

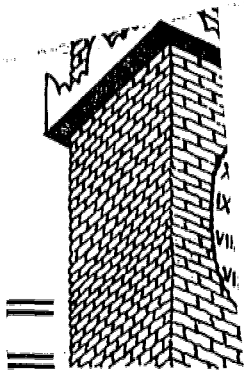
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Scholarship Foundation To Hold Drive, May 13th

Today, higher education is the rule rather than the exception. Most students go on to further education in colleges or institutes that offer specialized training. Yet annually, cost of this further education is increasing. Consequently, scholarships have become more than an honor --

in many cases they mean the difference between being able to pursue further education or not.

For almost a year, a steering committee of interested citizens from Scotch Plains and Fanwood have been working to lay the groundwork for the formation of a scholarship foundation. They are persons from other scholarship committees, including the PTA, as well as several from the legal and financial fields. They have taken the necessary steps to incorporate the fund.

The purpose of the Foundation is to encourage greater community participation in scholarship programs by increased financial contributions. It is their ultimate goal, as well, that organizations presently engaged in scholarship activity will deposit their money with the Foundation with an award being made in the name of the organization for the amount specified. Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students' planning any post high school education.

By the coordination of scholarship grants, several things will be accomplished. An applicant need make only one application instead of the multiple applications presently necessary. Rather than several committees reviewing applications, in many instances several from the same student, one screening committee would review the need and merit of each applicant. Also, money in the fund could be put to work earning interest. Contributions are, of course, tax deductible.

For those who believe that education of today's youth is the hope of the future, yet can not make a large donation to this cause, the Foundation offers the opportunity of making even the smallest gift a meaningful one. Plans for a "Dollars for Scholars" fund drive are proceeding with the morning of Saturday, May 13th, designated as the day for a concentrated house to house canvass by volunteer students from the high

Westfield Federal Savings To Open New Office

Westfield Federal Savings' new Scotch Plains office at 361 Park Avenue opens officially this Saturday bringing to the people of Fanwood, Scotch Plains and the surrounding communities of central Union County a rare combination of beauty, architectural styling and functional efficiency, and the accolades of many experts as the epitome of financial service.

The new building required many months of planning and designing to meet the rigid specifications so essential to rendering top customer service before the institution's president, Robert S. Messersmith, would permit construction to begin last summer.

Spacious yet gracious, the new structure offers many new service features and customer conveniences in a warm and pleasant setting. Highlighted among them are the fully enclosed and heated after hours walk-up window, the express twin drive-in teller windows, fully automated, computerized teller service systems, more teller windows, private off street parking for customers, and the most modern type safe deposit boxes.

The breathtaking exterior of the building is of Classic French Provincial architecture with Colonial overtones as created by A.I.A. architect, Emil A. Schmidlin. It is situated in a beautiful

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The early bird catches the worm, but not so when Trout Season opens. A few of the devoted enthusiasts are pictured at their favorite haunt at Green Brook, Scotch Plains as Trout Season officially opened Saturday April 8. (Photo by Jerry P. Donnini)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Saturday's gala opening of the new Westfield Federal Scotch Plains building features a free drawing for a ten day trip to Hawaii for two and other valuable prizes, free gifts for new accounts, and the lilting rhythms of Pua Lani's Hawaiian band, dancers and colorfully gowned hostesses. In addition, there will be souvenirs for all visitors; Hawaiian orchids for the ladies, colorful leis for the men and balloons for the kids. Mr. Robert S. Messersmith, president, has cordially extended his personal invitation to all families to come early and enjoy a day of fun, prizes and gifts as they inspect the new building. For full details of opening day see special center section, in color, in today's Times.