



Political Roundup

By JOSEPH GIARDINI

Democratic district leader Ralph DeMarco of Astoria is expected to oppose his assemblyman, Frank McGlynn Jr. of Jackson Heights, for renomination in the 4th Assembly District. DeMarco probably will put up his own candidate in a bid to knock McGlynn out in the primaries.

McGlynn defeated his Republican opponent by only 10 votes in the last legislative elections. He's the son of Deputy City Clerk Frank R. McGlynn . . . who was unseated as district leader by DeMarco in a close fight in 1956.

DeMarco, in turn, faces a challenge in the primaries. The bitterness of the leadership contest hasn't faded appreciably . . . with young McGlynn remaining openly hostile. However, DeMarco has built up considerable strength since taking over.

But the elder McGlynn probably won't be a candidate for leader again. He may back Michael Genovese of Astoria, president of his Steinway Democratic Association, as DeMarco's opponent.

DINNER WITH AVE.—The Queens Democratic senators and assemblymen will line up with Governor Harriman at the executive mansion in Albany tonight. The governor and the legislators will explore the Queens aspects of the current legislative session . . . Congressman James J. Delaney of Astoria is receiving the plaudits of his fellow National Democratic Club members for his toastmastering at the club's victory dinner. Delaney took over for President Carmine DeSapio, who couldn't attend. . . . When County Judge George P. Stier of Richmond Hill shifts to Supreme Court on temporary assignment next month only one of the four Queens County judges, Peter T. Farrell of Jamaica Estates, actually will be sitting in County Court. County Judges John F. Scelleppi of Malba and William B. Groat of Queens Village are also acting as Supreme Court Justices.

SESSIONS "FLY."—Assemblyman Thomas La Fauci, Astoria Democrat, is seeking support for his bill boosting the number of Queens Special Sessions judges from one to five. He explains existing law provides one judge for Queens . . . and the borough actually has two only because City Hall borrowed a spot from elsewhere. But even two is far out of line with Queens' growth and needs, he said. "We've been short-changed long enough," La Fauci added.

Clubhouse Chatter—Philip Wiener of Forest Hills has been named chairman for the Trylon Democratic Club's dinner in honor of City Court Justice J. Irwin Shapiro, May 10 . . . Leonard Darvin, Comics Magazine Association official, addresses the 7th A.D. Democratic Club Feb. 6 in Richmond Hill . . . Mrs. Herbert G. Nash of Kew Gardens will moderate a Women's National Republican Club discussion Feb. 6 in Manhattan . . . Mary Johnston is being installed as president of the Ridgewood Democratic Club's Women's Division, with Cathy Knothe and Betty Herberich going in as vice-presidents. Anne Groesch and Betty Christiani as secretaries, and Kitty Weber as treasurer.



FRANK MCGLYNN JR.



RALPH DEMARCO

Support for Control Slight
Victims of Ragweed Blamed in Budget Cut
If the city does away with ragweed spraying as proposed by Health Commissioner Leona Baumgartner, hayfever sufferers of Queens will be suffering worse than ever. "And they have only themselves to blame," declared Mrs. Sol Marcus of Flushing chairman of the Hay Fever Prevention Society of Queens. "If we had to organize the sniffers, we've

But just this week the Health Department asked for \$19,365,000 from Budget Director Abraham D. Beame for the next fiscal year. The health budget is \$500,000 lower than last year's. Dr. Baumgartner said the treatment has proven ineffective. Mrs. Marcus believes that work teams using airplanes and trucks to spray in the spring, coupled with an order compelling owners of private lots to cut down ragweed as soon as it flourishes, would help reduce the pollen count.

3 Students Picked For Paper Posts
Three students from Queens have been named to editorial posts of The Setonian, student newspaper of Seton Hill College, a Greensburg, Pa., college for women. They are Margaret Braue of Little Neck, business manager; Barbara Cassidy of Bayside, feature editor, and Mary Gresser of Cambria Heights, junior co-editor.

Housing Chief Asks U.S. Aid To End Dip

State Housing Commissioner Joseph P. McMurray called on Congress today to adopt a legislative program "to get the housing industry out of its doldrums."

McMurray, who lives in Belle Harbor, made his appeal as he revealed Long Island home building had fallen to a low low in 1957.

A total of 22,664 dwelling units were authorized or started in Queens, Nassau and Suffolk during 1957, as compared with 29,433 in 1956.

McMurray's figures credit Queens with 5,905 units in the year; Nassau, 7,835; and Suffolk, 8,924. The figures gave Queens, 7,365; Nassau, 10,610; and Suffolk, 11,458.

"The 1958 housing outlook continues to be clouded with uncertainties, notwithstanding optimistic statements from the Eisenhower administration," McMurray said. "What is needed is a positive program of action."

Among the points of the legislative program he suggested are:

Extension of the GI loan guarantee program beyond its July, 1958 expiration date; reduction of the one-half of one per cent FHA insurance premium to one-quarter per cent; formation of a high-level commission to recommend formation of a central mortgage agency; and a 10-year federal urban renewal program.

