



FRIENDS AND OFFICIALS surround Miss H. M. Speer, Scotch Plains teacher retiring from School No. 1. Others in photo (from left) are Raymond Callaghan, principal; Thomas Paar, age six and youngest present student; Paul W. Bossey, superintendent of schools; and Joseph Dentizio, class of 1923.

## Ed. Board Asks Bonds For School

Two dozen interested residents heard the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education's proposals to buy a new elementary school site and construct an athletic field at the high school at a public hearing May 15. The proposals are subjects of a \$225,000 bond issue referendum that will be presented to voters in the school district on June 16.

The proposed 10-1/2 acre school site is located in the Kramer Manor area near the Willow Grove Swim Club and between Lincoln and Maple Hill Avenues. The site contains three buildings as opposed to the first site considered by the School Board in the Kramer Manor area which contained 17 homes that would have to be demolished. Strong opposition to the first selection had been raised by Robert Lee, a Kramer Manor property owner and by the United Civic Club. Both endorse the site now selected as it will "upgrade" the area without "uprooting anyone."

Board president Richard Bechtolt reported that it is hoped that an elementary school will be built there, ready for occupancy by September of 1967. The proposed bond issue for the site totals \$92,000. A referendum for the construction bond issue may be held next year. The estimated cost of between \$900,000 and \$950,000 is similar to recent new school costs.

Bechtolt stated the school is needed because there are now more than 4,200 children in the kindergarten through sixth grades in local schools which have a capacity of 4,190. By 1967, he predicts the enrollment will rise to 4,800. He added, that in the next one or two years some of the elementary students may be housed in the new Junior High school.

The Kramer Manor Site is designed to have three play areas, the school would have a capacity of 720 students and would house students in the kindergarten to sixth grades. The athletic school at the high school would be financed by a \$133,000 bond issue. Included in the proposed athletic field site are a football field, a track around the football field, baseball field, bleachers, equipment storage building, and parking area.

Bechtolt noted the athletic field will "round out" the high school athletic program.

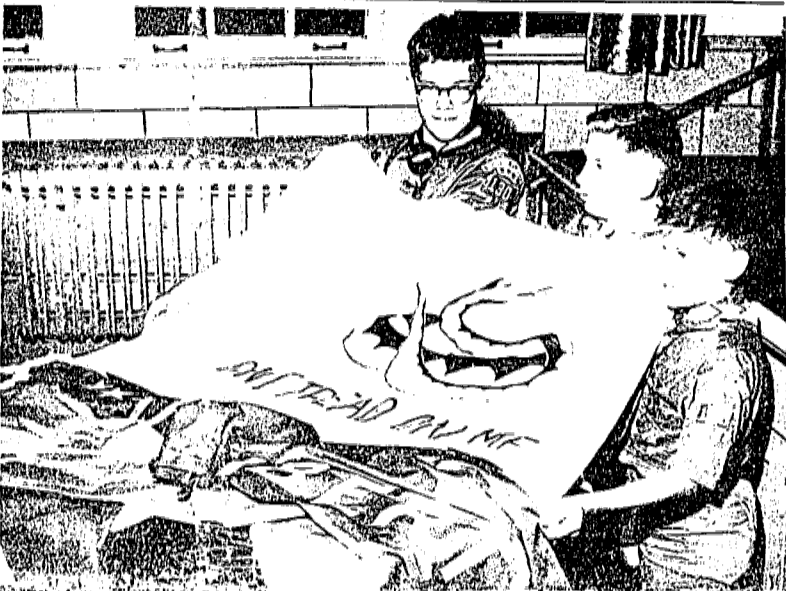
## Memorial Day Program Slated

Band and choral music, Indian dances, historical exhibits and floats will mark the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Tercentenary Celebration to be held Memorial Day at 2 p.m. at the Junior High School athletic field and maintenance shed. Over 400 musicians of the schools will participate in the concert featuring special Tercentenary music by local composers as well as patriotic cantatas and band compositions.

Robinson performed by the Junior High School Chorus is Clarence Martin, baritone, a member of the faculty. Conductor is Shirley Vanderhoof.

Other selections will include "The Nation's Creed" by Williams; "How the West Was Won"; "Ballad of Brotherhood" by Wagner and Revolutionary War songs and marches. The Junior High Band is led by Edward Green; High School band, Mr. Checchio, High School Chorus, Mr. Brown.

Exhibits will feature a colonial kitchen arranged by the Fanwood Jr. Woman's Club; curio museum, by the Scotch Plains Jr. Woman's Club; firearms collection by the N. J. Arms Collectors' Club; historical pictures and books, Scotch Plains Friends of the Library; New Jersey Colleges, Fanwood College Club; Indian relics from the private collection of William Happel, former resident of Scotch Plains, and shadow boxes and miniatures of historical scenes done by children of the public and parochial elementary schools.



FANWOOD SCOUTS DISPLAY flag to be used in Memorial Day Parade. From left are Warren Kovalski, 12, Paul Boon, 12, and David Rainish, all of Scotch Plains Troop 130.

### AIM AT AUTO SERVICE FACILITIES

## Seek Zone Adjusting Law

An ordinance which prohibits automotive service facilities including car washes, in all zones but commercial and industrial zones was introduced at the May 19 meeting of the Scotch Plains Township Committee.

The planning Board the previous night had recommended the Committee's approval of the ordinance which prohibits these automotive service establishments from all but the two zones and requires a special use permit approval from the Board of Adjustment.

Such automotive facilities would be restricted to at least 100 feet from intersections, fuel tanks would have to underground, and the parking area would have to be screened from any adjacent residential area.

## Rotary Club Hears Speakers On 'Yes' Program

The YES program in Fanwood and Scotch Plains was the subject of a talk by William Garbe and David Ringle to the regular Wednesday noon meeting of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, held at Wally's Tavern-On-The-Hill, in Watchung.

