



THE HILTON

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HILTONIA ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



CALENDAR

OCTOBER 12

Membership Open House

OCTOBER 14

West Ward Recreation Center Opens

OCTOBER 16

Exercise Class Begins
St. Paul Methodist Church
8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 21

Friends of Cadwalader Park Meeting
Cadwalader Library - 8:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker, Dr. Oliver D. Diller

OCTOBER 31

Halloween

NOVEMBER 1

Annual Bazaar and Turkey Dinner
St. Paul Methodist Church
Adults - \$5.50 Children - \$2.50
For tickets call Bob Williams
at 101 Cornwall, 695-6511

NOVEMBER 4

Election Day

NOVEMBER 18

General Meeting *

NOVEMBER 22

TCCA Annual Dinner
Romeo and Juliet's
Capon-\$10, T-Bone-\$13, Prime Rib-\$12
For tickets call Stu Anderson
at 393-3416

NOVEMBER 27

THANKSGIVING

* Tentative

From the President

I believe it is appropriate to reflect on the accomplishments of the Hiltonia Association over the past three years. In doing so it becomes clear that our achievements reflect the goals set out in our constitution, and that our efforts have been effective.

The Association has provided opportunities for us to become more involved in and aware of community government. Our sponsorship of Candidates Night during the last election was a great success and programs of our last general membership meetings have promoted dialogue between ourselves and officials of City and County government. Our programs have also introduced us to administrators and law enforcement officials promoting better understanding of problems that are our mutual concern.

The impact of the Hiltonia Plan is clearly visible. Through our initiative the City has made a conscientious effort to carry out maintenance of our roadways and trees. Residents have been no less conscientious in repairing sidewalks and curbs. Hiltonia is markedly improved by these efforts.

Our activities have not, however, been limited to Hiltonia. Hiltonia initiated the West Ward Alliance of Civic Associations which has been effective in coordinating the activities of our neighboring civic groups. The cleaning and painting of the Senior Citizens Cottage and subsequent application for and award of a Community Development Block Grant for repairs to that facility has demonstrated our interest and involvement in the City. Our effective representation on the Parks Advisory Council and current efforts on the Urban Parks & Recreation Recovery Act Program has and will continue to make a positive impact on improvements to Cadwalader Park. Finally, our social events have all been impressive successes. They have brought neighbors together, fostering the friendly atmosphere Hiltonians enjoy.

Within three years, the Hiltonia Association is a viable organization boasting a larger membership than any similar civic group within the City. We have formed a solid foundation for continued improvement of our neighborhood and City. We have the potential to do far more and each of us has an obligation to assure that potential is realized by our active participation. Whether your interest is in community affairs, neighborhood problems, park revitalization or social activities, our Association can provide a framework in which you can work effectively.

BOB TOPPER

SOME COMMENTS FROM THE **TCCA**

The City Council recently passed an emergency appropriation to cover overtime pay for firemen, which eats into next year's "cap" limitation. The teachers' union rejected a package amounting to about 30% in 3 years. Property revaluation will start soon. Building inspectors make the newspapers frequently for their blunders. Zoning inspectors are not far behind. There are daily complaints about the police being slow to respond to calls. The tree cutting crew is about a year behind even though they remove only the branches and leave the trunk standing. The street sweeper skips every other street. The THA chairman lives rent free in a house he has abandoned through non-payment of taxes. And, of course, there is the ever present insult to all of us known as the School Board.

These items all have one thing in common - our property tax rate. It is nearly confiscatory at present and will surely increase because of these items. And to add to the misery, one City Councilman sees a need for a 1981 referendum to allow the City to exceed the "cap limitation". Evidently this Councilman - Gerald Naples - thinks we can still pay more. Does he pay any taxes? Perhaps we are rapidly approaching the time when a tax revolt or a "Proposition 13" will be in order. There must be a better way.

Now is the time for homeowners to start protecting their investments. Regular maintenance on your home only protects the structure. To really protect your investment, you must become aware of all that is going on from your own front door, to the darkest corners of City Hall. There is not better way to do this than through active participation in your civic association and ultimately in the TCCA. The TCCA can only supply citywide strength if each member association is strong itself. The Hiltonia Association and the TCCA could use your help.

On another subject, the November election has four candidates running for Freeholder. Before you vote, know what each one will do for Trenton. The right to vote should not be abused though non-use. Think Trenton when you use it.

