

It's Been Said
Justice is the insurance we have on our lives
and property, and obedience is the premium
we pay for it.—William Penn

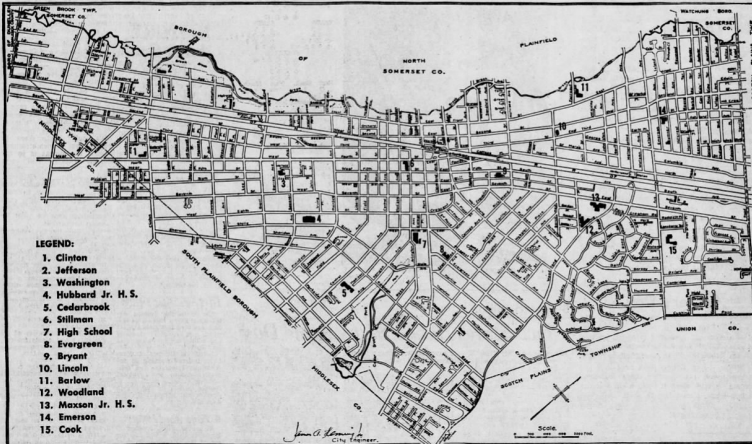
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3 Proposals Offered in School Segregation Case



PUBLIC SCHOOL SITES—This map of the city of Plainfield shows the location of the 15 schools in the Plainfield system. 1. Clinton; 2. Jefferson; 3. Washington; 4. Hubbard Junior High; 5. Cedarbrook; 6. Stillman; 7. High School; 8. Evergreen; 9. Bryant; 10. Lincoln; 11. Barlow; 12. Woodland; 13. Maxson Junior High; 14. Emerson; 15. Cook.

Sixth Grade Plan Details Listed

The Plainfield Board of Education's plan for elimination of racial imbalance in its public schools has been called the "Sixth Grade Plan." It is now before the state commission of education as part of the response by the board to the claim of the Plainfield Branch, NAACP, and 28 parents that segregation exists in the school.

The "Sixth Grade Plan" would work as follows: Washington School would become a sixth grade school; the transfer of all sixth grade students in the city's schools to Washington would be as follows:

Number Transferred
Barlow, 25; Bryant, 23; Cedarbrook, 100; Clinton, 50; Cook, 74; Emerson, 72; Evergreen, 79; Jefferson, 50; Stillman, 30; Woodland, 51. The number of sixth grade students remaining in Washington would be 62.

Excluding the 82 now in Washington, the total number of sixth grade students would be 218.

Based on 1963-64 projected enrollment, a total of 367 students would be transferred from other schools to Washington School.

All students new in kindergarten to fifth grade at Washington would be transferred by bus to their new schools.

The average class size at Washington would be 25. It has additional facilities, such as science demonstration tables, will be provided.

Lunch facilities would be provided in Washington School and in all the other schools affected by the plan.

Washington School would have an enrollment of 628 with 55.2 per cent Negro. On Apr. 1, Washington's enrollment was 586 with 62.2 per cent Negro.

Percentage Changes
The transfer of Grades K-5 from Washington would result in the following percentage changes in Negro enrollment:

Barlow with a transfer of 27 students would go to 44.3 per cent; Bryant with a transfer of 23 students would go to 20.9 per cent; Cedarbrook with a transfer of 100 students would go to 21.6 per cent; Clinton with a transfer of 50 students would go to 25.7 per cent; Emerson with a transfer of 72 students would go to 52.4 per cent; Jefferson with a transfer of 50 students would go to 35.7 per cent.

The schools unaffected by transfers would have the following Negro enrollment percentages based on 1964 projections:

Parents Favor Wolff Proposals

The proposals contained in the report of Dr. Max Wolff to the Plainfield school board are supported by the 28 parents of the school before the state commission of education which charges segregation in Plainfield's public schools.

The parents are said by opinion was the latter school plan to favor either paired school plan.

This plan proposed the year ago by Dr. Wolff and setting up of three intermediate schools, each with one of the two schools. The recommendations were geographically adjacent sixth grade schools and would achieve integration by combining their elements.

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Shotgun Wounds Plainfielder

The shotgun involved in the hospital indicated he had a car, police said. It went off while he was sitting in the car. The blast had ripped a hole in the car's roof.

The victim, who was shot in the head, was taken to the hospital. He is now in a critical condition.

The police are looking for the shooter. They have a description of the suspect and are asking for information.

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Scotch Plains Will Lead July 4 Plainfield Parade

Scotch Plains will lead this year's Central Jersey Fourth of July Parade, and the town's mayor, Norman R. Lacombe, will be the grand marshal. It was announced today.

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'Sixth Grade,' Wolff Plans Now Before Raubinger

When state Commissioner of Education Frederick M. Raubinger prepares to rule, probably within the month, on a complaint of racial imbalance in the Plainfield school system he may rule by the complainants or a board of education. Or the commissioner may find none acceptable and offer his own ruling.

The complaint was brought by the Plainfield Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and 28 parents.

The state Commissioner of Education Frederick M. Raubinger prepared Thursday for a conference of counsel in the case of "Trenton and a hearing of the appeal later in the day. Attorneys for both sides following their acceptance of a set of stipulations agreed to the immediate hearing without the necessity of calling witnesses.

Transcript Cited
According to the transcript of Thursday's record, the Board of Education maintained:

"The elementary school attendance zones in use in Plainfield are set up on sound educational principles; and there is no affirmative constitutional or legal duty to alter these areas for the sole purpose of maintaining any particular percentage of pupil distribution by color or race."

