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EDITORIAL

BOULEVARD CASE SETTLED:

Settlement of the Boulevard zoning controversy without any further court litigation and expense to the tax-payers is welcomed by citizens throughout the community who have watched the case with interest.

William Koar is to be commended for his purchase of the land which will force the removal of the objectionable house of Marion Davenport. Borough officials and Councilman Ludlum especially should be complimented for arranging a speedy settlement and for upholding the decision of the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Property owners in other parts of the borough may now rest assured that no similar encroachment on property lines or crowding of houses will be tolerated.

NOTES AND COMMENTS:

There have been all sorts of rumors and reports and whispers about town since the statement of the board of education last week Thursday night that it would not give any more consideration to a building proposition offered by Elton L. Towle and friends [* *see Letter to the Editor below*]. The fact that the board will consider no architects other than Tooker and Marsh has also caused some discussion. Although there are many citizens who welcome the fact that the school board will not be told what to do by any former board members, there have also been some reports that the antagonism aroused will mean "thumbs down" on any new school plans for some time to come.

Ramsey is constructing a new high school with PWA assistance. The application and approval of PWA funds from the Federal treasury was made some time ago. Ho-Ho-Kus borough is building a new school with WPA funds. At first the application was made with PWA and then it was shifted to WPA and finally Federal approval was given and that town will have a new building. Recently, it was announced that Waldwick will also be given WPA assistance to construct a new elementary school. Similar applications with WPA have been and are being approved regularly in various parts of the State. More Federal funds for WPA

projects are assured and there is no reason why Glen Rock should not be able to get some for a new school building. We hope that the board of education will not let the opportunity for Federal assistance pass by. An application should be made at once.

SIGN OF SUMMER

When old John Q. Public again sets his clocks ahead Sunday night to inaugurate day-light saving time for the year 1936, many people will rejoice and celebrate the finis of a long, cold winter and welcome the good old Summer schedule.

This year, more than ever, the populace of the United States has adopted the daylight saving regime and many more states will set their clocks to the system.

When it was first introduced, daylight saving was scoffed and laughed at, pronounced by the more serious minded people a silly fad. But since that time each year it has won more and more people over to its side and the public at large is beginning to see a bit of sense to it.

One of the main factors is that it provides for recreation periods for the working man and woman and with the benefits of light being granted for two or three extra hours a day, the members of the family have more time of their own. Some of the folks who are lucky enough not to have to be early risers, also applaud the fact that it postpones daybreak for an hour.

*LETTER TO EDITOR

The following is a copy of the letter sent by the president of the Board of Education to Mr. Elton L. Towle in reference to the suggestion that a unit similar to Central School be added to Central School to make an elementary and Junior High School building:

Dear Mr. Towle,

Thank you for your letter of April 16th.

The Board, at its meeting on April 16th decided unanimously to dismiss any further consideration of a so called "Maple Avenue Plan" and

instructed me to so notify you as spokesman for the group which proposed the plan discussed at such great length at our meeting on April 9th.

The Board believes that any plan for erecting a Junior High School building or addition on the Maple avenue site would be unsatisfactory both educationally and economically. It believes that the conditions which make such building or addition objectionable are inherent in any possible alteration or extension of the plan which you have so carefully and painstakingly prepared. It believes that even if it were possible to change your plan sufficiently to meet the present minimum requirements, you could not possibly eliminate these inherent objections and the cost of the project would very nearly approach the cost of a new building on Harristown road.

The Board will continue to give the same careful and conscientious study to this problem, and hopes soon to present to the people of the Borough a plan which will meet requirements adequately, but not lavishly, which will be economical both in construction and in maintenance and which will form a part of a permanent plan and leave room for future expansion.

When this plan is presented the Board will be glad to have your comments and your helpful criticism and hopes for your cooperation when the matter is placed before the voters.

Yours very truly,
H. Earl Munz,
President [*GR Board of Ed*]