



THE SCOTCH PLAINS Hand Bell Choir gets in some practice at the First Methodist Church in Westfield. Mrs. Elenore Kimes leads the ringers.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

\$31,500 Appropriation Granted For Construction Of Sidewalks

Two ordinances appropriating a total of \$31,500 from capital improvement funds for the construction of sidewalks on three streets and for the improvement of the Scotch Hills Country Club were adopted at Tuesday night's meeting of the Scotch Plains Township Council.

An increase in attendance of 18 persons including a contingent from Jerusalem Road and a group representing Portland Avenue saw a three-page agenda (one of the items to date) taken up by the council and dispatched in a fast moving one hour and fifteen minute period.

The sidewalk ordinance covers the installation of walks on the west side of Hetfield Avenue, from South Avenue to Fieldcrest Drive; on the north side of West Broad Street, from White Oak Road to Graymill Drive; and on the west side of Henry Street from Mountain Avenue to Plainfield Avenue.

The Township's sidewalk plan had been undertaken at the request of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Safety Council and Committee Chairman George Johnston reported, "We are completing these sidewalks on a safety and priority basis and hope to do another portion of Cooper Road soon." A "well done" was added by R.W. Newcombe of 225 Watchung Avenue

who stated he was "very happy" to see the sidewalks go ahead. But the sidewalk ordinance effected Phil Scrudato of 1995 Portland Avenue the way a red flag sends a bull rushing to the fore. In a forthright but determined manner and armed with photographs showing the poor condition of the Avenue, he informed the Township Committee that in October 1963 a petition from 16 residents of Portland Avenue between Forest and Birch Streets was sent to the Township of Scotch Plains and the Borough of Fanwood requesting that they make provisions for the maintenance and repair of their street which has been in existence for six years.

The street in question Scrudato pointed out is heavily traveled with parents and school buses delivering children to School One, the High School, Junior High School, St. Bartholomew's, and Evergreen School. "The condition of the street is endangering the lives of our young children and ruining our cars," he stated.

A 16-year resident of Scotch Plains, Scrudato has lived on Portland Avenue for six years and revealed they have been promised over and over again that the road work would be done within a year but all they ever received were two letters, one from Scotch Plains and the other from Fanwood.

Mayor Edward H. Peterson informed the group that the Township along with the Borough of Fanwood has passed a resolution recommending to the State that the boundary line on Portland Avenue again be half Fanwood and half Scotch Plains so that both communities will share the paving and maintenance of Portland Avenue on an assessment basis.

The ordinance for the improvement of the nonmunicipal self course allows funds for the improvement of the grounds and clubhouse, plus the purchase of equipment and a tractor. The course is the former Shady Rest Country Club located on Jerusalem Road which the Township will operate as the Scotch Hills Country Club starting next month.

The receipt of two more letters commending the Township upon the addition of the Country Club for recreational purposes led Mayor Peterson to remark, "Judging by the calls and letters we have received, this is the most highly publicized move ever made in this town."

A resolution was passed officially making the Scotch Plains Public Library Township owned and an ordinance was adopted setting the salaries for six classifications of employees of the public library.

The salaries were established as follows: Library director, \$5,560 annually; supervising library assistant, \$1.93 per hour; two classifications of library clerks, \$1.65 and \$1.50 per hour; library pages, 85 cents per hour; and custodian, \$40 per month.

A letter was received from the North Plainfield Police Department commending Officer John Goltra of Scotch Plains for his valuable assistance in the investigation of an assault and robbery that occurred in the Borough on Feb. 29 which resulted in the arrest of five men. Police Commissioner Johnston remarked, "We know we have good policemen but it is nice to hear someone else say so."

An unexpended balance of \$24,229.09 was transferred to the capital improvement fund at this time.

A resolution was passed allowing the Township to exchange town owned property in an industrial zone for residential property owned by Al Sanguinarian, Inc. The corporation will also pay the Township \$2,000 to make it an even exchange.

Another resolution passed accepted the deed from Frank Gilbreath for a piece of property which would allow the extension of Haven Avenue in accordance with the Planning Board's recommendation. A third resolution accepted the deed for property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Cowell which would allow the Township to straighten out the curve on Lambert's Mill

ACCIDENTS MOUNT

Route 22, Center Of Controversy Here

Route 22, which slithers snake-like along the base of the Watchung Mountains, cutting off the tip of Scotch Plains, has become the center of conversation and controversy as the mounting accident and death rates make weekly front page headlines.