One last thought. The Annual Dinner-Dance of the TCCA will take place on November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Romeo and Juliet's. The cost is quite reasonable with Capon at \$10, T-Bone at \$13, and Prime Rib at \$12. We hope to see a large number of Hiltonians there.

JACK RYAN
PRESIDENT, TCCA

UPARR

The Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Act (UPARR) appears as the only existing funding source available to revitalize Trenton's recreational system. During the last week in August, the Hiltonia Association secured a preliminary copy of the City of Trenton's "Recover Action Program" which described the future of our City recreational facilities. Over the course of the first two weeks in September, members of the Improvement Committee and Executive Board worked together to formulate a Hiltonia position on the proposed "Plan".

The Hiltonia Association's position statement was presented at a September 15, 1980 public meeting by President, Bob Topper. In summary, we recognized the significance of the "Plan" for initiating a much needed revitalization of our recreational facilities. Cadwalader Park was identified in the Plan as having the top priority for anticipated funding. While the Association supported this funding, we pointed out that the specifics of that priority status were absent, and that extensive public participation activities would be required in the development of the actual project application.

Topics which were not addressed extensively in the Plan, but which also are in need of extensive public comment included: Identification of a "core park system" which would have priority in the allocation of maintenance resources; Establishment of a city-wide fee structure to assist in offsetting the costs of facility operations and/or maintenance requirements; Moratorium on new park or recreational facilities without commitments to increased maintenance efforts, and; Encouragement of neighborhood groups to "adopt" specific facilities in order to assume certain maintenance responsibilities.

All of these topics are controversial! If you forego the opportunity to voice your concerns now, then the outcome will be yours to accept as your own.

KEN KYTE

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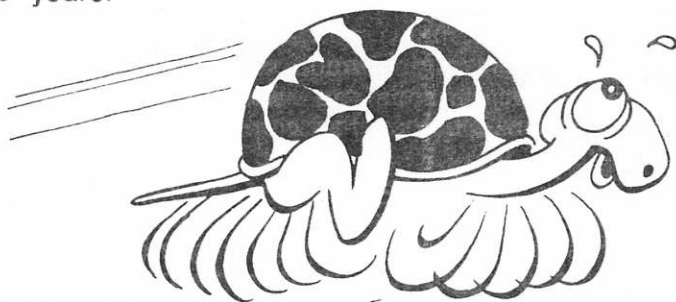
Jerry Bensinger
Roofing
493-2152

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Carol Gaiser, chairperson of the Special Projects Committee has resigned. The Hiltonia Association thanks Carol for a job well done. Carol had the job of making arrangements for the association's special events - Flea Market, Heritage Days, Easter Egg Hunt, etc. If anyone would like to take over, please call Bob Topper at 393-0432.

Peter Aluotto of Stuyvesant Avenue has joined the executive board by accepting the chairmanship of the City Improvement Committee. Peter's committee will take on the responsibility of the Neighborhood Block Grants. The Hiltonia Association is presently utilizing such a grant for the rehabilitation of the Senior Citizen's Cottage in Cadwalader Park.

Larry Welle attended the Trenton Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, September 25, 1980. The topic of discussion was the Urban Rehabilitation Project proposed by Mercer Hospital. Larry reported the proceeding to the executive board and the executive board voted to support the project providing that it is shown that the project is economically unfeasible without a tax break and if a tax break is justified it should be for no longer than 5 years.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the Hiltonia Association General Meeting on September 17, 1980, a nominating committee for next year's officers were appointed. Larry Welle is chairman of this committee and will be assisted by Art Elson, Norman Hartman, Peggy Connally, and Kate Thursby. Anyone who would like to be an officer for 1981 should contact Larry at 396-0520. Those nominated must have been members of the association for 1980 and members in 1981.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Since the last issue of the Hilltone, we have had a number of expenses including \$11.52 for the Welcome Wagon, \$30.00 to have our adopted lot mowed, \$10.26 for refreshments at our last general meeting, and \$1519.90 for our Block Party. We also collected \$40.00 in 1980 dues and \$130.00 in 1981 dues. Block Party revenues were \$1098.25. Our present balance is \$890.70. This should increase as members renew their membership for 1981.

