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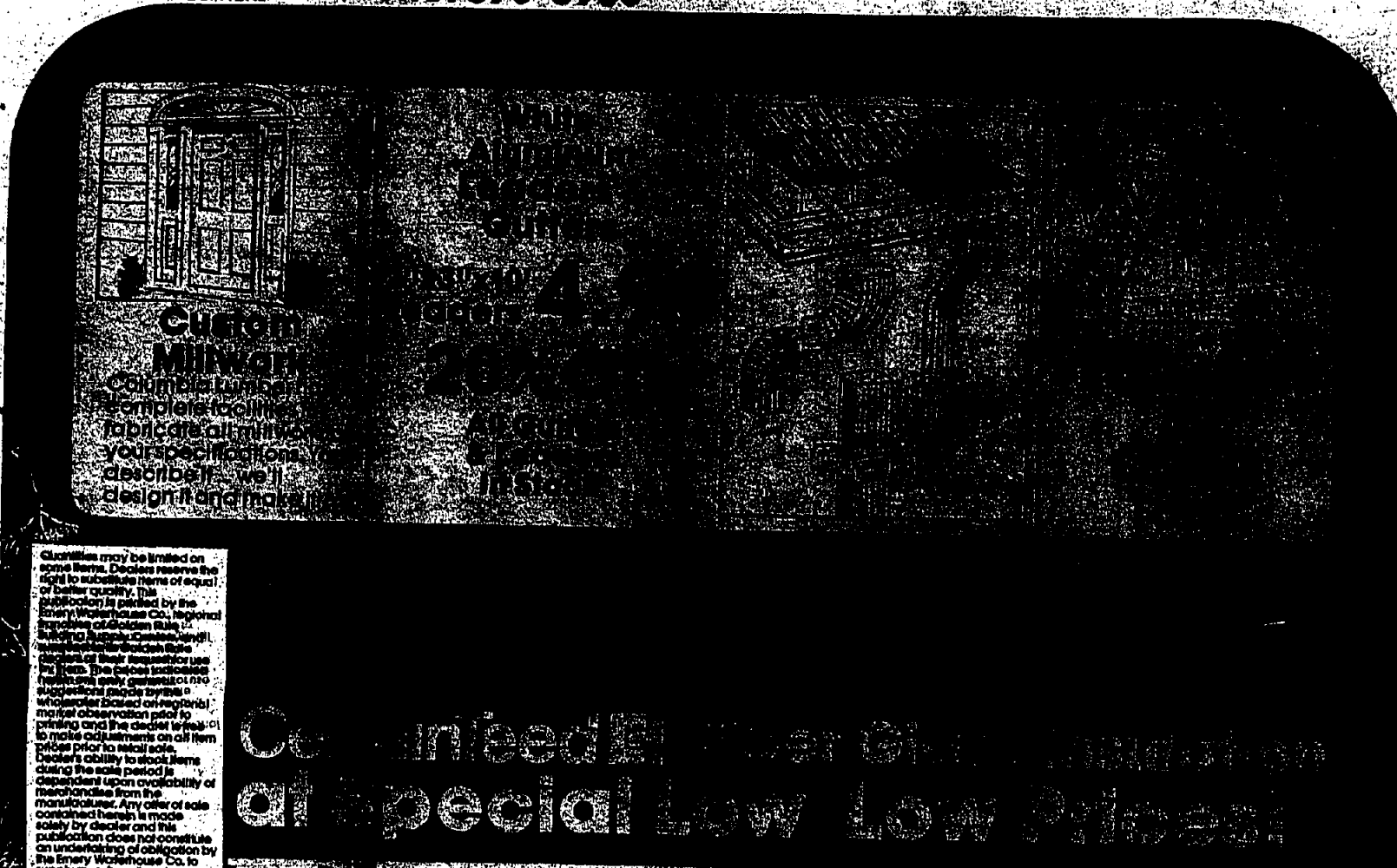


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Cops angry at mayor

PBA says promo put off due to politics

By VICKI VREELAND

Members of the Springfield Police Officers' Association Local 76, at odds with the Township Committee over a recent test administered to applicants for a sergeant position, were further angered Tuesday when the governing body tabled a motion, 3-2, to promote an officer to the post.

Eight officers applied for the position which has been unfilled since the retirement of Detective Sgt. Howard Thompson on July 1. The candidates were given the two-part sergeant's exam by the N.J. Chiefs of Police Association. All passed the written exam, but only three passed the oral.

At Tuesday's meeting, Democratic Township Committee member William Cleri, supported by fellow Democratic Committee member Stanley Kaish, moved to promote Detective William Chisholm, the top scorer, to the sergeant post. They were overruled by the three Republicans on the committee — Mayor Philip Feintuch, Joanne Tedesco and William Ruocco.

PBA members charged that the committee's postponement of the sergeant position was a political move. They contend that Feintuch, who is serving his second year as police commissioner, wanted the appointment tabled because his former campaign manager, Patrolman Daniel Malling, failed the oral test when he applied for the position.

"He found out that Malling didn't make it," said Sgt. Vernon Pedersen referring to the mayor. "If that's not political interference, I don't know what is."

Feintuch responded, "I deny it unequivocally and categorically. My concern is not for any one person, but for the whole department."

Tedesco and Ruocco both declined to comment, however, Ruocco did say, "There has been no decision by this committee to reject Mr. Chisholm."

The two Democratic committee members also believed the action was politically motivated. "If it looks political, and it smells political, then it is political," Kaish said.

PBA President Peter Davis also charged that Feintuch's attendance at some of the oral interviews, but not all, was unfair to the competing officers.

In a written statement, Davis concluded, "The PBA feels that the mayor's arbitrary actions of which interviews to attend makes any and all of his decisions tainted and inconsequential to the current results of the sergeant's exam: The inference of impropriety that can be drawn is so great, that the PBA must go on record now."

Feintuch said he attended the oral exams because he "had no idea" of how the officers were interviewed. He stated he was present for six of the eight interviews, which he had no part in, before he had to leave for a township meeting. "After witnessing three-quarters of the exams, I had more than a flavor of what happened."