## Fanwood Seeks State's Aid For Narcotics Rehabilitation

The Fanwood Borough Council adopted a resolution requesting the State Legislature provide facilities for narcotics rehabilitation when it convened on May 15. A similar resolution adopted by Summit officials has been sent to the Governor.

A contract for the preparation of a topographic map of the Borough by the Aero Service Corporation of Philadelphia was approved. The map to be used for future drainage projects is to be made at a cost not to exceed \$5,310.

Mayor E. Sidney Hulsizer said it will be of assistance to the Planning Board and other municipal groups while facilitating the planning of drainage projects such as the contemplated one in the Central Jersey Railroad area.

A letter was received from the State Highway Department approving speed limits along Turfill Road as set last fall by the Council.

An appeal has been filed on the Council's denial last February of a zoning variance to permit use of a house at 121-123 North Avenue as a four family dwelling.

The contract for repaving Forest Road between Midway Avenue and Watson Road was awarded to Road Contracting

Company of Westfield, low bidder at \$10,083. Bids for paving of section 2 of North Avenue will be advertised.

Residents of Coriell Avenue and Helen Street petitioned the Council to take action to prevent the speeding and reckless driving on those streets which have caused accidents and are generally hazardous to area children. Officials noted that some "Yield Right of Way" signs have already been installed but pointed out that a survey revealed that most of the speeding is done by area residents.

A resolution was adopted to define vacations, annual leave, sick leave, overtime, legal holidays, and personnel practices for borough employees. In another resolution, the annual payroll list of fulltime employees was adopted.

Sixteen temporary playground employees were hired for the summer season at salaries ranging from \$240 to \$720 for part-time and full-time work for the eight weeks.

Hired for Forest Road Playground were: director, James Sochan; crafts, Janice Nelson; games and sports, Barbara Kelly and Bruce Springer; all full time; and games and sports, Rita Johnson and Mark New-

land; crafts, Andrea Burgard; all part-time.

Hired for LaGrande Playground were: director, Eric Weida; crafts, Marian Golden; games and sports, Ellen Osher and William Dunkel; crafts, Helma Drogel; all full time; games and sports, G. J. P. Man; crafts, Louise Lambertsen; crafts, Marilyn Maros; all part-time.

Mayor Hulsizer appointed Charles T. Todd, former mayor to the Area Development Commission. Todd replaces Richard Van Sciver, chairman of the Planning Board, who resigned from the commission for business reasons.

Parent Guild Fetes Sister Carmela

At the regular meeting of the Parent's Guild of St. Bartholomew the Apostle School, Sister Carmela Melora M.P.F., was honored on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee as a Filippina nun. She has been at the school for the past 12 years, seven of these as Sister Superior.

A surprise program was presented with Maryanne Bennett, a graduate of the school representing the "past", and the eighth grade Girls Choir as the present.

### 'HELLO DOLLY'

## Helen Ward's 300 Dolls Date Back 300 Years

"Hello Dolly", might be number one on the hit parade of songs today but it has been the theme of Helen A. Ward of 120 West 7th Avenue, Roselle for the past ten years. An amateur historian and avid antique collector, Miss Ward has achieved renown as the "Doll Lady" with her collection of over 300 dolls dating from the earliest "Votive Bambino", circa 1693; to a Madame Alexander doll, circa early 1900's.

Her extensive collection of dolls and props, valued at \$18,000 and insured for that amount, is housed in a specially designed room filled with glass display cases. Her home, "Tiny Cot", could be likened to a doll house in many ways—it is a one-story, modified Colonial dwelling, painted gray with black shutters and white trim; the furnishings are authentic antiques garnered through the years by Helen Ward and even include antique baby and doll cradles, carriages, and beds.

Like "Topsy", her collection just grew after a friend presented her with her mother's antique French Fashion Doll. "I hauled out three of my own childhood dolls and I had a collection," recalled Helen. Soon after she had a cabinet built to house six dolls thinking that it would suffice. Finally her evergrowing interest and collection of dolls necessitated their first being housed in her sewing room and finally the building of the present "doll room".

she had accumulated a collection of old fashion magazines including the famous Godey's that were milady's fashion bible in the 1800's. In addition, she purchased costume and doll books in her search for authenticity.

"I have quite a few old costumes (ladies) and they of course help in making the dolls' costumes as authentic as possible," stated Helen. These costumes combined with her fashion books covering every decade plus her painstaking research into minute details like the type buttons used during a given period have created costumes that are hard to tell from the genuine. With the aid of antique dealers and friends she also obtained enough clothing and material from the Civil War era to create all her costumes with antique material.

"Dolls are a very excellent means of preserving history," revealed Helen Ward, "certainly the long ago fashions and changing styles are preserved." Her doll collection has started her on still another collection, one comprised of doll props and furniture which is still another way of noting and preserving the way of life in years gone by.

A graduate of Perth Amboy High School and Montclair Normal School, Miss Ward received her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Newark State College. A reading consultant in the Roselle public schools, she is a past treasurer of the Roselle Education Association, and member of the N.E.A. and N.J.E.A. An active member of the Cranford Chapter of the Business and Professional Women, she is the current secretary of the Evening Department of Rebecca Section of Cornell Chapter, Rahway of D.A.R.

Today, she serves as treasurer of the Keepsake Doll Club of New Jersey, which she helped organize three years ago. The group meets monthly in the Fanwood Branch Office of the Plainfield Trust Company. At the Regional Convention held on April 29 at the Elizabeth Carter Hotel, Miss Ward addressed the gathering on "My First Love—Waxes."



Helen Ward returns one of her 300 dolls to position in enclosed case.