



FREDERIC H. GREENE



JACK McDONNELL

McDonnell, Greene New Directors On YMCA's Board

Jack McDonnell of 1070 Wychwood Rd. and Frederic H. Greene of 322 Lawrence Ave., were elected at the annual meeting of the Westfield YMCA, April 25 to the board of directors, Robert J. Lincoln, board president, announced. Mr. Greene will complete the term vacated by the resignation of James Lothrop, and Mr. McDonnell completes the term of Walter J. Clarkson.

Mr. McDonnell is the immediate past president of the Westfield United Fund, and also serves on the board of trustees of the Memorial General Hospital of Union, and the Eastern Union County Chamber of Commerce. He is president and owner of the Episcures Club, Union, and president of the Union Center.

National Bank. He is a member and past treasurer of the First Congregational Church.

Mr. McDonnell attended New York University and the University of Cincinnati. Mrs. McDonnell attended Burdette College. The McDonnells have two daughters, Barbara and Joan, both attending school. Mr. McDonnell is a native of Richmond Hill, L. I.

Mr. Greene is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, after attending Severn School, Severna Park, Ind. He is process supervisor for the Bayway Refinery, Humble Oil Co. A retired commander of the U. S. Naval Reserve, having served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean conflict, he is a native of Bronxville, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Greene are the parents of two daughters, Patricia and Betty, both of whom are married, and a son, John, who starred as place kicker for the Westfield High School football team. He is a member of Holy Trinity Church, and is active in the Little League football

Schnitzer To Give Talk For Men's Garden Club

The Westfield Men's Garden Club will hear Albert Schnitzer at its May 10 meeting to be held in the basement of the First Congregational Church at 8 p.m. The club will hear Mr. Schnitzer discuss (with slides) "A Naturalist's Tour of Iceland." This change was made by program chairman Robert Nottori as a result of the recent death of Dr. Donald A. Schallock of Rutgers, who had been scheduled to speak.

Mr. Schnitzer, an experienced naturalist and ornithologist, is well known and respected in the area for his wide knowledge, photographic and speaking ability. Iceland is of particular interest as a geographical area because of its amazing ornithology, botany, volcanoes, and glaciation. It is unique in possessing glaciers and volcanoes so close together. While it is an extreme northerly area, its flowers also include special orchids. Visitation of Iceland is best done in June, and on its "Independence Day," June 17, there is dancing in the streets around the clock and pictures can be taken by natural light at midnight.

Mr. Schnitzer studied mathematics at NYU and the Colorado School of Mines and operates a plant producing specialized stainless steel products at Elizabeth. He resides with his wife in Mountainside.

Mr. Greene is a member of the Y physical department committee and served as coach of the Y swimming team. His affiliations include the Joint Civic Committee, board of directors of Mindowaskin Swim Club, Sons of the American Revolution, WHS Boosters Association and the Raritan Club.



SAMUEL CARMELL
Conductor of Plainfield Symphony



MRS. DONALD BLEEKE
Director of Choral Art Society

Musical Club's Scholarship Concert At WHS Sat. To Present 'Requiem'

The Musical Club of Westfield will present its annual scholarship concert at the Westfield High School at 8:30 p.m. Saturday. All proceeds will go to the club's scholarship fund which awards scholarships yearly to talented high school graduates who plan college-level musical training.

The Plainfield Symphony and The Choral Art Society of New Jersey will join in the performance of Verdi's "Requiem," the soloists for which will be Dilys Jones Smith, soprano; Ellen-May Forsberg, mezzo-soprano; Walter Blazer, tenor, and Holly Mertel, bass.

The concert, which will also include the Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 for Strings in G Major, will be under the direction of Samuel Carmell, conductor of the Plainfield Symphony for the past nine years.

Mr. Carmell began violin study at the age of six years and by nine years of age, he was soloist with the Omaha Symphony Orchestra. The following year, he auditioned for Fritz Kreisler and became his pupil. He made his debut in Town Hall, New York, in 1936 and subsequently has been soloist in Carnegie Hall and later played in the NBC Symphony. He left this position in 1952 to assume the post of concertmaster and assistant conductor of the Baltimore Symphony. In 1956, he joined the Symphony of the Air, having been chosen by Arturo Toscanini. This led to a tour of the Orient, which was much publicized at the time.

He has played under the baton of Leopold Stokowski, Bruno Walter, Arthur Rodzinski, Pierre Monteux and Guido Cantelli as well as that of Toscanini. In most recent years, Mr. Carmell has participated in the Casa's Festival and performances at City Center, Lincoln Center and with the Bolshoi Ballet.

Under Mr. Carmell's tenure, the Plainfield Symphony has attained a reputation as one of the finest of non-professional orchestras.

