means and living conditions.

This meant no one would have a big head start in the contest for best cleanup job, which our League sponsored. The last week in May was chosen for the deadline. Each householder got a checklist of 23 points (weeds, clean walks, clean attic, paint screens, trim hedge, wash windows, etc.)

We got 100% cooperation from the people on Jelliff Ave. Three homes were painted in that week. Several volunteers painted the street curbing white and white-washed the trees with materials donated by Ricciardi Paints of Spruce Street.

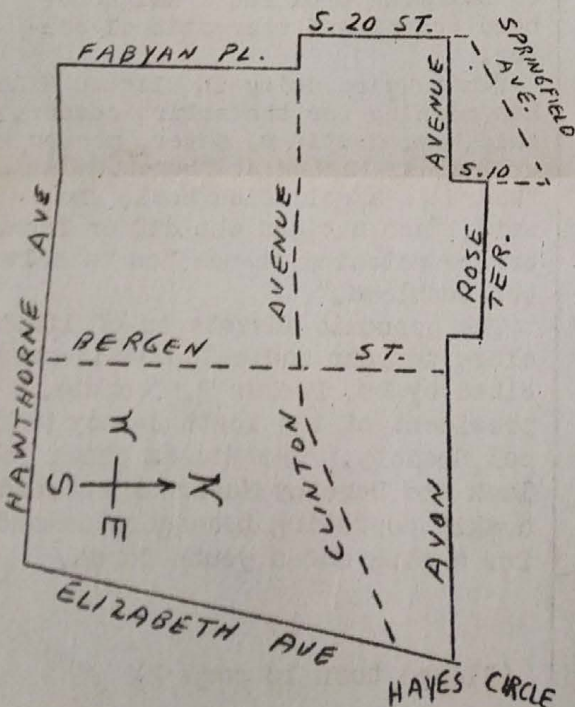
Some people who hadn't trimmed their hedges in 7 years went out and cut them to size. Merits were given on the basis of what was done. First prize in the over-all competition went to Mrs. Cora Smith, 458 Jelliff Ave. She won a \$25 bond and a trophy, donated by Mayor Carlin. "Best backyard" went to Mrs. Roscoe Crosley, 420 Jelliff, a \$25 bond donated by our League. "Best frontyard" went to Mrs. Ida Thomas, 424 Jelliff, a \$25 bond donated by the Jr. Chamber.

Badger Avenue comes next!

We're also working on a big benefit dance in October to set up a "Pony League" of 7 teams from the South Ward, ages 7-18. About \$2500 will be needed. Joe Giordano of 308 Chadwick is chairman and we want lots of support in this worthwhile project. Our first kickoff affair is a dinner at the Hotel Scott on June 30. Contact me at 126 Watson for tickets. Let's prevent juvenile delinquency in South Newark!

Sincerely yours,
Francis Ford
President

Council Area



JOIN, SUPPORT, BUILD THE
CLINTON HILL Neighborhood Council

AROUSED PESHINE AVENUE RESIDENTS -3-
REPEL A SECOND LIQUOR STORE!

June 11, 1956

Dear Friends:

I have hardly had time to sit down and think of what happened at the meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. There was so much we had to go through, it is hard to give all the details in writing.

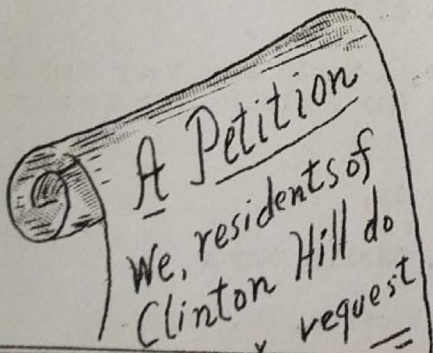
A drug store on the corner wanted a license to sell alcoholic beverages in packages and cans. We, the property owners in a 200 foot area, signed a petition protesting.

The druggist had three bus loads of people, but not from this neighborhood! The ABC Board, which has Mr. Belfatto as chairman, would not hear arguments for or against the petition, but by three people from each side. The Board also stressed that liquor should not be sold within so many feet of another store already in business. (And we already have a package store close by.)

This was the second attempt by this drug store within one year, to sell liquor. We the property owners won out again. We are hoping this will be the last time we have to fight this case.

If I can be of any service to you and the neighborhood at any later date, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,
MARY ROBINSON
260 Peshine Ave.



