



Linwood Historical Society Newsletter

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Board of Education : Elected or Appointed?

Public Question Sent Folks Researching in the Farish Records

Documents in the James Farish files in the museum collection contain many fascinating stories. Farish was appointed as the clerk for both the borough council and the school board when the town withdrew from Egg Harbor Township in 1889. His tenure in the position ran from 1889 to 1932.

Borough of Linwood
School District
Tuesday, March 15, 1910
For Members of Board of Education

One Year
JOSHUA GARWOOD
Vacaney, removal, Samuel Clark, Jr.

Two Years
WALTON SANDERS
Vacaney, removal, John C. Steelman

Three Years
EDMOND SOMERS
WESLEY R. SMITH
DANIEL L. SUTTON

Resolutions

1. Resolved, that the Board of Education be authorized to sell School Building and grounds known as Borough School No. 2 (Seaview) and use the proceeds for current expenses.
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Yes

2. Resolved, that the Board of Education be authorized to sell School Building and grounds known as Borough School No. 1 (Linwood), to the Borough of Linwood, for One Dollar, to be used for borough purposes.
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Yes

3. Resolved, that the Board of Education be authorized to sell School Building known as Borough School No. 1 (Linwood), and reserve the grounds.
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No

To vote for resolution write word "Yes," to vote against resolution write word "No," on line under resolution.

Appropriation
For Current Expenses\$500.00



Election Notices from 1900 to 1924

Records for the 1910 school board election are the most interesting. Actual ballots along with the official report of the results are real treasures. Candidates for re-election were Edmond Somers, Wesley A. Smith and Daniel Sutton. A write-in vote for William Lear unseated Daniel Sutton. Lear, a well-known local builder, is remembered for the construction of Belhaven School in 1908 and Mechanics Hall, later the Legion Hall, in 1906. The surprise was described in the Pleasantville Press of March 19, 1910. "A dark horse was in the stalls and succeeded in winning the race from Daniel Sutton by eight votes." A rather caustic comment included in the article is worth another chuckle. "A board of education that can afford to use embossed stationery and has two old schoolhouses to sell is decidedly in a class by itself." One of them was sold to the borough for \$1.00. Another comment needs to be explained. "The new school building on Belhaven Avenue is presided over by Edward Hazleton and two assistants." For the first few years from the opening in 1908 only three classrooms were used. The two unnamed *assistants* were teachers Martilla Ketchum for primary grades and Thomas Butler for the intermediate grades. Hazleton taught the upper grades.

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School Board Elections Continued

DATED this Second day of February 1924

James Farish
DISTRICT CLERK.

NOTE:—The term “current expenses” includes principals’, teachers’, janitors’ and medical inspectors’ salaries, fuel, textbooks, school supplies, flags, transportation of pupils, tuition of pupils attending schools in other districts with the consent of the Board of Education, school libraries, compensation of the District Clerk, of the custodian of the school moneys and of truant officers, truant schools, insurance and the incidental expenses of the schools.

Women citizens twenty-one years of age or above, by virtue of the Nineteenth Admendment to the United States Constitution, may vote for everything presented at this meeting.

A member of the Board of Education shall be at least 21 years of age, a citizen and resident of the school district, and shall have been such a citizen and resident for at least three years immediately preceding his or her becoming a member of such Board, and shall be able to read and write.

James Farish was clerk for both the school board and the borough council beginning in 1889. The positions seemed to have been completely separate from one another but his procedures were carried out in the same precise manner for both. His extensive records in our museum collection are copies of the city records he managed. The note shown here is a sample of how meticulous he was. He sent himself the same notice for scheduled meetings that went out to each board member.

The year 1931 was a rather tumultuous one for Linwood. That was the year an act of the NJ State Legislature required all boroughs in the state to become incorporated as cities. There was a bit of confusion throughout town about becoming a city and quite a bit of opposition to the change.

This is a topic for another newsletter.