The parents contended that the school board has an affirmative constitutional duty to operate its school system by maintaining a pupil color distribution that will not produce a serious stigma or feeling of inferiority in the minds of Negro pupils or parents, or adversely affect their attitudes toward the school.

The school board also offered a plan of greater utilization of classrooms at the elementary school level that would also eliminate any racial imbalance. Call the "Sixth Grade Plan." It provides for the transfer of all sixth grade students in the city's schools to the Washington School which presently has a high Negro enrollment percentage.

Kindergarten through fifth grade children at Washington School would be distributed among all of the 11 elementary schools.

(Details on this plan are elsewhere on this page.)

An optional pupil registration plan was put into effect by the board last September, but this has been rejected by the NAACP branch and by the 28 petitioners.

Plan Details Noted
Under this plan, parents of elementary school pupils have the option of applying to transfer their children to any other elementary school in the system as long as there is room in the grade for additional children.

NAACP attorneys said the parent-petitioners favor either of two plans offered by Dr. Max Wolff, a sociologist hired by a lay advisory committee of the board of education last year. One plan called for raising of the city and the other provided for sister schools or paired schools.

(Explanation of the Wolff plan is elsewhere on this page.)

Each side has the right to appeal to the courts if dissatisfied with Raubinger's ruling.

Successful Poppy Sale
To Aid VFW Services
John Greer, chairman of the VFW Poppy Sale held at the Plainfield Memorial Day, VFW, before Memorial Day, was a success.

Thanking the citizens who contributed to the fund, Greer said that the poppy sale, its cents will go to the service and rehabilitation funds of the state VFW Department, one cent will go to the national service and rehabilitation fund, and one cent will go to the VFW National Home.

City

State Orders
1 of 3
Be Used

The Courier-News Bureau

Trenton—The state commissioner of education today directed Plainfield to adopt any one of three proposed plans to end segregation in its elementary schools this year.

Commissioner Frederick M. Raubinger significantly avoided any indication that he preferred one plan over another.

In short, he left the decision of how to integrate the Plainfield schools to the Plainfield Board of Education.

For the record, Raubinger ruled that segregation—however gauged—exists in Plainfield, specifically in the Washington school.

He said, "that reasonable and practicable means consistent with sound educational and administrative practice do exist to eliminate the extreme concentration of Negro pupils in the Washington school . . ."

Direction to Board

The substance of Raubinger's decision was in the last three paragraphs where he directed the Plainfield Board of Education:

"To decide which of the three plans submitted is best suited to the needs of the Plainfield school system;

"To take such steps as are necessary to institute the implementation of the chosen plan for the 1963-64 school year; and

"To notify the commissioner of education as soon as is reasonably possible of its choice of plans and the action to be taken to put it into effect."

The commissioner found in favor of the Plainfield Branch NAACP and the 28 parents who filed the complaint with him contending racial imbalance exists in the schools.

No Deadline Set

Raubinger observed that the school board had offered to make a decision by July 1. He did not order the board to meet that deadline.

Earlier this month, the board advanced the "sixth grade plan." Under this proposal the Washington school would take sixth grade youngsters from the entire school district.

Children enrolled in Washington school in Kindergarten through the fifth grade would be distributed among the other elementary schools," except that none would be assigned to a school in which already more than half the pupils are Negro."

The 28 parents who brought the suit in September asked in their brief for either of two plans devised by Dr. Max Wolff, a sociologist who headed a team of consultants retained by a lay advisory committee to the Plainfield Board of Education.

The Wolff recommendations were rejected a year ago, first by the advisory group and then by the board.

Negroes had no opportunity to consider the "sixth grade plan" in legal papers filed with the state, because that proposal was unveiled only at when school board officials met here with the state Education Commissioner.

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Education Department June 13.

Wolff Recommendations

The Wolff proposals include the Sister School or Paired School plan under which three sister-school pairs would be set up, each pair combining the zones of two adjacent schools. The recommended pairings would be Cedarbrook and Washington; Evergreen

and Stillman; Cook and Emerson.

The other proposal is a rezoning plan under which a complete rezoning would be established. The rezoning would be essentially north-south instead of the essentially east-west zoning now employed.

"The commissioner has given careful consideration to each of these plans," the deci-

sion said. "He notes that although there are variations in the effect which each will have on the racial composition of particular schools, there will be no 'all or nearly all Negro' school under any of the proposals."

Each plan offers certain advantages and disadvantages, Raubinger said. "But the favorable aspects do not so far outweigh the unfavorable in any one so as to make it the plan of choice," he said.

"Finally, the commissioner is of the opinion that each plan is reasonable, practical, and consistent with sound educational practice."

Terms of Decision

Raubinger couched his decision to leave the choice to Plainfield in these terms:

"The commissioner believes that it is the responsibility and the prerogative of the Board of Education to determine which of the proposals is best suited to the needs of the school system which it is called upon to operate.

"He has confidence in the ability of the Plainfield Board of Education as advised by its administrative staff, to make the best choice of the proposals in this case.

"That this confidence is well-founded is evidenced by the manner in which the Board of Education, its administrators and school staff have faced this problem and have attempted to deal with it since it came to the fore more than a year ago."

Board Meets Tonight

The commissioner's decision will be discussed by the Board of Education at its regularly scheduled meeting tonight, according to John D. Friebely, board president.

Friebely said he had not yet read the decision, but he was confident that board members were prepared to give the commissioner their choice of plan before July 1.