STAFF FOR THIS ISSUE

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HELP WANTED!

BLOCK REPORTERS....Report the news in your neighborhood. Be a block reporter, so the rest of us can know the progress we are making in Clinton Hill.

It's easy, it's fun! Call JANET MAISAN, BI 3-7547, for details. Call now!

Clinton Hillers In Print

Friday's press, June 8, reported that Rev. Curtis B. Geyer, one of our Conference sponsors, presented a statement by the World Peace Commission of the Newark Methodist Conference, meeting in Bloomfield. The statement said it is "not enough for the Christian Church to think of peace as the absence of armed conflict" nor of war as the "clash of armies."

Then on Saturday, another of our sponsors, Msgr. Cornelius J. Boyle, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, was shown in a photograph, presenting the Newark News trophy to Edina McGeady, majorette of St. Vincent's Cadets of Bayonne, winners of drum and bugle corps competition in Newark Schools Stadium.

Also in Saturday's papers we had the pleasure of seeing Miss Barbara Reisman of 73 Shanley Ave. being crowned Miss Newark in a contest sponsored by the Jr. Chamber of Commerce. We trust Miss Reisman, a music student, will be appropriately feted by the Shanley Avenue Association!

BOY'S CLUB SETS UP IN SOUTH WARD

Those of you with boys in the family will be interested to know that the South Ward Boy's Club is already active.

The first outing of the season was a bus tour to Washington, D.C. 42 Clinton Hillers attended and we hear the excursion was a success.

Summer camp is an experience all boys look forward to, but many cannot go because of low finances.

The Boy's Club is working to raise funds so no boy will be deprived of at least a chance for one week out of the city, in the green fields.

Our help is needed now and paid up memberships of \$10 annually will do much. Horace Thomas (BI 8-3951) and Dr. Alfred E. Finn (ES 2-8218) Dr. Booker T. Crombie (BI 3-2689) are three council members who you can contact of joining the Boy's Club. If you know of others active, let our editor know.

Their goal and our goal is to build a new, permanent building in the South Ward. There our future citizens will play and mature. So remember their motto, "No Man Stands Taller Than the One Who Stoops to Help a Boy."

(Some correspondence)

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Room 214, City Hall
Newark 2, New Jersey
May 31, 1956

Dear Mr. Winters:

At its last regular meeting on May 22, 1956, the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations voted to extend congratulations to you on the great success of your neighborhood conference on Sunday, May 20th. Each member is to be commended for the outstanding cooperation and efforts which contributed toward the success of this program.

In this meeting you were able to focus attention on the problems and needs of the area as well as stimulate interest for social action. The theme of the conference, "Good Neighbors Make Better Neighborhoods" set the friendly atmosphere in which the residents were able to meet each other and discuss their mutual problems and should be duplicated in other communities throughout this city.

The continued success and growth of your Council will certainly inspire other citizens to follow your lead.

As part of its program, the Mayor's Commission cooperates with local community organizations which function to improve human relations in the various sections of Newark. In keeping with this policy, we offer you continued support and endorsement in the program which you have planned.

Call upon the Commission and Staff for any advice, aid or services which are needed in implementing your program.

The Mayor's Commission on Group Relations commends the Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council for a job well done and extends the wish for still greater accomplishments.

Cordially yours,

C. Willard Heckel, Chairman.

City Hall
Newark 2, New Jersey
June 6, 1956

Dear Dr. Finn:

I regretted very much that I was unable to attend the Neighborhood Council Conference on Sunday afternoon May 20, at 2:30. I had planned to attend but was held up at a previous stop.

Some evening, at the Council's convenience, I would like very much to sit down with your officers and trustees. May I please hear from you in this regard.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Leo P. Carlin, Mayor

(Ed. NOTE: We intend taking you up on that offer, Mr. Mayor.)

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE.... we hope to get started on an Institutional News Column, listing the goings on at the various fraternal groups, religious bodies, social clubs. Secretaries, please send us your material..... Also, how about a swap column? Anyone got anything to trade (or an apartment for rental, open to all comers)?.... We hope to have a full report on the Teen Age Council and what its plans are. Note the June 24 meeting of this group. All young people welcome, especially delegates from already active youth groups..... Block reporters! Send in your news items.... Our "Neighborhood News" offers us a real opportunity for community unity- so let's build good will in Clinton Hill.
The STAFF