

Councilmen Address League



The Bustleton Civic League was privileged last week to hear three leading councilmen discuss recreation, zoning and school facilities.

Left to right: Dr. Domenic DeBias, President of Greater Bustleton Civic League; Councilman Dave Silver, 10th Councilmanic District; Councilman Leon Kolankiewicz, Chairman City Council Zoning Committee; Councilman Paul D'Ortona, President City Council.

City Drags Feet on Bustleton Playgrounds

A near-capacity audience at the March 2 meeting of the Greater Bustleton Civic League heard Paul D'Ortona, City

Council President, pledge his aid in solving the community's recreation, education, and zoning problems. Mr. D'Ortona

appeared at the meeting along with Councilman David Silver of the 10th councilmanic district, Councilman Leon J. Kolankiewicz, chairman of the Council's zoning committee, and William Devlin, Republican City Committee Chairman.

The Civic League has been seeking playgrounds in Bustleton for several years but now

finds itself impatiently waiting while red tape and an uninterested Mayor Tate hold up the two most important projects. Dr. Domenic DeBias, League President, and Judy Glass, Recreation Chairman, explained that the Department of Recreation has been inordinately slow in acquiring the eight acre site at Red Lion, south of Bustleton avenue which has been in the city's Capitol Program for some time now. Mr. D'Ortona, before leaving the meeting told a group of people to whom he was talking that he intends moving the construction of this playground from 1969 as originally planned to

He also promised to help expedite the transfer of four acres of land at Bloomfield and Verree roads from the Fairmount Park Commission to the Department of Recreation for use as a playground. Dr. DeBias told the Councilmen that he has been told by Robert Crawford, Commissioner of Recreation, that nothing will be done on this project until the Mayor has inspected this land. And, the Mayor has been procrastinating for over a year now.

A discussion on zoning emphasized the recent struggles by area residents to prevent downgrading of the neighborhood by unnecessary construction of shopping centers.

D'Ortona said that Council only follows the recommendations of City Planning Commission, the technical staff of which is best qualified to decide on zoning and planning questions. Kolankiewicz agreed, stating that Council has not passed a bill in seven years that was not approved by the Planning Commission. Silver argued that the Commission gives more consideration to the developer of the center concerned than to the community and its needs. Civic League attorney Robert Hess suggested that Council ask the Planning Commission to reconsider a builder's plans if there is a great deal of opposition from residents.

The most pertinent education problem in Bustleton concerns the lack of schools and the subsequent busing of pupils to alleviate overcrowding. D'Ortona blamed the school board for the situation and said they have the money but are wasting time. He stated that he personally favors the neighborhood schools and opposes busing.

Mr. Devlin remained quiet during the meeting; however, when asked to make a few

closing remarks, he threw the audience into an uproar with an unexpected verbal attack on D'Ortona and the Demo-

cratic administration. Dr. DeBias took immediate charge of the situation and restored order. He ruled Devlin out

of order and persuaded D'Ortona, who had left the podium, to return for concluding remarks by Councilman Silver.

D'Ortona said he would listen to Dave and returned, and Silver made the final summation.

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SHOTS: Dr. Domenic A. DeBias, president of the Greater Bustleton Civic League, explains to persons turned away from immunization clinic, because of lack of vaccine, that the clinic will be repeated.

NE Immunization Clinic To Be Repeated on May 1

Several hundred persons had to be turned away last week from the immunization clinic sponsored by the Greater Bustleton Civic League because of lack of vaccine.

Dr. Domenic A. DeBias, president of the League, said: "750 doses were requested from Public Health Department; however, Public Health elected to cut back the number to 175 because of the poor showing in other areas of the city during the previous two weeks."

Dr. DeBias has been in contact with Public Health officials who have assured him that adequate vaccine will be available when the clinic is repeated on Saturday, May 1, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Bustleton Community Building, Bustleton and Bowler Sts.

The Civic League is cooperating with the Foundation for Community Health in the current immunization drive against four common dreaded diseases—polio, tetanus, diphtheria, and

whooping cough. Infants and preschool children should be immunized against all four diseases; school children and adults should be immunized against polio, tetanus, and diphtheria. Protection against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough is combined in one vaccine given by injection; polio vaccine is given orally on a lump of sugar.

