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Hospital Group To Get Hearing

Will Present Resolution To Affairs Committee For City Hospital Here

The Joint Council For A City Hospital In The Rockaways takes its case to City Hall next Thursday for a hearing before the City Affairs Committee on their resolution for a city hospital in the Rockaways.

Councilman Eric J. Treulich, who drew up the resolution, will present it to the committee who in turn must approve or reject the resolution.

If approved, the resolution will be passed on to other city officials and agencies including the Mayor, the City Council, the City Planning Commission, the Hospital Commission and finally the Board of Estimate in whose hands lies the ultimate decision.

Speakers for and against the proposal will also present their views to the City Affairs Committee. Councilman Treulich believes that the resolution is concrete and justly presents the needs for hospital relief in the Rockaways. However, he emphasizes, "nothing is certain and anything can happen."

A large number of leading citizens in the Rockaways are 100 percent behind the campaign. The Joint Council includes the leaders of numerous fraternal and veteran organizations, including the Daniel M. O'Connell Post of the American Legion, and VFW. Tom Calliguri has pledged, as president of the Queens County Civic Group the full support of the 42 civic clubs in that group.

In addition the support of Senator Crisona, Assemblyman Fox, ex-Senator Milton Koerner, Judge Morris, Judge Margulies, Rev. Campbell, Rev. Mason, Rev. Hunt, Rabbi Cohen, Rabbi Behr, Rev. Wm. F. Burke, Rev. Chas. T. Carow, Mr. Karpeles, JCS, Mrs. Flora Gurman, Carl Rappaport, Dr. Frank Bisk, Mrs. Caldwell, pres. NAACP, Mario Russo, and a great many others. The Hammel Tenant League with the full cooperation of the Arverne Tenants League started the drive for a city hospital.

Jules Lipitz, chairman, extends an invitation to all residents to do their utmost to come down to City Hall and show by their numbers that they want a city hospital here in the Rockaways. "We have the necessary data, the active support of our leaders, but we need you above all to give us our strength to achieve our humanitarian goal. Think of your loved ones and hop on the bandwagon for City Hall to assure our final victory!" he declared.

Cooperation Beats Inwood Forger

Detectives, Bank President, Bohack Manager Join Forces To Nab Veteran

A wild chase through the streets of Far Rockaway and the Redfern Houses, by two detectives, the manager and several clerks from the Bohack Store at 1329 Beach Channel Drive led to the capture of a 26-year-old check forger last Friday afternoon.

The check passer, Harold Busby, 27, 27 Alvin place, Inwood, who was arraigned in Ridgewood Felony Court last Saturday, cashed checks totalling \$350 and attempted to cash two others worth \$200.

An alert bank clerk, Frances Caranno, first became suspicious of Busby when he appeared at the National Bank of Far Rockaway with \$150 check last Thursday morning. She told him he would have to return later in the afternoon after verification had been established. Busby reappeared with another check later that day and Miss Caranno referred him to a bank officer. With that the ex-vicecraim dropped the check and fled from the bank. J. Edward Lynch, bank president, was summoned and he gave chase but lost the man in the street.

Detectives were called and the search began. A second round in the chase began Friday morning when the bank received three checks amounting to \$350. Mr. Lynch again notified the police at the 100th Precinct. The police warned Bohack manager George Decker to be on the lookout for the man to return. He had already passed a check worth \$50 at the store.

Busby did return and with another check, also for \$50, with which he tried to purchase groceries. Mr. Decker spotted the (see Cooperation on Page 2)

St. Camillus Communion

Hundreds See Procession



Last Saturday's Procession of the many children making their first Communion at St. Camillus Church brought hundreds of proud parents to throng the Boulevard. Leading the procession is cross bearer Carolyn Weaver, behind her (L to R) are little leaders Lorraine Bacallis and Raymond Corriegan who precede leaders, Patricia Casalino and John Allen.

