

Same Newspaper, Improved Format

Yes, you're still reading the Scotch Plains TIMES - Fanwood INDEPENDENT. It's grown, that's all. We felt, and we hope you agree, that a normal sized newspaper can contain more news, more pictures, more features, more editorial content. . . and by feeling that way we decided to "put in the yeast" and expand the size of our newspaper.

You'll still get to read all those featured articles you've been accustomed to. . . you'll still see those pictures -- sharp and clear -- that make you feel you're there in the scene. . . you'll still read about your neighbors and friends, about your children's schools, about everything you've ever read in this newspaper before. . . AND MORE.

We will begin, with this issue, a regular, weekly editorial page, containing not only county-wide political and educational material but staff-written editorials of local interest. There'll be everything you could ask for in a weekly newspaper, and all we ask is that if you have any suggestions please call and let us know. If you have any ideas for pictures we should take, let us know. If you have any ideas about news leads we should investigate, let us know.

Now there are things we feel you should know, for it is you and you and you, in all honesty, who made this newspaper a flourishing one. We took this publication over just two weeks ago, making this the eighth newspaper in our chain of Union County publications.

Our formal name is Garden State Weeklies, but you can call us Herby or Harry, or Lave or Beatrice. We are the largest chain of weeklies in the county, and, as such, have more at our disposal to bring to you, such as feature staff writers, editorial writers, photographers, . . . who will all be combined with the present staff working for the Scotch Plains TIMES - Fanwood INDEPENDENT.

Publisher of all the Garden State Weeklies is Herbert Jaffe. Associate publisher and advertising director is Harry Gould. Executive editor is David S. Klein, advertising manager for this area is Israel Horowitz and local editor is Beatrice Stulz, who has served in this capacity for this newspaper for more than a year.

We will try to do nothing to change the editorial content and policy of your newspaper. We would like to let things run as they are, with a minimum of revolution. But we did have to make this switch to a standard-size newspaper. You see, all our other newspapers are the normal size and, well, it was like trying to wear pants 20 sizes too small. They just would not fit.

Let us now reiterate some things we hope will become common knowledge. We do not charge anything, not a nickel, for printing any social news, social photographs, club news, organizations, service project news. We welcome all releases, and we promise to see that they are printed.

This goes for photographs, too. With our photo-offset process of reproduction, we can use any type of photograph, even a polaroid snapshot. Feel free, please, to send them to us. They will be published.

So what have we said, now that we have stated our policy? We have said that nothing will really change, except the size of the newspaper, and that will allow us to get more news into the paper. We have welcomed all local releases of any nature, we welcome all social news, service project news, club news, organizations, or where to pick up a new release, we welcome criticism, suggestions, tips and bits of information.

We especially welcome letters to the editor, provided they are signed, and we will keep a signature off if so requested. We have tried to tell you a little about who we are, what we would like to do, and how we would like to serve you.

We feel we can do a good job because of our large staff and because of the overwhelming response we have had from you. We would also like to thank all of you who phoned to congratulate us on coming into your area. . . we are grateful indeed to have received such a welcome.

In conclusion, may we here and now pledge ourselves to do all within our power to satisfy your editorial demands. May we promise to treat with special care every bit of information you sent to us, and may we vow to print everything, if not the first week then absolutely the second.

We are here in Scotch Plains and Fanwood to make friends, and we can think of no better way of doing that than being honest and sincere.

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Seat In GOP Committee Only Contest

The only Primary Election contest which developed in Scotch Plains when the 4 party candidates' filing deadline was reached on March 12th, is for the male member of the county Republican Committee in District 2.

John Andrasky, Jr., of 548 Hunter Avenue, filed in that district to run against the Republican Organization's candidate, Eugene L. Martin of 2075

There is no contest in either party for nomination to the single Township Committee seat to be filled this year. Mayor Edward H. Peterson, Republican, and Mrs. Edith W. Powers of 1129 Hetfield Avenue, Democrat, are their party's unopposed candidates.

The Republicans filed a complete slate for male and female county committee members in all 12 districts. The Democratic slate is incomplete.

The county committee candidates are: Republicans: District 1, Mrs. Florence Christiansen of 1805 Front Street and Herbert E. Vent of 535 Sycamore Avenue; District 2, Helen Carrara of 544 Forestpath Avenue, Martin and Andrasky; District 3, Joan Di Francesco of 1922 Sunset Place and Patricia L. Capone of 2-89 1/2 Pine Street; District 4, Surley S. Patton of 379 Parkview Drive and B. Lawrence Newcomb of 225 Watline Terrace.