Other officers also had opinions of Feintuch's presence at the interviews. "I never saw a politician sit in on any of the interviews," Sgt. Pedersen said. "It's fine if he wanted to, but he should have stayed for all of them," he added.

"Regardless of the content of the test, it should have been given uniformly," Lt. Richard Bromberg said.

"It should have been all or nothing. I feel he lost all of his credibility when he left without comment," Patrolman Judd Leverson commented.

Detective Chisholm said he was "upset" by the township committee's action Tuesday.

According to Davis, the mayor did not make any objections to the test until the scores were received. "We object to the township committee meddling in something they have no expertise in," Davis said.

Feintuch said he is not suggesting that anything was dishonest about the administering of the test, but questions the relevancy of the questions asked in regard to the position being examined for, and the scoring of the answers.

When Feintuch requested the Police Chiefs Association to see the scored exams he was told "it was not their policy to turn them over."

The mayor has authorized Jay Kloud, township attorney, to write the association to request the information. He added that since the township pays for the exams, legal action will be initiated if the exams are not released.

"If other police commissioners chose not to attend the interviews, they were wrong, and I shouldn't be bound by what they did. It is not only my right, but an obligation to the entire town," the mayor said.

He continued, "The PBA is entitled to their thoughts, but I won't take orders from the PBA. I do not mean to denigrate those who passed the test or those who did not. I want to bring integrity to the exam process and a greater amount of integrity to the police department."

"And I believe when the mayor expresses a concern about the integrity of the exams, the township committee should consider it, and not blindly except what three strangers (the three police chiefs from different municipalities who conducted the tests) said. The town is entitled to the best police coverage possible," Feintuch said.

According to Davis, the PBA believes the testing procedure, both oral and written, is "legitimate" and it will seek to find out what can be done legally if the tests are challenged.



CHEERING ON THE BULLDOGS—Jonathan Dayton Regional High School cheerleaders Capt. Carol Tarantula, left, and Co-Capt. Jenny Karady will cheer on the Bulldogs as they open their home football season Saturday, 1:30 p.m., at Meisel Field against Arthur L. Johnson Regional.

Workers react to labor move

By VICKI VREELAND

Municipal department heads recently expressed mixed reactions to a move by the Springfield Township Committee to remove them from the Springfield Employees Association, the union for the township's municipal building employees.

Shortly after Mayor Philip Feintuch began his term on the township committee in January 1983, the governing body began taking steps to remove municipal department heads from the employees' union. The mayor said the reason to remove the employees from the union was for "sound labor relations."

These steps were followed by a formal petition, filed with the Public Employment Relations Commission to have all managerial positions removed from the union.

Kim Thompson, president of the association, said that even if the union had objected formally through their own petition, PERC's position in the majority of cases such as this, is to keep management separate from rank and file employees.

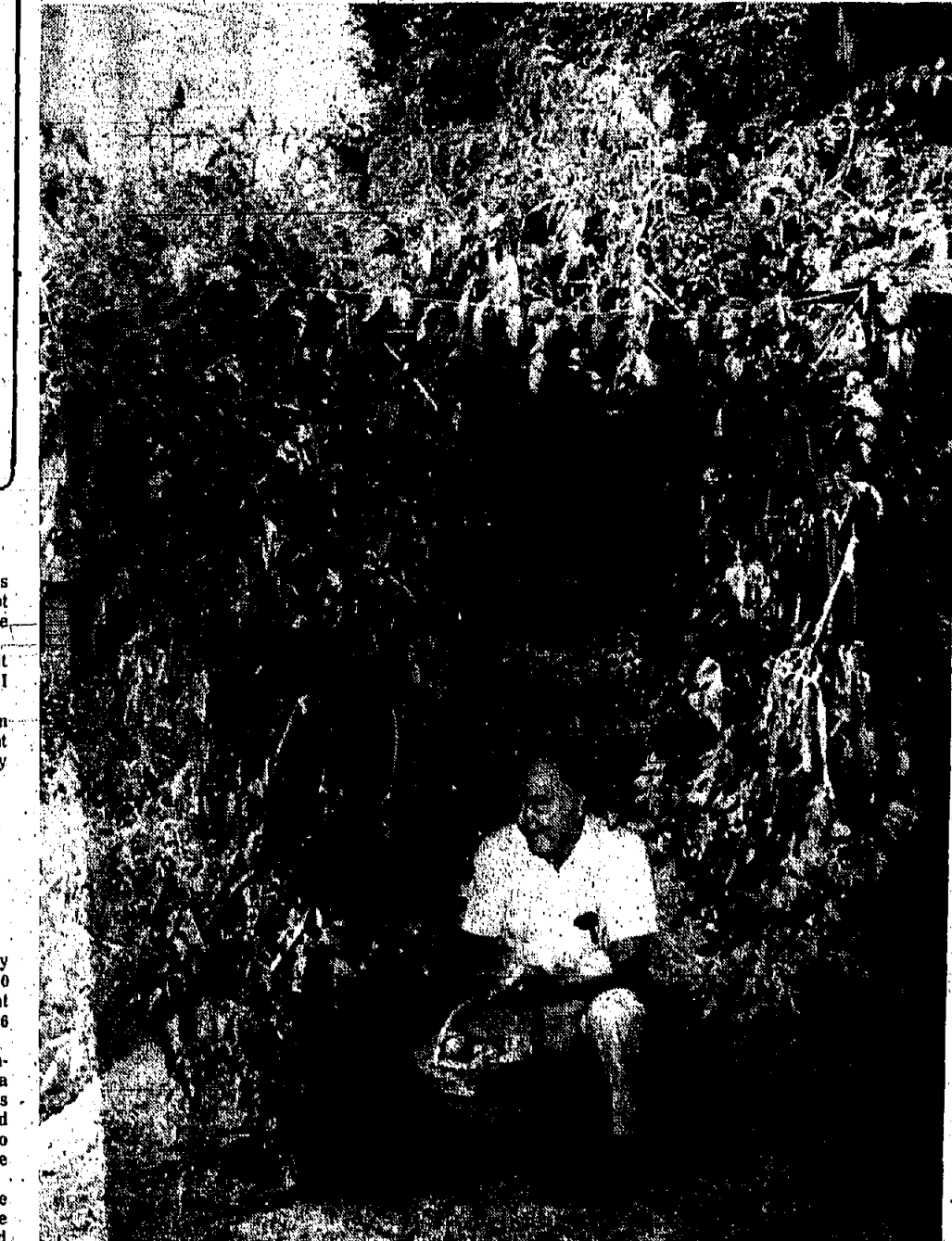
"There's so few people in the union that you really can't split them between labor and management, because we are all going for the same things," she continued, "we will still have the same benefits."