The Plainfield Symphony Society of which Warren P. Swett of Scotch Plains is now president, was begun 46 years ago when a small group of seven amateur musicians in Plainfield met in a parlor of Grace Church, engaged the services of Christian Kriens, a Dutch conductor and violinist, and gave a concert. Mr. Kriens served as conductor of the orchestra until 1920 and during this time, in 1925, the first children's concert was given.

In 1928, Louis J. Bostelman became the conductor and served until 1952. Under Mr. Bostelman's leadership, the first Pops Concert was given, in 1947 with Emmett Vokes as guest pianist.

After 1952, Walter Pinsecki, Dr. Arthur Christmann, A. Kunrad Evans, Ladislav Helfenbein and Norris Birnbaum served as interim conductors until Samuel Carmell became the present conductor in 1957.

The Choral Art Society of New Jersey was formed four years ago as an adjunct of the Suburban Symphony Orchestra, but for the past three years has worked independently, giving two or three concerts a year. This group draws its members from many communities in both Essex and Union counties. It has performed works by Bach, Vivaldi, Schubert and Brahms and the chorus for this concert will have approximately 75 voices. Eldred A. Halsey of Westfield is president of the society. Mrs. Frederick M. Meigs, a member of the Musical Club of Westfield, is accompanist.

The director of the Choral Art Society of New Jersey is Mrs. Donald Bleeke, also a Westfield resident and member of the Musical Club. She graduated from Boston University where music education was her major. She was a former director and the founder of the Playtex Community Chorus (International Latex Corp.) and has been director of music in many churches in the Boston area and Dover, Del. Mrs. Bleeke was director of music of the First Congregational Church and at present holds the same position at the First Baptist Church. At the same time, she is full-time instructor in music in the Deerfield School, Mountainside.

Mrs. Bleeke has been voice teacher and coach for 20 years and was formerly a soloist over WEEB, Boston. She has done extensive work in oratorio, concert and opera, and has studied in summer workshops with Julius Herford, Robert Shaw and Alice Wyton.

Her memberships include the American Guild of Organists, American Association of Choral Conductors, Music Education National Con-

ference, Opera Theater of Westfield and Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians of which she is national treasurer.

Tickets will be available at the door.

Children Planning For Neighborhood Backyard Fair

Civic responsibility found its way to the younger set as nearly 100 Westfield children, third through eighth graders, began planning for a neighborhood backyard fair May 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lindley, 112 Brightwood Ave.

Proceeds from the fair will help to send many of this city's children to the YMCA Camp Speers in the Poconos, aid the Westfield Community Center's day camp, and assist underprivileged children within the state of New Jersey.

This is the second year for the fair which is organized and run by children in an effort to aid other boys and girls. Athletic events, a white elephant booth, games, a magic show, fortune tellers, and a variety show are scheduled with an eye to topping last year's profit of \$266.

Held As Tipsy Driver

Police Tuesday arrested Mansfield Johnson, 48, of 840 W. Fourth St., Plainfield, on a charge of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Bail was set at \$500.

'Conscience Of A Child' Topic For Wilson's PTA Tuesday

On Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., Wilson School's PTA will hold its Principal's Roundtable in the school auditorium on the topic, "The Conscience of a Child."

It has been noted by Mrs. Paul Bobick, parent education chairman, who is in charge of the program, that an exceptionally good film has been obtained. It is designed to

help parents understand the manner in which a child's conscience works, and should, Mrs. Bobick says further, be informative and helpful for all parents, regardless of the ages of their children.

A discussion will be led by Weyman Steengrafe, principal, and a pamphlet entitled, "Character in the Making" will be available.

Coffee will be served by Mrs. William Henderson, hospitality chairman, and free baby-sitting service will be provided in the faculty room.

Schaefer In Training
Airman Frederick W. Schaefer Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schaefer Jr., of 725 W. 1st St., Lackland Air Force Base, has been selected for training as a police officer. The airman is a graduate of Westfield High School and recently completed basic training at Lackland. Airman Schaefer is from Monmouth (Ill.) College.

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ARBOR DAY, APRIL 29 was commemorated by the Westfield Public Schools with tree planting ceremonies on the grounds of ten elementary and two junior high schools. The plantings were gifts of the garden clubs of Westfield. Pictured at the ceremony which took place on the grounds of Franklin Annex are Mrs. E. L. Coffey, member of the State Board of Garden Clubs of New Jersey and Conservation, Visiting Gardens, and Arboretum Chairman of the Westfield Garden Club; students Debra Hohwald and John Reid; Frank S. Almroth, principal of Franklin School and Franklin School Annex; and Dr. S. N. Ewan, Jr., Superintendent of Schools.

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