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## TRIBUTE TO FIVE



MR. JOHN SCHELLENGER

"Listen, I don't care what you do on one day. You always have the opportunity to try again, win or lose," philosophied Mr. Jack Schellenger, reflecting on a coaching career which spanned 28 years and four sports.

Mr. Schellenger is retiring from Manasquan after 33 years, a monumental achievement in itself. Add to the fact that he was head coach of four sports, three of them concurrent, and athletic director for 28 years (up until 1973), and one can see why he's known as an institution in himself.

Starting his coaching career as the head of the baseball and basketball squads in Marlboro, New York in 1936, Mr. Schellenger had his first taste of "double duty", as he also assumed the athletic director's tasks for his six year stay there.

Moving to Manasquan in 1943, he immediately took over as varsity basketball coach, a position he held until 1954. "We beat St. Rose, 20-19 in the old gym with three days' practice," stated the old mentor, utilizing his amazing retentive abilities. Succeeding Schellenger as coach of the hoopsters was Mr. Harry Morris, now principal, then, a history teacher. Coach Schellenger named his team of 1945-46 as perhaps his most talented squad. "That was a good group."

Coach Schellenger instituted the first track team here at the high school, in the spring of 1944. "At that time some guys would do both baseball and track. They would run a few sprints, and then change and go practice in their baseball uniforms. We won the Penn Relays, though, in 1945," remembered Mr. Schellenger.

As varsity baseball coach, Schellenger guided two teams to State Championships, in 1953 and '54. He sometimes would use as many as five pitchers in a single season. "You can't have enough pitchers in high school. The pressure on a kid is great." That last statement typifies Coach Schellenger's concern for his athletes, the kind of dedicated coaching that is appreciated the most.

Coach Schellenger will be remembered for years and years as a coach and AD, but I'll always recall his enthusiasm as a gym teacher, the same enthusiasm he carried through 33 years at Manasquan.

Patrick D. Erbe



# Leaman Leaving System to Care for New Baby

"I've always liked physical education. My father used to make us do push-ups, and we could ice skate as soon as we could walk," laughed Mrs. Barbarann Leaman, physical education teacher. Mrs. Leaman will be leaving the Manasquan school system, following a year's leave of absence, to care for her 7½ month old baby boy, Ryan.



Newark, New Jersey was the birthplace of this Toms River resident. After attending Vailsburg High School, where she participated in intramural bowling, modern dance, and volleyball. Mrs. Leaman continued her education at Montclair State College. In college she took part in mostly gymnastic and dance activities. "My first choice was teaching," Mrs. Leaman observed, "Then nursing, and my last was music."

Mrs. Leaman did her student teaching at Berkely Heights, where she taught both elementary and high school students. "I definitely feel that it was a worthwhile experience," she stated. "I taught the high school kids first, and I really enjoyed it. I could talk to them. I'd always thought that I was more suited to grammar school, but the days there seemed longer, and you needed so much more patience with the little kids."

Mrs. Leaman believes Manasquan's physical education classes offer quite a variety of activities - there's something there for everybody, from the person with the least amount of interest or ability right on up to the person who thinks of nothing but gym class and sports throughout the day. The only changes the former Squan teacher would like to see made in the physical education classes would be more involvement on the boy's part in both gymnastics and dance,

which is obviously their biggest hang-up.

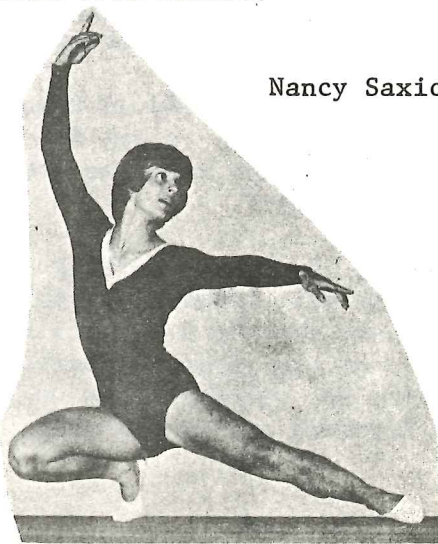
The most rewarding experience in Mrs. Leaman's career here at Manasquan was during her first year, when she had to teach modern dance to sophomore girls. "They were dead set against it, and in the end, I could tell they had really enjoyed themselves. Some kids who hadn't participated all year not only did participate, but they did a great job on their dance. It really built my confidence," exclaimed the petite gymnast.

Although the gym enthusiast does not anticipate taking up full-time teaching again till she and her husband, Don, have another child, and both the children are in school, she is currently teaching Kindergym at Point Pleasant Boro, and she will be an instructor in gymnastics during the summer.

"It keeps me in touch with the kids," she said, "until my own kids get older." Mr. Leaman is also a physical education teacher, at a near-by elementary school.

When Mrs. Leaman was asked how she felt the field of education is for young people considering teaching following high school graduation, she replied, "It's not a good field to go into at all right now. Teachers that have been away from permanent jobs aren't being taken back because they have to be paid more, so it's twice as hard for someone fresh from school."

Nancy Saxion





## Good Luck, Mrs. Petrucci



On behalf of the student body, the "Warrior" staff would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Jan Petrucci for her five years of service to Manasquan.

Due to complications, we were not able to reach Mrs. Petrucci for an interview after many attempts. She is believed to be away.