

## Sgt. Gill Makes Retirement Bid

WESTFIELD—Application for retirement by Police Sgt. Frederick J. Gill was accepted last night by Town Council.

His retirement was approved effective April 30 and he was



SGT. FREDERICK J. GILL

granted a leave of absence with pay from March 1 to April 30.

Sgt. Gill had been with the department since May 28, 1927. Before joining the police he worked briefly for a New York insurance broker and the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Born in Brooklyn, Sgt. Gill now resides at 718 Austin St. During his early years, he was one of the officers who did patrol by bicycle.

Since that time, Sgt. Gill has been in all types of police work and has been active in several prominent cases. He was promoted to his present rank in December 1950.

Sgt. Gill has been active in recreational work and has worked with the PBA variety shows. Married, he is the father of three children.

## MAYOR LAUDS WORK OF TOWN OFFICERS

Realtors, In Annual Dinner, Hear Interesting Addresses

A policy of "Watchful Waiting" was advocated as regards to the apartment house situation by Mayor William M. Beard in an address before the fifth annual banquet of the Westfield Board of Realtors, which was held in the Realtor Restaurant, Saturday. It is his desire to keep Westfield a town of individual home owners he intimated. Westfield is bound to grow the Mayor declared, although perhaps not as rapidly as other municipalities. The creation of a Zoning Committee on which the Board of Realtors is represented, may find a solution of the apartment house problem.

The Mayor spoke highly of all the town officers. Building Inspector Frank Moffett was a most efficient official the Mayor declared. Town Clerk Charles Clark also was given praise for the capable methods employed by him. Eugene G. Hanford is a conscientious Assessor. Addison H. Clark is a busy Tax Collector. Town Engineer John T. Hopkins was indispensable to the town. Road Supervisor George Miller was described as being always on the job. Town Attorney Paul Q. Oliver allows no slipshod methods to get past him. Recorder Nash is fair in his dispositions in police court. Chief Frederick C. Decker's work in the fire department is of high calibre. Chief John C. Rosecrans is also an officer who has performed splendid service. The Mayor referred to the exploit of Officer Frederick Gill in thwarting the four bandits last Thursday, as an example of the type of men on the police force. Overseer of the Poor, George Cox, is also deserving much credit for his office is one that is not altogether a "bed of roses."

David Houston, vice president of the New Jersey Association of Real Estate Boards, briefly discussed the

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## TWO SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON; WOMAN IS FINED

Pharmacy Burglar and Auto Thief Each Given Two-Year Terms.

COUNSEL ASSIGNED FOR DR. ARMONIA.

Two men were given terms in the State Prison at Trenton, and a woman offender against the State prohibition enforcement act fined \$750 by County Judge Stein in Quarter Sessions Court this morning.

Joseph Young, 40 years old, no home, captured by the police while robbing the pharmacy of William L. Rubin, 800 Sheridan avenue, March 8, was sentenced to two years in the State Prison.

Young first broke into the butcher store of Krinzman and Jaffe at 802 Sheridan avenue, and with a meat cleaver cut his way into the Rubin Pharmacy. He was caught by police in the building. Several hours after Young was captured, flames were discovered in an adjoining store and it is believed that a short-circuit caused by the cleaver Young used was responsible for the fire.

Ira Franklin, colored, of Newark, was sentenced to two years in the State Prison on his plea of guilty to larceny of an automobile from Garner Parish, at Union Township, January 23. His companion in the crime, Walter Woodson, also colored, was sentenced to the State Reformatory, near Rahway.

Mrs. Sarah Randion, of 434 West Second street, Plainfield, was fined \$750 as a third offender against the State Prohibition Enforcement act. She was represented by former Judge Victor D'Alcia of Newark, and Mrs. Hilda Hochberg of this city. Judge Stein said he imposed the fine because counsel had represented to the court that Mrs. Randion had given up her business, and was to move out of Plainfield. He warned that her next appearance in court would mean a jail sentence.

Gus Inacone, of Westfield, was given a suspended sentence and ordered to pay \$5 monthly for the support of the County Probation System on his plea of non vult to entering with intent to steal at the gasoline station of the Tydol Chain, Inc., at Westfield, February 2. Judge Stein said he suspended sentence because Inacone's companions had received the same consideration from Judge Robbins. Two others were involved with Inacone in the attempted burglary, Inacone being shot by a Westfield policeman as he attempted to escape.

## Officer Shoots Hold-up Man

Westfield Policeman Drops One of Trio Breaking Into Oil Station

Two Others Make Escape

Special to the NEWARK NEWS.

WESTFIELD, Feb. 2.—One man was shot and four others were arrested on suspicion after an abortive attempt to burglarize the safe in the Tydol gasoline station in east North avenue shortly after 2 o'clock this morning.

The wounded man identified himself as Gus Iannacone of 121 Cacciola place. He dropped only a short distance from the station with a bullet wound in the right leg, above the knee. He was taken to Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, where his condition was said to be serious.

The sudden appearance of Officer Frederick Gill, who was patrolling his beat in North avenue, frustrated the robbery attempt. The location is on the main road to Garwood. The section is rather lonely.

Officer Gill said his attention was first attracted by two figures streaking across the open space. He was a short distance away at the time. He pursued, but the men had too much of a start and made good their escape. Another figure came running through the window. Officer Gill shot at the man but he refused to stop. Another command failed and the officer fired. The man dropped in his tracks.

Cares for Wound.

Blood was flowing freely from the wound as the officer reached the fallen figure. Gill improvised a bandage and wrapped it tightly about the thigh to stem the flow of blood. He then lifted the wounded man in his arms and carried him 300 yards to the nearest police box, where he telephoned headquarters.

The police patrol brought Captain Edward Nelson and Patrolmen George Morton, John Schreiber, Charles Montross and John Burke. Gill and his prisoner were first taken to headquarters. Iannacone's appearance indicated he needed more than ordinary medical aid and he was taken to Plainfield.

The police found that entrance to the station had been gained by breaking the rear glass and unlocking the window catch. Several hammers and a drill were abandoned in front of the safe.

The officers searched the neighborhood for the others who had made their getaway. Officer Elmer Mead brought in Alexander Stevens of 348 East South avenue on suspicion. He arrested him at his home.

Three other suspects were added, William Reilly of 131 Grandview avenue by Officer Lester Debler, James DeLong of 19 East Milton avenue, Rahway, by Captain Nelson and the Rahway police, and Benjamin Guinta of 624 Ripley place by Officers Morton, Schreiber and Burke.

The suspects will be taken to Elizabeth today, where they will be questioned by County Detective Chief John A. Galatian.