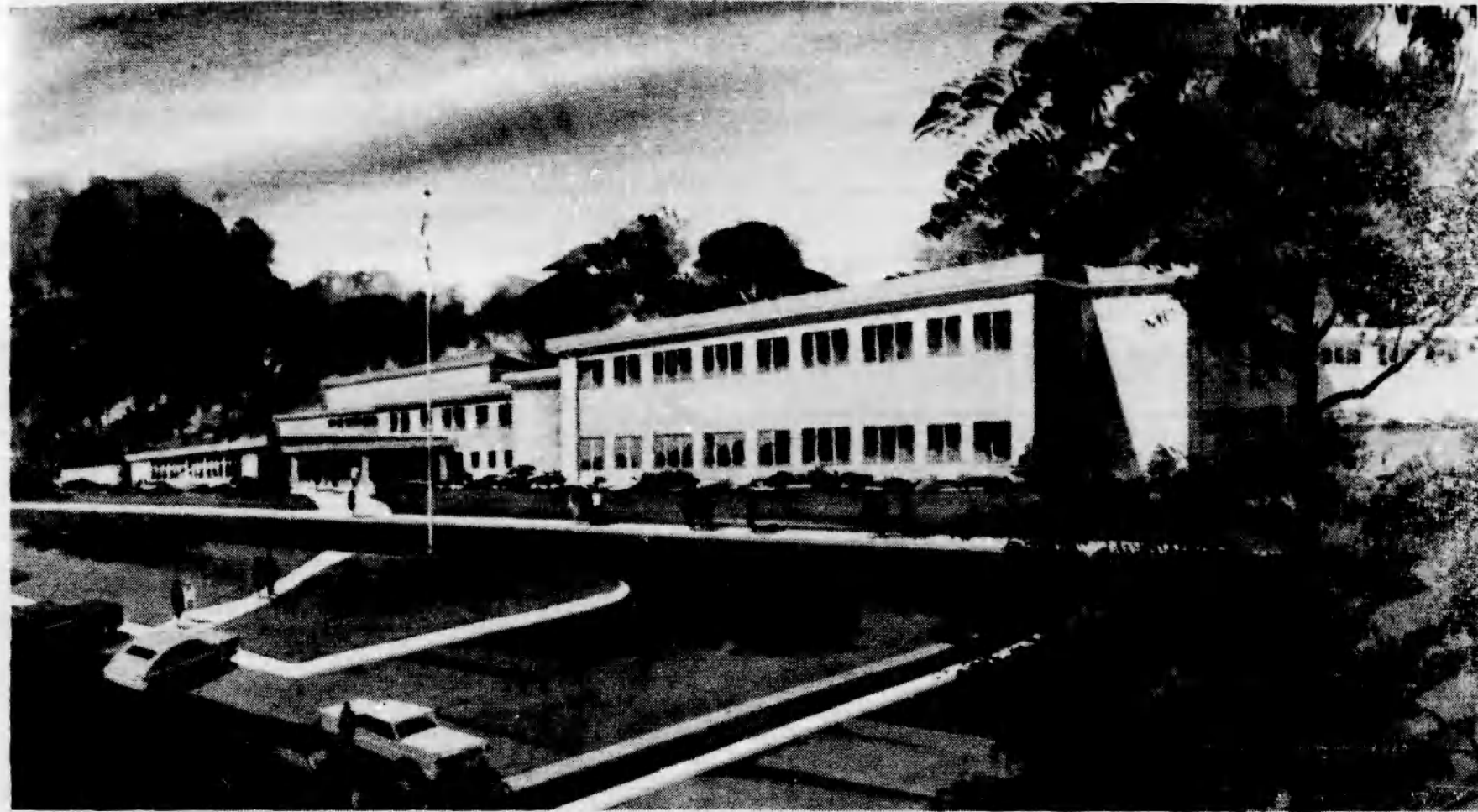




BOARD RELEASES PLANS FOR \$5,900,000 MIDDLE SCHOOL



PROPOSED NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL—Architect's rendering of the two-level middle school which if approved by the taxpayers at a referendum Feb. 14 will be built on a 14.4 acre site near the Osborn Elementary School at the corner of Osborn Road and Theall Road.

PUBLIC REFERENDUM BEING HELD FEB. 14 TO VOTE ON BOND ISSUE

The Rye City Board of Education today released plans for a new Middle School to be built at the corner of Osborn and Theall Roads at an estimated cost of \$5,900,000. A public referendum authorizing the board to issue bonds for the new school has been scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 14.

The proposed school to be constructed on 14.4 acres, now owned by the Osborn Memorial Home, near the Osborn Elementary School will be on two levels and will contain facilities to accommodate 850-900 students in grades 6 to 8. The board has scheduled five public hearings prior to the referendum. The hearings, which will all be held at 8:30 p.m., are scheduled as follows: Thursday, Jan. 22—Milton School; Monday, Jan. 26—Midland School; Wednesday, Jan. 28—Osborn School; Monday, Feb. 2—Rye High School; Tuesday, Feb. 10—Resurrection School.

Elsa Schmid, Famed Mosaic Artist Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. J. B. Neuman, known professionally as Elsa Schmid, one of the best known mosaic artists in the world, died on Tuesday at United Hospital after a long illness.

A resident of Rye since 1934, Miss Schmid lived at 10 Newberry Place. She was the wife of J. B. Neuman, well known art dealer who died here in 1961.

She was born in 1894 in Stuttgart, Germany, and lived in Italy, Switzerland and New York City. She studied at the Art Students League of which she was a life member.

