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## Mayor Commends Fund Workers



Mayor Thomas J. Santo Salvo (left) signs proclamation presented by Mr. Roger Brody (right) general campaign chairman for the Scotch Plains Community Fund. The Mayor expressed his appreciation for all the work the volunteers of the Fund are putting forth in the door to door calls on residents. He also stated that this is the main drive for twelve agencies who are helping people of Scotch Plains and all residents should join in supporting the fund.

## Community Fund Aims at \$56,000 Target

### Budget Committee Submits Allocation Recommendations

Mr. David Moroskie, President of the Board of Trustees announced today that the Budget Committee had made their review of member agencies request for funds and reported to the Board of Trustees the following recommendations.

Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, United Service Organization, Youth Employment Service, Union County Psychiatric Clinic, Union County Unit - N.J. Assoc. for Retarded Children, Jewish Community Center - Plainfield, Watchung Area Council - Boy Scouts of America, Youth and Family Counseling Service, Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, Catholic Youth Orgs. - (St. Bart. & Imm. Heart of Mary) American Red Cross, Cerebral Palsy League of Union County.

Mr. Moroskie stated that he was very much impressed with the effort put forth by the Budget Committee to arrive at a goal that was well within the capacity of Scotch Plains residents contributions.

He also mentioned that there will be a door to door solicitation to obtain the funds necessary to make the goal.

## Board of Health Denies Refuse Rate Hike

### Ask Audiences With Civic Organizations

Campaign manager for the township committee candidates Bob Griffin and Mike Regan announced today that letters to civic organizations of the Scotch Plains area had been sent out requesting an audience for the Democratic hopefuls. The letters which were mailed over the signature of Joseph Gannon called upon the various leaders to contribute to an informed electorate at the local as well as the national levels.

"Too often our communications media concentrate solely on the national and state candidates to the detriment of our citizens. Frequently, the actions and issues on the township level are of more immediate effect. I have called upon the many civic organizations to help us crystallize the choice between the democratic and republican candidates on the local level. I know that our candidates are fully prepared to appear before any interested group".

Arrangements for meetings are being handled by Mrs. Michael Regan. Her phone number is 232-9002.

### Baton Twirlers

Scotch Plains Recreation Commission is offering its twirling lessons again this season.

Classes will be conducted on Saturday mornings at Park Junior High for Scotch Plains girls between the ages of 8 and 14. Registrations will be October 5th 9 a.m. for beginners, 10 a.m. for intermediates and 11 a.m. for advanced.

## Panel Will Discuss Bond Proposals

Senator Harry L. Sears, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the New Jersey Senate, will be one of three speakers who will discuss the 1968 State Bond Proposals which will appear on the ballot this fall.

He will be one of the panelists at a Public Forum to be conducted by the League of Women Voters of Westfield on October 3rd at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield at 8:15 p.m., it has been announced by Mrs. John Thatcher, president of the Westfield League.

The panel will also include Mrs. Ruth Ford, vice chairman of the New Jersey Board of Higher Education and Mr. Robert J. Day, Director of the Division of Public Transportation for New Jersey. The panelists will discuss New Jersey's needs in the areas of higher education and the railroads and how the bond proposals would meet the needs.

The three bond proposals have passed both houses of the Legislature and will be presented to the voters for approval at the General Election on November 5th. \$640 million is earmarked for transportation and includes \$200 million for railroads, \$337.5 million has been proposed for higher education and institutions and \$12.5 for urban housing.

"The Bond Issues have wide bi-partisan support throughout the state," said Mrs. Harold Breuninger, chairman of the Fiscal Policy Committee of the Westfield League who has arranged the meeting. "Of course, the final decision on these referendums rests with the voters.

## Rau Contests Board Appointment of DeQuollo

The Scotch Plains Board of Health denied a request from scavengers for a 50-cent monthly rate increase. The Board also opened up the number of scavenger licenses possible, with the introduction of an ordinance eliminating the present 11-license restriction to permit an unlimited number of licenses.

The rate increase request occasioned angry protest from about 35 residents present at the meeting, with additional opposition expressed by 130 signers of petitions presented to the Board of Health.

Allen R. Jones, Board of Health President, announced that he has requested that a committee be appointed by Mayor Thomas J. Santo Salvo to study the entire refuse collection system. Jones said such a committee should have members from the Board of Health, Township Committee, and the public.

Jones said the committee suggested could study the comparative advantages of private scavenger system, contractual garbage collection, or municipally operated collections.

Present rates under the private system are \$3, \$3.25, and \$3.75 with charges dictated by zone. Several residents have long protested the present system, and have requested unlimited number of licenses, expressing a belief that it would allow more competition and fewer rate increases.

Mrs. Edith W. Powers, Township Committee member, said the present request for an increase coupled with a 25-cent increase granted in April of 1967, would represent a 25 percent increase for such service, and "without an increase in services is quite improper".

It is not known whether the scavengers will appeal the denial since none were present at the meeting. Their notification of increase to residents was a mimeographed sheet, unsigned, which some residents said was illegal without signature. Allen Jones said he felt the notification met requirements. It was sent in advance, as required by ordinance, with affidavits of intent properly filed with the Board of Health.

The protesters discounted the scavengers claim of an increase in the amount of garbage they collect within the community, saying that residents are still limited to two refuse cans, and must pay extra for added service. One said the increase in amount of refuse was due to the increase in the number of homes, which was reflected in added income to the scavengers.

Dominick L. DeQuollo of 2034 Grand Street was named plumbing inspector by the Board.

His appointment is being contested by G. William Rau, who has held the \$3500 post since last January when he replaced John Morel who retired after 22 years as inspector.

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## Discuss Local Tax Problems

The municipal tax dollar and over-all taxes were aired this week by the Republican Township Committee candidates, Lawrence Wolf and incumbent William Kitzsz.

"We are concerned, as are all tax payers, with the ever-mounting tax burden being heaped on us from all sides," they stated.

"We, as candidates, would like to promise the voters lower taxes but feel this is a false approach and almost impossible in this time of soaring costs and wages, a New Jersey sales tax, the Vietnam war and costly state and federal expenses.

"What we can do is continue tight supervision over municipal expenses, the only ones under control of the governing body, and see that the top financial rating of Scotch Plains is maintained.

"A run-down of municipal taxes since 1963 shows that the Township Committee has been using smaller percentages of the total taxes and at the same time expanding services to meet the needs of a growing township population.

"In 1963, 22.76 per cent of the tax dollar went to municipal government, in 1965 it was 20.32 per cent and this year it was 17.36 per cent. This, incidentally, is .6 of 1 per cent of the total valuation of Scotch Plains.

"Of course the total budgets, which include school, county and municipal taxes and veterans and senior citizens exemptions, have jumped, but the Township Committee has tried to keep taxes from rising even more by cutting its demands and utilizing less of the tax dollar.

"The 17-plus per cent of the total 1968 budget went for public safety, police, fire, streets and roads, sanitation, lighting, recreation, library, health and welfare, administration, capital improvements, pensions, social security and debt service - all absolutely necessary to maintain the township.

"Our opponents score the Republicans for not lowering property taxes, but overlook the promise from the Democrats in Trenton that the sales tax was instituted to relieve the home owner.

"This is just another reason we say beware of campaign promises to lower taxes. It hasn't been done on any level - national, state, county or local - for years."