An unofficial truck route, the highway is used by a mounting score of motorists from the farm and suburban areas to reach Elizabeth, Newark, Jersey City and New York -- in fact, it has been predicted that the April opening of the New York World's Fair will increase the road's load.

"Death Strip" is the term being applied by motorists and authorities to the concrete center divider erected a few years ago in the interest of safety. One man in the know has referred to the divider as the cause of fatalities since it acts as a "ski jump" catching the car's or truck's tires and aiming and releasing the vehicle at the moving traffic in the opposite lane. Only time and the statistics will prove or disprove this theory but in the meantime the accidents continue.

Three persons suffered minor injuries last week when their car was in collision

with a tractor-trailer truck at Route 22 and Glenside Ave., Scotch Plains.

The driver of the truck, Frank B. Figel of Teaneck, was issued a summons for going through a red light. Police reported the truck was northbound in Glenside Ave. and the Oels car was eastbound in Route 22 when the accident occurred.

Sharon Oels, 18, of 1555 Grouse Lane, Mountainside, the driver of the car, and Mrs. Harriet Oels of 320 Cherry Hill Rd., Mountainside, were treated for head injuries and bruises, respectively, at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

A second passenger, Mrs. Frances Oels of 1555 Grouse Lane, Mountainside, complained of a knee injury but informed police she would consult her own physician.

John Broderick of 1370 Fremont Place, Elizabeth, was burned to death in Route 22 on April 2nd when the truck he was driving overturned and caught fire in a collision with a tractor-trailer near Glenside Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Carl G. Bowman, 32, of Auten Valley Rd., Somerville, driver of the other rig, was held for arraignment before Magistrate George W. Jackson on a mandatory charge of causing death by auto. He was

released in \$2,000 bail to await grand jury action on a charge of causing death by auto.

The accident, at 5:03 a.m., blocked the eastbound lanes for two hours, as traffic was detoured into nearby Mountain Avenue. The township rescue squad ambulance and two fire engines responded to the call.

Broderick was driving a newspaper-filled truck owned by Reliable Newspaper Delivery, Inc., Elizabeth. He was headed west and had made a jughandle turn off Route 22 to go south into Mountain Avenue, police said.

Bowman, driving east in a tractor-trailer loaded with 32,000 pounds of asphalt shingles, told police that Broderick went through a red light. The heavy rig struck the newspaper truck on the right side and jammed it across the intersection partly onto a safety island, where the smaller vehicle turned over and burst into flames.

Police said Broderick was pinned in the cab.

The funeral for Broderick was held Monday from the Grovny Funderal Home, Hillside, to St. Catherine's Church there, where Mass was said with interment in St. Gertrudes Cemetery, Rahway.



SCOTCH PLAINS Mayor Edward H. Peterson signs Cancer Drive Proclamation witnessed by Mrs. Robert L. Heald, co-chairman of the Cancer Drive and Charles Detgen, Cancer Drive Chairman.

LOCAL CONTACT

Former Residents At Quake Site

The peace and calm of Good Friday was shattered when news of the earthquake in Alaska reached the Fanwood-Scotch Plains area--aside from the normal humane reaction of, "How terrible," "Oh those poor people," many of the residents were deeply concerned over the safety of friends and relatives residing in the quake-stricken area.

This major tremor and the many after-shocks it caused set buildings tumbling causing untold damage in lives and money. It also caused the telephone at the Plainfield Area Chapter of the Red Cross to have tremors of its own as more than fifty people contacted that group

seeking assistance in communicating with relatives in the earthquake zone.

The Red Cross Chapters, Civil Defense Units, and Ham radio operators here and in Alaska worked day and night in the emergency and by the end of the week, almost all the missing loved ones had been located.

Hadley Roberts, who moved from this area three years ago to work with the U.S. Forestry Service near Seward, Alaska, walked through frigid waist-deep water and mud to get back to his home after last week's earthquake there. His wife was terrified by a huge wave from a lake near her house,

which stopped 20 feet from the door.

His brother, Laurence Roberts of 1051 Hetfield Ave., Scotch Plains learned this yesterday in a letter forwarded by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Roberts of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The Roberts formerly lived in Fanwood.

Hadley Roberts' family lives several miles from Seward area in a wooded and relatively isolated area, his brother explained, and reported they were "all shook up," but uninjured. Roberts wrote that bridges were out in three directions, but electricity, heat and water were available.

To mail this letter, Roberts

had to walk back to town for four miles along the railroad track since one mile of the road, he said, had sunk out of sight. A friend, flying to Anchorage, took the letter to mail.