The League encourages area residents to take advantage of this opportunity to protect their families against these diseases which are highly infectious, and can be fatal. "BE WISE . . . IMMUNIZE."



GETTING READY FOR MARCH: Members of the Bustleton Civic League met recently to discuss plans for the Memorial Day parade to be held May 31. Seen here, left to right, are: Dr. Domenic DeBias, president of the league; Mrs. Doris Sider, first vice president; Paul Grundke, second vice president, and James J. Blair, Memorial Day chairman of Bustleton Post 810, American Legion.

James J. Blair, Memorial Day Chairman of the Bustleton Memorial Post 810, American Legion, spoke about the coming Memorial Day Parade at the Greater Bustleton Civic League town meeting May 4.

The American Legion has changed the day for the parade to Monday, May 31 because this year, Memorial Day falls on a Sunday. The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m., at St. Christopher's Church, next to the William Penn Cemetery in Somerton.

Councilman David Silver is scheduled to speak at the Somerton Methodist Church memorial plaque and at 11 a.m. at the Paper Manufacturing Co., memorial plaque. The parade will then march to St. Luke's cemetery on Welsh Rd., for a dedication service.

The parade will end at the American Legion Post on Old Newtown Rd. Refreshments will be served from noon to 3 p.m. on the post grounds.

The Bustleton Cavaliers will perform in the parade. This band has been organized and tutored by the American Legion. It is scheduled to go this summer to the American Legion Convention held at Pittsburgh, Pa. To make this possible Chairman Blair has asked everyone to bring or mail trading stamps to the Legion Post 810 on Old Newtown Rd. Every full book will add \$2 to the legion expense account for the trip of the young boys and girls to Pittsburgh.

The second speaker was C. Williams of the Northeast Realty Board, who spoke on the topic "Your home as an investment." The third speaker of the evening was Leon Raider, President of the Federation of Community Councils. He emphasized the need for all citizens to vote at the May 18 primary election for the Educational Home Rule Charter, which fixes the responsibility for selecting school board members to the Mayor of Philadelphia and his panel. The civic league voted in favor of the new charter.

The Report of the League-sponsored immunization drive, as of May 1, was given by Dr. Domenic DeBias.

He said that 1227 doses of Polio, Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough vaccines were administered to 801 persons.

The League thanked the following physicians and registered nurses for their help:

Dr. Don Mills, of 9351 Hoff St.; Dr. Igho Kornbleuh, of 2023 Welsh Rd.; Dr. Andrew Sokalchuck, of 11410 Bustleton Ave.; Dr. I. Andrussier, of 11063 Bustleton Ave.; Dr. Marvin Soffer, of 9726 Hoff St.

Registered Nurses—Mrs. Florence Morgenstern, of 13069 Bustleton Ave.; Mrs. Trudy Amend, of 721 Millwood Rd.; Mrs. Jane Bauerle, of 8605 Alicia St.; Mrs. Jeanette Hanes, of 855 Morefield Rd.; Mrs. Marge Lomanno, of 8626 Ferndale St.; Mrs. Ethel Steinberger, of 810 Delray St.; Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, of 9930 Jeanes St.; Mrs. Mary Mauger,

of 1940 Grant Ave.; Mrs. Harriet Gleason, of 9335 Rising Sun Ave.; Mrs. Terry Judge, of 737 Charette Rd., and Mrs. Marie Beltley, of 720 Charette Rd.



GET REPORT ON SCHOOL: James Revello, at right, principal of the new Greenberg Elementary School in Bustleton, last week outlined the territory to be covered by the new installation at a meeting of the Bustleton Civic League. Also seen above, from left, are Dr. Domenic DeBias, president of the Civic League; Benjamin Polin, vice-principal of George Washington High School and principal of Washington Evening High School, and Miss Florence Anderson, principal of the Bustleton Elementary School.

Greenberg School to Open in Fall

James Revello, principal of the new Greenberg Elementary School, informed the Greater Bustleton Civic League recently that the building will be completed in time for the fall term.

The structure is located at Alicia and Charette Sts., and is 75 percent completed. The Greater Bustleton Civic League has been pressing the Board of Education to insure opening of the school in September.

