

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Editor
SUBJECT: Proposed changes to the Scotch Plains Times
TO: All concerned staff members

1. After extensive study, it has been deemed necessary to institute a number of basic changes in the format, content, and general policies of our newspaper. These changes are as follows:

A. Commencing with our March 7th issue, the Scotch Plains Times will contain ONLY news pertaining to Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

B. Our organization will establish an office in Scotch Plains, rather than the current Springfield nucleus, to provide better local coverage.

C. Greater emphasis will be given to all local organizations, with regular sections to report church, school, business, scouts, social, library, sports, and club news.

D. Newspaper size will be changed from "standard" to "tabloid", affording a more readable, lively format.

2. It is suggested that initial planning begin immediately to accomplish the above re-organization with a minimum of confusion.

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Scotch Plains Police Chief James Onato announced this week that canvassing will begin immediately for unlicensed dogs in the Township. All dog owners that have not obtained licenses for their dogs will be subject to fines.

Students Attend Hospital

Twenty students from Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Summit and New Providence High Schools attended six hours of in-service training under the direction of Mrs. Amelia Simpson, R.N., Assistant Director of Nurses, and Mrs. Dorothy L. Walton, Director of Volunteer Services, at the John E. Runnells Hospital for Chest Diseases, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, on Monday, February 18, and Tuesday, February 19, 1963.

These students have previously had six hours of Orientation and indoctrination and upon conclusion of their in-service training, will give a minimum of three hours of service each week to the hospital.

Heart Research

A Scotch Plains physician is doing heart research through Heart Fund contributions.

He is Dr. Carlo A. Pallini of 909 Westfield Road. Dr. Pallini is working at St. Michael's Hospital, Newark on a Heart Fund grant. He is attempting to find a simple test by which general medical practitioners may be able to detect heart trouble in its early stages.

L. R. DiCavalcante of 1284 Woodside Drive is the chairman of the Scotch Plains Heart Fund campaign for 1963. February is National Heart Month.

Honor Staff

The entire staff of the Prudential Insurance Co.'s Chatham District office, 320 Main St., Chatham was honored at a dinner last night at the Bow and Arrow Manor, West Orange, N.J.

Gilbert Mollrich To Head Heart Drive

Mr. Gilbert Mollrich of 9 Oak Court has again been selected as the chairman of the Fanwood Heart Fund Drive, and he has selected as his Co-Chairman Mr. Herbert Goss of 147 Midway Avenue and Mr. Henry Piekariski of 116 Paterson Road will serve as Treasurer and Mrs. Donald Berk is Secretary. About one hundred volunteers have already been enlisted, but Mr. Mollrich said more could be used, since it is important that every resident of Fanwood receive a valuable piece of literature which may be used all year round for information on the heart.

"This is not a one shot drive," said Mr. Mollrich. "But we want people to know that we are available all year round to give counsel and advice when our residents need it."

For this reason the Union County Heart Association recently at their board of trustees meeting decided to enlist the volunteer services of Mrs. Mollrich to create a committee of Heart Ambassadors throughout the entire county.

Such person will be well-informed on the working and services of the chapter and will be

in a position to give valuable advice and counsel when needed.

Dr. Rowne, Elizabeth, President of the chapter stated that heart disease afflicts more than 900,000 person in our nation in their most productive years, and although many breakthroughs are expected in the near future, many more lives could be saved with early education of the problem. For this reason the committee was established, and Mr. Mollrich a Board member was selected to act as the spear head to develop the group. The American Heart Association with its affiliates and chapters, is the nation's only independent voluntary health agency dedicated to combating all of the heart and blood vessel diseases, and we sincerely hope that since business and industry are so much involved in this problem that they will aid us with their special contributions they year, Mr. Mollrich stated.

We all have a stake in this job, and Fanwood has always been in the top fund raising bracket of our county, help us make it No. 1 in the county, either by volunteering your services or your dollars, he concluded.

Five Subdivisions OK'd By Board

The Subdivision Committee of the Scotch Plains Planning Board has given approval to four homeowners and to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education to make five minor subdivisions in their properties.

Committeeman Mauro Checchio of 711 Westfield Road was one of the homeowners seeking a subdivision. He is also a member of the Planning Board. Because of his position on the board, he refrained from voting on his own request to divide one lot in Concord Road into three lots.

The other three subdivision requests of homeowners were: Louis Lueddeke of 2229 Morse Ave., to add a portion of one lot to another at 871 Westfield Road; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Winkler to divide one lot into two at 2150 Raritan Road; and Leonard Sachar of 1721 Cooper Road to take three feet from an adjoining lot and add it to his lot on Cooper Road.