Big U. J. A. Drive Gets Underway

Bernard H. Hoffman Heads Month Long Campaign; Solicit Door-to-Door

Under the leadership of Bernard Hoffman, 449 Beach 138th street a "Person To Person" solicitation drive for the United Jewish Appeal in the Rockaways got underway Tuesday.

Throughout the month of June, teams of volunteers will visit their friends and neighbors on Tuesdays and Thursdays to bring to them the story of the United Jewish Appeal this year.

This emergency measure to secure contributions has been initiated because of the need for funds to carry out the absorption of the thousands of North African immigrants in Israel. "The people of Israel are devoting every resource to the overriding problem of defense," Mr. Hoffman said at the outset of the campaign. "As a result, they have no money left for the urgent task of housing and training the newcomers for their new life as productive citizens of their new homeland. That responsibility belongs to the Jews of America and we hope to obtain the dollars for this all-important work through our solicitation drive" he continued.

Many Others Assist

Urging the people in the Rockaways to give to the UJA, Mr. Hoffman said, "When you are called on, please listen to what the worker for the UJA has to say. Then give as generously as you can because a people's survival depends on your response."

Acting as co-chairmen are Nathan M. Cohen, Morris Dubin, Morgy Morganster, and Oscar Weltberg.

The volunteer workers from Temple Beth-El participating in the drive are Walter Bell, Benjamin Bienenfeld, Sol Bookstein, Alan Brothers, Charles Bruckner, Irving Burros, Ed Buxbaum, George B. Fenster, Emanuel X. Frisch, Sidney Geiger, Sigmund Golden, Sidney Greenberger, Harry Grossman, James Horowitz, Dr. Nathan Kaplan, Irving Klein, (see Big U.J.A. on Page 2)

Congressman Celler Discusses Low-Flying Here Tomorrow Night

Civic organizations, numbering about 70, from all over Queens will be represented at the low-flying meeting tomorrow night at P. S. 215, Waverest, when Congressman Emanuel Celler will talk on the problem.

Discussion at the meeting, sponsored by the Waverest Civic Association, will be centered around the proposed Washington delegation that will fight the local jet and low-flying menace in the Capitol. The delegation is set to leave June 5 to meet with a congressional committee.

Congressman Celler who has been a staunch supporter of the proposed low-flying legislation, introduced by Congressman Albert Brodsky, is a last minute addition to the meeting and is "most welcome" says Jules Michaels, president of the Waverest Civic Association.

Weather-wise, Memorial Day was not much of a season opener. It brought out the smallest Memorial Day crowd the Rockaways have had in some years. A forecast of afternoon rain and the coolness of the day, kept many potential visitors from the Rockaways.

The one bright spot on the business scene was at Seaside. Although the parking lots were almost idle, the side streets were well filled with cars. Many of them were carrying household items which families were bringing to outfit their summer quarters.

Along the Boulevard and on the side streets in Seaside, more people were in evidence than anywhere else on the Peninsula. A few bare legs were noticed as some of the harder members of the fair sex attempted to make a summer day of it. But the upper portions of their bodies were bundled against the coolness of the day. Very few went into the water, although there were some sun-seekers on the beach in the morning.

The afternoon shower quickly emptied the streets and the bars and grills and eating places experienced a sudden rush of business which continued into the night.

Following the shower, crowds reappeared on the streets and Rockaways. Playland midway was well filled late in the afternoon. Nunley's Carrousel and Kiddle park enjoyed a good play most of the day.

Most of the concessions were open. Some of them did well, but others did not seem to be doing the expected business. Nevertheless, still others are being made ready for opening at the earliest possible date.

On the whole it was a literal freeze-out for the bathing establishments. Principal activity in this category seemed to be on the part of the visitors who were moving beach gear into their seasonal lockers.

Memorial Day's experience simply proved once again that it takes sunshine to bring the big crowds to Rockaway.

Other local groups to join in the fight are the Somerville-Arverne Civic Association and the Rockaway Beach Property Owners, Inc.

