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Ask U.S. Government For Construction of Post Office Building

Believing that the time is ripe for the Federal Government to recognize the importance and rapid growth of Teaneck, by taking immediate steps toward securing a suitable site and erecting here a Federal Building for post office and other federal uses, the Township Council has sent a letter requesting such action to those in the best position to help bring it about.

The letter, which was sent a few days ago to Third Assistant Postmaster General Glover, Congressman Perkins, Congressman-elect Kenny and United States Senators Kean and Barbour, is in full as follows:

"We respectfully ask your consideration of this request that immediate steps be taken by the Federal Government to acquire a suitable site for a post office and federal building in the Township of Teaneck, and to construct thereon a building in keeping with the character of the town."

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Spike False Accusation of Misuse of Town Funds

With characteristic disregard of the truth, the mouthpiece of the Citizens' Union, a publication known as The Teaneck Forum, presents in its issue dated January 26 an article plainly intended to create the impression that the present township administration has been guilty of misuse of the township's trust funds. This article is printed and spread broadcast, although the publisher of the paper, Charles A. Wiener, former Chairman of the Advisory Board on Finance; is and for a long time has been fully aware of the fact that the use of funds in the Trust Account to meet the needs of the Current Account, to which the article refers, took place through a period of years ending in 1930, and before the present administration took office on Nov. 11, 1930.

Although posing as "an independent newspaper devoted to the

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Ten Candidates Gird Loins For School Election Fight

Munsell, Scherer and Wedel Take Strong, Clear-cut Stand
On Two Major Issues of Campaign; Heavy
Vote Predicted

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, between the hours of 4 p. m. and 9 p. m., the voters of Teaneck are to elect three members of the Board of Education to fill the vacancies caused by expiration of the terms of Messrs. Kick, Rohrs and Shulenberg. The coming election has aroused the greatest interest, since the school problems of the township are now more acute than ever.

Failure to sell the combined bond issue of \$850,000, which was authorized two years ago, for the purpose of building a grade school in the Garrison Avenue section and a wing addition to the High School, finds the township now with no increase in school seating capacity, although two years ago some of the schools already were overcrowded, and since that time the number of pupils registered in all grades has increased by more than 600.

Under these conditions, the voters find themselves confronted

with ten candidates from whom to elect three as members of the Board of Education.

For several weeks past, citizens of the township have shown more widespread interest in school problems and policies than before any other school election in recent years, and the campaign has been based on issues and up to this writing entirely free of personalities.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Town Manager will be found the platform of Teaneck Taxpayers' League in this election, together with likenesses and brief biographical sketches of its candidates, A. W. Munsell, George Scherer and Conrad L. Wedel.

Another ticket of three members, which has the endorsement of the Citizens' School Committee, is made up of William Kick, who is running for re-election, Thomas M. McNair and Robert H. Post.

Two additional candidates have

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Social Club Idea Brings Big Response

In its January issue The Town Manager "shot an arrow into the air", by publishing an editorial entitled "Good Soil for Community Growth", pointing to the Teaneck Community Orchestra and the Garden Club of Teaneck as evidences that good ideas find quick fruition in Teaneck when once made known. Already that editorial has borne fruit in the form of a proposal for another organization, and there is ample reason to anticipate that the suggestion will be welcomed, especially by the young people of Teaneck.

The proposal, which came in the form of a letter to a member of the staff of The Town Manager, suggests the organization of a social club for the younger people of the township—a need that has long been felt and that is constantly growing. It was written by a Teaneck resident who prefers that for

the time being, at least, his name shall not be made known, but who is a member of a young people's social club in a nearby town—the

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BLOCK-AID CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS STARTS; URGE WIDE SUPPORT

The Block-Aid Committee issues the following statement, dated February 7th for the general information of the citizens of Teaneck who are interested in the progress of the Committee.

The purpose of the Block-Aid Drive is to raise funds for emergency relief in Teaneck. We are endeavoring to raise by voluntary contributions a fund which will be eventually given over to the Town-

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M.G. Vottee Named to Fill Council Vacancy; Qualifications High

At their session on Tuesday evening, January 31, the Township Council by resolution appointed Mr. Milton G. Vottee, who resides at 95 Park Avenue in the Fourth Election District, to fill the vacancy in the Council created by the resignation on December 20 of Mr. Walter Ely.

In naming Mr. Vottee the Council have advanced to membership in the governing body a man who already has given a great deal of time to service of the public and has gained extensive knowledge of the affairs of the township, which will enhance his usefulness as a Councilman.

Several months before the Teaneck Planning Board was created, the Council selected Mr. Vottee as a member of the Board of Adjustment. In that position he has had occasion to familiarize himself with the zoning ordinance, and has sat at many hearings on ap-

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Annual Musical Festival of High School Glee Clubs and Orchestra Set for Mar. 10

An event of the near future to which all of Teaneck is looking forward with pleasant anticipation and justifiable pride is the Annual Musical Festival of the Teaneck High School Band, Orchestra and Glee Club, which will take place in High School Auditorium at 8:15 in the evening on Friday, March 10. That the Auditorium will be crowded seems a certainty, for the young musicians of Teaneck High School already have gained a fine reputation for their excellent work, not only in Teaneck but throughout the surrounding towns.

When it is recalled that the band and orchestra were organized only four years ago this month, most of its members then taking up for the first time the study of their various musical instruments, the progress already made shows that the

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SPIKE FALSE ARTICLE REGARDING MISUSE OF TOWN RESERVE FUNDS (Continued)

principles of good government." The Teaneck Forum has been from its inception the outspoken organ of the Citizens' Union, the organization which is behind the movement to recall the present councilmen. Many of its leading articles have been written by politicians who fought to prevent adoption of the Municipal Manager form of government in Teaneck, and who have made efforts to discredit it, by fair means or foul, ever since it was inaugurated. Such men as C. B. Colpitts, George F. Buckman and several others who have constantly opposed the present administration, during the two years in which it has so greatly reduced the cost of township government, have been among the contributors to The Teaneck Forum.

The article in the January 26 issue, already referred to, appears under the heading "Teaneck's Misuse of Fund Is Condemned" and begins with the statement:

"Teaneck Township faces the prospect of defaulting on the payment of \$640,000 in bonds maturing this year, because the administration has misused the trust fund, maintained for the protection of bondholders, to pay for its current expenditures."

