

Rev. J.L. Reid Resigns Stapleton Pastorate

The Rev. John L. Reid Jr. yesterday announced his resignation as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Stapleton, after occupying the East Shore church's pulpit for almost 12 years. The announcement was made to the congregation during the morning worship service.

Mr. Reid, prominent in local clerical and civic affairs since his arrival on the Island from Chester, N.Y., where he also served as a Presbyterian pastor, will probably leave sometime in October. He will assume the pastorate of the Naval Ordnance Testing Station Community Church in the Mojave Desert, near China Lake, Cal. It is an installation which develops guided missiles for the armed forces, much of it secret work.

Serves 10,000 Persons

The Community Church, of which Mr. Reid will be the first resident minister, serves approximately 10,000 persons within the station, and is the only Protestant Church on the site of the installation.

Shortly after being formally installed at the Stapleton church in January, 1942, Mr. Reid became active in joint Protestant activities, and was an official in the old Staten Island Federation of Churches.

In 1948, Mr. Reid was elected president of the Staten Island Division of the Protestant Council of New York, and since that time has served on numerous committees.

He is at present a member of the board of directors of the city-wide Protestant Council organization and has been on its legislative and other administrative committees.

On Important Committees

In his own denomination, Mr. Reid was chairman of the important ministerial relations committee, the Christian education committee, the summer conference committee and various others in the New York Presbytery.

The Stapleton clergyman has served on several inter-faith groups and for the past two years has been Protestant chaplain at the Willowbrook State School.

He is a member of the Clergy Club of Staten Island, and is a former president of the group.

During the last few years, First Presbyterian Church has undergone extensive renovation and has been the scene of many youth activities sponsored by the Protestant Council.

Mr. Reid's church has participated in union services with Vanerbilt Avenue Moravian and Kingsley Methodist Churches during Lent, and recently those



REV. J. L. REID

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Vincent Lombardi, who has done so much as music director at Willowbrook State School, was on the Ted Steele TV show the other afternoon with an original composition.

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STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

Social Chief Is Named for Snug Harbor

Former State School Aide to Direct Home's Revitalized Program

Miss Elizabeth M. Smith of 264 Edinboro road, Richmond, former senior social worker at Willowbrook State School, has been named director of the Social Service Department



at Sailors Snug Harbor, it was announced today by Joseph H. Louchheim, deputy governor of the mariners' home. Miss Smith will be responsible for admissions, individual counseling, recreational and occupational activities, community relations and arrangements for religious services and counseling.

Her appointment, said Louchheim, is part of the administrative reorganization being undertaken at the harbor to reorient its policies and practices toward the most modern and enlightened concepts in the field of social service.

Formed School Department

The appointment is effective Oct. 5. Miss Smith resigned her post with the state school early this month.

Organizer of the social service department in Willowbrook School, she has an extensive background in the field of social work.

Prior to her appointment in 1949 as a senior social worker (psychiatric) at the state school, she had served as a psychiatric social worker in the Girls League Study Home, Manhattan; a staff worker with the Staten Island Social Service, a high school teacher of health and physical education in St. Joseph Hill Academy, Arrochar; a kindergarten teacher in St. Pascal's Day Nursery, Manhattan, and a counselor of several children's camps.

Miss Smith holds a bachelor of arts degree from Notre Dame College and a master of science and social work degree from Fordham University's School of Social Work.

Louchheim also reported that the new program to modernize the sailors' home is receiving the cooperation of the staff and the board of trustees of the organization.