McMurray also sought an increase in the federal government's share of the cost of urban renewal projects from two-thirds to 80 per cent and development of a federal housing rental program responsive to the needs of middle income families.

Driver Faces Five Charges

A 20-year-old Flushing-Hillcrest youth will appear today in Ridgewood Adolescent Court to answer five charges of car theft, drunken driving, leaving an accident scene, unregistered

vehicles and unlicensed operation. Leroy Van Huse of 73-10 162nd street, was arrested at 4 A. M. yesterday at 78th avenue and Parsons boulevard, Flushing-Hillcrest, just three blocks away from the gas station where he took the auto five hours before.

Van Huse attracted the attention of Detectives George Martin and William Robbins when he drove off after striking a parked car at 150-62 78th avenue, Kew Gardens Hills. The stolen car is the property of Harry Gebeloff, of 155-09 71st avenue, Flushing-Hillcrest.



MILESTONE—Rego Park Democratic Leader James A. Phillips, right, presents a bouquet to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene T. Price of Middle Village, two of his captains, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. It happened at a dinner Phillips tossed for his followers in Middle Village.

Midtown Tunnel Continues Gain

Whitestone Span Traffic Dips

The Bronx-Whitestone Bridge, operating "close to its practical capacity," showed a slight decrease in total traffic last year, the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority disclosed yesterday.

But, the TBTA added in its annual report, congestion over the span will be relieved when the Throgs Neck Bridge opens in 1961.

Traffic over the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge dipped from 29,834,481 in 1956 to 29,673,818 last year.

THE QUEENS Midtown Tunnel continued its "exceptional gain" since one tube was converted to two-way traffic during the morning rush hour and the completion of a section of the Long Island Expressway, according to the authority.

projects under TBTA control—the \$90,000,000 Throgs Neck Bridge, which will connect the Bronx and Queens, and the Brooklyn-Staten Island Narrows Bridge, slated to get under construction this fall.

The 152,822,036 vehicles that used TBTA facilities

last year brought in more than \$36,000,000 in tolls. Additional receipts from the Ruis Parking Field, Battery Parking Garage, East Side Airlines Terminal, New York Coliseum and other income brought the authority's total gross income to \$40,295,095.55.

School Librarians To Aid in Courses

Two Long Island high school librarians will assist Professor Racheal W. DeAngelo of Forest Hills at the Queens College Library Education Program starting Feb. 10, the college announced today.

John Joseph Farley of West Hempstead High School will teach a course on the history

of books and printing while Grace Shakin of the Lakeville School in Great Neck will instruct aspiring librarians in use of materials for children.

Registration for these and other courses will start at 6 P. M. Friday in the H-Building auditorium of the Flushing campus.

Cops Grab 3, 1 With Gun

Arrested when police found one of them carrying an air-pistol, three teenagers are scheduled to appear Wednesday in Ridgewood Adolescents Court.

Joseph Kulka, 19, of 33-38 Prince street, Flushing, John Herriek, 17, of 42-22 215th street, Bayside, and Thomas Norris, 19, of 31-21 89th street, Jackson Heights, were arraigned yesterday in Ridgewood Adolescent Court.

Kulka was charged with a Sullivan Law violation and the others were charged with disorderly conduct.

Police arrested the trio at 12 25 A. M. yesterday in front of 135-19 Roosevelt avenue, Flushing.

Police said a target air-pistol was tucked inside Kulka's trousers.

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Soldier Turns Junkpile Into Modernistic Art

(Special to The Star-Journal)
FORT BRAGG, N.C.—Some husbands won't carry the garbage out for their wives. But the wife of P.F.C. Lawrence Ohrbach of Forest Hills complains that her hubby is always bringing refuse and rubbish INTO the house.

An artist in civilian life, Ohrbach uses the junk in his modernistic paintings and sculptures. "I've got to ask Larry's permission before I can throw an egg carton out," Mrs. Ohrbach complains. "When we drive past a junkyard, he's like a child drooling over candy."

IN THE LAST 20 months, Ohrbach has turned out 20 sculptures, using materials like egg cartons, a piece of a crinoline, glass, balsa wood, plaster and clay. Stacked around the living room are some 300 paintings.

"Some people don't like the yellow and white color scheme in our living room," Ohrbach says, "but it sure shows off the paintings."

In civilian life, Ohrbach lives at 69-60 108th street. He has exhibited his work in New York and Connecticut galleries, studied at the Parsons School of Design, and done art work for two magazines.

At Fort Bragg, he is a leaflet illustrator.

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HEART DRIVE OPENS—Mrs. David Sarin (left) visits her Rego Park neighbor, Mrs. John Badewitz, to open the month-long Queens Heart Fund drive. Volunteers began ringing doorbells throughout the borough yesterday in an effort to raise \$175,000 for the fund. The campaign will be climaxed Feb. 23—Heart Sunday—when more than 1,000,000 canvassers will conduct a door-to-door drive throughout the city.

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