The article then goes on to state that Commissioner of Municipal Accounts Walter R. Darby, condemns use of trust funds to meet current expenses as being contrary to law, and pointed out that, although the law provides no punishment for such illegal use of the trust funds, "officials using the trust funds for other than their legal purposes can possibly be brought before a court on charges of malfeasance, nonfeasance or

misfeasance".

If any court action should be based on such use of trust funds of Teaneck Township, it would lie against the men who held office as Township Committeemen during years ending in 1930, when trust funds were so used, in successive installments, to the aggregate amount of about \$550,000, and several of those men are leading members of the Citizens' Union and Mr. Wiener's closest associates in his efforts for a recall of councilmen now in office.

Whether court action of another sort may grow out of the publication of that grossly misleading article in The Teaneck Forum remains to be seen. Even public officials have some protection under the laws against libel and slander, and the Township Council at its meeting on January 31, decided to make an issue of the matter when it adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS in the newspaper entitled "The Teaneck Forum" dated January 26, 1933, on page 1, there appears an article under the title "Teaneck's Misuse of Funds Is Condemned", in which it is stated that "the administration has misused the trust fund intended for the protection of bondholders to pay for its current expenditures", and further stating "were it not for the administration's misuse of trust funds, the community would lack funds to pay its employees and taxes." "It would be forced to reduce its budget for 1933, remove unnecessary employees and order a reduction of salaries", and further stating that "the official Auditor of the Township has repeatedly warned the administration against the illegal practice of using funds which are purely for the protection of bondholders", and further stating that such Auditor "said that his responsibility in the matter ended when auditors of his

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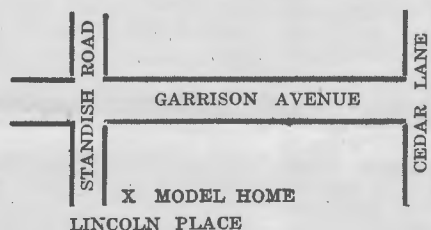
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10 CANDIDATES GIRD LOINS FOR ELECTION; LEAGUE CLEARS ISSUES

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been put in the field by the Non-Partisan School Committee, a newly formed organization supported by Dr. George L. Clark and D. Eugene Blankenhorn. These candidates are C. K. Lyans and A. J. Yaney. After Dr. Clark and Mr. Blankenhorn had sought and failed to secure the endorsement of Teaneck Taxpayers League for the men they had selected, the Non-Partisan School Committee was formed to promote their candidacies. This committee also has endorsed Mr. Wedel, one of the League candidates, who ran a year ago and was defeated by Mr. C. W. Brett by the narrow margin of six votes.

The other two candidates making up the total of ten are C. Charles Roeder and Arthur A. Donigian, who are running as independent candidates, without the endorsement of any organization.

The two principal issues to be determined by the election of three new members of the Board of Education on Feb. 14 relate to steps that should be taken with reference to construction of additional schools to provide for the needs of a rapidly growing school population, and to the trial of the Supervising Principal, Dr. Lester N. Neulen, now pending.

With reference to a program of
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M. G. VOTEE NAMED TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY; QUALIFICATIONS HIGH

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peals against zoning restrictions. When the Planning Board was formed, under the law it was required that one of its members should be a member of the Board of Adjustment, and Township Manager Volcker appointed Mr. Vottee. The Planning Board elected him as its Chairman and he has held that position ever since. In common with other members of that body, all serving without pay, Mr. Vottee has given a great amount of time to study of the conditions and needs of the township and working out the details of a Master Plan.

As an appointee of the Council, Mr. Vottee will hold office until the next General election in November, when a Councilman will be elected by popular vote to fill out the unexpired term, namely, until May, 1934. There seems to be no reason to doubt that in November the voters will approve the selection made by the Council, since no one questions Mr. Vottee's high qualification for the office.

For a great many years Mr. Vottee has been connected with the American Railway Express Company, in which he holds a position of great trust and responsibility, having charge of its business in the Harlem River section of New York City, which involves expenditures of more than \$500,000 yearly.

BLOCK AID CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS STARTS; URGE WIDE SUPPORT

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ship Treasury for expenditure within the scope of the Statutes governing Emergency Relief in New Jersey.

The contributors to Block Aid, will in this manner, help materially, in making it possible for Teaneck to get its share of State Aid.

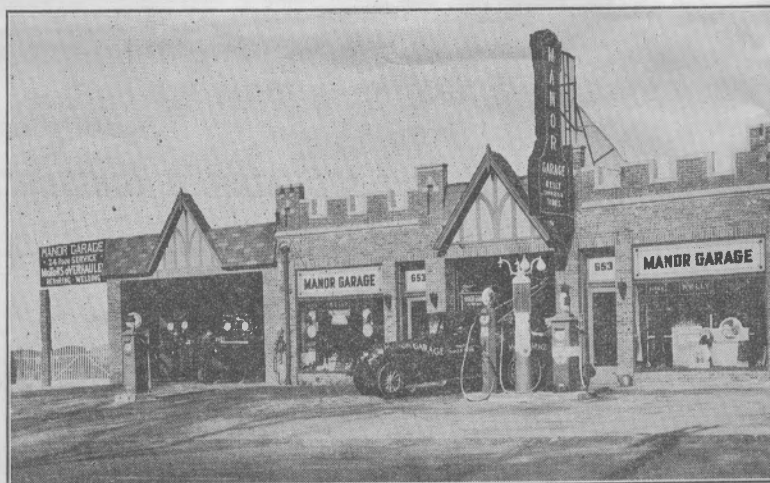
In as much as the responsibility for the raising of Emergency Relief Funds rests primarily on our local governing unit and the Town-

ship Government must face the situation this Committee has been formed to help meet this obligation by soliciting funds from individuals, industries, organizations, etc.

On another page in this issue will be found a barometer showing the progress of the drive to date, together with the names of the Committee and the District Chairmen and Women.

If you desire to co-operate by contributing, pledging, or offering your services to help complete the work of the Committee will you do so at your earliest convenience?

The Block-Aid Committee



10 CANDIDATES GIRD LOINS FOR ELECTION; LEAGUE CLEARS ISSUES

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school construction the League candidates, Messrs. Scherer and Wedel, stand firmly on the League platform, which proposes giving the voters an opportunity to pass on the question of rescinding the combined bond issue of \$850,000 already authorized to provide funds to build both a grade school in the Garrison Avenue section and a wing addition to the High School, and at the same time an opportunity—in case the proposal to rescind that issue is approved—to vote on separate building projects as separate proposals.