The school will have an enrollment of approximately 1200 children from an area bounded by Verree, Red Lion and Pine Rds., and Pennypack Creek.

Miss Florence Anderson, principal of Bustleton Elementary School, stated that 500 children would be transferred from the Bustleton School to the Greenberg School because of the change in boundaries.

Boundaries for the Bustleton

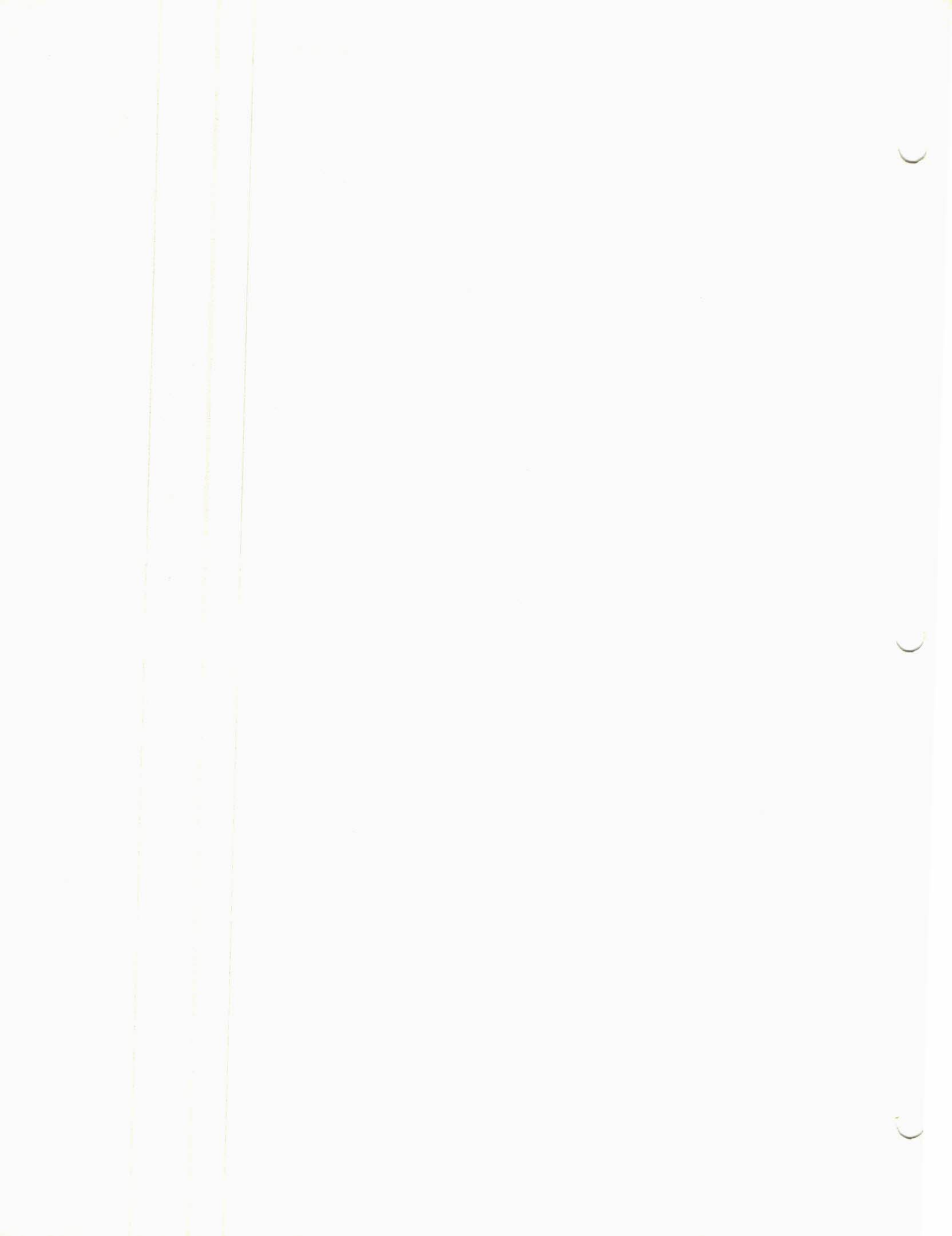
School will now be Verree and Tomlinson Rds., Roosevelt Blvd. and Pennypack Creek.

