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By JOHN B. LAKE

The West Warwick administration may face taxpayers' suit if the a proposed 3.9 millic school bond issue is not strictly according to law

That possibility was reliably yesterday as abling bond bill still files of the Senate tions committee. It introduced by Sen. Fr La Chapelle of West V D-Dist. 20, on Feb. 13.

While administration had hoped for its quick permitting a special to ing on it before the financial town meeting 19, that now appears ur

Boston bond counse learned, wrote to the Assembly asking it to on the bond bill to of its complete legality.

The bill would auth town to issue bonds struction of a new ju school and remodelin existing one for el school use, plus consti athletic fields.

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The Rev. Brendan Smyth

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Their Best Fan Is Going Home

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Is Going Home

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East Greenwich will lose a delightful Irish brogue and a touch of Old World wisdom this Thursday.

The Rev. Brendan J. Smyth, C.R.P., will leave then to return to the Norbertine Abbey of Kilmacrott in County Cavan, Ireland, after being "on loan" to Our Lady of Mercy Church for almost three years.

He will take with him memories both fond and perplexing and leave behind the memory of a man whose love of children and lilted "r's" and "e's" brightened the town and the lives of many in it.

Looking back on his stay, the 40-year-old native of Belfast, Northern Ireland, stated, "Rat Race probably best describes the way Americans live.

"I've never seen people live at such a pace. But it has its compensations. There seems to be far less trouble when you pick up the phone and try to get someone to do something for the church than there is back in Ireland.

"But even your recreation seems filled with pressure."

Recreation, especially children's recreation, has played a big part in his stay locally.

Since his arrival in the summer of 1965, he has helped to rejuvenate the local CYO and given hour after hour of unofficial attention to the girl scouts.

But it has been basketball as much as anything that has caught his eye in America.

"I enjoy watching college and professional games on television but I've become most enthusiastic about basketball at the parish level."

During his stay in East

Greenwich he has organized teams for both boys and girls at Our Lady of Mercy. And last Friday night, less than a week before his departure, he was still giving his own time to be with the youngsters at the gym.

"The interest shown to youngsters in this country is wonderful. I've been most impressed with Little League and the enthusiasm that parents have, although sometimes they might show a little too much," he added with a broad grin.

"One thing that's been a little difficult to get used to, though," he continued, "is the way parents are prevailed on to take the children everywhere. At times it seems like the parent's primary function is to be a chauffeur.

"Perhaps," he concluded more thoughtfully, "youngsters in Ireland walk more often because it's safer to let them out on the streets at night."

For his own family, Father Smyth, adhering to Irish traditions, finds them a big reason he is anxious to return to his homeland.

"I haven't traveled since coming to America because I can't afford two vacations and I want the opportunity to visit with my father in Belfast when I get back to the abbey.

"Since my mother passed away about 10 years ago I try to get home whenever possible."

His father retired last year as an auctioneer. He has one brother, who is married and

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over 30 years, with its installment not payable three years from the date of the bond sale. They would interest not exceeding 5 percent. The bill also would authorize issuance of interest-bearing or discounted notes in anticipation of the bond issue. The projects would be carried out by a school building committee consisting of the members of the school committee and four members appointed by the town council.

Sooner Than Town

By RUDOLPH A. HENNING

Despite a recommendation to the contrary, there is indication that North Plainfield town might try to start on a new police station coming fiscal year.

The newly-formed budget committee, recently released its budget proposals for the next five years, has recommended that the town not build a new police station fiscal 1969-70.

However, at least one official and at least the majority of the police force in favor of starting work on a new station this coming year.

Harry G. Hug, town manager, said last week he is in favor of starting the station before 1969.

Mr. Hug, who is at the town's public safety department, cited the overcrowded conditions at the town's safety building and said the situation will get worse.

Mr. Hug is preparing the budget for the town.

members of the reserve.

Other officers installed last night were Anthony Narciso, first lieutenant, James Cassidy,

extra income."

Police reserves receive their uniforms from the unit, he said, but they must maintain them

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lives in Whitehead, also in Northern Ireland.

"It's not really much of a family, for an Irish family, that is," he chuckled.

The Norbertine Abbey he will return to is of the Order of Premontre. Their motto, "Prepare for every good work." Father Smyth's vocation seems to have afforded him the opportunity.

In the almost 17 years he has been a priest, he has taught seminarians in Ireland, studied in Rome and done parish and mission work in England, Scotland and Wales.

"As an order we don't specialize in any single facet of the priesthood," he explained. "We are trained to do most anything."

He went on to tell how unusual it is for someone from the abbey to come to America.

"It happens that the bishop

here (the Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, D.D.) is friends with my abbot in Kilnacrott.

The bishop's forefathers come from a town nearby the abbey and he has visited us on occasion.

"When he asked for a priest to be loaned to the diocese I was was fortunate to be available at the time."

The fact that he will be back in Ireland to celebrate St. Patrick's Day made him laugh with delight.

"The celebration as you know it is practiced only here in America. In Ireland, it's a Holy Day of Obligation and besides it always falls during Lent and dancing and other such carrying on for some reason seems to be curbed during Lent in Ireland."

Father Smyth is not sure what future good works are awaiting his return to Kilnacrott. "That will be up to the abbot," he smiled. "I'll just have to wait and see what needs doing."

Perhaps the success he has had in this country will lead the abbot to let the youngsters of County Cavan try their hand at basketball.

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qualification in a Virginia case a couple of years ago.

The taxpayers' suit reportedly threatened now would be brought by someone other than the Rosatis, it was learned.

Meanwhile, the town council is busy wrestling with budget requests for the annual town

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