The Board of Education had sought approval to add part of a tract of land it had purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Hugo C. Weisenthal to the Kevin Road school site. The school area has thus been enlarged.

The Planning Board Subdivision Committee ruled that an application from H. G. S. Builders Inc. of Union for permission to subdivide two lots on Aldene and Hatfield Avenues into five lots constituted a major subdivision. It ruled that the entire Planning Board should act on the request.

Mayor's Approval Expected Lawrence Andrews To Head School Board

A Fanwood man is the president of the new Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

He is Lawrence Andrews, a board member since July of 1961. Mr. Andrews was elected unopposed in this month's school board election. He becomes the first Fanwood man to head the two-community school board.

Mr. Andrews succeeds William A. Waskow, Jr. of Scotch Plains. The new vice president is Richard L. Bechtolt of Scotch Plains, appointed to the board last year and also elected unopposed in this month's election. Mr. Bechtolt succeeds Mr. Andrews, the previous vice president of the board.

Although the final decision is up to the mayor, Mr. Andrews recommended that his successor, Mr. Waskow, be considered for the post of school board representative to the Planning Board. He named Mr. Bechtolt as representative to the Union County School Board Association and reappointed John E. Runnells Jr. to the State Federation of School Boards of Education.

Mr. Andrews appointed the following board members to school committees:

Public Relations: John Lawson, chairman; Edward Belland John Runnells, committee members. Administration Salaries: William Kitz, chairman; John Lawson and Robert Risher Jr., committee members.

Policy: Robert L. Cochran, chairman; Robert Risher and William Waskow, committee members.

Girl Scouts View Slides Of Italy

A vicarious visit to Italy was experienced by Girl Scout troop 605 of Evergreen neighborhood, Scotch Plains through a program of color slides presented by Miss Mary Genualdi and Miss Frances DeLuxe of Summit preceded by a self-prepared Italian dinner complete with candlelight and mandolins.

The international party was held in the home of the leader, Mrs. David Henry who was assisted by Mrs. Carl Giacobbe and Mrs. Elmer Clalone, a friend of the troop. The recreation room was decorated for the occasion with an heirloom Italian flag belonging to the family of Doreen Pellegrino, a collection of Italian dolls and other native objects of interest.

The troop members completed their cooking badge by preparing the meal of antipasto, bread sticks, pizza and spumoni under the direction of troop mothers, Mrs. J. M. Guty, Mrs. Peter Ure, Mrs. George Brown and Mrs. Carl Giacobbe.

To earn credits toward their work in International Friendship the girls presented an original skit about Scouting in Italy, read an appropriate poem and learned an Italian song.

The evening ended with the troop dedicating themselves to their Girl Scout promise and the presentation of the World Association pin to each girl.

Elks Plan Annual Ball

First Methodist Church, Scotch Plains. The program will also feature vocal selections by Marie Losavio and Arthur McCormack. The Charity Ball will be held Friday evening, February 22, at the Mountain Inn.

The Program planned for the Scotch Plains Charity Ball will feature many interesting speakers. Guest speakers will be Ralph Orisello, Union County Sheriff; Florence Dwyer, Union County Congresswoman; Norman Lacombe, Mayor of Scotch Plains. Main speaker will be Joseph Bader, Grand Lodge Trustee.

Frank DiBianco will be presented with the first Life Members Card in the Scotch Plains Elks Lodge. The Right Reverend Monsignor John Cain, St. Bartholomew the Apostle R.C. Church, will offer the invocation and the benediction will be given by Rev. Archie Parr.

Presidents Saluted By Woman's Club

Tribute was paid two great presidents of the United States this week by the Civics Department of the Scotch Plains Woman's Club.

The great Second Inaugural Address, delivered March 4, 1865 by Abraham Lincoln was read, quote, "With malice toward none, with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in—let us do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

In honor of George Washington, our first president parts of his Farewell address to the people, issued September 19, 1796, about two months before the presidential election, were read and the leading principles of that speech for guidance to the people were studied.

Now as then, Washington's words have deep meaning.

"It is important, likewise, that the habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution, in those entrusted with its administration, to confine themselves within their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department to encroach upon another. The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all the departments in one, and thus to create, whatever the form of government, a real despotism."

Mrs. Edward Matlack, chairman, also brought N.J. Governor Hughes 1963 budget up for discussion.

Mrs. Braun also announced that Mrs. Edward Matlack of 2093 Lyde Place, would be hostess to the garden department on Wednesday, February 20 at 1 P.M. At that time Mrs. Emery Gebert, chairman will talk to the group on Horticulture.