DENISE MORTIMER

4TH GENERAL MEETING 1980

On Wednesday, September 17, 1980, the 4th Hiltonia Association Meeting for 1980 was held at St. Paul Methodist Church. Mr. Bill Mathesius, Mercer County Executive, was our guest and he discussed such topics as Regionalization, the Comprehensive Plan for Development and Economic Growth, Cadwalader Park and Mercer County's Tax Dollars in Trenton.

Mr. Mathesius, in his opening remarks, stated that the County supports the City in every respect. He then went on to say that he was in favor of regionalization because he believes we need a broad based tax plan in order to get comprehensive and broad based solutions. In the area of solid waste management, the State is already divided into 22 districts -- the 21 counties plus the City of Newark.

Mercer County wants the City to contribute \$50,000 or 1/3 the cost of preparing a Comprehensive Plan for Development and Economic Growth for the County. Mr. Mathesius feels that the City will benefit the most since Trenton is the focal point of the County. He feels that the potential consultants, because of their track record in Baltimore, Boston, etc. will be able to get things moving whereas the Mayor and City Council have failed even though they have had ample time. The future of the City lies in getting people back into the City by providing decent housing.

Mr. Mathesius is not in favor of buying Cadwalader Park, since the maintenance of the park is an ongoing expense. When asked if he would entertain a proposal from the City to takeover the park, he said he had never seen such a proposal, but he could most certainly entertain one. It was concluded that it is up to the residents to get the city "off the stick" and into some concrete solutions for the Park.

The county's budget is \$67 million dollars. Trenton contributes less than it gets back, but Mr. Mathesius could not give specifics. We were looking for information on the road mileage maintained by the County, the dollars spent on welfare, what other county services, etc. It was also brought to light that there are not county parks in the City. Mr. Mathesius will forward this type of information for publication in the Hilltone.

Attention was also called to a letter to Mr. Mathesius from Jack Ryan, President of TCCA about finding qualified Trenton residents to sit on some of the county boards, commissions, etc. Mr. Mathesius acknowledged the letter and was in favor of the proposal.

**JOAN ANDERSON
GLORIANN KYTE**

MATHESIUS FOLLOWS THROUGH

COUNTY OF MERCER

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08650

BILL MATHESIUS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 30, 1980

Ms. Gloriann Kyte
Editor, The Hilltone
109 Cadwalder Drive
Trenton, NJ

Dear Gloriann:

I enjoyed speaking before the Hiltonia Civic Association's meeting on September 17. I thought the exchange that took place was profitable for all concerned and I was glad for the opportunity to participate.

If you will recall certain questions were asked towards the end of the session which dealt in specifics and I indicated at that time that I would be happy to provide the figures requested as soon as I had the chance to obtain them. Accordingly I have obtained those figures and I am now in a position to respond to the questions that you have asked in your letter of September 20, 1980.

#1. What percent does Trenton pay in County taxes?

In 1980 Trenton will pay 11.79% of the total County tax levy or \$5,566,288.

#2. How does that compare to the other municipalities?

Trenton share is the third largest of the 13 municipalites. Hamilton (24.66%), ranks first, Ewing, (12.24%) is second, and Lawrence (11.71%) is the next highest after Trenton.

#3. How much of the County funds come back to Trenton?

A study conducted by the County Budget Staff in 1978 showed that the County spent about 9.8 million for services which could be definitely identified as being provided to Trenton residents. This means that for each dollar of the County tax levy the City pays it receives \$1.78 worth of services. With this study were revised in 1980 this ratio would in all likelihood be greater since the city's portion of the total tax levy has decreased from 13.13% in 1978 to 11.79% in 1980 and I am confident that the value of the services has increased over the past two years.

#4. In what form are these funds?

The funds that go to the City of Trenton for Mercer County are in the form of Welfare payments (approximately 83% of the total County share), Education (38% MCCC, 72% Vo-Tech, and 44% Special Services School District), Parks & Recreation (approximately 20% of users), Health and Human Services (approximately 62% of Donnelly patients and about two-thirds of Mental Health, Nutrition and other Human Service recipients are from Trenton), Public Works (Road & Bridge Repair, Mercer Metro and other non-divisible services such as the administration of the courts, correctional facilities and economic development). These statistics, again, are based on 1978 figures.