Mrs. John Staples, 2068 Princeton Ave., Fanwood, whose mother in North Dakota received word that Mrs. Staples' brother, Paul Ness of Anchorage, is safe.

James K. Winkler of 1817 Chapel Rd., Scotch Plains, whose brother, Leon, is principal of Anchorage Junior High School, has had word that "everything is fine, just broken dishes." Winkler received the good news from his nephew.

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State Denies License For Lane School

The State Department of Education has refused approval for a license for the Lane School, a private boarding school at 241 North Ave., in Plainfield.

In a letter to the board, state education officials said the school does not meet minimum standards required for licensing.

In 1955, the then operators of the Bide A Wee Lane Nursery, Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor Bazin, were charged with operating it without a local license but the charges were dropped when they obtained the required licensing and approval of a local license from state education officials.

That same year, the operators were fined in municipal court for having an insufficient number of fire extinguishers in the school and for having exit doors opening inward instead of outward.

Mrs. Muriel Bazin is appealing the state Department of Education's refusal to approve a license for her to operate the Lane School.

Her lawyer, Walter Leib of Plainfield was reported as having said Mrs. Bazin has not yet been informed of the specific defects in the school's operation that led the state board to deny approval.

He said Mrs. Bazin, sole owner and operator of the school, planned to correct all defects and reported the nursery school operation was discontinued last June.

The Board of Health introduced an amendment to the plumbing code to update it. Changes would include elimination of a requirement for cast iron soil pipe and affect the required size of the pipe.

Public hearing on the measure is scheduled for May 6. The board voted to write its objection to a state Board of Health proposal that all municipalities have licensed health officers.

School Board Member Speaks Of Future Needs

John Lawson, Member of the Board of Education, addressed the H. B. Brunner School PTA on April 1. He spoke briefly on future needs of the school district with priorities going to a new elementary school on the south side and completion of an Athletic Field at the Scotch Plains Fanwood High School.

a UNICEF display of cards and writing paper and books proceeds of which go to underprivileged children all over the world.

Third grade mothers were hostesses.

3 Residents Fined; No Dog Licenses

Three residents have been fined \$5 each for failing to secure licenses for their dogs.

Robert Fahrenholz of 1545 Woodland Ave., Michael Mastriani of 879 O'Donnell Ave., T.U. Enselman of 2061 Arrowwood Dr. were fined in Municipal Court by Magistrate George W. Jackson of Scotch Plains last week.

Glen K. Anderson of 30 Broadway, Clark, was fined \$20 and his driver's license was revoked for 30 days for speeding at 70 miles an hour in a 50-mile zone.

Others fined were: Elbert C. Martin of Rahway, no light on the front of his car, \$10; Robert E. Katz of 119 Cindy St., Middlesex, no registration in his possession, \$10, and Romie Goldston of Newark, \$50 for delinquent inspection and operating with one plate.

9 Retiring Educators Honored At Dinner

The Scotch Plains Fanwood Association held its annual dinner-dance Saturday night in the Washington House, North Plainfield. Nine retiring educators were honored and a 25-service award was presented to one of the district's principals.

About 175 persons attended the affair. The members of the Board of Education and their wives were guests. Mr. Francis J. Dezort, principal of Jr. High School, served as toastmaster. Mrs. William Davis introduced

the retiring guests, who were presented with gifts from the association.

Members of the staff who will be retired as of June 30, are as follows:

From the High School--Mr. Harry Adkins had been in the Scotch Plains Fanwood School system since 1930. He received his degree from Temple University, taught business subjects and served as Chairman of the Business Education department.

He devoted much time to student activities as Senior Advisor. Due to personal illness, he is now spending time with his family in Quantock, Virginia.

Also retiring from the High School is Lawrence Mason. He has been Guidance Director since 1959. Before coming to Scotch Plains, he had had 11 years of guidance experience in other districts and had been a teacher of business subjects for 16 years. He served in the Armed Forces and spent a year

in Brazil as a consultant under the Four-Point Program.

He has received degrees from Rider College and New York University. Upon retirement, he will be admissions counselor for Colorado Women's College and will be their representative on the east coast.

Retiring from the Junior High School is Betty Quigley, who has been teacher of the special class graduation from Beaver College, she taught for 13 years in the Westfield School System.

After raising her family, she returned to her profession as a member of the Scotch Plains Staff.

Retiring from the Elementary Schools are--Helen Speer, kindergarten teacher at School One. She is a senior member of the staff and is teaching many children of her former pupils. She has traveled from Bound Brook these many years and

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