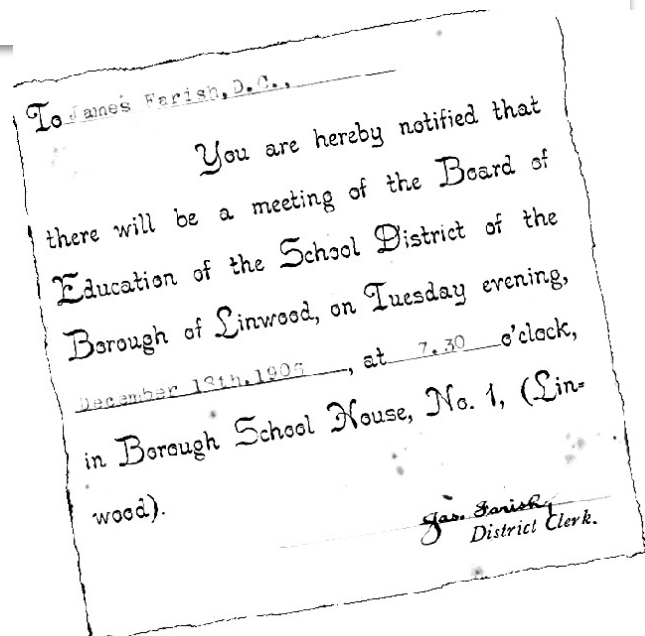


James Farish

In March 1931 Mr. Farish ran for and was elected as a member of the school board. He submitted his resignation as clerk for the board effective at the end of the school year and continued his position as City Clerk. In 1932, after 42 years of service in these dual positions, Farish retired at the age of 82. His application for a pension from the City of Linwood was approved but only for the two years he served as Linwood’s City Clerk. City Council ruled it was not responsible for the 40 years he served as the clerk for the borough. Documents found in court records show his lawsuit requiring Linwood City to pay the earlier 40 years of service was denied. Mr Farish died two years later in 1934.

Records at city hall show that the Board of School Estimates was in operation in December 1931.

According to documents gathered during Belhaven School’s 100th anniversary, a school board of 5 members was appointed in February 1935. This must have been the first appointed board. There could have been a mix of members appointed and elected in the years between 1931 and 1935. Hopefully, we’ll be able to find records that clear this up.



Linwood Manor: Ranchers Galore!

William Bloom's brochure pictured in the Photogravure sent us on a trip back to the days when thousands of families were moving to the area for the jobs at NAFEC and Prudential. Today the homes on Central Avenue and the streets between Central and Haines Avenue are a combination of styles beyond those popular ranchers of the 1960s and 70s. Many have been upgraded or enlarged but there are still a lot of the originals that represent that period of big changes.

LINWOOD MANOR
CENTRAL AVENUE AND SHORE ROAD, LINWOOD

A Fine Big Home at a Price You Can Afford

Sales Price \$12,590
MONTHLY CARRYING CHARGES

| | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| G. I. (pending) 30 yr. mortgage \$12,500 | | F. H. A. 25 yr. mortgage \$11,500 | |
| Principal and Interest | \$58.34 | Principal and Interest | \$68.54 |
| Taxes (estimated) | 10.00 | Taxes (estimated) veterans | 10.00 |
| Insurance | 2.68 | Insurance | 2.44 |
| Total Monthly Payment | \$71.02 | Total Monthly Payment | \$80.98 |

Special FHA Servicemen's Plan Also Available for Those Who Have Used G. I. Entitlement

SEE MODEL HOME TODAY
101 W. CENTRAL AVE., LINWOOD
WILLIAM J. ZACCAGNINO, Builder

WILLIAM A. BLOOM & SONS
SALES AGENTS

This growth was one of three significant building periods in Linwood's history. The first was after World War I when population tripled between 1920 and 1930 as shown in census records. The third housing boom happened when the casinos came to Atlantic City in the 70s. Over the years the value of the homes reached a level unimagined in the famous 60s & 70s era shown in this ad.

From the editor:

I apologize for the fact that this year was the second one that I haven't been able to produce quarterly Historical Society newsletters. The past two years have been a bit rough but I'm hoping to get back to the quarterly issues in the coming year.

The Historical Society looks to have a looking for people to fill vacant The Board meets at the museum 7:00 PM. Please come out and a big difference!



productive year in 2017 and we are seats on the Board of Directors. on the third Monday each month at give it a try. Your help could make

Carolyn Patterson

Photogravure: *Post War Housing Boom*

LINWOOD MANOR HOMES are built by a
 Craftsman Builder -- **William T. Zaccagnino**, who has recently
 erected many lovely homes in Ventnor, Margate and
 Longport -- all custom built houses.