Court Clerk Olga Murang was also not pleased by the action. Murang said when she was appointed court clerk, after serving as deputy court clerk, she was not aware that she would have to leave the union.

However, Murang said, "It doesn't alter anything in the way I doer in the way I conduct myself."

She added, "My personal opinion is that the more people they get out of the union, they will try to do away with it altogether."

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TALL TOMATOES—Joseph Gurrera picks the fruits of his summer labor in the yard of his Brlar Hills Circle home. The tomato stalks have grown to a height of about nine feet.

(Photo by John Boutskaris)

Society set for book sale

The Springfield Historical Society will hold a book sale Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at its headquarters at the historic Cannon Ball House, 128 Morris Ave.

Chairman June DeFino announced that used hard cover paperback books in many categories will be available in the barns behind the Cannon Ball House. There also will be an "Attic Treasure" sale with low 1990 prices.

A special boutique will feature autumn handmade items for sale including pine cone turkeys and bagkin rings.

For information or to arrange pickups of used books may be made by calling DeFino, 876-7232, Catherine Selas, 378-1345, or Mildred Levens, 379-2518.

Employees tentatively agree to pact

A tentative settlement was reached last week in contract negotiations between the Union County Board of Education and the regional high school teachers' association (NJEA), according to a spokesman for the board.

Renovations eyed

BY VICKI VREELAND
SPRINGFIELD—In regular business at Tuesday's Springfield Township Committee meeting, an ordinance was introduced to appropriate \$300,000 for renovations in the Raymond Chisholm School.

The settlement was reached last week by the regional district's NJEA membership this week before being submitted to the board of education Tuesday night.

Currently employ one. They include Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Mountainide, Union, Summit, Clark, and a number of others.

At the top of the list, Feintuch said the governing body is planning for a complete modernization of the Police Department, including a new locker room and new lighting.

Deadline one week off in youth page contest

Young people have one more week to enter this year's youth page contest.

The page to be named is being featured once a month. It showcases work by students of all ages in the public and parochial schools.

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Campaign corner

Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York will be keynote speaker at a fund-raising dinner for Sen. Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) Wednesday at the Meadows Hilton Hotel in Secaucus.

Fanning names election staff

SPRINGFIELD—Ed Fanning, Democratic candidate for Springfield Township Committee, Board of Library Board, and School Board, has announced that Patricia Murphy and Robert Welch are his election staff.



TO HEAD ELECTION STAFF—Ed Fanning, Democratic candidate for Springfield Township Committee, is flanked by Robert Welch and Patricia Murphy, co-managers of his election drive.

medical and surgical nursing at the Winifred Baldwin Medical and Surgical School in Nursing at the Hospital Center in Orange. Pat has an eight-page resume that suggests the scope of her activity with the Township of Springfield, the Overlook's Oncology Department, Seton Hall and Rutgers universities, Morris County and Union College.

Welch commented, "Ed served as Springfield's township attorney for seven years while I was on the township committee. I observed his performance in that position as both a fellow attorney and member of the governing body. Ed will make an outstanding member of our township committee. He knows the workings of the government intimately. More importantly, he has a fine sense of priorities. He knows what is important and he knows what is right."

Union move

Thompson echoed those sentiments, "My personal opinion is that we are trying to break up the union all together."

"I don't really have a problem with it," said Tax Collector Corinne Eckmann who was removed from the union. "I don't think I ever let union membership effect the way I run things. In the long run, it may work out for everyone concerned and I hope so," she commented.

Ruocco cites years of service to town

SPRINGFIELD—William A. Ruocco, Springfield Republican township committeeman and candidate for re-election, points to a record of civic and community service since he has lived in Springfield which shows a strong commitment to serve the people of Springfield both as a volunteer and as an elected official.

"I am proud of my accomplishments as an elected official," said Ruocco. "Let's look at some of the noteworthy accomplishments during my years as mayor and township committeeman. I had the opportunity to help resolve and initiate solutions to the long term flooding problems. The Bryant Brook project was started, the dike on Riverside Drive was built, grants for the Marion Oval area with co-operative funding were initiated and the project completed, a grant for the Marion Avenue project was applied for and received as well as the Joanne Way started and both were completed. I made a trip to Washington to meet with the president's staff and senators and congressmen to seek relief for our flood plagued residents."

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No progress seen on talks

No progress was reported in contract talks between the Springfield Board of Education and the Springfield Education Association. Following the session, the board released the following statement:

"The board called a special negotiation meeting this evening for the purpose of presenting its proposal to settle the negotiations between the board and the association for the 1984-85 teachers' contract.

"Another meeting was scheduled for Monday. It is hoped that the association will accept the board's last proposal at that time."

Baruchin said the teachers, who are in their fourth week of working without a contract, requested the postponement. In a letter sent home to parents, the Board of Education called the action, "unfortunate and unprofessional."

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Oct. 9. That date, less than two weeks away, can make a major difference to this community, this county — and this country.

It is the last date for those not yet registered to vote to do so. Those who fail to register will be unable to vote on Nov. 6. And that failure to vote can make a difference — the 1960 presidential election could have been swung from John F. Kennedy to Richard Nixon by only a single vote in each election district in the country.

This year, we will once again elect a president. Just as important, and certainly closer to home, we will elect the people who will run our local and county governments in the years ahead. Other than taking the opportunity to attend public meetings or write letters to legislators, the voting process represents the only real chance the citizenry may be able to exert in influencing the shape and direction of government.