William Wright Jr., NAACP counsel, was not immediately available for comment.

90 Degree Heat Is Now Accompanied by Humidity

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and strained pumping facilities.

Cruising police in several municipalities again asked residents who were watering lawns to turn off the sprinklers and the Elizabethtown Water Company sent out a loudspeaker truck in Plainfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Westfield with the same request. Company personnel also patrolled the area.

The Elizabethtown Water Company, which serves 102,000 homes and industries in most of Union County and parts of Middlesex and Somerset Counties, and the Middlesex Water Company, which has 145,000 customers in Middlesex County, reiterated restrictions on such uses as lawn sprinkling and car washing.

The Elizabethtown restrictions are requested in Plainfield, North Plainfield, Mountainside, Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood, the municipalities which experienced water shortages and low pressures Monday and Tuesday nights. Supplies to the 18 other communities served by the company have not been seriously affected by the hot spell, a spokesman said.

But, although two new pumps were installed in Scotch Plains last night, he said that the sprinkling restrictions in the six municipalities probably "will remain in effect until the weekend

pounds at the same hour the night before. Normal pressure is 55 to 60 pounds.

Pumps Being Installed

Installation of the twin pumps in Lake Ave., near the Lehigh Valley Railroad tracks, started Tuesday morning.

Scotch Plains officials approved use of the land and the Elizabethtown Water Company engineering staff started designing the facility immediately, the company reported. By noon, bulldozers had cleared the land, crews of Public Service Electric & Gas Company had started work on the necessary electric supplies and water company employees were gathering connections, tools and the two pumps.

Meanwhile, another water company crew started installing a temporary, gasoline-driven 3-million-gallon pump at the same site at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

By nightfall Tuesday, men from the H. W. Alwood Construction Company of Bernardsville were pouring concrete foundations for the twin pumps and a Rahway electrical firm were rigging power connections.

Yesterday morning, the new pumps were lowered to the newly-hardened concrete bases, leveled, and bolted down. Connections to the 16-inch pipeline were completed last night.

Friday, June 28, 1963

School Plan

The state decision reported on Thursday found that racial imbalance in elementary neighborhood schools does exist in Plainfield, and the Board of Education was directed to correct it. Unfortunately, the children will be the pawns to be moved about in making the correction.

The Wolff plan of rezoning, the sister-school plan, or the sixth grade plan, all require a reshuffling of school children.

Of the three proposed plans to correct racial imbalance—especially in the Washington School—State Commissioner of Education F. M. Raubinger found all three “educationally sound, reasonable, and practicable,” and the commissioner said he “will approve whichever one of the three plans the Board of Education decides to put into operation.”

Last evening the Board of Education decided on the so-called “Sixth Grade Plan.” This plan calls for transferring all sixth grade children in the city to the Washington School. Children in the lower grades of the Washington School will be assigned and transported to other schools in an effort to bring about racial balance where imbalance exists. The reshuffling process may be of benefit to some, but it will cause an inconvenience to many.

It is known in advance that the decision cannot possibly please all residents. It upsets the basic concept of the neighborhood school for lower grades. However, it is known that the Board of Education has tried to be fair in its administration of the schools and in its efforts to maintain a balance in school enrollments.

In adopting the Sixth Grade Plan, which becomes effective next September, Plainfield will turn the clocks back more than 40 years to the system that existed here when all of the seventh grades in the city were in the old Whittier School on W. Fifth St., now the school administration building. The city worked its way out of that situation, by improving existing facilities and building new schools.

It is to be hoped that in fairness to the children, the city will work its way out of the “Sixth Grade Plan” and back to the neighborhood school system which is most fair to the greatest number, and at the same time meets state requirements of a balanced enrollment and high scholastic standards.

'Sixth Grade' Plan Adopted; NAACP Protests Action

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provided in Washington and in all other schools affected by the plan.

Washington School would have an enrollment of 658 with 52.2 per cent Negro. On Apr. 1, Washington's enrollment was 586, with 86.2 per cent Negro.

The number of sixth grade children to be transferred from the 13 schools to Washington would be as follows:

Barlow—Kindergarten, 15; first grade, 10; second, 15; third, 10; fourth, 10; fifth, 20; Bryant—none; Cedarbrook, 8; 20, first, 41; second, 30; third, 28; fourth, 41; fifth, 20; Clinton—none; Cook—10; first, 28; second, 15; third, 20; fourth, 11; fifth, 20; Emerson—none; Evergreen—none; 22; second, none; third, 20; fourth, 14; fifth, 3; Jefferson—1; none; first, 5; second, 10; third, 10; fourth, 10; fifth, 15; Silliman—none; Woodhead—25; first, 17; second, 24; third, 7; fourth, 21; fifth, 19.

In his decision, Raubinger did not indicate that he preferred one plan over another but left the decision how to integrate Plainfield school to the board.

The other two plans were the Wolff proposal of a Sister School or Paired School plan under which three sister school pairs would be set up in the city, each pair under which a complete reorganization of the school district would be established, essentially north-south instead of east-west as presently.

In casting their affirmative votes in favor of the Sixth Grade Plan, each board member commented briefly on the action.

'Legal Obligation'
John D. Frabley, board president, said he had felt the board had a "moral obligation to adopt some plan, but not to have a legal obligation." He said the plan was not a temporary expedient.

David C. Bomberger said the plan was not a "moral decision and it is clear that the people of Plainfield have little to do with it. We have a decision that must be made."

Medlin Moore called the plan "the least destructive and most reasonable" and that meets the wishes of the community. "We must get on with the problem and permit the school administration staff to get on with the business of education."