Some of the points to be considered at the meeting will be the outlaw of jet transports, the violation of air space over private property and the validity of insurance policies in cases involving property damage caused by falling planes.

To close the meeting G. Parke Masterson, representing Borough President James A. Lundy, will speak on city-wide assessments for local improvements. The "tax-spread" plan is one proposed by Mr. Lundy to ease the tax burden on vicinities due for heavy improvements.

Meeting gets underway at 8:30 p.m.

VEHICLE BUREAU LOWERS BOOM ON 4

Four Rockaway residents suffered the loss or suspension of their driver's licenses, junior licenses or learner's permits, during the first half of May according to a report from the Motor Vehicle Bureau.

The most severe punishment was handed out to Ronald G. McDowell, 22, 150 Beach 97th street, who lost his license for making a false statement. Two other offenders had their licenses suspended for 30 and 10 days respectively. Jay Finkelstein, 25, 11-45 Sage street, Far Rockaway, lost his license for 30 days and Julius L. Garvar, 37, 1430 Greenport road, also Far Rockaway, will go without his for 10 days. Both were charged with persistent violations.

Paul Herzog, 17, 1038 Beach 24th street, was relieved of his junior license after being charged on April 30 with misuse.

Knights Of Columbus To Elect Monday

All members have been urged to attend the Monday night meeting of the Rockaway Council No. 2672, Knights of Columbus, at the St. Camillus auditorium, Beach 99th street.

Election of officers is on the agenda. Those who will be up for election include: Patrick Donohue, Matthew J. Kennedy and Joseph G. Good, for grand knight; John Kimball, deputy grand knight; David Hegarty, chancellor; and Daniel J. Nonnan and Harold M. Ferguson, for warden.

The council will also discuss last minute plans concerning their forthcoming spring dance set for June 9 at the St. Francis de Sales school hall.

The Hospital Story

Court Says "Return Land To The Department of Parks" Board of Estimate And Gerosa Say "Hands Off"; Rockawayites Have Some Ideas Also!

(This is the last in a series of articles on the old Neponset Beach Hospital — what it is and what it may be.)

Many local residents want a hospital, the Department of Hospitals and the Hospital Council of Greater New York, a citizens organization, fail to see the need. Others want the old Neponset Beach Hospital for a school. Any kind of school, but a school! A great many Rockaway residents had hoped that Rockaway Beach Hospital would take over the old buildings on the Rils Park grounds to provide more facilities.

Park Commissioner Moses and an independent citizens group, the Park Association, want the ground turned back to the Department of Parks. According to a department spokesman the plan is to demolish all the buildings on the site and open new ball-fields with bleachers and a comfort station. It is also proposed that the land have various landscaped walks. The enabling act which turned the land over to the Department of Hospitals included a clause that it would be turned back to the Park Department when it was no longer used for

the hospital. That is what Commissioner Moses and the Park Association want. A favorable court decision was posted last fall when a suit was brought into court by the Association.

However, the Board of Estimate refused to turn the land back to the Park Department and has filed an appeal against the decision. The Board, along with City Comptroller Gerosa wants to see the buildings and ground turned over to private interests. It is believed that such a move would help the city finances and soften the blow of the \$150,000 tab still due for the hospital.

Opposition Facing Dems In Primaries

Celler vs. Cassius, Stier vs. Cariello Of Greatest Interest To Voters Here

Enrolled members in the major political parties will go to the polls next Tuesday to express their choice for the candidates who will run for office next November. They also will cast their ballots for the delegates to the presidential conventions next summer.

Things are very quiet locally in the Republican ranks where the candidates for nomination are without opposition. Nevertheless voters are expected to turn out in numbers for a show of strength in preparation for the November elections.

It is a different story in the Democratic party. City Court Justice George P. Stier faces stiff opposition from Municipal Court Justice Mario Cariello, a Neponset summer resident, in the race for the party's nomination for Surrogate of Queens County. Stier is the designee of the party leaders, but Cariello is conceded to have an outside chance because of his personal popularity throughout the county.