By not registering, a person lends tacit consent to the idea that government should just go ahead and do what it wants without paying heed to the will of its citizens. Such a person is also throwing away an opportunity that free-thinking citizens of the Soviet Union and Eastern bloc nations are able to cherish only in their dreams.

The non-registrant who excuses his or her apathy by expressing complete disgust with the political system is simply inexcusably ignorant. In any given election, there are usually massive differences in the campaign platforms and philosophies of competing candidates on any number of issues that stand to have a potentially critical impact on each and every individual in our society.

Any person who believes that none of these issues are worth contemplating or demand his or her attention, does not hold a firm grip on reality. Those that realize the importance of these issues and still don't take the initiative to vote should do so serious self-examination. That reflection can lead to only one conclusion: Go out and vote!

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Letters to the editor

Successful drive. The American Cancer Society's fund-raising campaign for Springfield has been completed. We want to thank the district chairman who so willingly gave their time and effort to this worthy cause. They are: Dolores Basile, Mary Cameron, Denise Clayton, Alice Colatruglio, Ann Daniel, Kathryn Drummond,

Political profiles

Editor's note: The following are part of a series of profiles that will appear in this newspaper of candidates for office in the November election. This week: two of the candidates for the three-year term at stake this year on the Union County Board of Freeholders. They, and other freeholder candidates, were asked to address two subjects of major importance during the interview: the proposed nursing care facility at John E. Rumllells Hospital in Berkeley Heights, and the question of solid waste disposal. The election will take place on Nov. 6.

Union County's freeholders: the '84 race

Ed Slomkowski had to choose between a new county jail and a new county hospital. "I'd choose the hospital," he said. But the Union Township Republican, who is running for his third three-year term on the Union County Board of Freeholders, pointed out that the county is under a state mandate to provide additional housing for prisoners.

With architectural plans not yet completed, the question of how much the new jail will cost remains undecided. When county officials began talking about the new construction, "the total cost was \$18 million," Slomkowski said. "Then it went to \$22, then to \$30, then to \$35."

"I have no problem" with the revamping of the hospital management that is now under way, he said, noting that this came out of a study conducted for the county by Memorial General Hospital of Union.

There has been discussion of a 345-bed facility. At a cost of \$30,000,000, "we're talking about more than \$10 million." He took issue with a proposal that has been made to sell some of the more than 100 acres at the Berkeley Heights location in order to help pay for construction of a new nursing care facility.

Need for administrator 'patently clear'

Township Committee meant it to be spent when they fixed the budget? Who develops long-range plans for the township? Who initiates and follows up on applications for grant money? Who makes certain that the department directors are carrying out their duties in a manner that interfaces with all the other departments?

Cooperation is keynote

Although you can't see the cardinal in the early morning light, the bird is there. Before you turn on the kettle for your morning cup of coffee, listen for the birds. They're not singing any more, but they emit their raspy notes as they eat their breakfast. My cardinal lives on dogwood berries, suspended from a limb that overhangs the kitchen.

Police seek pair for robbing home

SPRINGFIELD—A 70-year-old woman was bound and gagged in her Riverside Drive residence last week, while two armed men ransacked her home and then left with an undetermined amount of jewelry and other items, police said.

Hearing is postponed

SPRINGFIELD—A hearing in Union County Superior Court on whether two lawsuits — both involving the Edward Walton School property which was sold by the Springfield Board of Education to a developer a year ago — could be combined, was postponed Friday.

PTA seeking town support

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Reagan backers plan voter sign-up

SPRINGFIELD—The Union County Reagan-Bush '84 Campaign has announced a "Reagan and Bush" voter registration drive to be held in Springfield on Saturday, 10 to noon, at Echo Plaza and General Post Office.

Breakfast set by JWV's post

SPRINGFIELD—The Elgin-Unger Post 273 Jewish War Veterans (JWV) will hold its monthly bagel breakfast Oct. 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the library of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 So. Springfield Ave., Springfield.

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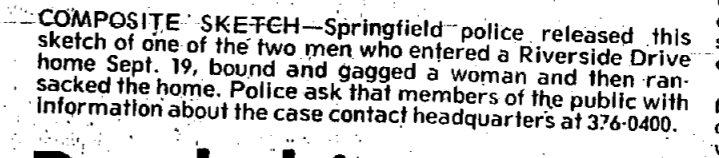
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COMPOSITE SKETCH—Springfield police released this sketch of one of the two men who entered a Riverside Drive home Sept. 19, bound and gagged a woman and then ransacked the home. Police ask that members of the public with information about the case contact headquarters at 376-0400.

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Dayton girls win first three

The Dayton girls tennis team took its first three matches of the season in their opener, the Bulldogs defeated Middlesex 4-1. In singles play, Dayton's Elizabeth Schwan defeated Michelle Hreha 6-0, 6-0; Sommer defeated Karen Czuprynski 6-0, 6-0; and Jennifer Perrotta defeated Lisa Tambone 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles play, Dayton's Vicki Anderson and Beth Labowitz fell to Donna Dec and Karen Ferris 6-3, 6-4. Bulldogs Shari Zisman and Jennifer Feinsod gained revenge following defeating Stacy Chagniewicz and Tracy Venutoles 2-6, 6-2.

Chessa paces Brearley

Led by junior Frank Chessa's four second-half goals, David Brearley's Bears breezed past Bound Brook 6-2 to take the soccer season opener Sept. 14. The Bears kept it going Sept. 17 downing North Plainfield 2-0 in Kenilworth. The Bears lost their first game Saturday, 2-0, against Oratory in Summit.

The Bears, who had been shut out 1-0 by Bound Brook at the end of the first-half, poured it on at the beginning of the second half. Chessa scored two straight in the opening seconds of the third quarter to put

Netters fall in 2 matches.

David Brearley's girls' tennis team had trouble getting on track as it dropped its first two decisions of the fall season without winning a match.

