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Scotch Plains and Fanwood Rotarians played Santa Claus and host to more than 100 children yesterday at the Club's fourteenth annual Christmas party at Wally's Tavern-on-the-Hill.

Architectural Design Control Board Gets Committee Approval

Scotch Plains Township Committee approved the institution of a design control board to review and approve new or altered buildings within the township, at the regular meeting of the Committee on Tuesday night. The Board will be made up of five members, one member of the Township Committee for a one year term; two members of the planning board for terms concurrent with their service on the planning board; two residents for two-year terms. The ordinance passed states that the Committee feels that "excessive uniformity, dissimilarity, inappropriateness, or poor quality of design... adversely affects the Township".

Every application for new construction or alteration will, Merry Christmas Eight Ways

It's Zelig Kerstfeest in Dutch-speaking Belgium. It's S. Rozhdestvom Khristovym in Russia, and Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia in Poland.

It's Glaedelig Jul in Denmark, says World Book Encyclopedia, and Buon Natale in Italy. It's Boas Festes in Portugal, Felices Pascuas in Spain, and Froeliche Weihnachten in Germany. In French, it's Joyeux Noel. Our Authority for this is World Book Encyclopedia.

And in English, it's Merry Christmas.

henceforth, be referred to the Board for approval. If the building application is found by the Design Control Board to be not detrimental to surrounding properties, nor adversely affecting area tax values, nor in conflict with zoning, then the application would be approved. Failure to make application to the Board for approval would prove a violation liable to a \$200. fine or 90 days in jail or both.

Another ordinance, introduced last month, concerning digging and excavation of township streets and public areas was tabled pending further consideration.

The Township Committee approved an application from the Board of Adjustment for the demolition of existing buildings of Lots 3 and 4 on Front Street by Mobil Oil Company to erect a new service station.

An application was received from the Elks Club for a zoning adjustment in Lot 197B in North Avenue to permit the building of a Fraternal Lodge and Grill Room. A petition was received from several residents in the adjoining area protesting the use, and the application was referred to committee for further study.

The reorganization meeting of the Township Committee will be held on January 2, at 8:15 in Town Hall.

Planning Board Urges Action on Street Extension

The Planning Board of Scotch Plains, at a meeting on Mon. Dec. 18 again took action urging the Union County Board of Freeholders to extend Martine Avenue and to construct a connector road between Route 22 and the new Route 78. The plea to the freeholders, a continuing one for the past eight years, was in the form of a letter to the Board asking for a statement on exactly what is planned in this regard for 1968.

The extension of Martine Avenue would be from Raritan Road to Lake Avenue. Planning Board Chairman William Franklin said that the Board of Freeholders had agreed to build the extension if Scotch Plains obtained the right-of-way. The freeholders, however, pointed out that until last year their policy is against the building of roads. The board accepts them for maintenance when they are completed. However, their stand last year was in favor of county road construction where needed.

The Union County Planning Board has supported the local Planning Board on the Martine Avenue extension, urging action as soon as possible. The Board stated that the extension would be beneficial for traffic safety and as an effective link between municipalities.

The Scotch Plains planners urged the Route 22-Route 78 connector some where east of Diamond Hill Road in Scotch Plains and Berkeley Heights. A formal resolution requesting the state to construct the connector will be adopted next month. It

Fanwood Council Adds Eight New Stop Streets

Seven street intersections in Fanwood recommended by the Police Dept. were designated as stop streets under terms of a resolution passed Wednesday, December 13 at the monthly meeting of the Council. Stop signs will be placed on Watson Road at the corner of Hunter Ave.; on Watson Road at the corner of Russell; on Madison Avenue at Willow Avenue; on Portland Avenue at Forest Road; on Montrose Avenue at Forest Road; on Forest Road at Pleasant Avenue, and on Paterson Road at Willoughby Road.

An eighth stop intersection was approved by resolution, on the corner of Watchung View Place at the intersection of Portland Avenue, but this action will be effective only when Scotch Plains passes a concurring bill. The Portland-Watchung View corner is on the boundary line of the two towns.

As assessment committee was appointed by Mayor Hulsizer to determine taxpayers' assessments for paving on Portland Avenue, sewers in King Street, and sewers and paving in Trenton Avenue. The three-man team named includes former Mayor Charles T. Todd; C. Stuart Burns, and George Gould.

In further action, the Council approved partial payments of \$30,000 to Union Paving Company for work done in Section Five of the North Avenue reconstruction project.

It was reported that final leaf pickup was made on December 15, and borough equipment is now in shape for snow removal when necessary. The Public Works Department has also completed the installation of concrete bases and plaques for memorial trees at the Library grounds and at the memorial grove at Fanwood railroad station.

A Recreation Commission report noted that John Geiger has resigned from the Commission due to illness.

In accepting the annual contract between the Borough of Fanwood and the local Rescue Squad for an annual fee of \$1, Mayor Hulsizer stated that the Rescue Squad is "one of the best deals we have"

Welfare Director Pat Marshman also occasioned praise for her civic efforts. Van Dyke Pollitt, Chairman of Health and Welfare, announced that her 1967 report had been submitted, and added that "we are fortunate to have someone of competence in that sensitive a job". Mayor Hulsizer agreed that her work was commendable.

After MacNamara ... Who?

In the wake of McNamara's leaving and the probably resignation of Arthur Goldberg as envoy to the United Nations, LBJ is scouting around for Republicans to take on top posts within his Administration. Among those he is reportedly considering for office: Henry Cabot Lodge, Robert B. Anderson and former Gov. William Scranton.

Another possibility for McNamara's job: Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown. Brown once the Pentagon's chief of research, has been an avid believer in McNamara's disarmament policies.

Mr. Harold Klein of the N.J. Automobile Club, an affiliate of the AAA, presented a plaque to the borough of Fanwood last Wednesday night in recognition of the borough's safety record in recent years. Fanwood has had a record of 11 consecutive years without a traffic fatality, and there were no injuries due to traffic accidents within the borough in 1966. In accepting the plaque from Klein, Mayor Hulsizer said that he was delighted that Fanwood qualifies to win the award but the record and the award are not as important as the fact that no lives were lost to traffic accidents.

Our Township Engineer Says...

We are again entering our snow plowing season; this is for all concerned an undesirable part of our day to day existence. It may be eased considerably with a little cooperation on the part of all of us.

A serious problem in our snow plowing is the parking of cars on the streets. This prevents the proper plowing of the snow to the curb line, and results in inconvenience to our neighbors since the snow is not removed properly around their property.

Quite frequently, in a blowing driving snowstorm the operators who are doing the plowing are unable to see. This frequently results in damage to the edge of lawns. The driving of a couple of stakes or so, about two or three feet high, set back from the edge of the curb line, will give our men a guide. Another situation that gives rise to problems is the practice of many operators of jeeps and other equipment, who plow driveways, in that they plow directly across the street. This is illegal, and action must be taken where this is done. When the driveway plow comes out on the street, he should turn and pile his material to the right of the driveway when he comes out. In this way when our plows come through they will not be plowing the piled snow back in front of the driveway. Again may we stress the fact that parked cars are a serious problem, and your cooperation in keeping cars off the streets during snow will greatly facilitate the proper clearing of the streets. Your cooperation is earnestly requested.