As to the building program, the candidates endorsed by the Citizens School Committee, Messrs. Kick, McNair and Post, presumably favor the plan advocated from the beginning by the committee that has endorsed them. That committee fought two years ago for passage of the combined issue, and its representatives on the Board of Education have taken the stand that both the wing addition to the High School and the grade school in the Garrison Avenue section should be built as soon as any funds can be raised by sale of the bonds.

The Non-Partisan School Committee candidates, Messrs. Lyans and Yaney, on the other hand, favor a new plan originated by their first sponsors, Dr. Clark and Mr. Blankenhorn, which is to put \$40,000 into this year's school budget, to come out of taxes payable in 1933, then borrow \$30,000 additional, and with the \$70,000 build as soon as possible a part of the grade school in the Garrison Avenue section for which plans have already been approved by the Board of Education. How this can be done legally, when a bond issue already has been authorized for the same purpose, and what would be done with that part of the funds to be derived from ultimate sale of the bonds, are questions that have not been explained. It remains to be seen whether any considerable number of residents of the Garrison Avenue section, who rightly are anxious to have construction of that school started as soon as possible, will favor this new and unusual plan.

Although endorsed by the Non-Partisan School Committee, Mr. Wedel is definitely opposed to this method of meeting the Garrison Avenue section situation. He fully approves of the League principles and stands squarely on the League platform.

The independent candidates, Messrs. Roeder and Donigan, have announced a platform in which they favor "reconsideration by the people of the present school construction program" and "a comprehensive plan for the future construction of schools, to be effected by periodic joint meetings of the Board of Education and the Planning Board."

With reference to the trial of Dr. Neulen, the candidates of the

Citizens School Committee are known to favor immediate termination of the hearing on the charges made against him. Those endorsed by the Non-Partisan School Committee, backed by Mr. Blankenhorn, who preferred the charges, and by Dr. Clark, who has supported them, are regarded as favoring Dr. Neulen's conviction. The two independent candidates in their platform declare for "the immediate discontinuance of the Neulen trial," which would leave undecided the question whether the charges made against Dr. Neulen could or could not be sustained by evidence.

Thus five of the candidates in the field, Messrs. Kick, McNair, Post, Roeder and Donigan, are definitely committed to the proposition that the trial of Dr. Neulen should be discontinued at once, although of the five, Mr. Kick is the only one who has knowledge of all the evidence brought out up to the time the hearing in the Neulen case was interrupted.

All the ten candidates, the three endorsed by Teaneck Taxpayers' League, Messrs. Munsell, Scherer, and Wedel, are the only ones who can take office as Board of Education members bound by no commitment as to their action in the Neulen case, and free to act without prejudice. They stand on the League's platform declaration that any employee of the Board of Education confronted with charges shall have a fair and impartial hearing and a just verdict in accordance with the facts brought out.

This is in accord with the stand the League has taken ever since the charges were preferred against Dr. Neulen by Mr. Blankenhorn. The only action taken by the League regarding the matter has been to register a demand that Dr. Neulen be given a fair hearing and a just verdict.

Efforts to induce the League to vote endorsement of Mr. Blankenhorn and Dr. Clark in their stand against Dr. Neulen, and efforts to secure a vote of the League endorsing the action of Mr. Draney and Mr. Vallee, who voted for dismissal of the charges against Dr. Neulen while the trial was in progress, alike have failed. The League has taken the stand that any such action, for or against, would tend to prejudice the outcome of the trial, and that the responsibility of rendering a fair and unbiased verdict, as demanded by the League, rests solely upon the members of the Board of Education as individuals.

Careful reading of the platform of the League in this issue will reveal the fact that the League has mapped out a definitely constructive program for the future conduct of the school affairs of Teaneck.

Since the wing addition to the High School will cost practically twice as much as any other school structure the future needs of the township will ever require, and because separation of junior and senior buildings best serves the education needs of both those divisions

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ANNUAL MUSIC FEST OF H. S. GLEE CLUBS AND ORCHESTRA, MARCH 10

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prophecy of the then Principal, Dr. Leon High, is well on the way to fulfillment. Dr. High said: "I think we shall have the best band in the State of New Jersey right here in Teaneck."

With about twenty members at the start, the band went to work with enthusiasm. The next year its strongest effort, apart from musical work, was to secure uniforms, and toward the end of the school year this effort was successful, largely through the work of members of the P. T. A., aided by some of the members of the Board of Education.

The first Musical Festival, in the year 1929-30, was highly praised, and in the next year, through the efforts of the well-known announcer John B. Gambling, the band was given its first opportunity to broadcast over Station WOR. Since that time music by the band has been an enlivening and attractive feature of football games and other school affairs, and has been a great factor in developing spirit and enthusiasm in the entire body of students.

While in former years the band was the principal factor in High School music, the orchestra has developed so well that this year it is given about equal rating with the band. The three units, including the glee club, which is also making rapid progress, have been accustomed to give two or more concerts each year, but this year will give only the one on March 10.

This year the membership of the band is slightly less than last year, and that of the orchestra considerably greater. The officers of both are working hard to make the forthcoming Musical Festival a success.

The officers of the band are: President, Vincent Sexton; Secre-

tary, Ellen Stone; Librarian, Larry Kuusela. Those of the orchestra are: President, Fletcher Beinecke; Secretary, Francesca Korn; Librarian, Fred Pfister. All agree that the two librarians have the most difficult and responsible work, in taking care of all the music and keeping it in order, and give them great credit for their faithfulness and efficiency. Both are also outstanding in their work as musicians.

In general, the members are strongly convinced of the value of music as an avocation and as an emotional outlet, and expect their training in music in the High School to prove of great value to them in after life, besides giving them something worthwhile to do with their spare time during school years.

After this year's festival the band and orchestra will enter the state contest, and in April or May both will broadcast over WOR, this being the first broadcasting appearance of the orchestra.

The soloist at the festival will be the well-known trumpeter, "Bob" Canto, who is instructor of the trumpet section. One of the difficult selections he will render is entitled "Carnival of Venice."

