



Miss Paula Peterson

Paula Peterson To Compete In Contest Saturday

By Jerry Fischrom

Paula Peterson, 17, of 2245 Coles Avenue, Scotch Plains, will compete against eleven high school seniors for top honors in the Jaycee's New Jersey Junior Miss Pageant to be held at the Masonic Temple, 668 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Miss Peterson, a senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood School, is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Peterson. Mr. Peterson was Mayor of Scotch Plains last year and is currently a Township Committeeman.

Paula was awarded the "Miss Union County" title last November making her eligible to compete in the New Jersey-wide Pageant. Should she walk off with the "New Jersey Miss" title, Paula would journey to Mobile, Alabama as a finalist in a nationwide contest to crown a "Junior Miss America".

Rev. Behrenberg To Address Club

The Reverend A. H. Behrenberg, Th.D., theologian and world traveler, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Fanwood College Club to be held Monday night, January 21, in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Behrenberg, the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, has traveled around the world five times visiting 91 countries and meeting some of the world's political and religious leaders. He has also spent twelve successive summers preaching at the American Church in Paris. Appropriately enough, Dr. Behrenberg's topic is entitled "Around the World in 70 Days".

Plans for this meeting were completed at the executive board meeting held last night at the home of Mrs. Nathan B. Bartleson, 48 Kempshall Terrace, Fanwood, with Mrs. Joseph Haley as co-hostess.

R.C. Pfundheller With Wing

Airman Third Class Robert C. Pfundheller of Fanwood, has arrived here for assignment with the 31st Strategic Missile Wing, which operates the nation's first Minuteman missile complex.

Airman Pfundheller, a United States Air Force recreation specialist, entered the service in September 1962.

The airman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Pfundheller of 189 South Hill Road, Fanwood, is a graduate of Scotch Plains High School.

In Saturday's Pageant, contestants will be judged by many stiff tests, falling into the categories of charm, talent, citizenship, intelligence and, of course, beauty. But Paula can hold her own with the best of them. In High School she is a member of the National Honor Society, Girl's Citizenship Institute, Student Town Government, Junior Industrial Management Institute and Modern Dance Group. Paula is a school cheerleader and, in her spare time, enjoys sewing, tennis, golf, swimming, ballet, skiing, riding, and hunting.

Paula's attitude towards the rapidly nearing contest can be best described as "hopeful but pessimistic".

"I would certainly like to win," Paula told this reporter, "but, after meeting the other girls, it seems too much to hope for."

Commenting on our question as to the state of her nerves, Paula answered, "I'm plenty nervous, but it's an experience I wouldn't miss for the world!"

Paula, we join Scotch Plains and all of Union County in wishing you luck.

Librarian Talks To Parents Guild

"The planted seed of beauty and truth should be nourished at every level. Parents and children should explore and discover libraries together, to expand their knowledge of beauty and truth".

These were the messages brought to the members of the Parents' Guild at the regular monthly meeting by Sr. Ann Lucille, librarian for the past 14 years at Bailey-Ellard High School in Madison. She also explained the need and development of National Catholic Library services; these services are being employed here in St. Bartholomew's school.

The attendance award was won for the third consecutive time by class 1-2 under the direction of Mrs. Wm. Sheehan. Refreshments were in charge of and served by the first grade mothers.

Warren Brannon, chairman of the spiritual development committee announced the annual retreat will be held here at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains on March 22 and March 23rd. It will commence on Friday Eve at 8 P.M., a Dialogue Mass will be held on Saturday morning at 9 A.M. and it will close on Saturday afternoon with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The retreat master will be Rev. Jos. Taylor, S. J.

Mrs. Slocum On Committee

Mrs. Merchant Slocum, 26 Paterson Road, Fanwood, was elected a member of the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council at the annual meeting held Monday night, January 14, at the Westfield Senior High School.

Elected for a term of two years, Mrs. Slocum's scouting experience includes: Former Executive Director of the Westfield Girl Scout Council as well as service as a Girl Scout Leader and Troop Consultant.

Mayor Lacombe Announces Plans

Mayor Norman R. Lacombe, Scotch Plains's new chief executive, has announced that he plans to be in the municipal building on Fridays during the year.

In urging residents to take a greater interest in their community, the mayor pointed out that they may learn of the state of the various programs the town is undertaking by contacting Town Clerk Helen Reidy and Dr. William Sampson, executive secretary of the community.

Among the projects Lacombe hopes to tackle during his year as mayor are the following:

1. Improvement for the library.
2. Completion of sewer construction.
3. Urban renewal.
4. Master Plan revision.
5. Sidewalk construction.
6. More municipal office space.
7. A new park on Westfield Road.

The nominating committee for the selection for the new officers are: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Iarussi, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schoerbrl, and The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Cain. Mrs. Frank Theil was named his chairman for the year 1963-1964.

Churches To Train Teachers

A weekend of Teacher training Institutes will be held January 18th & 19th by the 45 parishes and missions of the Northern Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey. The Church School teachers of All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, will attend the sessions of Saturday, Jan. 19th at St. Pauls Church, Westfield.