Carter said he was much to be gained by the adoption of the plan and "I see no point in continuing discussion of it." Tate, who was accompanied to the meeting by William Wright Jr., attorney for the Plainfield NAACP branch and by the Rev. Frank W. Allen, president of the branch, in protesting adoption of the plan, said the action before the commissioner was instituted for one purpose—to eliminate racial imbalance.

'Once and Forever'
He said the Sixth Grade Plan "will not satisfy the principles on which the case was decided and will not achieve that which we sought—to move once and forever the equities and imbalance in Emerson, Washington, Silliman and Bryant schools."

The plan, Tate said, "will do no more than remove from Washington the high percentage of Negroes, and we will still have racial imbalance in Emerson, Silliman, Bryant and Clinton."

Tate commended the board and its counsel, Victor J. King, for the manner in which the proceedings were conducted since the filing of the complaint with the commissioner several months ago.

"At no point did we get the feeling that the board was not trying to grapple with the problem," Tate said.

Earlier, King had outlined the findings of the commission to the board and explained, "We are circumscribed by state laws as they are interpreted by the Commission."

In reply to a question from the audience, Dr. Victor J. Cunningham of Elizabeth who is superintendent of schools, said the Sixth Grade Plan will eliminate a 96 per cent Negro school (Washington) immediately without the necessity of building a new school and will not cost any more money than provided in the current fiscal year budget.

Offsetting Costs
Podesta said that transportation costs involved in the plan would be offset by better school utilization and by requiring fewer teachers.

Podesta said the costs involved were not the determining factors in favoring the Sixth Grade Plan but they are important.

A suggestion from one of the proponents of the plan, that a citywide sales tax be instituted to cover costs of transporting children under the plan was roundly disproved by the audience.

Because of the large audience, the meeting was transferred from the board's administration offices to the Silliman School.

Review Sought
Today, Wright said "an immediate review of the board's action" would be taken before the proper authority.

The appeal, he said, would be placed before the education commission. It is but to seek an immediate review being prepared by attorneys, view of the local board's action before the proper state or federal authority.

Wright's statement followed the scene of an accident.

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"In view of the action of the Board of Education of Plainfield in adopting the Sixth Grade Plan as the board's solution to the problem of segregation in the public schools and since the main objective of this plan is directed toward the elimination of racial concentration of Negroes in Washington School that a citywide sales tax be only and no provision is made for alleviating the problem on a citywide basis as exists, and the plan was roundly disproved by the audience."

"In view of the petitioner's position in this matter giving their full endorsement and support in either of the two plans proposed in the Wolff report, namely the Sister School or Paired School Plan for the Renouncing Plan, either of which plan the petitioners feel will provide the only complete and satisfactory solution to this problem, in view of this situation the petitioners are left no alternative but to seek an immediate review of the local board's action before the proper state or federal authority."

Rescue Squad Reports
PLAINFIELD SQUAD
Mrs. Rachel Woodson of 123 Johnston Ave. is in good condition today at Muhlenberg Hospital where she was taken yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Martin of 834 W. Fifth St., yesterday was transferred to Muhlenberg Hospital and was later returned to her home.

Joseph Newman, 11-month-old son of City Fireman and Mrs. Leonard Newman of 101 Bayviewwood Park, was taken to Muhlenberg Hospital last night. The boy was treated and released.

Anthony Hewins of 748 W. Fourth St. was taken to Muhlenberg Hospital, treated and released early today.

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Sixth Grade Plan

Nine Buses to Ply 12 Routes In New City School Setup

The second of four articles on Plainfield's new Sixth Grade Plan designed to reduce racial imbalance in the city's elementary schools.

Twelve bus routes will be established by the Plainfield Board of Education for the implementation of its Sixth Grade Plan under which all sixth grade pupils will attend Washington School this year.

Nine buses, each accommodating 58 pupils, will operate over the 12 routes. All children in Washington School, except those in the sixth grade, will be transported to one of six schools: Barlow, Cedarbrook, Cook, Evergreen, Jefferson or Woodland.

Parents of children affected by the new system will be contacted by letter before schools open, informed of the school to which their children have been assigned, and the location where they will be picked up by bus. The letter will also include times of departure and return as well as bus identification.

Each bus has been assigned morning and afternoon routes that will take pupils from a point near their homes to the school they will attend and return them to the same location at the close of school. The same buses will cover the same routes each school day.

Examples Given

As an example, Bus 1 will start from Lee Pl. and W. Fourth St. at 8 a.m., making stops for kindergarten through fifth grade pupils along W. Fourth St. at Grant Ave., Darrow Ave. and Spoon-

er Ave. en route to Cedarbrook School, which it is scheduled to reach at 8:12. This bus then proceeds to W. Fourth St. and Spooner Ave., where it starts picking up a second load of K-5 pupils at 8:18. It stops at W. Fourth St. and Grant Ave. for pickups, then on Grant Ave. at W. Third and S. Second Sts., proceeding to Jefferson School and arriving at 8:27. This same bus next proceeds to W. Front and Albert Sts. where it starts picking up a group of sixth grade students going to Washington School. Stops are made on W. Front St. at Clinton Ave. and at Rock Ave., then on W. Third St. at Frace St., Rushmore Ave. and Clinton Ave., before going to Washington School which it is scheduled to reach at 8:52.