Benjamin Polin, vice principal of George Washington High School, and principal of the Washington High Evening School, reported that 18,000 requests for adult education classes have been received.

Registration for the adult classes will be the third week in September, and classes will be from 7 to 10 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. A course for completion of high school will also be included.

James W. McPhillips, chief engineer and surveyor of the Department of Streets, explained the city's plans for the extension of Banes St. to Bustleton Ave. to relieve congestion at Bustleton and Welsh Rd. Homeowners of the Chestnut Lane community appealed to the league to prevent converting Banes into a major thoroughfare.

Although the league voted to oppose the proposed bypass, reservations were evident that this project would be of benefit to Bustleton from an overall point of view.



District Attorney J. C. Crumlish Jr. Addresses Bustleton Civil League



Left to right: Mr. Raymond Kohl, Chairman Community Improvement; Mrs. Dorie Sider, 1st Vice President; Mr. Paul Grundke, 2nd Vice President; all of Greater Bustleton Civic League; Mr. James C. Crumlish, Jr., District Attorney of Philadelphia.

District Attorney James C. Crumlish, Jr. was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Greater Bustleton Civic League on Tuesday, September 14 at the Municipal Building, Bowler street and Bustleton avenue.

Crumlish implied that experience in Administrative work was more important than investigative ability. He noted in five years of experience, the disposal of a case has de-

creased from 18 to 5 months. He praised the police department and stated Philadelphia ranks 10th in the number of crimes but is the fourth largest city in the country.

He stated he did not believe in the term "censorship" but is trying to adapt to the Supreme Court interpretation. He also stated that the death penalty is not always the answer in every case involving

homicide and that he favored the New York penal code.

Afterwards, on a motion by Mrs. Sider, who was Chairman Pro Tem, the League went on record as supporting Senate Bills 675-688 inclusive which are being promoted by Ephraim Gomberg, Executive Vice President Philadelphia Crime Commission as a result of four years study of prisons, jails, probation and parole.

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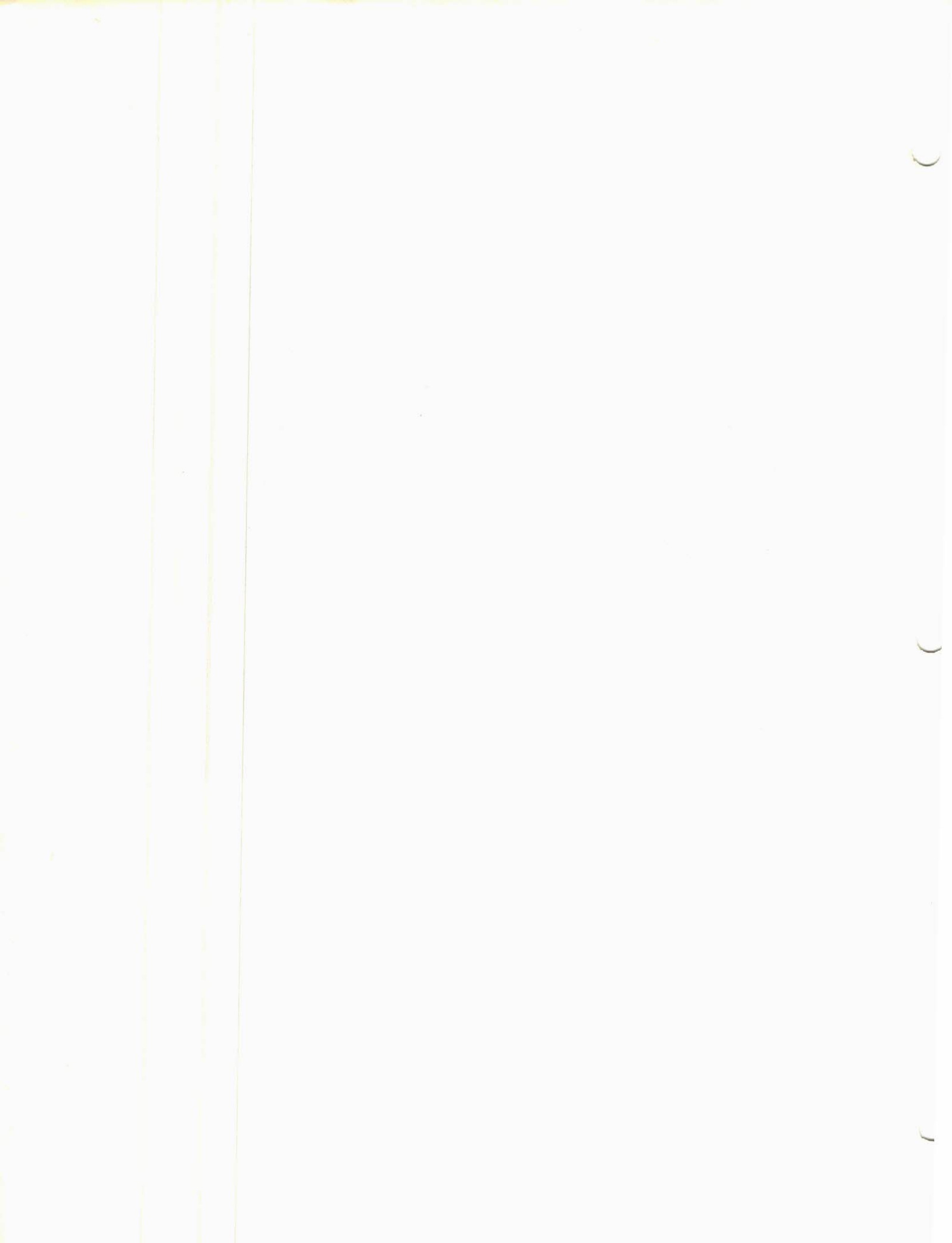
Arlen Specter, Republican nominee for District Attorney of Philadelphia was the guest speaker at the Greater Bustleton Civic League meeting on Friday, October 15 at the Municipal Building. A graduate of Yale University Law School, Mr. Specter is well known for his investigation of the Magisterial System in Philadelphia. He served as assistant District Attorney from 1959-1963.