The leader of the Institute will be the Rev. Miller Cragon, Director of the Dept. of Religious Education of the Diocese of N.Y. The Rev. Henry T. Gruber of Trinity Church, Cranford, is chairman of the Committee in charge of arrangements.

Seibert To Head Squad

Lawrence Seibert has been installed as president of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad. He succeeds Chester Rumsey.

Others installed by Mayor Norman R. Lacombe at the annual dinner in the Rescue Squad Building were Paul Schiattarella, first vice president; Robert Coleman, second vice president; John Decker, secretary; Harold Hill Jr., captain; Glenn Caraway, first lieutenant; Albert Delnaro Jr., second lieutenant.

There are now 40 members on the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad. During 1962 it answered 817 calls.

56,053 Books In Library

Circulation for the Scotch Plains Library increased by 14,077 in 1962. Mrs. Charles Darway, director, announced this week.

The total circulation in 1961 was 41,976; it increased to 56,053 in 1962.

Mrs. Darway reported that 53 new adult members were added to the library in December. She said that the total membership among adults is now 1,640.

Franklin Spooner is the newly-elected president of the trustees of the Scotch Plains Library. He has appointed the following committee chairman:

House, Alfred Faust; budget, Mrs. George Fisher; book, Mrs. Edwin Braun; auditing, Henry Bluhm; nominating, Mrs. Walter Ott; publicity, Mrs. James Bell; and personnel, Jack Mohn.

The appointment of new committee heads was made at the organization meeting of the Scotch Plains Library.

It was reported at the meeting that 200 new books and 100 adult books were received during the past month.

Township Budget Totals \$3,185,435

The 1963 Budget for the Township of Scotch Plains, introduced on first reading Tuesday, January 15, calls for a total of \$3,185,435 dollars to be raised by taxation to provide the funds necessary for the operation of the schools, for the Township's share of County expense and to provide the money needed for all municipal operations. The change over last year's budget is a very modest increase of \$86,843 or approximately 2.8%.

School costs which this year represent 62.4% of the total budget are estimated to be \$1,987,595. This is only about \$1500. over the 1962 figure. The very small increase, which is only about 1% of the increase for schools experienced last year, is attributable this year to the increase in State aid resulting from regionalization.

The County tax portion, estimated at \$465,400, or 14.6% of the total, is strictly a guess based on the assumption that there will be no great change in the County tax rate. This figure will undoubtedly change when the County rate is finally struck.

In spite of realistic increases to salaried personnel, a \$17,500 increase to our debt ser-

vice to cover interest for half a year on the bond issue providing \$1,080,000, for northside sewers, and a further extension of our local recreation program, and library aid, the General appropriations for municipal purposes which represents 23 per cent of the total budget are up only \$49,971.

A major factor that helped to keep this part of the budget from increasing more than that is the anticipated improvement in revenues brought about by an increase of about \$1.5 million in assessed valuations over last year.

Following established custom, the budget will be published in full in the January 24 issue of the "Scotch Plains Times." Each taxpayer will also receive additional detailed information through the mails prior to the public hearing scheduled for February 19, 1963.

Taking all the factors mentioned above into consideration, we are pleased to report that in spite of increased costs in certain parts of this complicated document, the estimated tax rate for 1963 will be \$6.73, a decrease of three points compared with last year's \$6.76 rate.

Candidates Night Display of Apathy

Candidates for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education played before a near-empty house in the Association for Good Schools last night.

A grand total of 19 of the association's reported 1,500 membership bothered to attend the session in which eight of the nine candidates were introduced and a budget of \$3,661,040 was discussed.

One of the candidates, Edward Bell, a newcomer, did not attend the meeting either. He was out of the state on business.

The other new candidate, Robert R. Risher, and the seven incumbents described their backgrounds and qualifications to the audience of 19. Dr. Paul Rossey, superintendent of schools, spoke of the accomplishments of the Scotch Plains school system.

The Association for Good Schools had mailed notices of the meeting and details of the budget to all its members. The weather was clear the night of the meeting.

At least one member of the Association noted the apathy of his fellow members, pointing out that he was shocked at the lack of interest in a \$3,661,040 budget, which represents a major portion of the town's taxes.

The candidates who spoke at the meeting were Risher, John Lawson, Lawrence Andrews,

William A. Waskow Jr., president of the board, William Kitz, Robert Cochran, Richard Bechtolt, and John E. Rannels Jr.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the cost of the completion of the high school athletic field was not included on the budget, but may be placed before the voters in a separate referendum in the future. Cost for this project has been estimated at \$75,000.

Rosary Society Holds Meeting

The Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew Church, Scotch Plains, held its monthly meeting last Monday evening, Jan. 7th in the school. Fr. David O'Connell, the Moderator led the members in the responses for the Dialogue Mass in preparation for the annual retreat in the Spring.

Mrs. George Fischer, President, called on Committee Chairmen for reports and welcomed new members.

The meeting was closed with a prayer and Refreshments were served. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Robert Stumm and Mrs. William Hanley assisted by Mrs. Clifford Anderson, Mrs. Frank Galan, Mrs. E. R. Alliston and Mrs. William Bedson.