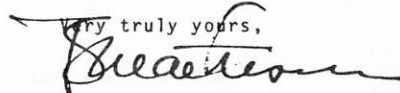
#5. How many miles of roads does the County maintain in Trenton? What is the total miles of County roads?

The County maintains approximately 12 miles of roads within the City of Trenton. The total miles of roads that the County maintains is 175.63.

I am hopeful that the information provided is responsive to the questions of those who requested specific figures at the time of our discussion. It is anticipated by my Budget Staff that the ratio of taxpayer dollars in the City of Trenton pays to the County versus the return of those dollars will be, in 1980, approaching a ratio of two to one, if not exceeding that rate. That is to say, for every dollar the City pays to the County in taxes, \$2.00 will be returned in services and service-related aid.

Beyond the hard statistics provided above, I would hope that members of your association will look more toward the direction provided by my administration. As I noted, the emphasis will be on economic development and an economic resuscitation of the City as contrasted to the evergrowing contribution of services and monies which characterized past practices. I am confident your group will be satisfied with the proposed change and any support the H.C.A. can provide would be appreciated.

Thank you again for the interesting meeting and I hope that I will be able to continue a dialogue of this fashion so that your group may continue to be well informed.

Very truly yours,

Bill Mathesius
County Executive

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EDITORIAL

The County budget expenditure percentages certainly highlight both the benefits and problem areas which lead to the County Executive's call for renewed direction towards economic development in Mercer County.

The City, based on the percentage of budgeted services certainly provides something needed for county economic development.

For example, every business enterprise requires a trained labor force. The City provides 72% of the vocational-technical skill students who will become the new skilled craftsmen needed for economic development, while also providing 38% of the Community College students who will become the new foremen and first level managers of new economic enterprises.

The 83% of County Welfare costs directed at the City indicates a pool of people potentially available for work.

The City accounts for 6.83% of the county's roads which drives home the energy efficiency of locating a new enterprise in the City.

The accounting also shows the down side of the equation. The City cares enough to provide the abodes for the sick, the old, and the poor - those in need of human services. People who can't afford to live in the other parts of Mercer County or who aren't welcome or at least cultivated in the rest of the County. They find homes in Trenton! Trenton, because it cares, has a disproportionate high number of these people while the rest of the County has a disproportionate low number of these people.

Every political sub-division in the County has something to offer to the pool and every sub-division has a disproportionate minus. The trick is to turn the minus elements into a concerted effort so that the region benefits.

It is people, private citizens, focusing their efforts thru their political representatives who make it happen.

BLOCK PARTY 1980
a scenario of events

Preparations for Block Party 1980 began in the early spring. Art Elson agreed to take on the task of chairing the Block Party and his call for help brought out the following chairpersons: Peter and Elena Aluotto, Stu Anderson, Louise DeVine, Madeline Elson, Harry Elson, Dave Emge, Pat Flores, Carol Gaiser, Frank Kurtz, Gloriann Kyte, Joe Priest, Doris Smith, and Maria Wegner. Art quickly learned that it would be a family affair.

Weeks before September 6th would arrive several housekeeping chores had to be tended to. Art Elson and Dave Emge made arrangements for a security guard, insurance, the porta-john, street closing. Madeline Elson began collecting door prizes which eventually would number close to 40. Carol Gaiser was busy making arrangements for the magician and pony ride as well as getting ready the games and prizes. Flyers were sent out. Harry Elson made a trip to Flemington for balloons but Stu Anderson meant to send him to Freehold.

Doris Smith had the job of selling tickets to the 300+ households in Hiltonia. She was assisted by Peter Aluotto, Gloriann Kyte, Judy Priest, Bob and Mary Sue Topper, and Terry Shields.

The final week proved to be hectic for all those involved. Flyers with a schedule were distributed by the Block Representatives with some assistance from Lee Lybarger, Sue and Glenn Palmer, Steve Schragger, Dolores Smith and Barbara Welle. Denise Mortimer made a trip to pick up the hundreds of paper plates, napkins, forks, cups, etc. while Barbara Welle and Terry Shields went on a sweet mission to pick up the cotton candy and snow cone machines.

Wednesday night became known as Meat Ball Night at Pat Flores's house on Renfrew. Pat and Louise DeVine lit their ovens and heated their kitchens (it was still hot!) to the tune of 70 lbs. of meat which Stu Anderson lugged from City Beef as a favor to wife, Joan. Meatball rollers included Joan Anderson, Stephanie Flores, Cheryl Balken, Denise Mortimer, Arlene Pareda, Yvette Pelleteri, Maria Wegner, and of course Pat and Louise. A special note for Nancy Pareda who did all the garlic and Judy Corrado who called Barberos.