Congressman Emanuel Celler of Brooklyn, who represents the Rockaways as part of his Congressional district, has opposition this year. His opponent for the nomination is Joseph Cassius, a Brooklyn schoolteacher, who is waging an uphill write-in campaign.

There is no opposition to any of the local candidates in either party.

Leaders of both parties nevertheless, are making an effort to get out a primary vote that will indicate interest of the voters in the presidential campaign.

West End Variance Faces New Fight

Lipitz Goes Before Board Opposing Any Parking Area On Beach 117th St.

Jules Lipitz, president of the Rockaway Civic Club went before the Board of Standards and Appeals Tuesday and put a crimp in a proposed Beach 117th street commercial parking facility for which an application for zoning variance had been filed by Kaymoss Realty Corp. and Paradis Estates.

According to Mr. Lipitz this is the fourth or fifth attempt to alter the zoning to favor the property. One previous attempt proposed an apartment house on the site. This last application, decision on which has been reserved by the board, also included an adjoining lot never before mentioned in a variance.

Mr. Lipitz blasted the proposal in a three-point argument. He told the board that (1) there is no need for a parking facility in the area; (2) it would reduce the value of the surrounding property; and (3) it would create a wedge in the zoning laws and leave them wide open for future changes.

The law firm of Lama, Proskauer and Prober presented the case for the realtors.

Memorial Parades Honor War Heroes

Traditional Memorial Day parades were held yesterday as Rockaway paid its tribute to the memory of the local men who made the supreme sacrifice in the nation's wars.

Largest of all was the parade along Rockaway Beach Boulevard from Beach 120th street to Beach 67th street, sponsored, as usual by Daniel M. O'Connell Post, No. 272, American Legion. It was declared by observers to

have been one of the finest in the long series which began shortly following World War I. Flags were in evidence along the entire route as local residents and business places did their part to make certain that the significance of the day was not lost.

Following brief ceremonies during which wreaths were placed at the Memorial Circle, Beach 120th street, the parade got un-

der way on schedule. Thousands of spectators lined the Boulevard to watch the marchers pass. Many of them were visitors, here for the day.

The parade was halted at Beach 95th street where the customary memorial ceremonies were held at the Doughboy monument. Garrett E. O'Grady, past commander of the Legion post was in charge of the ceremonies which opened with the playing of the National Anthem by the O'Connell Post band. There followed the invocation by the Rev. Henry M. Childs, Jr., pastor of the First Congregational Church, after which the names of the Rockaway dead in World Wars I and II and the Korean conflict were read by Joseph R. Buckley, a past commander of the post.

Speakers Are Heard
Commander Charles T. Cless spoke briefly, thanking the people of Rockaway Beach and the members of the post for their cooperation. The Rev. Samuel L. Hunt of the Macedonian Baptist Church greeted the crowd.

City Magistrate Corning G. McKenney gave the patriotic address of the day. He complimented the veterans for their part in keeping green the memory of the community's departed heroes. During his talk he emphasized the importance of Memorial Day and what it means to Americans as an expression of gratitude for the sacrifices made in their behalf.

Wreaths were deposited at the base of the monument by representatives of the Gold Star mothers.

Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. William F. Burke of St. Camillus Church after Taps had been blown.

The parade reformed and continued its march toward Beach 67th street. A detour had to be made to the Throughway from Beach 86th to Beach 80th street because Rockaway Beach Boulevard is shut off in that section for repaving. This was given by some as the reason for several units, especially those composed of younger children, dropping out of the parade at the monument.

Police Captain John Peterson personally took command of the police arrangements during the parade.

Organizations In Line

Past Commander O'Grady, as grand marshal, flanked by his aides, headed the marchers. The Colors, escorted by an American Legion color guard, were at the head of the O'Connell Post 30-piece band which was making its first appearance in its new uniforms. Members of the post and its auxiliary marched next.

