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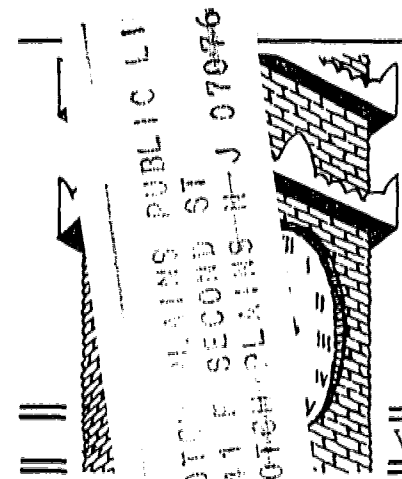
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Officer Anthony Parenti of the Fanwood Police Department in charge of Safety calls attention to poster reminding drivers to be extra cautious now that schools are in session.

Police Safety Officer Urges Caution In School Areas

Motorists are urged to use extreme care and caution when driving in the vicinity of schools. Children after having a summer of fun and games may tend to overlook the safety procedures they were taught and make mistakes the motorist must be prepared for. For instance he may come across a "late student" taking a short cut by crossing in the middle of the block or at corners not covered by crossing guards or safety patrols. A child may shoot out from between two parked cars or he may decide to play tag with a friend and carelessly dart out into the street. These common mistakes on the part of the child may easily be overcome by the driver if he exercises that little bit of extra care and drives thoughtfully in the days ahead.

School busses will also become part of our daily travel once again. Following a school bus is at times a hectic experience and will require your making additional stops as the bus stops to load or unload children. Passing a school bus in motion can prove troublesome or even impossible at times. If you should find yourself in such a situation, rather than attempt to pass the bus, take an alternate route if possible. If not, keep patient until the bus turns to another street or the driver signals you to pass. Keep in mind also that with the ringing of school bells, school speed limits go into effect. In most areas the school speed limit is 25 MPH unless otherwise posted.

Parents driving their children to school are urged not to create hazards to traffic in the school areas by doing the following:

1. Double Parking - This creates a hazard for other children who must cross the street, and sets a bad example in its disregard for the law.

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Everyone's Invited

The 39th Annual Community Family Picnic, a highlight on the Scotch Plains social calendar annually, is scheduled this year for September 14. The picnic, which brings throngs yearly which number anywhere from 1200 to 2000, will be held at Brookside Park from 1 to 6 p.m.

There will be food-a-plenty, drinks, games and activities to guarantee a fun-packed afternoon. In addition, Republican candidates for Township Committee, Larry Wolf and Bill Kitzsz have promised to be on hand to shake hands with their townspeople.

Tickets will be \$1.50 per adult 75¢ for ages 6-12, and children under 6 will be admitted free.

Everyone's invited! Make your final picnic of the season a good one!

Ticket chairman is Mrs. Mary Cirioli FA 2-5853.

Advisory Group Will Report on Study of Terrill Jr. Programs

Everyone knows that school is reading, writing and arithmetic; blackboards, books and homework; students, teachers and buildings -- and everyone is aware that the effective school of today has, because of the demands of our communities, progressed far beyond the school of yesteryear.

Not everyone, however, is familiar with just how all these ingredients are combined to provide an effective education. Everyone knows that the three R's are basic but not everyone is aware of what is taught, and how and why. Why new math? Why life science and physical science and earth science? Why foreign languages? Why social studies? Why Guidance? And why sports, home economics, sex education, music, art, and shop? Why a library and a multimedia center? Why the Office of Instruction? And why a budget the size of ours? Everyone knows that the cost of operating our school system is continually increasing but not everyone knows why.

Last spring, as a result of public inquiries and discussions concerning the cost of education, Francis J. Dezort, Principal of Terrill Junior High School, suggested an Advisory Committee of men outside the educational field who have children attending Terrill Junior High School. The committee, after having been formed, met with Mr. Dezort and decided upon these objectives. The first was to study the operation of the school, consult with the staff and give the committee's recommendations for next year's needs. The second was to assist the Principal and his staff in interpreting the goals and aspiration of the Terrill community for the education of their children and to translate these goals and aspirations in terms of dollars and "sense". The third was to promote the continuing good relationship between the professional staff and the Terrill community.

In a series of twelve meetings with the staff during May and

Municipal Pool Referendum on November Ballot

Would Authorize \$375,000 Bond Issue to Cover Cost

Community reaction to the potential construction of a municipal swimming pool will be solicited by means of a non-binding referendum to be placed on the ballot for the General Election in November. The resolution to place the question before the voters was approved by the Township Committee, with a vote of three affirmative and two negative, at the Committee meeting of September 3. The referendum will read: "Shall the Township of Scotch Plains authorize construction of a municipal swimming pool and issue bonds for the sum of \$375,000.00 to cover the cost of construction thereof, which bonds shall be retired from income to be derived from the operation of said pool?"

The referendum question was considered after reading of a preliminary report of the municipal pool study committee report. The pool study committee sent a questionnaire to all known residents (approximately 5700 families) and received 1,619 replies. A total of 648 respondents answered in favor, 971 in opposition, with opponents listing a variety of reasons, such as membership costs (estimated at \$70 per year), location, and the possibility of added tax burden. Their preliminary findings gave the committee no cause to amend the location (Kramer Manor) because of public support. They suggested free swimming lessons for all children whether members or not, and also outlined a financing plan using municipal borrowing capacity for low interest rate with interest and principal to be retired from membership fees and other revenues after expenses. It was the general consensus of the pool committee that a referendum not be used.

Any citizen of the Terrill School District who has questions or suggestions regarding the school is urged to call one of the committee members who are Walter E. Deyerle, Chairman, 2091 Oak Hill Road, Scotch Plains; Dr. Robert Siegel, 1671 Cooper Road, Scotch Plains; Joseph Muoio, 1341 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains; and John Kalafat, 2051 Princeton Avenue, Fanwood.

Mayor Thomas Santo Salvo said the Township Committee could not wait for a final report on pool findings to vote on the referendum, because no more time was available before getting the question on the November ballot. He said that the entire township committee was in favor of a municipal pool. He said he felt the question should be placed on referendum in order not to negate the voters of 1965 who voted for or against the referendum of that year. He said the question was how to present the matter to the voters.

Committeewoman Edith Powers argued against the referendum, in line with the pool study committee. She suggested the township employ the method used by Westfield and other communities, whereby those interested in a pool put money into an escrow account to indicate their intention of joining, and when the required number of families have subscribed the pool be built. She said the pool study committee's recommendation of Kramer Manor property which is already earmarked for recreation and the suggested provision of free swimming lessons makes it a recreational facility, and other recreational facilities are built without referendum vote.

Exams For 16 Academy Appointments

Senator Clifford P. Case today announced plans to hold a Civil Service examination on Saturday, November 9, 1968, to assist him in selecting his nominees for the United States Air Force, Naval, Military (West Point) and Merchant Marine Academies for the classes entering in the summer of 1969.

This examination is open to legal residents of the State of New Jersey. All persons desiring to take the test should write to

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