The public is invited to the concert on March 10. Tickets can be secured in advance from members of the band, orchestra and glee club, or can be bought that evening at the door—as long as there is room.

SPIKE FALSE ARTICLE REGARDING MISUSE OF TOWN RESERVE FUNDS

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department in going over Teaneck's books warned the administration against using the trust funds;" and

WHEREAS, such statements were intended to cast reflection upon the present administration of Teaneck, and

WHEREAS the present administration has at no time since it took office in November, 1930, misused the Township fund as alleged in said publication or taken any moneys whatever from said trust funds for any purpose whatever connected with the current funds, and particularly to pay its employees and taxes; and

WHEREAS the charges above referred to are false and untrue:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the said article appearing in the Teaneck Forum as aforesaid, be referred to the Township Council with the request that he advise the Council whether or not said article is libelous and lays those responsible therefore open to criminal prosecution and civil action; and if so, whether or not those who aided in the distribution of said newspaper are liable to such prosecution and civil action; and whether or not, in his opinion, the matter should be referred to the Prosecutor of Bergen County for presentment to the Grand Jury.



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acter and present and future needs of the community.

We believe this request to be in accord with the present policy of the Federal Government, namely, to do at once all possible public work for which there is urgent need, as a measure for relieving the distressing unemployment situation.

It has come to our notice that in pursuance of this policy the Federal Government already has authorized construction of many post-office buildings where thought desirable, including buildings in some towns where they perhaps may not be as seriously needed as in Teaneck.

It is our aim to point out not only that we most earnestly desire immediate construction of a suitable and dignified Federal Building for the Township of Teaneck, but also that need for such a building is increasing so rapidly that delay in acquiring a site is almost certain to result in heavy and avoidable additional cost to the government.

As evidence that, in spite of the depression, Teaneck is going ahead at a substantial and surprising rate, and is the fastest growing town in New Jersey, we submit the following figures compiled by the Teaneck Planning Board and embodied in its recent report to the Township Council:

"Teaneck has an area of approximately six and one half square miles, of which less than ten percent is unsuitable for building purposes. Making suitable allowances for streets, parks and other public open spaces, and allowing for the same general character of development in the future as has occurred during the last decade, it is estimated that there is room in Teaneck for at least eight times as many buildings as now exist.

"While the increase in population of Bergen County during the last 20 years or so has been quite remarkable, that of Teaneck during the same period has been little less than phenomenal, as the following figures compiled from the Federal Census will indicate:

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"From the above it will be seen that the population of the entire county in 1930 was 4.6 times its population in 1900, while in 1930 Teaneck had a population 21 times that of 1900. In both cases the greatest increase occurred in the last decade.

"Studies have been made of the building operations which have been carried on between the 1930 census and July, 1932, which indicate that on the latter date the population of Teaneck was about 18,000.

"During the 30-year period from 1900 to 1930 Teaneck grew at an

average of rate of 600 persons per year. Were only this rate of increase continued for the next 20 years, the population would be then at least 30,000; and if at the average rate of growth between 1920 and 1930, the population in 1952 would be at least 42,000. The Regional Plan Associations, which made careful studies of the population growth of the Metropolitan District, predicts for Bergen County a population of about one million by 1965, or about 547,000 by 1940, or an increase of about fifty percent during the current decade. Figuring on this basis the population of the county would be about three quarters of a million in 1950. On the same basis of growth Teaneck should have a population of at least 40,000 in 1952.

"The growth of Teaneck during the next twenty years is of course problematical, inasmuch as it will be governed by many factors and conditions, most important among which are: when general economic conditions will return to normal, and the extent to which land subdivision and home building on a large scale by progressive developers will be carried on in the future as in the past.

"Teaneck's phenomenal growth between 1920 and 1930 is largely attributable to the enterprising activities of progressive home building organizations.

"Considering all conditions, limitations and factors, it seems safe to assume that the population of Teaneck in 1952 will be not less than 40,000 and possible more nearly 50,000; and the Teaneck Plan has been framed accordingly."

Despite the fact that the country as a whole is suffering the most extreme business depression ever known, official records of the Township of Teaneck show that during 1932 new buildings were constructed, mostly one-family residences, amounting in value slightly less than \$1,000,000. and that as 1933 begins there is apparently no lessening in new building operations.

The number of pupils attending public schools in the Township of Teaneck for the school year 1932-33 exceeds by 410 the number in attendance the previous year, an increase for the year of more than 10 percent.

Both the foregoing facts, considered in connection with the recent opening of the George Washington Bridge, from which a state highway runs directly through the heart of Teaneck, afford assurance that the rapid growth of population already noted herein is destined to continue.

Post office facilities now afforded residents of the Township of Teaneck consist of the West Englewood Post Office in a rented building in the northern end of the township near the West Englewood Railroad station, and the Teaneck Post Office on Palisade Avenue just off Cedar Lane, also rented, which is near the Teaneck Railroad station and near the center of the township. The former

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THE PLATFORM

The following is the full text of the School Affairs Platform of Teaneck Taxpayers' League:

- First**—That it is the highest obligation and weightiest responsibility of the community to make adequate provision for giving its children the best and most complete education possible.
- Second**—That it is the duty of all members of the Board of Education to bring this about in the most economical way that is consistent with due foresight for future needs, and with the application of careful, businesslike methods that will safeguard against any extravagance or waste; and that in considering, and in presenting to the people for referendum vote, any projects involving large expenditures, the Board of Education should have due regard for the financial status of the township and its credit rating.
- Third**—That each project involving expenditure requiring a bond issue should be submitted to referendum vote of the people as a separate ballot proposal, with the firm belief that, when the issues are laid before them clearly, the people will decide intelligently what is for the best interest of the school system of the township.
- Fourth**—That as soon as possible after its organization the Board of Education that will serve for the year 1933 should take measures to give the voters of Teaneck an opportunity to affirm or rescind the action taken on March 25, 1932, authorizing in a single item a total issue of \$850,000 for the elementary school in the Garrison Avenue section and an addition to the present High School; and should submit to the people in place thereof two separate proposals, one authorizing a bond issue of \$215,000 for the elementary school in the Garrison Avenue section, and the other authorizing a bond issue of \$635,000 for an addition to the present High School, thus affording the voters an opportunity to accept or reject either or both of such proposals, as they may determine.
- Fifth**—That the first objective of the Board of Education in its building program should be the erection of an elementary school in the Garrison Avenue section, where additional facilities are most immediately needed, thereby giving relief also, for some time to come, to any congestion that may arise in other elementary schools.
- Sixth**—That the junior high school system of instruction for the seventh, eighth and ninth grades should be continued as an essential factor of the Teaneck school system and should be further improved and developed as time progresses; and that in providing for the erection of future junior high schools, so far as possible sites shall be selected that are so located as to require a minimum amount of travel for the students in their respective districts, the object being that no junior high school student shall have to travel more than one mile to attend school.
- Seventh**—That it is of great importance to secure sites for any additional schools, wherever surveys show that they are likely to be needed within the next few years, before growth in population or other conditions make it impossible or extravagantly costly to secure such sites.
- Eighth**—That a committee of citizens be appointed by resolution of the Board of Education of Teaneck (the number of citizens on such committee to be determined by the Board), who shall investigate, study and report in writing to such Board on or before October first, 1933, their conclusions (and the facts and reasons on which they are based) as to the future additional school requirements of the Township of Teaneck, including the most advisable locations of future elementary, junior and senior high schools; and that in making such investigation and study, such committee shall confer with the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey State Board of Education and obtain from them the benefit of any survey which they, or either of them, now have or which they, or either of them, may be willing to undertake, in order to assist the voters of Teaneck Township in determining their program for future additional school facilities.
- Ninth**—That safeguarding the health of children in attendance at public schools is one of the paramount obligations of the Board of Education, and to that end measures should be adopted to bring about the fullest possible co-operation between the school and municipal health authorities, with the special aim of giving children of school age the benefit of the child welfare service conducted under the auspices of the Board of Child Hygiene and Clinical and Social Service.
- Tenth**—That the proposed annual budget, copies of which should be given to voters on request at least ten days prior to the annual school election, should be as carefully and closely drawn, and as fully and clearly itemized as to various departments and classes of expenditures, as the township's annual municipal budget; and that the expenditures by departments and classifications in any budget year should be restricted to the amounts so appropriated in the budget.
- Eleventh**—That all business of the Board of Education should be transacted in meetings duly announced to the public and open to the public, and the minutes and records of all Board of Education business made accessible for examination by citizens.
- Twelfth**—That when a written charge of the cause or causes shall have been preferred against any teacher, principal or supervising principal, they must be examined into as provided by law, in a manner that is absolutely fair and impartial to both the accused and accuser; and no decision shall be made or judgment pronounced until ample opportunity has been afforded both sides to offer whatever proofs they desire that are legally admissible upon such examination, and careful, deliberate and mature consideration has been given thereto by the members of the Board of Education charged with that duty.

THE CANDIDATES



CONRAD L. WEDEL



GEORGE SCHERER



A. W. MUNSELL

Teaneck Taxpayers League, with a well-justified feeling of pride, presents for the consideration of voters three candidates for election to the Board of Education of whose high qualification for the office there can be no doubt. They are all well-known in Teaneck as men of the highest character, standing and ability—men who are known to be actuated solely by the spirit of public service—men who have accepted the League's nomination at the sacrifice of personal interest and as a call to public duty—men upon whose intelligence, ability and faithfulness to that duty the voters can implicitly reply.

A. W. MUNSELL is a civil engineer by profession, engaged in the inspection and testing of materials of construction, a qualification that will make him especially valuable as a member of the Board in connection with the erection of any new buildings constructed during his term of office. For the past six years he served as Engineer in Charge of the Testing Laboratory for the Port of New York Authority, where all materials entering into the construction of the George Washington Bridge and other bridges and structures of that organization were inspected and tested. From 1931 to 1926 he was Assistant Engineer in charge of testing and inspecting the same line of materials for the Delaware River Bridge at Camden, N. J. During the World War Mr. Munsell was Chief Engineer of Inspection for the Concrete Ship Section of the U. S. Shipping Board. He is a member of the American Society for Testing Materials and of the American Concrete Institute. He has been a resident of New Jersey for the last ten years and a property owner and resident citizen of Teaneck for the past six years.

GEORGE W. SCHERER, who has been a resident of Teaneck for the last eight years, was born in Warsaw, Ill., on July 16, 1879, and is therefore in his fifty-fourth year. He came East in 1897 and entered the employ of Oscar Scherer & Bros., of New York City, leather manufacturers. He has spent the last 33 years in the same industry and is now associated with the Coward Shoe Co., of New York City. Ever since he established his residence in Teaneck he has taken an active interest in civic affairs of the township.

CONRAD L. WEDEL, who has been a property owner and resident of Teaneck for the last six years, is well known in the township. He was born in New York City 35 years ago, and after finishing his course in the public schools took a four years course in accounting in the New York Evening School for Men, followed by a two years course in cost accounting at the Walton School of Commerce. He has had a successful career as public accountant with a well-known firm of certified public accountants in New York, in examining and auditing the accounts of large manufacturing, banking and mercantile concerns. In recent reorganization he was elected as one of the officers of the company. Mr. Wedel is married and has one child. He is superintendent of the Sunday School of the Smith Community Church of Teaneck. He first became known in public affairs a year ago when, as one of the League's candidates for election to the Board of Education, he lacked but six votes of election. His failure to receive sufficient votes to elect him was attributed largely to the fact that in the alphabetical order of candidates' names on the ballot, his name stood at the bottom of the list.

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ASK U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF POST OFFICE BUILDING

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is an independent post office, while the latter is a branch post office under the jurisdiction of Hackensack Post Office.

Neither of these is adequate to meet the requirements or suitable to the character of the Township of Teaneck in any respect. The branch post office on Palisade Avenue is on the ground floor of a small two-story building with apartments on the second floor. Its cramped quarters and unsightly surroundings tend not to invite but to discourage its use for post office business.

We maintain that the present population and needs of the Township of Teaneck, as well as its respect and dignity as a community, entitle it to the immediate construction of a suitable building to replace that now known as Teaneck Post Office, and we recommend that such new building shall be in the same general location in the central part of the township, and that it be attractive architecturally and of stable construction, and placed on suitable grounds in such a way as to give it dignity and distinction, which would make it a strong influence toward inducing the erection of high class business structures in its vicinity. This would be in accord with the ambition and purpose of the citizens of the Township of Teaneck, namely, to make it and keep it in every respect a community of the highest class.