The Bears won 1, tie 1. The David Brearley Regional High School field hockey team won its season opener Sept. 14 with a 1-0 shutout over Metuchen.

Hanigan on roster

Mountainside's Keith Hanigan, a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, is on the 26-man roster of the 1984 Lafayette College soccer squad.

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This newspaper is seeking high school students this fall to report on their school teams — football, boys' and girls' soccer, girls' tennis, boys' and girls' cross country and gymnastics.

Video mirrors exhibit

When Black Diamonds Sparked, a Union County College video production of Negro League baseball games, is available free of charge to interested groups and organizations as a preview to the college's Black Baseball Exhibit on view through Oct. 1.

Archery skills to be taught this weekend

The Watching Bowman of Union County will begin a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program for boys and girls Saturday at 9 a.m. and on alternate Saturdays thereafter.

Results mixed in first week of football play

The Bears scored first, went quarterback Dan Sims, who rushed for 80 yards in the game, ran in one yard early in the first quarter.

Dayton Bulldogs lose 41-7

By TIMOTHY OWEN
The Bulldogs ran the offense in the form of New Providence's quarterback Al Niemela, an opponent of Dayton's last drive late in the game, one against replacements for Dayton's starters, and the Bulldogs would have only had 8-16-12 deficit in first downs.

Weekly scoreboard

| Team | Score | Opponent | Score |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Sept. 14 Brearley 4 | 14 | Bound Brook 0 | 0 |
| 14 Dayton 2 | 2 | Roselle 1 | 1 |
| 18 Brearley 2 | 2 | North Plainfield 0 | 0 |
| 18 Ridge 5 | 5 | Dayton 0 | 0 |
| 20 Dayton 2 | 2 | Roselle Catholic 0 | 0 |
| 22 Governor Livingston 7 | 7 | Dayton 1 | 1 |
| 23 Oratory 2 | 2 | Brearley 0 | 0 |
| 24 Dayton 8 | 8 | Bound Brook 0 | 0 |
| 18 Ridge 6 | 6 | Dayton 0 | 0 |
| 21 Dayton 1 | 1 | Elizabeth 0 | 0 |

Bulldogs split first 4

After defeating Roselle 2-1 in the season opener Sept. 14, the Dayton boys' soccer team fell to Ridge 3-0 Sept. 18, before bouncing back against Roselle Catholic 2-0 Sept. 20. In the opener, Larry Kelly got the Bulldogs off to a fast start with a goal at 1:01 of the first quarter.

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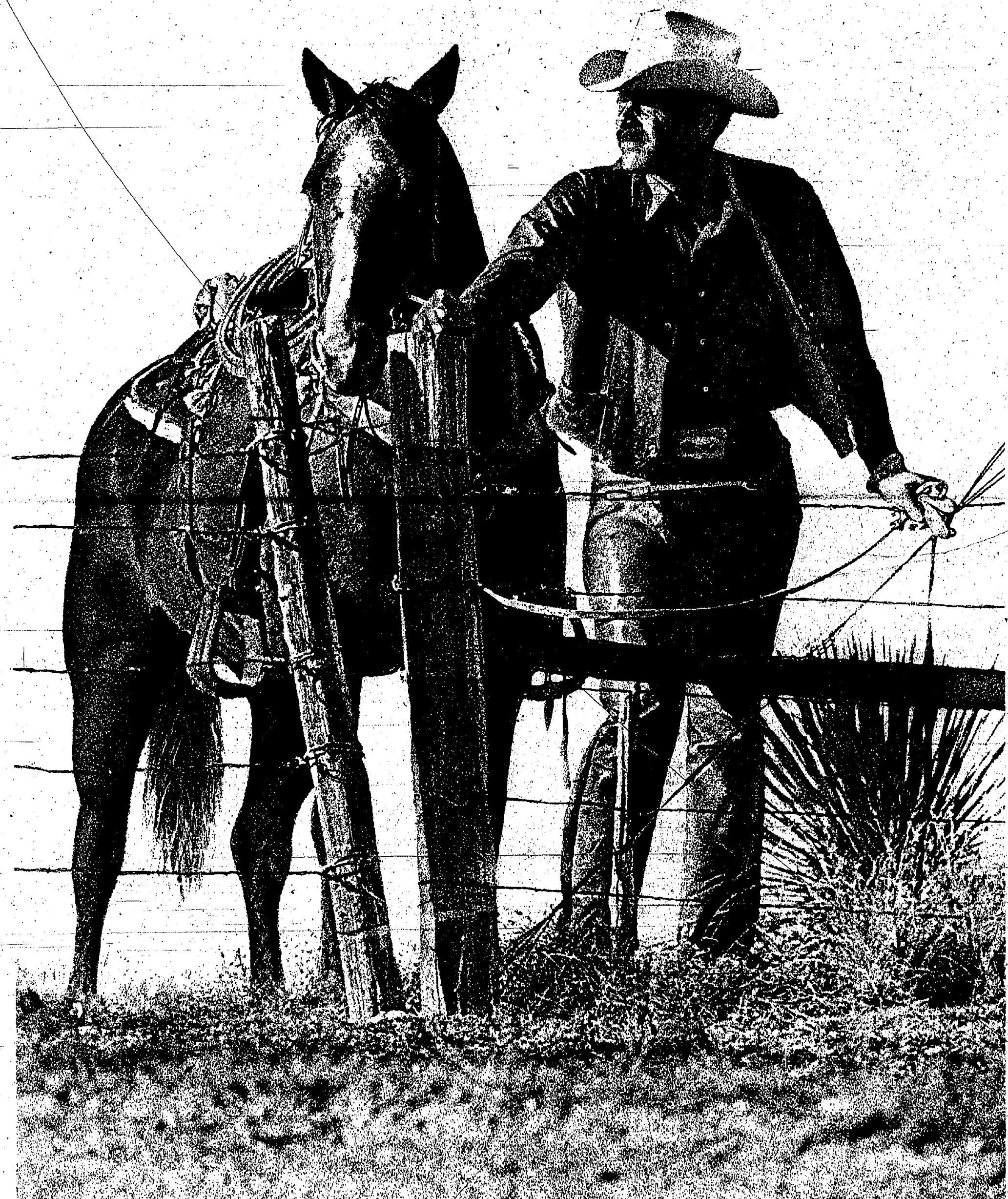
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Drama set for Oct. 20, 21

On stage: debut for playwright

By BEA SMITH

Bernice Wilmore of Union can put to shame aspiring writers and playwrights who complain that they have no time to write. Wilmore, who lives on Stiles Street in the Vauxhall section of the township, has written a spiritual musical drama, "Today's Prodigal Son," which is based on the Biblical story of the Prodigal Son, and which will be presented Oct. 20 and Oct. 21 at the Morristown Community Theater, South Street.

