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## 'Coast Guard' in Snow Storm'



This painting, donated by Fanwood artist Howard Arnold to the Sea Scouts and framed by Barry's Frame Shop will be raffled by the scouts to raise funds toward the completion of the 34' harbor patrol boat obtained from the Navy. The painting will be on display at the First National Bank of Scotch Plains. Raffle tickets may be obtained at most local

## Fanwood Council Allocates War Memorial Funds

Initial action was taken by the Fanwood Borough Council on Wednesday, March 13 for the building of a war memorial on the grounds of the Fanwood Library. An ordinance was introduced appropriating \$3500 for the monument, which will be a single brick stand and will include a flagpole and benches. The monument will be built at the front V-shaped corner of the Library property, in accordance with specifications of William Ryback, the architect for the project. Officials indicated that the memorial might be finished in time for a Memorial Day dedication in May.

Original plans for the addition featured three stone stands. Several residents questioned the size of the original plans, urging a smaller monument in keeping with the simplicity and natural setting of the Library grounds. Names of the Fanwood men killed in all wars will be inscribed on the presently proposed structure.

Funds for the proposed monument will come from capital improvement funds. A public hearing and final vote on the ordinance will be held at Borough Hall on April 10.

The Borough honored its war dead during World War II by naming streets within the municipality after them. However, when a street name change was suggested for Fanwood's first Vietnam casualty, Captain Charles Stuart Burns III, there was

considerable controversy over the continuation of the practice. Burns Way, originally Harold Avenue, was named for Captain Burns, and it is the last Fanwood Street to be so changed.

Another ordinance introduced would provide \$129,200 for Fanwood's share of the East End Interceptor Sewer, a facility in the East End of Plainfield, shared by several bordering communities. The amount appropriated by the new ordinance is in addition to the \$175,000 originally set as Fanwood's share. However, officials said that bids were higher than anticipated. Of the \$129,000, \$6460 would be from capital improvement funds, with the remaining \$122,740 financed by bond anticipation notes. A public hearing and final vote are scheduled for April 10. Officials said that a federal grant is expected eventually, to help defray costs of the new sewerage project.

Two ordinances were adopted establishing salary increases for members of the Borough Police Department and for some municipal employees.

Councilman Jerome Boryea, chairman of the Recreation Commission, reported that iceskating sessions at the two borough facilities at LaGrande and Forest Road playgrounds had hit a record this year, with 31 days of skating, as compared with 1-1/2

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## Township Committee Hears High School Parking Lot Protests

### Vandalism in Schools May Cost \$17,000

Superintendent of Schools, F. J. Laberge, in his report to the Joint Council of PTA's of Fanwood and Scotch Plains at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, stressed the increasing cost of vandalism in the school district.

Laberge said the current cost was \$11,000 and at the current increased rate of vandalism, anticipated costs will run to \$17,000 next year, a figure which must be included in the school budget if not checked. Translated into tax points this amounts to two points per property owner.

The superintendent also noted that the Board of Education had cut \$113,000 from the proposed teachers' salary guides and is currently trying to protect existing educational programs and of necessity eliminating planned new programs. No final decisions have been made according to Laberge.

Miss Linda Bevelheimer, president of the SPFEA, at the invitation of the Council, addressed representatives, explaining the reasons for the recent "Professional Day" held by teachers. She said it was planned for the "impact on the community to demonstrate that teachers accept a share of the responsibility for the educational program, that teachers want an opportunity to work more closely with administrator, school board and electorate."

Miss Bevelheimer noted this was the beginning of a "public relations program" for the SPFEA.

A discussion of the pros and cons of the "Professional Day" followed, with the following motion passed by Council representatives "that the Joint PTA Council appoint representatives to meet with the SPFEA to discuss methods by which we can better establish communication between parents and teachers."

Mrs. William Brennan, one of nine voting against the motion, stated that she felt the vehicle for communication was in existence in the form of the Joint PTA council and had not been used by the teachers and that any further attempt was a duplication.

Mrs. Earl Phillips, representing the Scholarship Foundation, announced the receipt of 61 applications for scholarship aid and that a "Dollars for Scholars" day will be held April 27.

Mrs. Stephen Metro presided.

### Question Salaries for Sewer Assessment Committee

A group of West Court homeowners voiced protest to the proposed high school parking lot, and submitted a signed petition to the Township Committee, urging them to influence the Board of Education to adhere to zoning laws, to consider aesthetics, and to eliminate the traffic hazard they feel is inherent in the lot, now underway. West Court is a one-block street backing up to the high school property.

The new plan, which includes parking around the high school and nearby Evergreen School and eliminates a playground, would occasion the funneling of traffic for both schools through Evergreen Avenue, which the West Court residents said was already overcrowded. They said the proposed facility does not include provision for fencing, nor have any arrangements for traffic lights, signs, or traffic control in the lot been included.

One resident questioned the need for parking facilities for 427 cars. He said in spot checks he had found 40 to 50 empty spaces daily in the present 225-car lot. He said the solid paving of such a large area would spoil the aesthetic beauty of the school grounds unnecessarily, since the 427 spaces would be needed "only about 2 percent of the time" when there is a football game or a musical presentation at the school. He also objected to elimination of playground space.

Another resident said there is presently a great amount of complaint about use of the high school area for weekend and after-hours drag racing. He said the new plan, which provides parking ringing two schools, is providing a "second racetrack".

When questioned about the Township role in determining the parking facilities, Mayor Santo Salvo explained that the plans had been submitted to the Scotch Plains Planning Board, which had voted against it. He added that the Board of Education has the right, by law, to overrule a local planning board by a 2/3 vote and that Boards of Education do not have to comply with zoning. A resident stated that the parking lot was under construction before plans were submitted to the Planning Board, and that the facility differed from that presented to voters in advance of the high school addition referendum vote.

## Attention! Dog Owners

Licenses Are Now Long Overdue and Summons Will Be Issued For Failure To Obtain Same

Township of Scotch Plains Police Department

The Mayor said he felt the Township Committee had a moral responsibility to ensure safety and said he would meet with the Superintendent of Schools to urge all possible safety measures and traffic controls be considered.

Mrs. Virginia Dekle questioned the payment of salaries to the local Sewer Assessing Committee. A three-member committee receives a fee for new sewer assessments which is split with 40% of the fee going to the chairman, and 30% to each of the two members. The rate schedule for payment is divided into several categories, depending upon the number of properties involved in each assessment job. For an assessment of 1 to 2 properties the Commission receives a total of \$20; for 25 to 34 properties, \$125; for an assessment of 101 properties and over, \$2 per property. Mrs. Dekle said that the Township Committee determines the salaried basis of the Sewer

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## Mayors Proclaim AFS Days

The Mayors of Scotch Plains and Fanwood signed a Proclamation declaring the days of March 19th to 23rd A.F.S. days. Proclamation read, "Whereas on the 11th day of March, 1968, American Field Service representatives of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chapter, met with us and requested that we declare the days of March 19th to 23rd, 1968, A.F.S. days, we, Roland Beetham and Thomas Santo Salvo, Mayors of the aforementioned communities, do hereby declare.

Since we have been informed A.F.S. (a private educational organization with no political or religious affiliations, the basic purpose of the program to further understanding among all peoples and to open the door to a friendlier world) requires the co-operation of these towns to help it continue and grow, we do recommend the people help with their support.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we set our hands".

Saturday March 23rd, volunteers, students from several service clubs in the High School and adult drivers representing many civic organizations, will canvass the town selling Friendship Bonds to raise money to continue and expand the A.F.S. program.