District 5, Frank Hirsch of 547 Jerusalem Road and Roger H. Willis of 351 E. Long Knolls Road; District 6, Reed Ann Cole of 9 Theophanes Road; District 7, James T. Reynolds of 2274 Woodland Terrace; District 8, Evelyn Geetlein of 2482 Longfellow Avenue and George E. Perry of 2436 Seneca Road; District 9, Pamela Lane of 2116 Shady Lane and Elmer C. Dellmire of 2241 Shawnee Path.

District 10, Bernice T. Constable of 2119 Gallagher Avenue and Frank H. Betz of 39 Fieldcrest Drive; District 10, Sylvia Van Pelt of 1870 Shackamaxon Drive and Preston L. Talley 2nd of 1928 Windham Brook Way; District 11, Sophie K. Torburne of 1597 Ramapo Way and Theodore E. Siemicki of 1564 Martine Avenue.

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1964 CITIZENSHIP LEADER

4 Mayors Judge B'nai B'rith Award

Four Mayors, two representatives from B'nai B'rith and a past recipient of the CCA award make up the panel of Judges who will choose the B'nai B'rith 1964 Citizenship and Civic Affairs Award, it was announced today by David Levy and Mrs. Jack Loshin, Presidents of the Men's and Women's Lodges and Chapter.

The Mayors include the Hon. R. Sidney Hulstizer, Mayor of Farwood; Hon. Orin E. John-

son, Mayor of Mountainside; Hon. Edward Peterson, Mayor of Scotch Plains; and Hon. Burr Towl, Jr. Mayor of Westfield; as well as the 1963 Recipient, Mr. H.D. Merrill, Jr. Members of B'nai B'rith that will serve on the panel include Dr. Bernard H. Layton and Mrs. Michael Wohl.

The B'nai B'rith Citizenship and Civic Affairs Awards are given by Lodges and Chapters throughout the country as part

of their national policy of acknowledging important contributions by people in the field of citizenship and americanism.

Through recipients have received the award in the Westfield area. They include Raymond Grant, former director of the Westfield YMCA; Mrs. Bruce Kimball, educator and H. Douglas Merrill, Boy Scout Executive.

Letters have been sent to the clergy, civic leaders and group

Presidents of Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Mountainside, and Westfield asking them to submit their suggestions for qualified candidates.

Any citizen may propose a nominee for this coveted award. Suggestions should be sent to the B'nai B'rith 1964 Citizenship and Civic Affairs Award, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, Salient information on the individual being proposed should be included in the letter.

Boro Omits Kramer Area From Plans

The Kramer Manor has been excluded from plans of a realignment of the boundary line between Scotch Plains and Fanwood due to objections from that section disclosed Mayor Edward H. Peterson at Tuesday night's meeting of the Scotch Plains Township Committee.

A resolution introduced by Committeeman Mauro Checchio requesting the State Legislature to pass a bill to change the boundary was adopted by the Township Committee.

Fanwood officials are expected to pass a similar resolution at the Borough Council meeting this week.

The boundary commences from a section of Summit Avenue and South Avenue, near Hetfield Avenue to Trenton Avenue and along Wilson Avenue to a spot near the dead end of Princeton Avenue. Although it would only affect a few property owners it would alleviate a condition now existing where the boundary line divides their tracts necessitating the payment of taxes.

If the proposed legislature is enacted, some lots would become annexed to either Scotch Plains or Fanwood and the property owners will pay taxes to a single community.

Acting on a letter from newcomer T.J. Ryan, the township Scotch Plains Board of Education to repair a path next to 1943 Parkwood Drive running between the drive and Shackamaxon School. On behalf of the school board, F.J. Laberge, assistant superintendent of schools, wrote that the records did not disclose who owned the property in question.

He requested that the ownership and responsibility for this and five other "paths, walks and rights-of-way" be established; his letter was referred to the township engineer and assessor.

Queen City Pontiac was awarded a contract for two new police cars at \$3,640 with trade-ins. A contract for a new car for the engineer's department at \$1,400 with trade-in was awarded to Miller Rambler.

A request for a contribution of \$1,000 from the Township towards the annual Memorial Day services and parade was received from Scotch Plains Post 209 of American Legion.

In referring to an ordinance adopted which authorized the appropriation of \$150,000 out of capital improvement funds for the construction of sanitary sewers, Mayor Peterson commented: "We're very happy that this just about finishes the North end of Scotch Plains as far as the sewers go."

Investment of \$155,000 of the Township funds in U.S. Treasury Bills was authorized by the Township Committee.



AT DINNER this weekend for benefit of Italian children's nursery in Montazzoli, Italy, Paul Di Francesco, left, general chairman, accepts check from Philip Di Francesco, dinner chairman, as Mauro Checchio, toastmaster (2nd from left) and Msgr. John J. Cain, pastor of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, look on. Dinner was held at the Martinsville Inn, and idea was formulated by Scotch Plains residents.