Club Will Present Play

A Philathalian production meeting was held Monday night in The Barn at 33 Elm Avenue Fanwood. Producer Bryant Brennan presided. Plans for the club's 31st annual Spring production, Charley's Aunt by Brandon Thomas were discussed. The play will be presented Friday, March 1st at 8:00 P.M. and Saturday, March 2nd at 8:30 p.m. in the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Junior School. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 889-5879 or FA 2-1604.

Those on the production staff include Robert Faulks, Stage manager; Robert Thayer, Set designer and Scenery Chairman; Mrs. Frank Bond-Nelson, play selection and casting; Mrs. John Thompson, make-up; Mrs. David Demme, properties; Mrs. John Hobart, publicity; Mrs. Robert Thayer, program advertising; Mrs. Vernon Baker, costumes; Joseph De Shazo, lighting; Tickets, John Hobart; and Hospitality, Mrs. J.J. Agnoti.

The director, Mrs. Ralph Briggs, is assisted by Mrs. Geoffrey Hamer and Arsene Gautier.

Club Will Gets Grant

Dr. Richard M. Drake, Provost of Fairleigh Dickinson University, has announced the approval of a research grant to Dr. George Moed, Assistant Professor of psychology at the Madison Camp-

A Date To Remember

Right now, before you forget it, draw a little circle around March 25th on your calendar. That's the night the Planning Board has set aside for a public hearing on proposed changes in the master plan.

Perhaps the most vocal criticism made of our community has centered about its planning. This situation is not peculiar to Scotch Plains; it is a basic problem in all communities such as ours that have grown rapidly since the end of World War II. There are many good, but conflicting, ideas on how our community should grow. Inevitably one plan for progress may cause a hardship to some individuals while helping others. This problem lies at the core of any talks involving changes to prepare ourselves for the continuing growth of our community.

We recall the furore that was raised when there was talk of widening Jerusalem Road a few years ago. The High School was packed with furious residents with a variety of objections. It is possible that the March 25th meeting -- at the Junior High School this time -- may also provide as much heat as light.

We hope that as many residents as possible will attend the meeting and let the Planning Board know of their reactions to the various proposals. This way the Planning Board will have the advantage of an understanding of the pulse of the community as it makes plans to prepare Scotch Plains for continuing growth in the exciting Sixties.

Miss Union County Pageant Scheduled

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees To Sponsor Event

The 1963 "Miss Union County" Pageant, an official preliminary of the annual Miss America Pageant, has been scheduled by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees for Friday, May 24th. Pageant Committee Chairman Van Dyke J. Pollitt announced that the finals will be staged in the Fanwood-Scotch Plains High School auditorium.

The winner of this Pageant will compete in the "Miss New Jersey" contest to be held in Wildwood early in June. That winner will represent the Garden State in the Miss America finals in Atlantic City in September. Over \$35,000 in scholarships will be claimed by the winners and runner-ups in the various phases of competition, and Miss America will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and an estimated \$75,000 in modeling and personal appearance contracts. Mr. Pollitt announced that Miss Union County went on to become Miss New Jersey twice in the last four years.

All aspiring "Miss Americas" are invited to contact Mr. M. H. Paulson, Chairman of the Entrees Committee, 47 Beech Avenue, Fanwood, or Mrs. Dudley Carpenter, 105 Farley Avenue, Fanwood. To be eligible, a contestant must be between the ages of 18 and 28 on September 1, 1963. She must be a high school graduate by September 1; must never have been married.

She must possess talent, either trained or potential, which may include playing a musical instrument, dramatics, dress designing, singing, or any of the fine arts.

The screening necessary to select the contestants for this Pageant will get under way soon. Union County girls who are away at school are asked to apply for an interview to be scheduled during spring vacation. Others are asked to send a brief personal biographical sketch and a snapshot to Mr. Paulson as soon as possible.



COMPLETE TRAINING--Six Fanwood High School students recently completed six hours of training at John Runnells Hospital, Berkeley Heights. Left to right: Marlene Beller, Sandy Harverland, Miriam Stask, Doria Rathbard, Barbara Davis (student as patient) Mrs. Amelia Simpson, R.N., Assistant Director of Nurses, and Lynn Jedry.



AWARDED PIN--Frank Tirrell (right) is shown accepting a pin representing the Democratic Party awarded him for his "outstanding work done for the Democratic Party." Adrian Powers, toastmaster at the dinner-dance at which the presentation was made, makes the presentation. The dinner-dance which took place February 9th, was chaired by Mrs. Edith Powers, assisted by Israel Gazak. Motion pictures and songs were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waterkotte.