Thursday night was the judging for the poster contest. Elaine Martinez coordinated this event and was assisted by Denise Mortimer, Barbara Welle, Robert Martinez and Joan Anderson.

Friday found Louise DeVine four-wheeling it to the Farmer's Market while Friday night found the Flores's kitchen busy again. This was Salad Night and the slicing and chopping people included Louise, Pat, Joan Anderson, Denise Mortimer, Anne Thompson, Maria Wegner, and Barbara Welle. They were all assisted by Cuisinart. Since tomatoes are last minute, Vivian Pelleteri took on the slicing task. The salad fixings were hauled over to the Reid's refrigerator.

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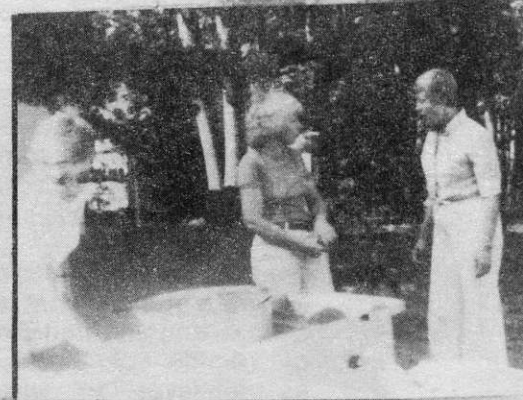
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Ticket
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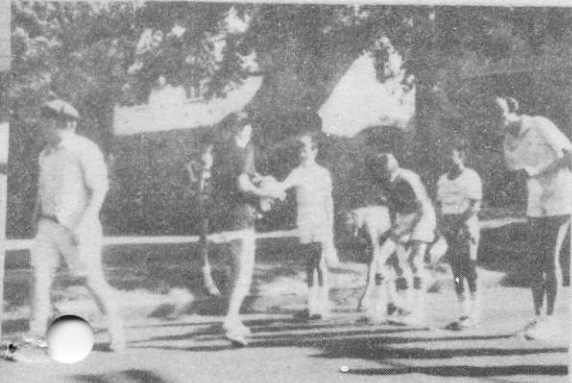
CHILDREN AT PLAY



Pony Rides ↑



Work ↙



SMALL TOOTH →



Art Elson and Denise Mortimer wound up with a day off from their jobs to complete the preparations. Greg Smith with Dave Emge and his van picked up the beer tent while Art and Harry Elson had the back breaking job of picking up tables and chairs at the American Legion. (Not to mention the truck that broke down.)

Saturday morning with its bright sunshine and balmy temperatures brought the last minute preparations. While the corn was being husked by Arlene Pareda, her mom, Mrs. Hovemeyer and all the kids who weren't playing soccer, Art Elson along with Harry Elson, Stu Anderson, Bob Topper, Greg Smith, Joe Priest, Ken Kyte, Patrick Anderson, Carol Gaiser, Paul, Carl, and Maria Wegner, and Denise Mortimer were busy setting up.

At last 3 o'clock came and it all began. Bartenders included Stu Anderson (who by 9PM was napping peacefully), Katie Anderson, Bob Topper, and Tony Cirillo. Vicky and Stacy Madden and Terry Shields dressed up as clowns for the children's games while Ken Kyte, the Balloon Man, and Carol Gaiser, the Pirate, helped with the older children's games. Joe Shields, Larry Welle, Patrick Anderson, and Carl Wegner ran the cotton candy and snow cone machines. The magician and pony rides were enjoyed by all. The egg throwing contest was run by Tom McCarthy and won by the team of Annette Schroth and Larry Welle who held the unbroken egg. All this time Doris Smith and Maria Wegner were collecting tickets.

At last it was time to eat. Barbara Welle was slicing rolls while Louise DeVine, Anne Thompson, Pat Flores, Joan Anderson, Betty Walton, Judy Priest, and Jule Vroonland served the food. Again Pat Flores and Louise DeVine prepared a delicious variety of edibles.