FINANCING F.H.A. and V.A. Financing Available (Pending)

Sales Price \$
 FHA Mortgage \$
 VA Mortgage \$

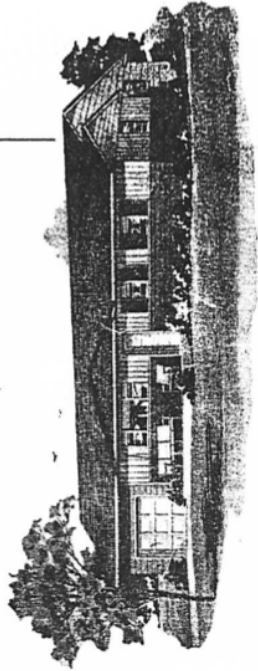
MONTHLY BUDGET

VA Financing (Pending)
 Interest and Principal \$
 Estimated Taxes \$
 Fire Insurance \$
 Total Monthly Payment \$
 FHA
 Interest and Principal \$
 Estimated Taxes \$
 Fire Insurance \$
 Total Monthly Payment \$

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WILLIAM A. BLOOM & SONS
 23 S. No. Carolina Avenue
 Phone: Atlantic City 5-2203

LINWOOD MANOR



Gracious Homes . . .
at LOW COST

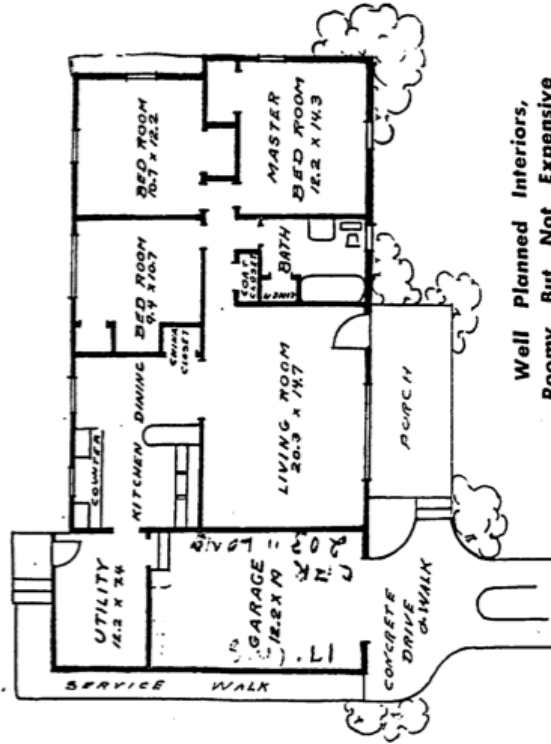
**QUALITY BUILT
 ATTRACTIVELY DESIGNED**

Planned for Comfortable Family Living

LOCATED in LINWOOD, N. J., at CENTRAL AVENUE & SHORE ROAD

NO GREATER HOME BUY ANYWHERE ON THE MAINLAND!

Nowhere in this section is there a comparable new home at the price asked for LINWOOD MANOR homes--nowhere locally is their a new house which, feature for feature, room for room, at the price asked, compares with these fine houses. You'll be glad you waited to see them before deciding to buy a home.



Well Planned Interiors,
Roomy But Not Expensive

Note the Many Features of LINWOOD MANOR HOMES

- 3 Beautiful Airy Bedrooms
- Luxurious Ceramic Tiled Bath
- Delightful Kitchen
- 20x14 Living Room
- Hot Water Heat, (Gas)
- Well-Maintain Boiler
- Baseboard Radiation
- Attached Garage
- Well Insulated
- 1/4-Acre Lots
- Friendly Neighborhood
- Close to Schools and Transportation

THE MAINLAND'S FINEST HOME BUY

FINE LOCATION
PLEASING DESIGN
CRAFTSMANSHIP

You can enjoy confidence and peace of mind living in LINWOOD MANOR with its quality built and attractively designed homes. Here you can experience the comfort of good living at moderate cost.

LINWOOD MANOR homes are designed for discriminating Home Buyers. They offer

Beauty, Comfort and Convenience.

LINWOOD MANOR is located just across the road from the Linwood Country Club and Golf Course whose lovely clubhouse and acres of rolling fairways and inviting greens set in a beautiful landscape of tall pines and graceful oaks present a charming view to the owners of homes in this delightful location.