This same bus covers the same three routes in reverse at the close of school, starting from Washington School with a load of sixth graders who are distributed along the line. The bus then returns to Jefferson School and picks up the K-5 pupils attending that school. After they have been delivered near their homes, the final trip is made to Cedarbrook School. Here another load of K-5 pupils is taken aboard and transported home.

Three other buses will make three trips in the morning and three in the afternoon. The others make only two trips morning and afternoon. All adhere to their assigned schedules each day.

The children being transported from Washington School to the other elemen-

tary schools will arrive in time for the regular 8:35 a.m. opening of school and they will be transported home after the 3 p.m. closing.

All Eat Lunch

Sixth grade students will attend school from 8:55 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. each school day. The change in hours is possible because all students will eat lunch at the school, thereby reducing the time necessary for lunch. Dr. Victor J. Podesta, superintendent, has emphasized that both time schedules provide five hours of teaching each day, the same time allotted prior to this change.

Bus routes have been planned so that each student will be picked up at a central collection point near his home. The longest bus route will take approximately 15 minutes. The compactness of the bus routes will eliminate the long delays in reaching homes at the close of the school day.

Late bus trips are planned for after school to permit students to remain for individual help when needed. In addition, bus transportation will be furnished for those pupils who participate in athletics and other after-school programs.

Transportation is being made available to all students who will be leaving their present school zones. Parents of children living adjacent to the Washington School zone will have the option of allowing their children to walk to school.

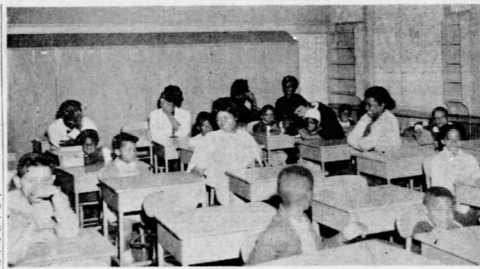
**Tomorrow—Preparations
for lunches**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1963

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SEVEN CENTS

Halt 6th Grade



SIT IN BEGINS—Mothers and primary grade children are shown in a classroom of the Washington School as they began a sit-in protest against the Sixth Grade plan of the Plainfield Board of Education. Under the plan,

children in Kindergarten to Grade 5 are being transferred to other schools in the city in a move to desegregate the predominantly Negro Washington School. (Courier-News Photo by Keesing)

Pickets March; Threaten Boycott

A sit-in demonstration, picketing and a threatened boycott marked the opening of the school year in Plainfield today but failed to stop the Sixth Grade Plan from going into effect.

Protesting the Board of Education's Sixth Grade Plan, parents and children of the lower grades sat in classrooms in Washington School which became a city-wide Sixth Grade School as other civil rights demonstrators marched peacefully outside the school on Darrow Ave., between Fourth and Sixth Sts.

The sit-ins included children who were scheduled to be transferred out of Washington School to grades kindergarten to five in other city elementary schools.

Dr. Victor J. Podesta, superintendent of schools, said that the sit-in was not expected to disrupt class. Teachers have been instructed to proceed with the usual class routine, Podesta said.

Forty six mothers were reported to be sitting in various classrooms with their young children. The greatest concentration was in a single classroom and children arriving to attend sixth grade classes were met by teachers and directed to other rooms.

No Incidents
There were no incidents of disturbance inside or outside the school building.

On the street, the Rev. Frank W. Allen, president of the Plainfield Branch, NAACP, offered a prayer before the march of pickets began. Following the prayer, demonstrators started their quiet patrol carrying signs bearing messages of protest against the Sixth Grade Plan.

In mid-morning, the pickets were joined by 60 persons carrying signs saying they were parents of children in other elementary schools throughout the city and were marching in a sympathy protest.

Nine buses carrying sixth graders from other parts of the city arrived shortly before the start of school at 8:55 a.m. Teachers met each bus and helped direct children to the classrooms.

Children registering for the first time were interviewed in the school auditorium. Kindergarten to Grade 5 children in the new group were assigned to other schools and then transported by buses to the designated school.

Picketing to Continue
The picketing was scheduled to continue until the closing of school at 3 p.m. today.

The sit-in is expected to be resumed tomorrow, although no definite announcement on

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Englewood Negro Leaders Continue Protest on Schools

Englewood (P)—Negro children staged sit-ins at three predominantly white schools again today to protest the delay of a plan to end racial imbalance in the schools.

The plan was put into partial operation yesterday but cannot be fully carried out for another month, school officials say.

The Negro youngsters entered all three schools without incident. Eleven Negro women and one man also entered one school, the Cleveland School, and remained in a hallway where some of them began looking into a classroom.

Assistant School Superintendent F. A. Garrity asked them to move along but said he has not asked them to leave the building.

Augustus Harrison, head of the Bergen Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said a march and sit-in yesterday — "was highly successful. We wanted to point out that city officials were dragging their feet. I believe we accomplished that."

He said parents and school children participating in today's demonstration were to meet at the First Baptist Church and would then march again to three predominantly white schools to continue the protest action.

School officials said that 68 Negro children staged sit-ins

Afghan Royalty College Guests

Williamsburg, Va. (P)—King Mohammed Zahir Shah of Afghanistan goes by carriage today to the College of William and Mary to address Afghan students studying in this country.

Immediately afterward, the king and Queen Homaira were to leave by helicopter for Washington, where they were to be greeted by President Kennedy.

King Zahir and his official party arrived yesterday at a nearby Langley Air Force Base after a flight from Beirut from a jumbo jet driven

at the three target schools, Roosevelt, Cleveland and Quaker, yesterday. About 125 children participated in a protest march.