She has a full time job at Orzle's Marlinizing in Vauxhall, where she has worked for 18 years, and is a full time homemaker. Yet she has produced, directed, written the words to Bridgette Williams' music, designed the scenery, and helped make the props and the costumes. She also auditioned two different casts for the play.

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York. You see, they sing, I don't." Wilmore says that she and Williams worked on the cast "since the beginning of April of this year. We had a cast, but it seems the members didn't take it seriously. So we had to get rid of them, and start all over again. Now we have a good cast. The performers work directly with me."

The eight cast members are Walter Sorey of Atlantic City, who plays the title role; Charles Braswell of Plainfield, Janis Burchell of Vauxhall, Kevin Dewitt of Newark, Pamela Gordon, Lisa Guyon and Larry O'Neill, all of Plainfield, and Gwendolyn Peterson of Irvington. The music will be provided by James Parson of Roselle on bass guitar; Ronald Wilmore, Wilmore's son, on drums; and Williams, who also arranged and directed the music, on piano.

"When I got the play together, I wanted it to be a fund-raiser, a non-profit production. I tried to get a sponsor, but it was difficult. Finally, the Prison Friend Outreach Ministry decided to sponsor it. It's an organization that used to get its ministry into the prisons - to rehabilitate the prisoners and their families spiritually."

Wilmore, who was born in Chester, S. C., where she grew up, was graduated from Finley High School in Chester. She was married there to D. B. Wilmore, now a construction worker, and their two children were born in South

York. "Ronald is 28 and Julie is 25. She recently got married and she is now Mrs. Michael Hooper."

The Wilmore moved to New Jersey in 1982. "All our friends came to New Jersey, so we decided to come too. We first came to Tower Street in Vauxhall and have since moved to Stiles Street."

How do her children feel about their mother, the playwright? "In the beginning," she smiles, "they thought it was too much for me. But now they're proud. My son plays the drums for me, and my daughter helps me in every way she can. They're kind of excited about it now."

"I would love to continue to write. I hope someday to make Broadway," Wilmore says, dreamily. "Then I can look forward to missionary work. I'd like to find more time to work with the sick, the elderly and the needy."

"I visit the hospital a lot," she says. "I have no calling, but would like to go out into this field."

Wilmore had sent 250 letters to churches and ministries to invite them to a by-invitation-only staging of "Today's Prodigal Son," held Saturday night at Central Six-Jefferson School in Union. "I used my own money on the postage stamps, but it was important to me that they tell all the congregations about the play."

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Focus on drama...and music

The New Jersey State Teen Arts Program and the Union County Cultural and Heritage Commission are sponsoring New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival workshops for students and teachers in Union County. One workshop will be held on Nov. 3 and Nov. 17 at Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights. Another will be held on Oct. 27 and Nov. 9 at the Grant Avenue Community Center in Plainfield. Participation is free.

The New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival will also be accepting short, original student-written plays for entry into the festival, to be held on June 14, 1985. Selected plays will receive professional productions at George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick and will be entered into the national Young Playwrights Festival. Deadline for submission of scripts is March 1, 1984.

The New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival is an extension project of the New Jersey State Teen Arts Program.

THE UNION MUNICIPAL BAND, directed by Herb Steier and sponsored by the Union Township Recreation Department, has announced openings for new members. Having recently completed a "very successful" summer season of eight-free concerts in Union's Bicentennial Park, Steier reported, it will begin fall rehearsals on Monday.

Band membership is now open to all interested musicians. The band plays music of all styles, he added. Its rehearsals are held at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the Recreation Center, 381 Stuyvesant Ave., Union. Interested persons can call the Union Recreation Department, 686-4200.

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B RIDE & GROOM

Simplicity, tradition return to fall wedding attire

From the '70s free spirit "me" generation, the fashion pendulum is rapidly swinging back through the generations to the days of gracious elegance and refined living. The current demand for more conservative yet contemporary

wedding attire is reflected by several factors. The average age of marrying couples has risen approximately five years since 1978, resulting in a more mature bride (19.2 to 24 years old) and groom (23 to 28). Working women today are

more sophisticated in both philosophy and dress, and desire wedding fashions that reflect their life style. TV fashion trends have encouraged the American viewers, both male and female to dress up more which has resulted in a general increase in black tie events.

With the influx of the "we" generation, wedding fashions for the entire wedding party are becoming better coordinated in both style and color. With careful planning, the bride, who still tends to dictate the mood of the wedding, chooses a cohesive style for her wedding party.

"The bride," said Michele Piccione, design director of Alfred Angelo Bridals, "prefers a traditionally styled gown in white or ivory and then, to add a touch of contemporary flair, she chooses bright colors or antique pastels such as pink, rosebud or the lavender for her attending bridesmaids. The result is a lovely and simple combination of style and elegance." Fall bridal silhouettes emphasize the very feminine basque waistline and the new asymmetrical bodice treatment. Crystal, peeling and candy box bows, as well as a myriad of antique sleeve treatments are some new fall fashion details.