MRS. MAURO CHECCHIO

To Head Drive

A mother concerned for hundreds of thousands of crippled American children appealed today for help to other mothers of Scotch Plains.

For the third year, Mrs. Mauro Checchio, a mother of five, has accepted appointment as Chairman of the 25th Anniversary Mothers' March for the March of Dimes Drive in Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Checchio said her first task is to recruit as many

volunteers as possible to march on Tuesday, January 29th. She asked those wishing to serve to call 889-5865. She explained that "A child crippled by a birth defect or arthritis - just as we discovered in the polio fight - CAN be helped, if he gets the proper medical care." She further declared, "This is a prime goal of the 1963 Mothers' March."

"Our theme this year is 'Give for the Life of a Child,'" the Chairman said, "and I am confident Scotch Plains residents will respond when Marching Mothers call."

Mrs. Checchio also requested all residents to please leave their outside lights on during the evening of January 29th to help light up dark areas for the Marching Mothers.

Assisting her in the organization of the local drive will be Mrs. Ernest Di Francesco, Jr., and Mrs. Michael F. Tierney. Mrs. Dorothy Gillie will act as treasurer for the fund drive again this year, with the Suburban Trust Company as the depository.

Philathalians Play Scene

At the first meeting of 1963 on Friday, January 11, the Philathalian presented a scene from Shakespeare's TAMING OF THE SHREW, in the Barn at 33 Elm Street, Fanwood. Mrs. John Flanagan directed the scene, Mrs. Vernon Baker and Mrs. John Jensen played the roles of Kate and Petruchio respectively. Others in the cast were Messrs Robert Thayer, Clayton Myers, Robert Geist, Joseph DeShazo, and John Flanagan.

Plans for the spring public performance of CHARLEY'S AUNT at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Junior School on March 2 were discussed at the business meeting. Tickets for this performance may be obtained by calling Mr. John Hobart at 889-5879. Mr. Jensen, President of the Club, again stressed that Philathalians is a community project open to anyone interested in little theater. After the business meeting the Hospitality Committee, Mr. and Mrs. David Dentine and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faulks, served refreshments to the group.

Mrs Robert Pace Elected To Board

Mrs. Robert B. Pace, 214 Paterson Road, Fanwood was elected Member at Large on the Board of Directors of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council at the annual council meeting held Monday night, January 14, at the Westfield Senior High School.

Elected for a one year term, Mrs. Pace's scouting experience includes: service as Girl Scout leader, Troop Consultant and Neighborhood Chairman in this council.

Mrs. Pace is also a Parent Teacher Association Board Member.

Mrs. Keith Norman To Head Newcomers

Mrs. Keith Norman of 786 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, was elected president of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Newcomers Club at their monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, January 15, at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Y MCA. Mrs. Michael Dillon was elected vice-president; Mrs. Albert Hand, secretary, and Mrs. Robert Dickinson, treasurer. The new officers were installed by the outgoing president, Mrs. Donald Johnson, who will now be the advisor to the group.

Newly appointed committee chairmen are as follows: Acquaintance, Mrs. Edward Remas, chairman, and Mrs. Gerard Ross, co-chairman; Art, Mrs. Bertram Walters; Dance, Mrs. Joseph Stornelli; Fund Raising, Mrs. Irving Fenner, chairman, and Mrs. Ronald Carlson, co-chairman; Hospitality, Mrs. John Swindlehurst, chairman, and Mrs. Ross Watson, co-chairman; Program, Mrs. Charles Olsen, chairman, and Mrs. Joseph Thompson, co-chairman; Refreshments, Mrs. William Whitehead; Bowling, Mrs. Robert Holst and Mrs. Herbert Jensen; Bridge, Mrs. Ward

Huevelman and Mrs. Kenneth Rehm; Garden, Mrs. Peter Esbaugh, chairman, and Mrs. Wallace Pond, co-chairman; and Luncheon, Mrs. John Gabriel. Staff representatives are Mrs. Robert Ferris, Education; Mrs. Richard Miller, Publicity; Mrs. Gerald Yeager and Mrs. Steve Swanciger, YMCA; and Mrs. Ronald Wellem, Coffees.

Mrs. Joseph Stornelli, Dance chairman, announced that the club's annual dinner-dance will be held on February 16th at the Mountside Inn. Cocktail hour is from 7-8 p.m., dinner from 8-9 p.m., and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Other scheduled activities in the near future are a Couples Bowling Night on January 25th and the regular monthly meeting of the Garden Group on January 28th, featuring "Table Decorations" by Jane Smith's of Westfield.

Following the business meeting, Mr. Robert G. Allen, Manager of Market Research for CIBA Pharmaceuticals, gave a talk entitled "Medical Revolutions".



IN BERMUDA--Enjoying a relaxed holiday at the new Carlton Beach Hotel, Southampton Parish, Bermuda, are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wolinger of 1929 Parkwood Drive, Scotch Plains. Mr. Wolinger is President in Charge of Sales for the Monarch Cabinet Corporation in Avenel, New Jersey. The couple spent the Christmas and New Year's holidays at The Carlton Beach.