Naturally we and the citizens we represent greatly prefer that the proposed new Teaneck Post Office shall be an independent post office, not subject to jurisdiction from Hackensack or elsewhere. This seems logical in view of Teaneck's

assured continuance of rapid growth, which in a short time will make it much the larger of the two cities, since Hackensack already has become so densely populated that it has no prospect of any great future increase. The question of independence or jurisdiction, however, we feel should be left to the decision of the Postoffice Department as to which plan would prove most practicable, efficient and economical from the standpoint of operation for the immediate future. Nevertheless it seems certain that within a few years Teaneck will have reached such a position that its Federal Building, like all other buildings, should bear its own name, and not appear as the branch of an adjoining and much smaller community.

We maintain that consideration of economy make it imperative that a suitable site for the proposed Teaneck Post Office be acquired without delay. We agree with the commonly accepted principle that increase in real estate values is directly proportionate to increase in population and improvement of transportation facilities. With both of these influences working to enhance valuations in Teaneck, it is certain that right now, while prices are abnormally depressed, a suitable site can be secured at for less cost to the Federal Government than at any time in the future, when it might be necessary to condemn buildings then existing on sites that are now vacant, suitable and available.

We are aware of the fact that a considerable time is required to get under way such a project as we propose, since the preliminary stages must include inspections of various sites, securing title to the site selected, preparation and approval of plans, awarding of contracts, etc., before actual construction work can be started. Of this fact we have an example before us in the project for a Federal Building in the neighboring city of Englewood. For this reason we are convinced that it will be not only for the best interest of Teaneck but also to the great financial advantage of the Federal Government itself, if the Teaneck project shall be got under way without any loss of time.

We shall be grateful for your help toward the granting of our request and will appreciate your advising us as to what we may expect in this connection, also what other means might be employed to attain our object.

Yours, respectfully,
(Signed)

The Federal Building project is one which the Township Council has had under consideration for a long time, and concerning which it has had many discussions. Several groups of citizens and many individuals have favored such action. Convinced that the project has the approval of the great majority of the people of Teaneck, the Council now plan to push the matter as vigorously as possible and to leave no stone unturned in their efforts to secure a satisfactory answer to their request.

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TESTIMONIAL SUPPER GIVEN TO ALTAR AND SCAPULAR SOCIETY

About ninety members of the Altar & Scapular Society of St. Anastasia's Parish were given an annual testimonial supper in the new church hall on Sunday evening, January 21, by the pastor, the Rev. B. J. O'Neill, as an expression of appreciation of the good work of the society in connection with the social and financial activities of the parish in 1932. Among the guests were members of the society from surrounding parishes, while the distinguished visitors included the Rev. P. E. Magennis, Ex-General of the Carmelite Order, the Rev. Fr. M. Christie and Fr. Dominick,

from Englewood.

Presiding as toastmaster, Pastor O'Neill said in his opening remarks:

"Words can hardly express the appreciation I feel towards the members of your society. You have worked hard and accomplished much in the last year, as in previous years. With the support and strength of such an organization, we never need fear undertaking any work entrusted to our charge, and headaches and heartaches need never be expected. We have a great deal for which to thank your society and its able president, Miss Mamie Fitzpatrick. Your past record is our best assurance of your whole-hearted co-operation and interest in parish activities in the future.

"The work must go on. We have

connection with the social as well as the spiritual activities of the parish."

Miss Fitzpatrick thanked the members of the society for their support and help in making the work of the society a success, and thanked Mrs. Dunn and Miss Charlotte Dunn for a beautiful basket of flowers they presented to her.

The very Rev. Father Magennis congratulated the pastor upon having at his disposal such a splendid body of loyal women to help him and encourage him in carrying on the work of the parish. He spoke at length of his experiences in various parts of the world, and dwelt especially on the excellent results accomplished by the societies, guilds and confraternities of the church in social, spiritual and material welfare work.

"If there were more of these today," he said, "the hardships due a fast-growing parish. Every week new faces are seen in our midst. Just as there are no strangers in the Catholic Church, regardless of race, color or condition of life, so there can be no strangers in our parish, and you members who come in contact with these newcomers must make them feel that they are members of our parish family by the interest you take in them in to the existing depression would be fewer and not so keenly felt by the people. Let me counsel you to keep up your good work, for God alone can appraise the great amount of good you are doing for your parish, and He certainly will bless you for it."

Some of the charter and oldest members of the society were present and spoke words of encouragement and appreciation for the fine work the society is carrying on. Among these were Mrs. Sarah Kennedy, also Mrs. K. Selva and her sister, Mrs. A. O'Hare, who were the founders of the parish. They attributed the rapid strides made by the parish in the last few years in no small measure to the activities of the society.

Among the visitors who praised the work of the society and wished it continued success were Mrs. M. Callahan and Mrs. J. Gray of Teaneck.

Toward the conclusion of the program Miss Fitzpatrick gave Father O'Neill, on behalf of the members, a very generous token of appreciation and pledge of loyalty. The program was followed by a concert and dancing.

GARDEN CLUB TO GIVE CARD PARTY; PLAN FOR COMMUNITY PROJECT

Latest announcement of the Garden Club of Teaneck—which keeps on forging ahead with an active program of constructive work and with unflagging enthusiasm—is to the effect that it will hold a card party starting at 8 o'clock on the evening of Feb. 28, in the Christ Church Community Rooms. Half of the proceeds of the party will be devoted to club purposes and half donated to the Emergency Relief Committee. The public is invited, and the club announces that Mr. Frank DeRonde is co-operating with its committee in the sale of tickets.

In preparation for forthcoming flower shows and exhibits, the club is having several tables built, eight feet long and three feet wide, and is having the work done by the unemployed of Teaneck, in keeping with the club's purpose to help out in the unemployment situation as much as possible.

Another project the club has under consideration is a plan for supplying seeds for use in community unemployment gardens, in case suitable ground is made available by individuals or by the township, where unemployed can grow vegetables to help them through the time of emergency. The club invites the cooperation of every one who can help in any way to make this project successful, and stands ready to do all it can through its members and committees.

The club again announces that membership is open to all residents who wish to join and pay the modest membership fee of one dollar a year. Since the club's operating expenses are very small, the greater share of the revenue from membership fees is available for other projects. At each of its monthly meetings the club has as a speaker an expert in some branch of horticulture or gardening. Members also are entitled to discounts in subscription rates charged for several of the magazines devoted to gardening. In addition, the club has secured a supply of several Government pamphlets relating to horticulture, which it distributes free to those who ask for them.