"In keeping with today's more sophisticated bride and groom, more and more couples," noted Robert Rudofker, president of After Six Formals, "are splitting the cost of the wedding. As a result, the groom has a vested interest in his appearance and that of his groomsmen. For fall, that means comfort, elegance and traditional styling. Muted colors for men," continued Rudofker, "are very popular this year." Black, navy, burgundy and various shade of grey

are in demand. Stripes in charcoal grey and black, as well as richly colored herringbone patterns are creating a new look of old fashioned elegance. The groom may choose the traditional black full dress for an evening wedding or the striped classic leisure cutaway for a daytime wedding which then leaves

a variety of alternative colors and styles for the attending groomsmen.

The fall season introduces exciting wedding fashions for a very contemporary bride and groom who have an eye for elegant styling and a desire to restore the classic splendor of tradition.

Brides invited to party

Local brides-to-be are invited to attend an interesting and informative Bridal Party in their honor. The event is co-sponsored by

Welcome Wagon and area businesses. Seating is limited, and reservations are now being accepted. Those interested in attending are urged to confirm early. Every bride-to-be will receive useful household gifts, helpful information and planning suggestions, as well as cards redeemable for more gifts at many local sponsoring businesses.

The party will be held Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Dast's Mountaineer Inn, 120 Route 32 West, Mountaineer. It is open to residents of

Springfield, Union, Kenilworth, Mountaineer, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Hillside, Summit and Westfield.

Bridal gowns will be shown by Hollywood Bridal Fashions with live music from The Main Event. There will be displays to visit and bridal professionals on hand from The Gold Mine, Inc., Berkeley Florist, The Total Look, Brand Travel, Janice Lynn, Inc., Maritime Photography, The Blue Lily, Inc., RMC Interiors, Budget Instant Print Center, Bridal Lace Gown Service and Short Hills Limo.

Brides-to-be may call Carolyn, the party hostess, at 233-2283, for reservations.



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ABC's of choosing the correct diamond

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Receiving a diamond engagement ring symbolizes this growth in your relationship and, if you're like most young couples today, you probably won't announce your engagement until you make it official with a ring.

In a recent research study of 200 young women conducted by Karl E. Tietjen Research Associates, 92 percent agree that an engagement ring symbolizes their fiancé's love will be with them at all times. They perceive engagement as a public pledge for a lasting relationship and want a diamond engagement ring to symbolize this stage of commitment.

The first question most bride's ask is how much an engagement ring should cost and how much should be spent. As a rule of thumb, bridal experts favor a guideline of two months' salary because it allows most young couples the opportunity to afford a good quality diamond that they'll be proud of in years to come.

The next question asked is whether one style is more popular than another. Seventy-six percent of first time brides receive a diamond engagement ring. Of those 74 percent of last year's brides that

received a diamond solitaire engagement ring.

The solitaire engagement ring is the most popular because styles change rapidly, yet this classic choice transcends fashion whimsy. Its simple gold or platinum band accentuates the beauty of the single diamond since there is nothing else to detract from it.

The single-diamond engagement ring provides a young couple with their best buy because the price is determined almost exclusively by the size of the one center diamond. Choosing a solitaire allows you to get a larger, better quality stone.

Conversely, if you choose an elaborate mounting for your diamond, you will be getting a much smaller stone because a sizeable proportion of the price is going into paying for the band.

Before buying a diamond engagement ring, do some comparison shopping. Diamonds can vary drastically in quality and price. Ask questions—that's the quickest way to learn and study up on the four C's: cut, color, clarity and carat weight. These are the standards jewelers use to evaluate the quality of a diamond. Here are a few pointers that will explain why one diamond can be more expensive than another:

• **Cut:** The beauty of a diamond relies on the precision of the cutter and the expert placement of the facets or planes on a stone. These tiny angles capture and refract light

to give a diamond its fire and brilliance.

Most diamonds have 58 facets. Cut also refers to the shape of a diamond—round, oval, marquise pear, heart and emerald.

• **Color:** People usually think of diamonds as colorless, but most are tinged with yellow or brown. The icy white diamond, which has an absence of color, is the most valuable.

Variations in color are often so slight that they can be detected only by an expert under special lights. The best way to see the true color of a diamond is to look at the stone through its side against a white background.

There are also fancy-colored diamonds available in royal blue, cranberry red and canary yellow. These diamonds are very rare and can be quite costly.

• **Clarity:** In the process of crystallizing diamonds out of carbon millions of years ago, nature left minuscule blemishes—specks, bubbles and feathers—in most diamonds. These specks are called inclusions and are not defects or weaknesses.

The term flawless refers to a diamond that has no inclusions when viewed under 10-power magnification. There are very few flawless diamonds, therefore, such diamonds are expensive.

• **Carat weight:** A diamond is measured in carats and there are 100 points in a carat, like the cents in a dollar. A carat is equal to 1/4 of a

gram and there are 142 carats to the ounce.

The larger the diamond the scarcer it is and the higher the value per carat, but remember that size alone does not determine value. Cut, color and clarity must also be taken into account. For example, a top-color, flawless half-carat diamond will be worth more than a warmer color, flawed one-carat stone.

When you stop to think that you'll probably be spending about two month's salary for a diamond engagement ring, it pays to learn all you can about the 4 C's.



TOAST OF THE TOWN—Champagne is only one of many choices the wedding hostess might serve.

Tips on wedding spirit

At Polish weddings, luck comes to the bride who can drink a goblet of wine without spilling a drop. In early America, newlywed couples drank a concoction of sack posset, hot spiced milk, and brew to give them energy for the night ahead!

In many cultures—and throughout history—liquor and wine have played a big part in weddings. Even in the United States today a celebration isn't complete until the guests have raised their glasses in a wish for the health and happiness of the newly united couple.

To ensure that the "spirit" lives on, here are tips for providing liquor at their wedding:

• **Decide what you'll serve.** First, pick a drink for toasting. Champagne is a wedding classic, but many marriages have been saluted with sparkling cider, bubbling punch or white wine.

Next, decide whether you'll offer this beverage alone throughout the reception or also have an open bar. It will depend largely on the type of party you have—an afternoon cake and punch reception doesn't call for anything else.

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Scottish festival is set Sunday at Arts Center

A bit of Scotland is coming to the Garden State Arts Center, Hightstown, on Sunday. It was announced by James W. Neilson of Bayonne, general chairman, of a statewide volunteer committee arranging the 12th annual Scottish Heritage Festival.