Dr. Mark R. Shedd, superintendent of schools, refused to register the children in the three schools and then appealed to the civil rights groups not to demonstrate.

He said the school board's position was clear. "It is committed to eliminate de facto segregation in the elementary schools and we shall accomplish this as quickly as possible."

"But we do not intend to throw sound judgment to the winds by overcrowding classrooms by sending children to a partly ready building, or by proceeding in such a way as to have our plans blocked over a legal technicality."

Swiss Village Felled By Airline Disaster

Duerrenaes, Switzerland (P)—Switzerland today mourned for victims of its worst airline disaster, a crash that killed 80 persons, including almost a complete generation of the farming village of Humlikon.

"This is worse than a war," said a farmer in Humlikon after being informed that his parents were among the 43 passengers from his village killed when a Swissair twin-jet Caravelle from Zurich exploded and crashed in fog yesterday. All 74 passengers and six crewmen were killed.

Council Lost
Humlikon lost about one-fifth of its 217 population. The community also lost its mayor and all councilmen. With the other villagers, they were heading to Geneva to visit an agricultural experiment station.

For many of the villagers, it was their first flight. There were 19 married couples among them. They left 40 orphans.

Despair and disbelief hung over Humlikon. No children played. Red-eyed adults conversed in whispers.

No Whole Bodies
Nothing resembling a human body was found after the \$3 million French-built airliner, bound for Geneva and Rome, plowed into a grassy field on the outskirts of Duerrenaes. Blasting a crater 18 feet deep, it disintegrated. The biggest piece of wreckage found was a six-foot section of one wing.

Among the dead was one American, Emerson Glauner

TRUCK FALL FATAL
Bridgeton (P)—A local 17-year-old boy died today of injuries suffered when he fell from a truck driven

Sit-in Fails To Halt Start Of School

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the length and scope of the sit-in has been made.

The boycott threat first appeared last night at a meeting in Mt. Olive Church called to prepare for today's protest.

Persons entering the church last night received a paper urging them to keep their children home from school and to refuse to participate in the Sixth Grade Plan.

The pamphlets were addressed to the parents of children in Jefferson, Cook, Woodland, Clinton, Stillman, Emerson, Barlow, Bryant and Cedarbrook.

There was no indication who was launching the boycott which was understood to have also been urged in a telephone campaign throughout the city.

Buses on Schedule

The morning began with school buses, operating under the Sixth Grade Plan, traveling their assigned routes without incident. They ran on schedule stopping at embarkation points which were marked with large signs designating the school destination and bus number.

Children waved goodbye to their mothers, boarded the

buses and were transported to their elementary schools.

A check of the high school and junior high schools showed the opening was progressing smoothly.

Police Chief Arthur G. Phillips lead a detachment of police at Washington School. The squad was decreased after the opening of the school when it became apparent the demonstration would be without incident.

Week-long Protest

Today's demonstrations climaxed a week-long series of peaceful protests which saw demonstrators picketing the Board of Education Administration Building, the homes of board members and City Hall.

The NAACP branch has appealed to the N. J. Board of Education to direct the school board to rescind the Sixth Grade Plan.

Apple Industry Seeks Princess

Trenton — A statewide search to determine the 1964 New Jersey Apple Princess has been launched by the N.J. Apple Industry Council of the state Department of Agriculture.

The princess will be selected by a prominent panel of judges at the state's annual Apple Harvest Festival Oct. 7-12 in Orange.

She'll be crowned by the 1963 princess, Miss Beverly Bahrenburg of Belle Mead, a student at Trenton State College.

The contest is co-sponsored by the Orange Savings Bank, which will stage the Apple Harvest Festival.

It's Been Said
A woman's head is always influenced by heart, but a man's heart by his head.
—Lady Blessington

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PROTESTING PICKETS Part of the 120 pickets who marched in front of Washington School today to show their protest against the school board's plan to close the school for a year.

School Sit-In Not Planned; 'Just Happened,' Mothers Say
The Rev. Frank Allen, president of the Plainfield Branch NAACP, said today's sit-in at Washington School was not planned. It was composed of "just mothers," he said.

Enrollment Down 558
Plainfield public schools opened today with a total enrollment of 4,400, down 558 from last year.

Elementary Figures Follow

School	1962	1963
Marlow	254	254
Cinton	368	368
Cook	407	407
Jefferson	458	458
Woodland	462	462
Lincoln	462	462
Overgreen	464	464
Stittman	538	538
Brent	580	580
Colerbrook	580	580
Washington	565	565
Total	4,400	4,400

The 663 drop in the first day of enrollment in the elementary schools was not extraordinary, school officials said, explaining that some of the children were among the 100 who were sitting in at Washington School and had not yet returned to their homes.

School Issue Meeting Set

Dr. Charles L. Mead, chairman of the Plainfield Branch NAACP, said today's sit-in at Washington School was not planned. It was composed of "just mothers," he said.

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THE COURIER-NEWS

PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1963

312,000 Enrolled in Plainfield Area

School Bells Toll for Thousands, And Johnny Turns to Books Again

Sit-In Fails To Halt Start Of School

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Adjustment Board OKs Liquor Store

A recommendation for a retail liquor store, driveway and parking area at 112-114 Randolph Rd. was made today by the Adjustment Board of Mount Pleasant.

The action came after a public hearing where objections were filed by the Mount Pleasant Community Association.

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SECOND SECTION

Local News

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Despite High Enrollments, Few Problems

The high enrollment in the first day of school today continued today as thousands of public school children in the Plainfield area trooped back to classes.

