

Central Park Is Rededicated To Honor Councilman Votee

Man Who Fought For Site 19 Years Ago Speaks At Ceremonies

Teaneck — The Township's oldest and largest park — Central Park—received a new name Saturday night. Mayor Matthew Feldman officiated at the rededication of the park in honor of Councilman Milton G. Votee, who fought for the park 19 years ago, for his service to the community. About 5,000 persons witnessed the event.

ONCE CALLED FOLLY

Mayor Feldman said it, was 19 years ago that Central Park was dedicated. "At that time the use of Central Park as an official name for the area was rivaled by the use of an unofficial name—Votee's Folly.

"Today we are here to correct a mistake made 19 years ago; the name should have been only slightly altered—from Folly to Votee Park; instead of from Votee's Folly to Central Park.

"It is not my intention to belittle the choice of Central Park. "It is a good name; it's simple and geographically correct since the park is indeed centrally located. But the name Votee Park is even more appropriate and descriptive than Central Park because although it doesn't locate the park geographically, it does explain how the park came to be," Mayor Feldman said.

"If anyone were to ask Milton Votee whether he was the father of this park, he would undoubtedly disclaim parenthood and give credit to a lot of other people.

"Of course, many people were responsible for the development of the area, but I think Milton Votee always had a little extra energy to devote to the support of plans to improve the park," the Mayor said.

"I don't want to create the impression that we are rededicating this park to vindicate the judgment of a martyr, nor am I attempting to belittle those who tagged the park Votee's Folly. My fellow councilmen join me in this move to honor an outstanding public servant for all he has done in the unselfish service to his community. I thank Heaven that we are naming this park in Milton's honor, not in his memory. We pray Milton will be with us for a long time to come and will enjoy with us the pleasure of community recognition of his service," the Mayor said.

Votee told how the Township acquired the land when no bid-

ders appeared at the tax sale when individual owners abandoned their lots. He also told how the W. P. A. provided workers to build the park, and how it progressed, now with amphitheater and band shell.

"The town has nearly two dozen parks. This is the largest. In some ways it may not be the most important as the neighborhood parks all over town provide particularly for the needs of the children. There is no doubt, however, but that it promotes good citizenship while providing healthful recreation," he said.

"If this park served no other purpose than to provide a place outdoors under a summer sky where people can listen to the beautiful music of G. Donald

Mairs and his volunteer musicians, it would be worth all it cost," he said. The Recreation Department sponsors a summer series of band concerts directed by Mairs in the amphitheater.

"You have probably seen signs on parks and public edifices bearing the names of persons who have gone away not to return. Some of the names have been familiar to you as "ch people, and their last will and testament has endowed these memorials to honor and keep their memories alive," he said.

"My will has yet to be probated. That you have acted in this way, while I am still here, makes me realize how many friends I still have. It has been a great privilege to serve my municipality, in fact, as I have often remarked, it has been real fun, even though a little rugged at times," he said.

"Mayor Feldman, the best mayor Teaneck has ever had, was probably, yes, even undoubtedly, the leader in showing me this sign of friendship and respect. There are no words to express my appreciation of what you have done to and for me this day. My bride joins me in thanking you too," he concluded.



Councilman Milton G. Votee of Teaneck, right, receives the congratulations of Mayor Matthew Feldman at the rededication of Central Park to Votee Park at Independence Day ceremonies in the park Saturday night. (Bergen Evening Record photograph.)

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