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Rallying to the support of Carol Ann Boyd are local civic leaders, left to right, David Ringle, Robert Geer, Verne Baker, Jerome Boryea, Mrs. Boryea, Roland Beetham, Mrs. Geer, Leonard Engle, Mrs. Pollitt, Carl Weisicker, Van Dyke Pollitt, John Page, Richard Whitenack and Larry Andrews.
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• Your Generosity Can Save A Life

HUGE FUND RAISING DRIVE SET FOR CAROL ANN BOYD

For many months now, local readers have been anxiously following a history-making medical case involving a spunky, courageous 14-year old Fanwood girl, young Carol Ann Boyd of 10 Byron Lane in Fanwood. Her kidney transplant operation, another miracle of modern medicine, took place on February 9th at New York Hospital. In the intricate operation, a kidney was removed from Carol Ann's father, Ted Boyd, and transplanted in his daughter. The teenager has given every indication of successful response, but the road ahead is rocky, the future is still uncertain, to some degree, and her spirited four-year battle for life has been a drain in many ways.

Four years ago, Carol Ann's health seemed poor, and her family was advised that an appendectomy was indicated. After removal of her appendix, however, her condition did not improve, and an exploratory operation followed. In this exploratory, Carol Ann's problem was immediately apparent. One of her kidneys had never developed beyond the size of a pea, while the other was 3/4 cystic. The operation marked the start of a tremendous medical effort. Carol Ann has seen over one hundred doctors since that date. Urologists, Therapists, internists, anaesthetists, transplant specialists, infectious diseases specialists, top men in blood work...

all have played a part in her medical history.

In August of 1964, her physical activities were drastically curtailed and she visited a hospital once a month, under a "constant care" program. During 1966, the visits increased to a weekly pattern and, during November of last year, the need for a kidney transplant operation became apparent. She was confined to bed from Thanksgiving until December 28th, when she was admitted to the Cornell Medical Center (New York Hospital) in New York City. A dialysis (surgery) became a weekly procedure until February 9th, when she became the 26th patient at New York Hospital to have the seldom performed kidney transplant operation.

Results? To date, the operation has apparently been a success. The physiological rejection of a foreign body, which so often takes its toll in transplant operations, has not occurred so far. However, in late April Carol Ann's temperature shot up, she was rushed to a hospital again, and on April 27 was operated on for the removal of a tumor from her kidney wall and another from her bladder area. Again, her hospital stay will be at least six to eight weeks. Upon discharge, the familiar "constant care" visits will be a way of life. While it is difficult

to predict the results of transplant operations, since their history is so recent, it is certain that Carol Ann's medical care will be a lifetime thing.

One wonders, when one contemplates a situation such as this, just how a 14-year old girl would react, and how a family would survive the many months of intense worry and financial strain. Carol Ann's story is one of great reserves of strength and fight. She's been in and out of hospitals 109 times - now for two months, then for four and a half months, next for a week - an ever-

continuing round of dull days in bed. Yet she has maintained her school standing, expects to complete her ninth grade studies and go on to Park Junior High in September!

The family story is one of wroth "timing" financially...the "what are the odds" situation which always occurs to any family when changing medical plans or jobs. Ted Boyd is an employee of F. W. Woolworth Co. in New York. Shortly before his

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Won't You Be A Fan Of Carol Ann?

A special post office box, P.O. Box 3, has been arranged at the Fanwood Post Office, for the mailing of contributions (checks to be made out to Carol Ann Boyd Benefit Fund, Inc.) That's but one way. Attending their programs, donating to collections, joining in enthusiastically...these are the ways to aid Carol Ann Boyd and, in the process, to insure the reputation of Fanwood and Scotch Plains as wonderful communities in which to live!