Mayor A. O. Scafuro Supplants Do-Nothing Planning Board Committee On Code Revision

ALLENDALE — Following the disclosure at a meeting of the Planning Board on Wednesday night of last week that no work had been accomplished on the revision of the borough's building code, requested three years ago by the council, Mayor Albert O. Scafuro appointed a committee of four, approved unanimously by the council, to work on revision of the code.

The committee was named at the council meeting last Thursday night, and includes Building Inspector Edwin Grosman, Councilman Robert I. Newman, Arthur Fowler and Ivar Martin, with the mayor serving ex-officio.

The Planning Board revision committee comprises Harry Doolittle Jr. and Herman Pfadenhauer. When it was disclosed at the board meeting on Wednesday night that nothing had been done on the code, which was established in 1916. Mayor Scafuro offered his services and those of Joseph Schulz to work on the code. Thomas W. Zane, board chairman, told the mayor he would appoint his own committee, with a qualified person at its head, preferably an engineer or an architect.

In the discussion by the council Mayor Scafuro said the building code is a matter which "concerns this body, since we must enact it". He then stated that in the emergency of the situation, if the council was in accord, he would suggest a committee to proceed with preparation of the code.

Councilman Russell K. Stewart suggested the committee should meet with the Planning Board committee so they would not be working at cross purposes. The mayor replied the committees could not work at cross-purposes since no work was being done by the Planning Board committee.

Mr. Newman noted that planning, as far as the general welfare is concerned, is up to the council. He said that any recommendations Mr. Zane might make as to additions to the committee should be considered as long as they would be active participants.

Councilman Victor J. Cotz said he was in favor of going ahead and made a motion the committee be approved.

Councilman Wilred H. Paulsen asked if the council's committee would work with the Planning Board committee. The Mayor said the primary responsibility is the council's; he is not adverse to communicating with the board "that we are going ahead and will listen to any suggestions from its committee."

Mr. Newman said the only action taken on the code revision in 1956, that he knew of, was his obtaining a copy of a generally accepted building code for each board member.

"At the last executive meeting Mr. Grosman, on his own initiative, offered to get someone up to speak to the board about codes which can be adopted by reference.

"From what we've seen the Planning Board committee is a committee in name only."

Mr. Pfadenhauer, according to Mr. Zane, planned to resign from the Planning Board, but neither he nor his expected letter of resignation appeared at the meeting.

Pets Intrigue Kindergarten Pupils Here

ALLENDALE—Mrs. Anderson's kindergarten class welcomed a new pupil, Alberta Reidinger, from San Diego, Calif.

The class received. a prize from the PTA for having the most parents present at a recent meeting.

We decided to spend this money for some goldfish and all the things needed for them. As a result our class took a trip to a Pet Shop in Waldwick recently to buy them and see all the other things in the shop at the same time.

We saw many, tropical fish of all kinds. They were many different colors. Some had dots and some were striped.

The canaries were lively, and after we whistled at them for some time, they finally began to sing. One interesting bird from India, which looked very much like a blackbird, could be trained to talk. He said "Hello" to us. As a special treat, they had another visitor at the shop for us to see. It was a big St. Bernard dog named "Deacon". He was large and friendly. He sniffed at most of us and let us pet him. After we saw all the things in the shop, we bought a large goldfish bowl, three fish, two tunnels, colored stones and some aquarium plants. Then we returned to school.

We wish to thank the mothers who drove their cars and made it possible for us to go. They were Mrs. Probst, Mrs. Gebeter Mrs. Reilly, and Mrs. Eriksen.

Bobby Thurston arrived in school one morning with some special pets for us to watch and enjoy. He brought his three hamsters in a large roomy cage. We are going to keep them for a few days and watch Bobby care for them.

Theresa Santulli has asked permission to bring her parakeet to school. We are waiting for the weather to get warmer before she brings it.

Paper Drive

MAHWAH — Boy Scouts will hold their paper drive Sunday, starting collections at 1:30 p. m. If weather prevents it, the collection will be postponed to March 17.