For some children in Hanterson, Morris, Middletown, Somerset and Union counties, school began yesterday. For most of them, classes began today. For a few, school won't open until later in the month.

But all of the more than 312,000 public school children in the county area know by now that the thought of school can no longer be put off.

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Downtown Pickets Protest School Plan

A "peaceful" shopping night demonstration against the Sixth Grade Plan by between 40 and 50 marchers for 1½ hours in downtown Plainfield last night was a success, NAACP leaders said.

The Rev. Frank W. Allen, president of the Plainfield Branch, NAACP, said that despite a cut in the anticipated number of demonstrators due to the late afternoon rain, the demonstration was effective. "Just how effective," he said, "is difficult to tell at this time."

Repeat Demonstration

He said a repeat demonstration is planned for next Thursday night in the downtown business area.

Approximately 30 demonstrators started the march at 7:10 p.m. from the Watchung Ave. — E. Fourth St. Ext. parking lot. A contingent of Plainfield police accompanied the marchers.

The Rev. Allen said some demonstrators joined the march late. "We hope to have greater participation next time," he said, adding that some out-of-town marchers who planned to participate did not arrive because of the rain.

Last night's downtown area demonstration was the third held in Plainfield. The first occurred three weeks ago and the second was a motorcade last Thursday night.

The marchers last night sang and clapped their hands.

Some of them carried signs reading, "Equality Is a Lie with the Sixth Grade Plan."

'Segregated' Buses

Others carried signs reading, "The Sixth Grade Plan Punishes Negro Children." Still others had signs proclaiming, "Segregated Buses Must Go."

The marchers went from E. Fourth St. to Roosevelt Ave. and then to E. Front St. They marched down the north side of Front St. to Grove St. where they crossed to the south side and proceeded to Watchung Ave. They turned south along Watchung Ave. to E. Second St. and returned to Roosevelt Ave. They made a second march along Front St.

Each time they marched along Front St. many persons paused to watch them pass.

The demonstration is the only one planned this week by the NAACP against the Board of Education's Sixth Grade Plan.

2nd Person Held in Theft

Green Brook—Police Chief Robert Lund yesterday charged a second person with the illegal entry into the home of George McCall at 92 Rock Rd. East on Sept. 21. He said a .32-caliber automatic pistol, stolen in the holdup, was traced to Mary Ellen Prey, 19, of Trenton, who is in Monmouth County Jail on a previous break and entry charge. Detainers were filed against her.

Lund said she admitted being boosted through a window in the McCall residence by Frank Hecker, 23, of Trenton. She then opened a door to admit Hecker. She said Hecker gave her the gun to hold.

Hecker is being held in Hunterdon County Jail on a previous break and entry charge, and detainers have been filed against him.

House Damaged By Shore Storm

Warren Township—A storm that struck North Beach yesterday afternoon tore the roof off a house owned by M. James Hayden of King George Rd.

Hayden, owner of the King George Inn in Mt. Bethel, left last evening for North Beach to inspect the damage to the house, which he and his family use as a second home during the summer and on weekends throughout the year.

The 2-story house was vacant at the time. The Haydens had last visited there last weekend.

Several other homes in North Beach, located on Long Beach Island, were also reported damaged by the violent storm which passed through the community at 4 p.m.

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Paraders Protest Sixth Grade Plan

More than 100 civil rights demonstrators, their ranks swelled by out-of-town members of the Union County Civil Rights Coordinating Committee, clapped and sang their way through the business district last night, protesting the Sixth Grade Plan.

Stock Market

(Supplied by Chris Ryan,
member of the New York
Stock Exchange)

Yesterdays Prices

Open Close

Air Proft & Chem 58 58

Air Reduction 54 54

Alcoa 66 66

Allegheny Power 52 52

Amer. Agr. Chem. 45 45

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Amer. Home Prod. 60 61

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sota Daily, student newspaper

at the University of Minne

sota, said today: "Every few

days our ambassador in Viet

nam lodges a Nhus protest, but

the answer always is Ngo."

Mrs. Hazel Smith

Mrs. Hazel E. Smith, 74, of

1117 Lakeside Ter. died yes

terday (Oct. 10, 1963) in her

home after a short illness.

Born in Chardon, Ohio, Mrs.

Smith had lived here for nine

years.

She was a member of the

Methodist Episcopal Church

and the Y. W. C. A.

Funeral services will be

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Another March Planned

The Rev. Frank W. Allen,

president of the NAACP in

the county, said a similar march

will be staged next week, and

probably the out-of-towners

who came from Elizabeth,

Linden, Roselle, Rahway and

Metuchen, again will join

them.

While the local group has

been concentrating on pre

paring the Sixth Grade Plan,

the county demonstrators

brought with them signs de

manding an end to alleged

job discrimination.

Asked to comment, the Rev.

Mr. Allen said, "We're con

cerned about all areas of dis

crimination. The people in

Plainfield need jobs too."

Before the demonstration

began, he expressed the be

lief that the local school

board is "as concerned as

most citizens." He said

there is "some indication they

desire to do something about

it but how soon they'll act

we don't know."

The demonstration, sched

uled to begin at 7 p.m., was

delayed by the late arrival of

the county bus at 7:45 p.m.

The Plainfield group broke

into the civil rights theme,

"We Shall Overcome," while

they waited for the enthusias

tic county marchers, most of

them teenagers.

Police Escort

As the group started walk

ing double-file towards Roose

velt Ave., led by the Rev. Mr.