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of pupils, the League holds that construction of the high school addition should be deferred until such time as the number of senior high school pupils in Teaneck is so great that the present High School building will not accommodate them without crowding.

Meantime the League advocates building first and as soon as possible, the Garrison Avenue section grade school, to relieve congestion in all grade schools now overcrowded and provide room for further increase in the number of grade school pupils; and next build the first of a series of sectional junior high schools, to relieve overcrowding in the present High School building by withdrawing from it pupils of junior high school grade.

In general, and as the fundamental, keynote factor in its platform, the League stands for the policy of submitting each separate project to the people as a separate ballot proposal, and depending upon the intelligence and public spirit of the voters to arrive at wise decisions; while at the same time securing—for the benefit and guidance of voters in reaching decisions—all possible surveys, advice and suggestions from the county and state school authorities.

The foregoing, The Town Manager believes, is a fair and impartial statement of the principal issues presented in the coming school election. As in all matters affecting the welfare of Teaneck, The Town Manager urges all citizens to weigh the issues carefully and GO TO THE POLLS ON FEB. 14 AND VOTE!

Following are the regulations regarding qualifications and registration, where necessary and a list of the polling places where eligible voters can register on Saturday evening, Feb. 11, and where they can vote on Feb. 14:

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District No. 3—Emerson School No. 3—For Residents of General Election Districts Nos. 13, 14 and 15.

District No. 4—Whittier School No. 4—For Residents of General Election Districts Nos. 11 and 12.

District No. 5 — Hawthorne School No. 5—For Residents of General Election District No. 3.

District No. 6—Bryant School No. 6—For Residents of General Election District No. 1.

Who May Vote at School Polls?

According to Chapter 169, Section 12 of the State School Law, it states that "no person shall be permitted to vote at such school election unless his or her name appears on said lists (*) as having been registered to vote at the preceding general election; provided, however, that any person who being duly qualified as an elector of the General Assembly shall have become of age since the preceding general election and any other person who, while not having been registered to vote at the preceding general election in such district, shall be otherwise possessed of all the qualifications which would entitle such person to vote in any general election, shall be entitled to vote in said school election: Provided that he or she make application on the Saturday preceding the annual school election at the polling place designated for the voting district in which he or she shall reside to the clerk or a member of the board of education chosen by the president and such applications shall be received by the clerk or member of the board, aforesaid, on Saturday preceding the election from seven to nine p. M. or as much longer as applicants are present."

Those who were not registered at the last general election in November must register as indicated above.

The following must register on Saturday night, February 11th.

(a) Those who have reached the age of 21 since November election and have the other qualifications for a voter.

(b) Those who now have residence qualifications but did not have them at the November election.

(c) Those who have changed election district since November election must register in their new district.

(d) Those who did not vote at November election and whose names were for any reasons omitted from the Registry Lists.

(Lists will be available for inspection at the respective schools Saturday evening, February 11, from 7-9 p. m.)

N.B.—There is no provision in the School Law for voting on affidavit if your name is omitted from the Registry List or if you fail to register on Saturday night, February 11th.

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To Appeal "Poor Farm" Tax Exemption

It has been decided that an appeal shall be taken against the recent decision denying Teaneck Township the right to levy taxes against that part of the old Tri-Borough Poor Farm that lies within the township limits. A taxable valuation of \$80,000 had been placed on this property, which at the 1932 tax rate of \$5.06 per \$100.00 of valuation would have yielded \$4,048.00 in taxes.

This old poor farm is a tract of 26 acres, of which a part lies in the northeastern corner of Teaneck Township, the remainder being partly in Englewood and partly in Bergenfield. If the decision is not reversed, its effect is to lessen the total of Teaneck's ratables by \$80,000.00 and to distribute over all other property in the township that portion of the total tax levy which this property would carry if taxable.

The tract is held to be not taxable because title to it is said to be in the name of the County of Bergen.

Use of tract as a poor farm was discontinued when the County acquired and developed Bergen Pines as an institution for the care of all the poor of the county. Since then it has been put to no use. Despite pressure from the authorities of the municipalities concerned the Board of Freeholders, thru various administrations, has refused to sell it, holding that it would be more to the advantage of the County to reserve it for later sale.

The property is so advantageously situated that if the Board of Freeholders should sell it as acreage, it would be readily available for sub-division into lots and development as a residential area. The Teaneck portion has a considerable frontage on Teaneck Road as its west boundary and an improved road along its northern side. It is about equally distant from the chief business centers of Teaneck, Englewood and Bergenfield, to all of which it has good bus service. It is all high ground and attractively situated.

However, several former Boards of Freeholders let the tract lie idle and did not offer it for sale during years when real estate all through this section was in de-

mand and bringing good prices, although admitting that they had no plans to make use of it for any county purpose and that ultimately it would be sold.

Many now maintain that the Freeholders should sell the land without delay, even at a price much less than could have been got years ago. They argue that the financial situation of the county now is such that the Freeholders have no right to do otherwise than let it go to the highest bidder, and that keeping the property off the market and untaxed is to a certain extent speculating with Teaneck's money. On the other hand, they believe that if the property is sold at low price, this will encourage its use for building operations

and thus add to ratables not only the value of the land but also of new construction.

This view is concurred in not only by a leading banker but also by a Hudson County judge. The banker referred to recently said the county should do exactly what a private individual in similar financial straits would do—namely, liquidate all such idle assets immediately, even at a sacrifice—and that if he had known the circumstances he would have strongly recommended such action. The judge agreed with this, and pointed out that all municipalities in the county, especially those which like Teaneck have paid their county taxes, have a right to insist that the Board of Freeholders do everything in their power to strengthen the financial position of the county, and that sale of this property would be a step in that direction.

Announcement

Of particular appeal to the women of Teaneck future issues of The Town Manager will contain a resume of current style fashion and color trends in evening, resort, spectator sports and street costumes.

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SOCIAL CLUB EDITORIAL BRINGS RESPONSE FROM MANY YOUNG FOLKS

(Continued)

Rienzi Club of Ridgfield Park—to which he refers as "the best organized and finest social club to be found in Bergen County."