Lone Dem, Full GOP Slate In Fanwood

A lone Democrat filed a petition last week in Fanwood borough offices to be filled in this year's election.

It is rumored that a write-in campaign will be conducted for another Democrat in the April 21 Primary Election for a council seat.

The Democrat is Paul N. Rasmussen of 101 Paterson Road, a newcomer as a political candidate, who is seeking the party's nomination to one of two 3-year Borough Council terms. Rasmussen is a supervisor with the state Department of Labor and Industry.

The Republicans have a full slate for the four borough posts, incumbent Councilmen Theodore F. Trumpp and Roland M. Boehman, filed for nomination to the council seats. Borough Clerk John H. Campbell Jr. filed for tax collector, a post he now holds, and George B. Draper, longtime assessor, has filed again for that office.

The Republicans also filed a full slate for county committee posts in the borough's seven election districts. The Democrats have an incomplete slate.

Committee candidates are: Republicans: District 1,

Richard L. Van Seiver of 6 Thorn Place and Nancy Scheyer of 6 Byron Lane; District 2, Walter G. Halpin of 163 Wiloughby Road and Patricia Samuels of 46 Madison Avenue; District 3, Alan England of 357 La Grande Avenue, and Ruth Wagonman of 47 Poplar Place; District 4, John F. Caviechia of 21 Carson Street and Evelyn Agnost of 158 Belvidere Ave.

District 5, Charles G. Smith of 225 Harold Ave. and Mrs. John Geer of 229 Harold Ave; District 6, M. H. Williams of 32 Glenwood Rd. and Mrs. Frances E. Hoppe of 11 Shiga Pass, and District 7, David G. Kaminic of Portland Ave. and Jerry G. Statoroff of 327 Westfield Rd.

District 8, Leonard R. Zuchowski of 7 Poplar Pl. and Patricia P. Brannon of 48 Laurel Pl; District 9, Leonard E. Engle of 15 Robin Rd. and Josephine Christie of 97 King St., and District 10, Alele R. Koziar of 22 Ramer Rd.

MAYOR PETERSON SPEAKS

Businessmen Discuss Shopping Areas

The Scotch Plains Businessmen's Association met Tuesday night at the Old Heidelberg Restaurant. Calvin Schwartz presided as toastmaster and opened the meeting with personal comment on the problems of the local businessmen in his relationship to the larger shopping areas bounding our town--namely Plainfield, Westfield, Menlo Park, and the Blue Star Shopping Area in Watchung.

Schwartz noted that he has personally adhered to an absolute policy of shopping at home. He noted that he has found the personal service of the local businessman to be superior to the self-service of the larger volume stores of Plainfield and other outlying areas. He further noted that hundreds of consumers pass through our town en route to other shopping areas and the realistic solution to increasing business here would be a method of stopping these cars. A voice from the crowd called for assistance from the police in this matter.

Mayor Edward Peterson was introduced and spoke briefly of his experience here 25 years ago. He mentioned with delight

that the strong membership of the Businessmen's Association today and, in retrospect, stated that "if all the merchants of Scotch Plains were asked to turn out for an association meeting 25 years ago, maybe 10 to 12 would appear."

He further stated that he and the township Committee endorse "without reservation, shopping at home here in Scotch Plains." He continued, "Free Municipal Parking has and shall continue to be a fact here." Mayor Peterson concluded his speech with sincere well wishes and rushed off to a Committee Meeting at Municipal Building.

Schwartz then introduced Robert Barrett, the Executive Director of the South Plainfield Area Development Committee. Barrett predicted the population of Scotch Plains would grow to 40,000-50,000 by 1985. He related that it was his opinion that Scotch Plains offers unlimited business potential and advised the membership to "think big" as "without vision, the people would perish."

He suggested the local merchants create a strong identity for the local shopping areas.



THE HEAD TABLE POSES for the photographer at the Scotch Plains Businessmen's Association dinner held at the Old Heidelberg Tuesday night. Left to right are: Guest speaker Robert Barrett, Executive Director of the Plainfield Area Development Committee; Calvin Schwartz, Toastmaster; Mrs. William Murray, Dinner Chairman; Ruth Hardenbrook, Association President; Jim Walsh, Association attorney and Mrs. Walsh.



STUDENTS OF SPFHS sit at township committee meeting. From left, first row, M. Menard, S. Stapleton, S. Haverland. Second row, Mr. R. Gerling, T. Ethridge, P. Stumpf, D. Rimmer, P. Schechtman.