After that the evening went all too quickly. 36 door prizes were won. The Children's Dance Contest was won by Earl Washington with Kim and Renee Topper and Camile West placing second. Judging the dance contest were Doris Smith, Carol Gaiser, Scott Butterfield, and Joe Priest. The adult dance contest was won by Pauline and Tony Cirillo. A 50/50 was held and won by Jock and Linda Reid.

Then the Clean Up began -- Friday night, Saturday morning. Those helpers were Carol and Guy Gaiser, Ken Kyte, Bob Topper, Joan and Stu Anderson, Patrick Anderson, Art, Madeline and Harry Elson, Dave Emge, Carl, Paul, Bill and Maria Wegner, Chuck Shelingoski, and Denise Mortimer who by now was tired of carrying around the checkbook.

The end came Monday morning when Greg Smith and Dave Emge returned the beer tent and empty kegs.

To all those wonderful hard working neighbors and to Art Elson, a very big THANK YOU. Without all of you Hiltonia would just be another place to live.

GLORIANN KYTE

FRIENDS OF *Cadwalader Park*
GUEST SPEAKER, DR. OLIVER D. DILLER

The Friends of Cadwalader Park are pleased to invite those concerned about Trenton's parks and all who have interest in trees and shrubs, to a slide talk and discussion at Cadwalader Library, 200 Hermitage Ave. on Tuesday, October 21st at 8:00 p.m.

The featured speaker will be a nationally known urban forester from Ohio, Dr. Oliver D. Diller. Dr. Diller received his Doctorate in Botany from Ohio State University and was for many years the Director of the Forestry Department at the Ohio Agricultural and Research Development Center until his retirement in 1970.

Dr. Diller has authored numerous articles on trees, forestry, and conservation. He has been a landscape consultant for colleges, urban communities, and arboretums. He is presently in charge of the Shade Tree Commission for the City of Wooster, Ohio, and was largely responsible for enabling the city to receive the Tree City Award in 1978 and 1979.

Dr. Diller has received numerous prizes and honors in his field, including membership in the State of Ohio's Forestry Hall of Fame, and recently an award from the Isaac Walton League in Chicago. He is well acquainted with the philosophy of Fredrick Law Olmsted and what is required to develop and maintain urban parks such as Stacey and Cadwalader Parks.

He and Mrs. Eunice Diller have come to New Jersey to attend the nationally Holly Society meetings at Rutgers University, and to visit their daughter, Connie Lybarger and her family who live on Cornwall Avenue.

From the *Trenton Times*
September 8, 1980

There is no simple way to describe the quality of living in Trenton, because the answer depends so much upon where you live and what you do. Life in Hiltonia is one thing. It's suburbia with tall trees, higher ceilings, old stone fireplaces and a shared effort among residents to prevent a nice neighborhood from becoming a formerly nice neighborhood.



IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Improvement Committee recently investigated the fact that a number of Hiltonia residents were depositing debris in gutters expecting that the City Public Works Department would remove it. After discussing the possibility of a special collection for trash with the Director of Public Works, it was concluded that City ordinances were clearly being violated. After individually discussing this situation with Hiltonians, it is especially a pleasure to see our streets clean and clear of trash. As information, the City will remove any trash or brush which is containerized and/or tied in less than 4 ft. long bundles.

Also discussed at our last meeting was the status of the "Hiltonia Plan". According to the Plan, City inspectors are to inspect all sidewalks and curbs in Hiltonia prior to December 31, 1980. Any repairs still required will be cited and due for completion before September 1, 1981. Those dates reflect the agreed upon schedule which has resulted in the near two-year extension beyond the original citations issued on Cornwall Avenue in 1979. Many thanks to all those Hiltonians who have already made sidewalk and curb repairs!

KEN KYTE

EXERCISE CLASS

Exercise class will begin again on October 16 at 8:00 and will continue every Thursday night through December 11. Classes will be held downstairs in the St. Paul Methodist Church on West State Street. Women of all ages are invited to join. Please come with sneakers and loose fitting clothes, such as a warm-up suit. Jeans are too restricting. Classes will bring a jump rope (of any type) to class. There will be a \$1.25 charge for each class.

CAROL GAISER

CORRECTION

Unfortunately the "W's" in the alphabetical listing of names were not included in the last issue of the Hilltone in acknowledging help in Heritage Days. Because everyone's time and effort was greatly appreciated in making Hiltonia's participation in Heritage Days so successful, we did not want to overlook anyone's help. Therefore, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Carl Wegner, Larry Welle, and Renee Williams. You were not forgotten, just temporarily misplaced!