Moirs Anderson, British and Scottish singer, "is flying over to entertain." George Duffus, comedian from Scotland, will perform in the Festival Stage show 2 p.m., with a tattoo by the Parlin and District Pipe Band.

The stage show also will feature two forms of Scottish dancing performed by the Mary Stewart Highland Dancers and the Loch Leven Scottish Country Dancers.

Featured in the morning activities beginning at 10 o'clock at the Arts Center Mall, will be a "Scottish Day in the Americas." There will be a Tartan Parade on the Mall with a festival exhibit tent.

Also featured will be the Pipers Parade, include Scottish dancing, a demonstration of how the popular Scottish sheep dogs protect and guide their sheep, and open competition in the unique Scottish

3 Ensembles are planned for students

Sheila McKenna, coordinator of the Music Preparatory Division at Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, has announced that there will be three String Scholarship Ensembles this year: junior, intermediate and advanced. According to McKenna, the advanced ensemble has been invited to perform in Germany late next May.

The Music Prep Division is a program designed for youngsters who hope to major in music in college as well as those who want music for their own enjoyment. Classes take place after school and on Saturdays on the Montclair State campus. Opportunities to perform in various settings are given to every student, from informal workshops for beginning students and those with little performing experience to an end-of-semester recital program which gives qualified students the chance to perform in a more formal setting.

More information about the String Scholarship Ensembles and the Music Prep Division can be obtained by calling McKenna at 893-4443.

Celeste Holm joins festival for Teen Arts

Actress Celeste Holm has joined the New Jersey State Teen Arts Program in North Brunswick as honorary chairman for the New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival, a Teen Arts extension program.

The veteran star has appeared on Broadway, in films and on television. Among her honors and awards are the "Woman of the Year" award from the Anti-Defamation League, "Performer of the Year" from the Variety Clubs of America, and doctorates of arts and humane letters. Holm was named by President Ronald Reagan in 1982 to a six-year term on the National Arts Council. In 1983, Gov. Thomas Kean appointed her chairman of the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Development Commission. She and her actor-husband Wesley Addy have been long time residents of New Jersey.

Holm joins the New Jersey Young Playwrights Festival, now in its second year, to support Teen Arts' aim of promoting and nurturing the development of young talent.

The 1985 festival will be held at the George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick, June 14, 1985. It is sponsored by the New Jersey State Teen Arts Program. Additional information can be obtained by calling 745-3898.

Ladies' musical to be presented

The Urban League of Union County, Inc., will present the Tony Award-winning Duke Ellington musical, "Sophisticated Ladies," Oct. 13 at 3 and 8 p.m. at the Ritz Theater, Elizabeth.

Proceeds from the fund-raising event will support programs sponsored by the league in the areas of employment, housing and day care centers. Additional information can be obtained by calling 352-4111 or 351-7200.



Ric-Charles Ensemble is set for free concert

The Ric-Charles Choral Ensemble of Plainfield, will appear in a free concert tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Scotch Plains campus, 1778 Raritan Road. This will be the first event in a more-than-month-long celebration of the arts in Union County, "Arts Festival '84."

The concert which will be directed by Charles Spayne, will be held outdoors, and the public is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets. In the event of inclement weather the concert will move indoors.

Other sponsors include the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, the Vocational-Technical Schools, the Supermarkets General Corp., Cosmair, Inc., and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 200 North Avenue East, Westfield, 223-7906, from 8:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Fluist Wilson is due Sunday at Cathedral

American flutist Ransom Wilson will perform with the Cathedral Concert Orchestra as part of the Cathedral Concert series, Sunday at 3 p.m., in Newark's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St. Flutist Wilson will present works by Mozart and Poulenc.

Maestro Thomas Michalak, artistic advisor and conductor, will lead the Cathedral Concert Orchestra. The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is reportedly the only cathedral in the United States with its own professional symphony orchestra.

Also performing will be the Newark Boys Chorus under the direction of David P. Butterfield, acting executive music director of the Newark Boys Chorus School.

On site security and parking are provided. It was announced that the cathedral is accessible to the handicapped. Concerts are open to the public. A \$5 donation is requested.

The New Jersey Society of Architects, Newark, Suburban Chapter, will conduct tours of the cathedral prior to the performance at 2:15 p.m. A tour and lecture on art in the Cathedral will also be given prior to the performance at 2:15 p.m.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 684-4600.

Flute recital to premiere

Montclair State College's department of music will present a graduate recital in flute and the premiere performance of the Montclair State College Flute Choir during October. The recital will take place Oct. 6, and the choir concert on Oct. 19. Admission is free of charge.

Graduate students Carolyn Miller and Betty Ann Lymard will present a two-flute program featuring the works of J.S. Bach, Debussy, Haydn, Doppler, Farase and Berlioz Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. in the McEachern Music Building Recital Hall. Prof. Peggy Schechter will accompany them on the harpsichord and piano, and Ronald Schechter will accompany on the cello.

The Montclair State College Flute Choir, under the direction of Prof. Schechter, will make its debut on Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. in McEachern Recital Hall. The Flute Choir, consisting of C Flutes, piccolos, alto flute and bass flute, is composed of students and faculty members. The concert will feature the world premiere of Dr. Ting Ho's work for flute choir. Dr. Ho is chairman of the music department.

ROBERT TAUX, virtuoso pianist, will appear in concert Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Wilkins Theater at Kean College of New Jersey, Union. Additional information can be obtained by calling 527-2371.

Musical farce to be staged

The Westfield Community Players will begin its 51st season tomorrow with the musical farce, "Ernest in Love" based on Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Ernest." The play is under the direction of Maurice J. Moran Jr. with musical direction by Jim Bell.

The show runs for three weekends, tomorrow and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7 and Oct. 12 and 13. A wine and cheese party will follow the opening night performance. All performances will begin at 8:30 p.m. with the exception of Oct. 7 (at 7:30 p.m.). Reservations can be made by calling 232-1221.



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