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• Board Of Health Proposal Stirs Residents

New Disposal Plan To Cost Plains Residents 25% More

At a stormy meeting of the Scotch Plains Board of Health, held Monday evening, March 27, a new garbage collection plan and code amendment were adopted, reflecting a 25-cent per month

increase and a weekly clean-up service. Many residents raised objections to the new plan which calls for extra charges for picking up large items - \$6 for a gas range, \$3 for stuffed chairs; an additional \$.50 for each garbage can over the two 20-gallon cans allowed; for weekly clean-up on the second pick-up day at which time only one item - either grassclippings, clean-up material, or a small piece of material; for residents to use only licensed scavengers.

To the last item, Mrs. Virginia Dekle of 1 Balmoral Lane complained that, "If you don't like your garbage collector, you can do nothing about it." A suggestion was offered by Thomas DeLucy, Democratic Municipal Chairman, that the cost to the township would be less were a truck purchased and two men hired for a year-round clean-up program. Another resident urged the establishment of a municipal garbage collection, with the cost included in property tax, to which the reply was that the private scavenger system has been proven to be more economical.

A further criticism of the plan was focused toward the number of licensed scavengers. Mrs. Edith Powers, Democratic Committeewoman, and several residents raised objections to limiting licenses to 11 and urged that

higher bonds be posted for use in case of work stoppage by the garbage collectors. Only nine scavengers collect locally as two hold two licenses each.

When it was pointed out that in Westfield there are 20 scavengers servicing 34,000 residents, Peter Homack, president of the Board, advised that a study showed that 11 licenses would be ample to provide proper service to 20,000 residents. However, he indicated that a further study would be taken to determine if more than 11 licenses should be issued and whether a bond, higher than the \$1000 now required, should be posted by the scavengers.

It was noted by several residents that the new monthly rate, 25-cent per month increase for homeowners, has been agreed upon by the township and the Refuse Collectors Association, the scavengers representative and that the new rates are not in the ordinance. They questioned the legality of this arrangement, i.e. were the rates legally binding. The reply from Mr. Homack was that the township sets the maximum rate the scavengers may charge, but residents may "try to get a lower rate" from their collector.

An amendment to the collection code amendment which was introduced was described as hav-

ing put teeth in the ordinance by Mrs. Powers as a result of a clause which states that licenses will be revoked if scavengers violate the provisions of the ordinance. It excepts holidays from the defined twice-a-week collection and states that rates charged to homeowners are those specified in a schedule filed with the Board.

Reasons given for the rate

hike - rising labor costs, dumping and other costs increased by the scavengers - were questioned as to whether the scavengers could plead hardship. Some homeowner's, it was claimed, have not received a bill for garbage collection for a year.

Complaints about collection service will be referred to a special refuse advisory committee to be organized next month. It will be comprised of members of the Board of Health and Township Committee, a representative of the scavengers and the health officer.

The breakdown of monthly rates, the first increase in several years for scavengers, is: \$3 for Zone A, lots with 50' frontage, mainly on the north side; \$3.25 for Zone B, medium sized lots; \$3.75 for Zone C, lot sizes of one acre, mainly on the south side.

The plan will go into effect on Saturday, April 1.

'Little Women' Set For Terrill Stage April 1

Terrill Dramatic Club of Terrill Junior High is presenting a dramatization of Louisa M. Alcott's classic, "Little Women" on April 1 at 8:15 in the Terrill auditorium. Donations for the tickets will be \$1.00 and can be bought from members of the cast or ticket committee. The ticket committee is advised by Mrs. Jane MacIntosh and the chairman of the committee is Wayne Carpenter.

"Little Women" has been received enthusiastically by the school, and many members of the faculty and student body are helping to produce the play.

Mrs. Alice Johnston, director of the play, is experienced in ev-

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Swedish Choristers Get Red Carpet Treatment

"The song is ended, but the memory lingers on..." This rewrite of a familiar tune would best describe the feelings of 60 families in the Fanwood-Scotch Plains area.

The memory which they hold dear is that of 65 Stockholm University Choir members who were welcomed into their homes this past weekend. The time was brief, but so much in the way of meaningful experiences was crowded into that space of 28 hours.

There was a tour of Terrill Jr. High School with Principal Fran-

cis Dezort doing the honors. Included in the visit was an impromptu rehearsal by a handful of choristers. Some of the songs rendered were a preview of the evening's performance at the Plainfield High School Auditorium.

Those families not fortunate in procuring tickets, were guests of the choir at a dress rehearsal prior to the concert. Although it was at the dinner hour, more than 40 hosts took the opportunity to hear the choir.

Pizza parties, trips to the country and Elizabethport Sealand were some of the varied activities planned by the families for their guests. Some Swedes visited classrooms and talked to eager audiences about their country. Most enjoyed sharing an Easter Sunday dinner with their hosts as "one of the family".

Arrangements for hosting were made by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains chapter of People to People. After a small newspaper article appeared, Co-chairmen Bill and Robbie Mason were deluged with requests. Their expectations were far exceeded as evidenced by the expressions of gratitude from the host families. "We hope that the experience has shown to both peoples that the bridge to international understanding is built on a personal level," they said.

An invitation to share in similar experiences is extended to host families, People to People members, and interested persons, to attend the annual meeting. On Friday, April 14 at 8:15 p.m. in the Town House at Green Forest Park in Scotch Plains, new officers will be elected and plans for the summer hosting will be formulated.

The speaker will be Mr. James E. Glendinning of the National Student Association. Slides of the Swedish Chorus and stories of personal experiences will be highlighted.



65 MEMBER SWEDISH CHORUS IN CONCERT