Good news about the acquisition and development of additional recreation facilities was reported. An agreement has been entered into for a site at Krewstown road and Red Lion road, and funds have been promised for 1966-67 in the Capital Budget Program. A site at Bloomfield and Verree roads is being urged.

The Leagues request for a crossing guard at Springview and Alburger street was heeded and a temporary traffic signal at the Verree-Alburger intersection will be installed.

James Cavanaugh, Republican Candidate for Comptroller was also present as a guest of the League.

Left to right: Mr. James Cavanaugh, Republican Candidate for Comptroller; Mrs. Dori Sider, Vice President of Civic League; Dr. Dom DeBias, President of Civic League; Mr. Arlen Specter, Republican Candidate for District Attorney.



Joseph Carroll Receives Bustleton Civic League Award



The Civic League last week heard Major O'Connor speak on the University R. O. T. C. program. Left to right: Dr. Dom DeBias, President of the Greater Bustleton Civic League, Mr. Joseph Carroll, Sr., Father of recipient; Joseph Carroll, Jr., recipient of the 1965 Greater Bustleton Civic League Annual Award; Mr. Dave Saviano, President of the Bustleton Boy's Club; Mr. William Rice, Vice President of Bustleton Boy's Club.

The Greater Bustleton Civic League, at its December meeting, heard Major O'Conner, Assistant Professor of Military Science at Temple University, speak on the University R. O. T. C. programs and how young men can earn a commission in

the armed forces while studying for a college degree. Major O'Conner is a graduate of West Point, and served in the armed forces in Europe and Asia.

Joseph Carroll, Jr., extended his thanks and gratitude to the League for presenting him with the 1965 Annual Greater Bustleton Civic League Award. The award is presented to a member of the Bustleton Boy's Club for athletic accomplishment, good citizenship, and superior sportsmanship. Mr. Dave Saviano, president of the Bustleton Boy's Club, spoke

briefly about young Carroll's accomplishments and ability.

Representatives of the Bel-air Shopping center, Mr. Reuben Cohen, Esq. and Mr. Stanley Kaplan, were also present and gave the League an opportunity to speak to them about the developer's plans for this center. The League had previously objected to gates placed behind each store, facing Wistaria street, before the Zoning Board of Adjustment because it was felt that this would tend to encourage use of Wistaria street for deliveries to the stores.