One of the foremost mosaic artists in the world, Miss Schmid's works are in many private and museum collections including the Museum of Modern Art, New York City; Baltimore Museum; and the Duncan Phillips Gallery in Washington, D. C. Her mosaics include those of St. Brigid Church in Peapack, N. J.; the fresco mosaic at

Details of the proposed middle school project have been incorporated in a brochure which is being mailed today to residents of Rye. The brochure outlines the need for additional space and includes an architect's rendering of the new school, the building plans, site and location, financial data, public hearing dates, and voting and registration information.

Schools Are Overcrowded
According to the booklet distributed by the board, "Every school building in the Rye City school district is now overcrowded. Each of the four elementary schools and the high school has more pupils this year than the buildings were designed to accommodate."

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Interfaith Group To Hear Talk On "Understanding"

The first in a four-part series on "Understanding Your Neighbor's Faith" will be held on Monday evening at 8:30 p.m. at The Church of The Resurrection. The series is sponsored by the Lay Dialogue Committee of the Rye Interfaith Council.

Speaker for the evening will be The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. McManus, principal of Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains. While in his present post, Msgr. McManus has spoken widely at houses of worship of other denominations in the White Plains area. He has also instituted a comparative religions study involving clergy of other faiths.

Addressing himself to the general topic "What Does A Roman Catholic Believe?", Msgr. McManus will discuss questions dealing with worship, confession, conversion, family, community, racism, war and peace, ecumenism, heaven and hell.

Scheduled for bi-weekly programming, the second session, "What Do Jews Believe?", will be held at Rye Community Synagogue on the evening of February 2.

All sessions are free and open to the public.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEAD HITS APPOINTMENTS BY GRAINGER

Following the regular January meeting of the Rye City Democratic Committee, Vincent A. Gorman, Chairman of that committee, announced that he had been instructed to make public comment and criticism concerning the appointments made at the City Council Meeting on Monday, January 5.

Senators Applaud Governor's Stand Noise Abatement

Governor Rockefeller's new commitment to the cause of noise control was hailed by Senator Anthony B. Gioffre and Assemblyman Joseph R. Pisani recently in a joint statement which called for renewed attention to the problem of noise abatement along the New England Thruway.

"There is no point on the State Thruway system where excessive vehicular noise causes more constant annoyance and loss of sleep than along the New England Thruway between the Connecticut and Bronx lines," the legislators pointed out. "Tens of thousands of trucks and countless automobiles make the nights hideous for thousands of local residents in areas adjoining the Thruway in New Rochelle, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Rye and Port Chester.

"While we applaud the progress and convenience which the New England Thruway and the entire State Thruway system represent for all of the people of the Empire State," the legislators continued, "we feel strongly that thousands of our constituents are now paying a needlessly high price in inconvenience."

Mr. Gorman said "A real new low in Rye politics has just been reached by Mayor Grainger. A review of Council's appointments this past Monday, January 5, shows that not one single Democratic resident of Rye City was called upon to serve in the City administration. It was bad enough in the past to realize that the Democratic Party organization was being ignored by the one-party City administration but to have the City government deprive itself of the services of Democrats in the community just to preserve the one-party nature of the government seems almost criminal.

"Surely Rye City would benefit were the likes of Max Berking, Gabe Kaslow or John Carey called upon to render services to the City in some official capacity. Surely there are other Democrats who, but for their registration, might have been able to lend their talents

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Red Cross Names New Co-Chairmen Of Disaster Group

A well attended Kickoff Meeting of the Rye Branch of the American Red Cross was held Jan. 7 at 51 Milton Road.

The appointment of William Ramsay as co-chairman, along with Peter Sindone of the Disaster Committee, was announced by Branch Chairman, Mrs. Baldwin Blanke. It was also announced that the Disaster Committee was being joined by Mrs. Nellie Boone for the 1970 season. This completes the comple-

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Lt. C. H. Markey Dies In Action In Vietnam War

A funeral mass for 2nd Lt. Christopher H. Markey, USMCR, who died on Jan. 6, of wounds received while on patrol in the Danang area of Vietnam on New Year's eve will be celebrated in Resurrection Church, on Monday, January 19 at 10 a.m. Celebrant of the mass will be the Rev. Edward J. Hanrahan, Dean of Studies at Boston College.

Lt. Markey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard F. Markey, former residents of Rye and Pelham, who now live at 2531 Broadway Blvd., Birmingham, Mich. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Markey, of City Island

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EARLY MINUTE BOOK OF CHURCH RETURNED TO RYE AFTER 50 YRS.

By Marion Heimlich
"A Book Containing the Proceedings of the Vestry Men and Churchwardens of the Parish of Rye in the Province of New York Since January Ninth, Anno Domini 1710," reads the title page of a great handwritten book that has just been returned to Rye after nearly 50 years in New York City. The book is the earliest existing minute book of Christ's Church—originally known as Grace Church. It documents the activities of the parish from 1710 to 1795.

In 1923, the Rev. Richard T. Henshaw, then Rector of Christ's Church, deposited this volume with the New York History Society on Central Park West in New York City for safe keeping and to be held subject to the order of the Vestry of the Church.

Since the founding of the Rye Historical Society five years ago, negotiations have been underway to have the volume returned to Rye. Last Friday this treasure was deposited in the vault in the Square House which holds the Historical Society's collection of valuable documents. It will remain there, subject to the order of the Vestry of Christ's Church.

A photostatic copy of the book was also placed in the Rye Historical Society library and will be available to qualified researchers so that the original, which is still in good condition, will not be subjected to too much handling. The New York Historical Society has retained in its library micro-film copy of the book.

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