HAIR, BELIEVED TORN from the victim's head, is the last of the evidence found along Fardale Ave. Prosecutor's detectives examine it while the Bergen County Police photographer stands by for a shot. At the left are Chiefs Henry H. Voss of Ramsey and Charles E. Smith of Mahwah. In the background can be seen the rail fence at the entrance to the gravel pit off Chapel Rd.

Mrs. Rose Pfister, Walter C. Elschner To Run for Council

ALLENDALE — The Democratic Club council candidates for 1957 will be Mrs. Rose Pfister of 475 Franklin Tpk. and Walter C. Elschner of 856 West Crescent Ave. John Curley, newly elected president of the Allendale Democratic Club, made the announcement on Monday of their selection.

Mrs. Pfister and Mr. Elschner had the following statement to make as representatives of a recognized responsible political organization:

"We welcome this opportunity to meet in political contest people of high personal integrity. We feel Allendale has passed the stage in its political life where its citizens will gie ear to 'bickering' and campaign innuendo. There are present day problems to be met and immediate opportunities to be grasped. Now is the time for both Republicans and Democrats to speak clearly."

HELMUTH C. FALCKE, collector, who has filed his petition for re-election to the post as an independent candidate in Allendale. So far, no candidates have been nominated on either the Republican or Democratic tickets, which may mean that Mr. Falcke's effort to make the collector's post a non-partisan one will be successful again this year as it was in last November's election.

Penguins Studied By Second Grade In Public School

ALLENDALE — Mrs. McKechnie's Second grade has completed a unit of work on penguins. A mural was made showing these fascinating birds in their Antarctic environment.

A "Penguin Nook" was made on our library table, where we have a penguin display of beautiful pictures brought in by many children. There is a scene using several china penguins.

Many interesting stories were brought in and read. Among them were "The Parade of the Penguins" "Penny Penguin," "Peter Penguin," "The Penguin Twins" and "Mr. Popper's Penguins."

Esther Williams moved to Parkersburg, W. Va., the first of this month. Henry Reidinger of San Diego, Calif., entered our class the last week in January.

County Road Dept. Begins Work Asked For in Allendale

ALLENDALE — The Bergen County Road Department has commenced work on repairing county roads in the borough as requested by Borough Engineer Earle Bailey in a letter to the Board of Freeholders.

Work began on the additional catch basins requested for the northwest and southwest corners of Hillside Ave. and West Crescent Ave. last week.

Other improvements asked for were the repair of shoulders along Franklin Turnpike; and for the extension of the existing storm drain, southerly along West Crescent from Woodland Ave., to the main drain at the Erie underpass. This would correct flood conditions which affect yards and septic tanks in the general area east of West Crescent Ave.

Hockey Game Seen By Safety Patrol As Guests of PTA

RAMSEY — Thirty-two members of the Safety Patrol of the elementary schools were the guests of the Ramsey P.T.A. recently at a hockey game in Madison Square Garden.

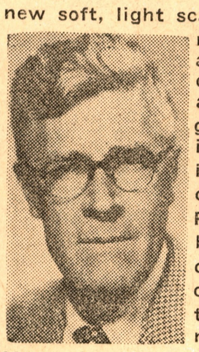
Each year, in recognition of the boys' service, the P.T.A. gives the patrol a night's entertainment at a major sports event. Patrol members have a choice of the game they attend, and on Feb. 20 they attended the hockey game between the Boston Bruins and the New York Rangers.

HUES & VIEWS

By ARTHUR T. LUTTON

FAVORED FURNITURE FASHIONS

A look around the furniture departments indicates that Contemporary is a top contender for home popularity. It is still straight-lined and simple but the new soft, light scaling gives it a more graceful air. The result of this trend is a gentle elegance expressed in the use of inlays, tiles and carved detailing Pewter, copper, brass and chrome are use chrome are used to accent this mellow mood.



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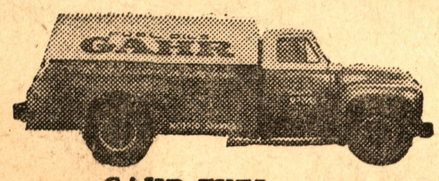

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