Allen and Donald J. Van

Blake, a cordon of police

stepped in alongside and serv

ed as an escort throughout

the march.

About 140 marchers began

the demonstration but the

number grew to more than

100 as they paraded down

Roosevelt Ave. to Front St.

Then to Central Ave., back up

Front St. to Roosevelt and

back to Watching Ave. From

there, they returned to the

starting point.

The line of march includ

ed many children, some small

enough to be carried and one

was wheeled in a stroller.

Two youngsters—both sixth

graders at the Washington

School—said proudly during

the pre-march wait that "we

know all the songs," and as

sured a reporter that they're

well aware of what they're

marching for.

"I don't like the Sixth

Grade Plan because my little

sisters have to take buses to

the Cook School now," one

small boy said, as a classmate

nodded in agreement.

The extra precautions tak

en by the police, who ran in

terference for the marchers,

was commended by the Rev.

Mr. Allen. "We were glad to

have the protection and co

operation of the Police De

partment; it made it much

easier for us."

A police official called the

demonstrators "cooperative

and orderly."

Mayor Robert C. Madden

watched the march from a po

lice car.

The civil rights group will

demonstrate today at the

Washington School, where

the Sixth Grade Plan is in

operation, Tuesday night at

the Board of Education ad

ministration building, and

next Wednesday and Friday

at the Cedarbrook School, ac

cording to the Rev. Mr. Al

len.

...bond brochure for the \$925,- emitted by the fact that since it was...

'Freedom' Songs Fail to Sway Board on Sixth Grade Plan

Opponents of the Plainfield Board of Education's Sixth Grade Plan to reduce racial imbalance in the city's elementary schools talked for more than an hour at last night's monthly meeting of the board, but without getting any results.

The meeting room was filled with 50 or more persons, most of whom were NAACP members or sympathizers who have been demonstrating against the school board's plan since schools opened last month for the new term.

Demonstrators Sing

Before the meeting about 25 persons, many of them carrying signs demanding integration in the school system, marched slowly in front of the board's Administration Building chanting "freedom" songs. They later entered the meeting room where a number of others were waiting for the opportunity to address the board—this privilege of the floor being given at all meetings.

John D. Friebeley, board president, asked at the opening of the talks that remarks be confined to "matters that are new." The speakers, however, reiterated many of the things told the board at its meeting last month and at previous sessions.

The board's plan to reduce racial imbalance makes Washington School, formerly 96 per cent Negro, a sixth grade school with sixth grade students from all parts of the city attending that school. The Washington pupils—kindergarten through fifth grade—have been transferred to other schools that are predominantly white. Bus transportation for those needing it is supplied by the school board.

Board Criticized

The board was criticized for failing to put into operation either of two plans recommended by Dr. Max Wolff, a sociologist, who was engaged by a special lay committee to conduct a study of racial imbalance here.

The board's critics were reminded that the state commissioner of education had given it the privilege of selecting the Sixth Grade Plan or either one of the Wolff systems. Friebeley said the board had chosen the Sixth Grade Plan because "it was the best of the three when the education of all the children in the city was considered."

The question was asked repeatedly "what is the board doing beyond the Sixth Grade Plan?" The president replied that the board members were discussing the situation constantly, adding: "I don't know what we will do next—if anything." Friebeley reminded his audience that "we don't all think alike."

He added that "we must be careful how we respond to any group."

Told Plan Not Working

The board was told the Sixth Grade Plan "obviously isn't working" and that it should make some concrete plans to replace it. The board members gave no indication of changing it.

Martin E. Kestenbaum, a board member, entered into the discussion with several of the board's critics. He assured them that the board members are getting "facts and figures and reactions" to the present plan. "We will know more by the end of the school year," he said.

Dr. Victor J. Podesta, superintendent, answered a number of the questions but he was interrupted several times by someone in the audience before he could finish his remarks.

Victor R. King, the board's attorney, reminded those opposing the Sixth Grade Plan that operating the city's schools and providing the best education possible—for all—was the board's responsibility. The members are doing what they think best in following this particular plan, he added.

Meeting Re-Set

The art department of the Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield will meet at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Ronald Lacey, 1572 Pershing Pl., South Plainfield. The group will not meet tonight as was previously announced.

Two Mayo

Mayors Robert Maddox of Plainfield and John George of South Plainfield spoke last night to the Pilot Club of the Plainfields at a 17th anniversary Founders Day program in the Park Hotel.

Detective Morris Mazzaretta of the Narcotics Division of the Newark Police Department discussed narcotics and demonstrated the "working tools" of an addict.

He said 98 per cent of known addicts first tried drugs out of curiosity. He noted that the age of addicts de

Artist Draws Gunman Who Looted Station

Fanwood — Police have a good idea what the cross-eyed gunman who held up the Fanwood railroad station looks like.

They said witnesses provided a description of the man who stole \$3,045 Oct. 1 from Jersey Central Railroad agent Michael J. Russetta, 47, of Valley View Rd., Martinsville.

Police Chief Joseph Gorsky said Detective Lieut. Harold Millwater obtained from witnesses a detailed description of the gunman so an artist could draw a composite picture. The artist is Lewis Rinker, a South Plainfield commercial artist, Gorsky said.

Witnesses described the man as being 45 to 50, about 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighing 180 pounds, dark complexion, round face, stocky build, with his left eye not centered. His hair color was not established, and he was wearing a grey fedora hat and grey coat during the holdup, Gorsky reported.

Millwater said he has been following up calls from other departments to interview suspects taken into custody. To date he has had no real lead.



Holdup Suspect

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