CAROL GAISER

HILTONIANS WITH CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Maria Wegner of Buckingham Avenue is a member of the Trenton Planning Board.

Ken Kyte of Cadwalader Drive is corresponding secretary of the Trenton Council of Civic Associations.

Mary Sue Topper of Buckingham Avenue has been

playing an active roll in the West Ward Recreation Center.

Bob Topper of Buckingham Avenue will be appointed to the Zoning Board by City Council.

Audrey Blackburn of Kensington Avenue is a member of the Trenton Housing Authority.

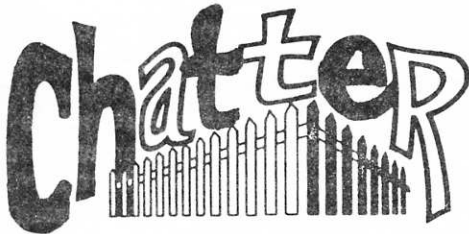
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congratulations!

On August 30, 1980, Robert DePula of Stuyvesant Avenue, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Anthony DePula was married to Teresa Toscano, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Francesco Toscano of Trenton. The couple are residing in Trenton after honeymooning in Europe.

On August 27, 1980, Joan and Stu Anderson of Kensington Avenue celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

On October 16, 1980, Kitty and Karl Hastedt of Stuyvesant Avenue celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



Summer Visitors

Bob and Mary Sue Topper of Buckingham Avenue had a summer visitor from France. Her name is Cecelia and she is 11 years old.

Bob and Kathy Paci of Cadwalader Drive had a visit from Kathy's brother and his family who reside in St. Croix.

Bill and Kate Thursby of Buckingham Avenue had a visit from Kate's brother who lives in Australia. He stopped in Trenton on his way to the Americas Cup in Newport, Rhode Island.

Welcome...

The Hospitality Committee recently welcomed 4 new families into Hiltonia.

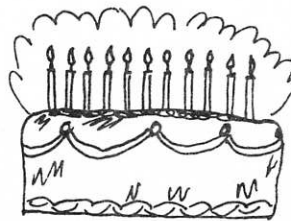
On Stuyvesant Avenue, at #1460, Randi and Jerri Morrison and family;

at #1470, Karen Gaylord. Karen is a teacher and private Gesthalt counseling therapist;

at #1478, Pam Wilson. Pam is still unpacking!

On Cornwall Avenue, we have the Leo Jablonski family at #14. The Jablonskis and their 3 teenaged sons left Yardley to come to Hiltonia.

Please join us in welcoming these new neighbors, and keep us posted on any future newcomers.



Happy Birthday to:

Amy Kyte (4), Sean O'Connor (11), Kimberly Topper (12), Adam Castro (2), Bobby Kyte (2), Amy Stellitano (4), Judd Welle (6), Jonathon Welle (3), Joshua Welle (1), Scott Shelingoski (1).

INSTANT SUMMONSES, BEGIN TODAY IN CITY

(Extract from TRENTON TIMES, September 5, 1980)

Starting today, Trenton's five sanitation inspectors will be issuing "instant summonses" similar to traffic tickets for offenses ranging from allowing a dog to run free to maintaining a "health nuisance."

The new system, which replaces a cumbersome procedure in which the inspectors had to fill out a complaint and get the court clerk's signature before it could be served, will be accompanied by a crackdown on unlicensed dogs, according to Albert Vrancik, the city's chief sanitation inspector.

"My bureau intends that for all types of violation - depending on the severity of the thing - we will have the opportunity of issuing what they call an instant summons," he said yesterday.

AN INSPECTOR who spots a suspected violation will now be able to fill out one of the summonses and serve it on the spot, Vrancik said. The inspector could check the form to require a court appearance, he said, but in most cases an offender who wants to plead guilty will be able to pay a pre-set fine without going to court.

Those penalties range from \$15 for having a dog without a license or allowing a dog to run free, to \$25 for maintaining such health nuisances as accumulations of garbage, pools of water where mosquitoes could breed or heavy rodent infestations.