After commending the editorial and pointing out that there is no prominent club in Teaneck where young people of eighteen years and upward can meet, get acquainted, have good times and form friendships under desirable conditions, the writer gives some interesting facts about the Rienzi Club, as follows:

It has over 180 members from all parts of the county, including residents of Teaneck, Bogota, Little Ferry, Hackensack, Bergenfield, West New York, Dumont and Englewood, also members from New York and Brooklyn.

Eligibility requires that members be eighteen or more years of age, and the club has no religious or political affiliations or requirements.

The club dues are 25 cents per month and two meetings are held each month. The first meeting each month is "Dance Night", and after a brief session for disposing of necessary club business the members dance to the music of a popular orchestra until about 12:30. The second meeting each month is "Business Meeting Night", and after business is disposed of, light refreshments are served and a program of entertainment is furnished by members.

The Rienzi Club has the friendly help of the K. of C. Club of Ridgfield Park, which gives use of its clubhouse, rent free for the two meetings each month. While the club is self-sustaining from dues and receives no financial help, an Advisory Board composed of mature men, of which a majority is made up of K. of C. Club members, helps the younger organization regulate its finances and keep its accounts in good order. There seems ample reason to believe implicitly in the statement in the letter:

"The club is not a money-making proposition, as you can see. The dues of 25 cents per month are well spent and no one could have a better time. The members really like to come to the meetings. They form friendship and acquaintances. Everyone knows each other. Cliques are almost unknown. To really appreciate such a club, it must be seen."

The writer of this interesting letter offers to make it possible for any interested group in Teaneck to learn further details of the workings of the Rienzi Club, and with his letter encloses a copy of The Rienzi Club News. This is a bright, breezy publication, produced very neatly in mimeograph form and stapled together, sold monthly at five cents a copy. From its news item one learns that the existence of the club means far more to its members than merely

the two monthly meetings. For example:

The club has a girls' drill team that made a tremendous hit at its second annual dinner dance.

It has a flourishing basketball team of young men members.

It had both basketball and bowling teams for girl members, but there weren't quite enough athletic girl members to keep them going.

All club affairs are conducted with careful attention to decency, propriety and good order, and as a result of congenial acquaintances and friendships formed through means of the club, many card parties and other social parties are held at the home of members between regular club meetings.

This gives a general idea of the activities and possibilities of a club of young people such as the letter suggests for Teaneck. What now remains is to find out whether there are enough suitable young people in Teaneck who want such a club, to make it worth while to start one.

To that end The Town Manager invites all young people of Teaneck who would like to join such a club to send in their names and addresses. These should be sent addressed "The Town Manager, 552 Linden Avenue, Teaneck, N. J." When enough have been received to indicate that formation of a club is practicable, all who have sent in their names will be notified of the time and place to meet for the purpose of organizing.

There will be many problems for such a group of young people to meet, and many ways in which their elders can be of great assistance to them if they decide to organize. What organization, for instance, has a hall suitable for the meetings of The Teaneck Junior League, or whatever it may decide to call itself, and where it could hold its meetings at minimum expense? What grown-ups, whether parents of young people eligible for membership or otherwise, would give such a club encouragement and help? Don't hesitate to speak up.

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OWNERS: THE TEANECK TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE

THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE SCHOOL CANDIDATES

With the same purpose that has animated all its activities in connection with school matters, Teaneck Taxpayers' League in this issue of the Town Manager presents its nominees for election to the Board of Education, and a statement of its attitude and its policies with reference to various current school problems. Its sole purpose is to put an end to politics in the Board of Education and to bring about conditions in that body that will enable it to devote its efforts entirely toward progressive, constructive work for the betterment of the educational system of the township. In keeping with that purpose it has nominated men of the highest standing, character and ability—men who are known to be actuated only by the same purpose—men who have accepted the League's nomination at the sacrifice of personal interest and as a call to public duty—men upon whose intelligence, ability and faithfulness to that duty the voters can rely.

Voters of Teaneck therefore are urged to give careful and fair consideration to the qualifications of the League's candidates, and to the soundness of the League's attitude and policies in school matters, with which its candidates are all in full agreement.

After weighing the claims of all candidates, do not fail to go to the polls and cast your vote for those you regard as best qualified to give Teaneck satisfactory service as members of the Board of Education. Do not stay away from the polls, then later find fault with results. Let the vote cast be so large that there can be no doubt of its expressing fairly the will of the majority—and in that case the League has full confidence that all of its three candidates—Munsell, Scherer and Wedel—will be elected by goodly pluralities.

TEANECK'S NEED OF A NEW POSTOFFICE

In a letter sent recently to Third Assistant Postmaster General Glover, Congressman Perkins, Congressman-elect Kenny and U. S. Senators Kean and Barbour, the Township Council requests the help of those gentlemen toward securing for Teaneck the construction at the earliest possible time of a suitable Federal Building in Teaneck, to be used as the Teaneck Post Office and for other federal uses.

That the request is timely and logical, and that the

time is near at hand when the Federal Government will find it necessary to erect such a building in order to meet the needs of the community, there can be no doubt. Figures of population growth and new building construction, cited in the letter, seem to make the argument conclusive on that score. Further than that, as is pointed out, the request for immediate action is in accord with what appears to be the present policy of the Federal Government, namely, to start construction of needed public works and public buildings as promptly as possible, as a measure toward relieving the present critical unemployment situation.

It is not to be expected that any action ever taken by any municipal governing body, anywhere, will have unanimous approval. There will always be objectors—and there are always two sides to a question. There seems to be no reason to doubt, however, that the Council are right in their belief that the vast majority of Teaneck citizens favor the action they have taken.

TRUSTEES

By Douglas Malloch

This is not something of our own,
This town of ours—to rule alone
For but the moment or the day.
For all we do, and all we say,
And how we vote, and whom we choose,
And how they serve or how refuse,
And what we plan or leave to chance,
Shall change the child's inheritance.

A town, this town, is ever just
A town. A city is a trust.
Say "Citizens", if you please,
But we are more, we are trustees—
Trustees of this our city's fame,
Its laws, its monies and its name;
Trustees who someday must hand down
A poorer or a better town.

What city will you hand our boys?
A city filled with dirt and noise
And all the arrogance of crime?
Or will you hand them down in time
A fairer city than the one
Your father handed to his son?
Say "Citizens", if so you please,
But we are more, we are trustees.

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