

# Fire Wrecks Red Bank Oil Firm Office

## Weather

Mostly sunny today, high between 30s-40s. Fair, colder tonight, low 20s-30s. Chance of rain or rain and snow mixed tomorrow late in day and at night. High tomorrow in upper 30s-mid 40s.

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## Matawan Teacher Sanctions Get Under Way Today

MATAWAN TOWNSHIP — Teacher sanctions — the first in the history of this school's district — started this morning.

The Teachers Association met last night in the high school to decide the course of action.

The instructors, angry at the Regional Board of Education's refusal to further raise pay scales, or arbitrate the matter, were of one mind to the extent that a formal vote was unnecessary.

"Sanction pledges were signed last month by the teachers," Richard G. Holler, association president, explained, "and it was understood then that they would go into effect if the board remained adamant. They are in effect."

There are 264 teachers in the school system, fourth largest in Monmouth County. About 100 of them attended last night's meeting.

The first-stage sanctions call for instructors to withhold all non-paid services.

Association officials explained that this will include lunchroom, cafeteria and bus duty, at the high school level, and, at all levels, class trips, chaperoning of dances and other events, PTA and PTO activities, parent-teacher conferences, after-school tutoring and other non-paid services.

Teachers who are on PTA and PTO executive boards will, resign.

Said Mr. Holler, "We were promised teacher aides and have not gotten them. The board promised us it would negotiate in good faith. The board has not lived up to its extra commitments and neither shall we."

He added that if board policies force teachers to continue sanctions it will mean no senior class trip, no junior prom and no teacher participation in graduation ceremonies this year.

"Very plainly," the president stated, "the board has declared war and it probably will not be over for at least two

months. It's a matter of who has the biggest weapons and who can last the longer."

The association head reported that the board got "nasty" last night about teacher use of the high school "without permission," and said, "This may be our last meeting here."

He instructed teachers, "If any of you are intimidated or threatened, let me know immediately."

Regarding Board Vice President Dorothy J. Smith's remark Monday that students can get along, even with sanctions, Mr. Holler commented, "Such a remark is not indicative of a person who knows of educational matters."

Some teachers asked last night if the sanctions are too drastic while others declared they are not drastic enough.

Said one, "We are invoking sanctions a little at a time and that is indicative that teachers are remaining professional, with dignity. The board has forced us into this position."

New Jersey Education Association officials stated again

last night that the state organization will continue to support the local group in its fight.

The latest board offer is for a two-year pay guide with a basic BA degree range of \$5,900 to \$9,500, and an MA range of \$6,400 to \$10,300.

Under the board plan, the guide would not be raised the second year (1968-69).

The Middletown Board of Education recently negotiated a two-year pact with teachers in that district. The 1968-69 Middletown scale is \$8,000 to \$10,080 for a B. A. degree and \$6,600 to \$10,680 for an M.A.

Based on pledges which have already been signed by teachers, additional sanctions here, if they are imposed, could include withholding paid services for extra-curricular activities, reporting to work late, calling in "sick," more public demonstrations, and withholding of all services (a strike).

The board and teacher negotiating team will meet again tomorrow night.

## 'Space Cabin' Fire Kills 2 Airmen

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — An Air Force official, commenting on an oxygen-fed fire inside a simulated space cabin that killed two airmen, says: "We don't know how or why it happened."

The explosion yesterday was the second fatal oxygen accident

in the nation's space program in five days. Last Friday, the three Apollo I astronauts were killed at Cape Kennedy in a fire in their space capsule. The accidents were similar in that both the Apollo I spacecraft and the simulator were filled with pure oxygen at the time.

The Air Force official, Col. James B. Nuttall, head of the Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, said the school has had "over 500 exposures (to pure oxygen) with no difficulty at all."

The two victims were performing routine care and testing of some experimental rabbits inside the school of aerospace medicine cabin, actually a green-colored steel tank.

Air Force officials said the simulator was filled with pure oxygen, which can turn a spark into an inferno, in a planned 60-day experiment to determine the atmosphere's long-range effect on the blood of 16 rabbits confined in the cabin. Pressure in the cabin was kept at seven pounds per

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