Unlike the old summonses, which had to be sent out by both regular and certified mail, the new "instant summonses" can be served in person or sent out by regular mail. Vrancik said that would save more than \$1 postage for each summonses.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you for all the nice comments I received about the August Hilltone. It is apparent that we all enjoy reading articles about the history of our neighborhood. In order to continue to provide some facts about Hiltonia's past, this editor, who has resided in Hiltonia for almost 6 years, would like some assistance in compiling stories. The information can be about certain houses or residents, past and present. If you have a story you'd like to tell, please call me. I'd be glad to help and we'd all love to listen. You'll have a captive audience.

GLORIANN KYTE

WEST WARD RECREATION CENTER

Community News!

The West Ward Recreation Center will open officially on Tuesday, October 14, 1980 at noon. The public is invited to attend the planned ceremony featuring Mayor Arthur Holland and West Ward Councilwoman Jenny Stubblefield.

Activities to be scheduled will include recreational programs for ALL ages. Please come and participate! Your community needs your support! Additional information can be obtained by calling the Center.

POSTER CONTEST

The 3rd Annual Block Party Poster Contest showed a multitude of young, talented Hiltonians. The theme of this year's contest, "Fun in Cadwalader Park", was run by Elaine Martinez and judged by Denise Mortimer, Barbara Welle, Robert Martinez, and Joan Anderson.



The winners were:
4 - 6 year olds
1st - Judd Welle
2nd - Sara Shields
3rd - Amy Kyte

6 - 8 year olds
1st - Michael Paci
2nd - Joey Shields
3rd - Randi Kyte

9 - 10 year olds
1st - Dolores Smith
2nd - Gail Zoltick
3rd - Renee Topper

11 - 12 year olds
1st - Cathy Schroth
2nd - Kim Topper

Honorable Mentions
Robert Paci
George Paci

CAN YOUR HOME EVER BE "OVERIMPROVED"?

For many years, practitioners in the real estate industry have held the answer to be yes. It was argued with some validity, that the value of a home was dependent more upon the neighborhood in which it was located than upon the actual physical characteristics of the house itself. In other words, the price at which your house would sell on the open market is limited by the average price of comparable homes in your neighborhood. According to the theory, presumably based upon consumer behavior, no one would be interested in purchasing a \$70,000 house in a \$50,000 neighborhood. As a consequence of this theory, the owner of a \$50,000 home would be advised not to invest an additional \$20,000 in it.

At first glance, the logic of this advice seems compelling and conclusive. Closer scrutiny reveals, however, that such advice is not only questionable but may be misleading. Let us see why. The argument presented above assumes that the homeowner must act individually and independently of his neighbors. Under such circumstances, the homeowner would, indeed run the risk of being the only one to improve his home, thereby pricing himself out of the market. Although he may actually benefit from the improvements while living there and although the neighborhood may benefit (in the case of exterior work), the economic risk due to uncertainty will cause him to forego the investment. This result can be demonstrated in the form of a decision table. This table shows that each homeowner, acting alone, will undergo the same analysis and reach the same independent conclusion: he is better off making no improvement (lower right corner) than risking an "overimprovement" (upper right, lower left corners). Unfortunately, this causes the entire neighborhood to remain unchanged and unimproved. If this analogy was applied to normal maintenance decisions such as exterior painting, sidewalks, lawns and drives, the neighborhood would actually decline.

Now let's look at the decision table again and assume, instead, that friends and neighbors talk to each other. Under these circumstances, homeowners may discover that a significant portion of their number would like to improve their property. Armed with the knowledge that he is not alone in his desire to improve, the homeowner and each of his neighbors, can agree to invest in their respective properties with confidence. The collective result will be an improved neighborhood and higher property values for all (upper left corner).

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The moral of this story is twofold. First, people should place a higher priority upon their enjoyment of their home as a place to live than as merely an investment which they hope to recoup. If they did, no one would worry about "overimprovement" and the collective action of all homeowners doing likewise would protect everyone's values. Second, people who are concerned about their homes as investments should join a civic association or homeowners association. These associations provide an ideal environment for people to meet their neighbors, discuss community issues and take positive action on matters which they could not address alone. The sidewalks, curbs, gutters and trees in Hiltonia are a perfect example of this.

DECISION TABLE

HOMEOWNER #1

		HOMEOWNER #2	
		improve	no improvement
HOMEOWNER #1	improve	x x	x 0
	no improvement	0 x	0 0



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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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