Adolf Klein, past commander of Tilly Camp, Spanish War Veterans, rode in a place of honor, followed by a car bearing Gold Star mothers. A NIKE missile on a caisson made an impression on the spectators as it appeared next in line. It was Fort Tilden's contribution to the parade.

St. Camillus Junior band headed the Catholic War Veterans and the St. Camillus Church representation in the parade. The band was accompanied by Father Burke and behind it marched children from the parochial school, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Rockaway Post, Jewish War veterans came next, followed by the Columbiettes and Rockaway Council, Knights of Columbus.

Fred Hetzel and Joseph R. Buckley headed the second division with a Marine color guard. Then came the St. Camillus Senior Band, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (see Memorial on Page 8)

Fine Feathers Band Gets New Uniforms



John (Snooky) Matigzeck (left) and George S. Kyprianides (center) assist as Past Commander Steve O'Grady makes adjustments to new uniforms which members of Daniel M. O'Connell Post's brass band wore for first time in yesterday's Memorial Day parade.

Local Couple Badly Hurt In Auto Crash At Oakdale

What started out to be a holiday picnic on Long Island wound up in disaster for a Far Rockaway young man and his companion, both now in South Side Hospital at Bayshore with injuries sustained in an automobile crash, shortly after 6 o'clock last night.

Reports from Sayville say that Francis M. Ferguson, 26, of 1806 McBride street and Miss Theresa O'Connor of 13-16 McBride street were westbound on Montauk highway. They were traveling at a high rate of speed through Sayville.

At Oakdale their car narrowly missed two eastbound cars. It was seen to swerve across the road, striking a 30-foot pine tree at the entrance to the LaSalle Military Academy grounds. The tree was broken in two and the car catapulted into the air, crashing down on a ten-foot sign mounted on a concrete base.

Parts of the car were strewn along the highway. The engine was torn from the car, the hood was 75 feet away and 150 feet from the car the battery was found smashed to bits. The couple were taken to the hospital in an ambulance which responded to a call for aid.

At the hospital this morning Ferguson's condition was described as critical. He had suffered head injuries.

Miss O'Connor's condition was reported as fair. She had lacerations of the head and chest and possible fractures.

MCTIGUE ELECTED TO CHAMBER POST

John B. McTigue, partner of the local real estate and insurance firm of Andrew McTigue and Sons, is one of seven vice-presidents re-elected to office by the Queens Chamber of Commerce, it was announced today by the Chamber's president, John T. Clancy following a board of directors' meeting in the Chamber's headquarters in Long Island City this morning. Mr. McTigue has been a Rockaway civic leader for many years and is a former president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Rockaways.

The election of the seven Chamber vice-presidents and an associate treasurer completes the staff of officers who will serve during the fiscal year ending April 30, 1956. The Chamber elected its president, treasurer, and 17 members of the board of directors at its 45th annual meeting in Chamber headquarters on April 17th.

Mayor Wagner To Get L. I. Hadassah's 'First Citizen Award' In Rockaway

Highlighting the eighth annual conference of the Long Island Region of Hadassah scheduled to get underway Monday at the Park Inn Hotel, will be the presentation of the organization's First Citizen Award to Mayor Robert F. Wagner.

The presentation ceremony will be during the open meeting the second night of the convalesce at the Beth-El Community Center, 445 Beach 135th street. The Tuesday evening meeting which opens at 8:30 p.m., will move back to the Park Inn Hotel for a musical show and midnight frolic.

The conference will run to next Wednesday evening when it closes with an installation banquet at the hotel. The delegates to the conference,

many of whom are representing their chapters in the Rockaways and the Five Towns, will register early Monday morning. The first session on the agenda will be a breakfast-briefing for chapter presidents only.

At noon the women will attend the opening luncheon and during the evening they will witness a production entitled "Youth On The American Scene."

Regular sessions will mark the daytime activities on Tuesday and Wednesday with meetings beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Hy Salpeter, newly-elected president of the Long Island Region of Hadassah will make the presentation to the Mayor and the public is invited to witness this portion of the conference.