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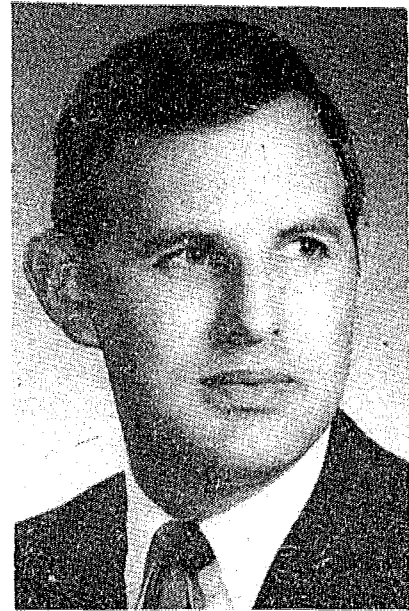
Fun "Kicks Off" 25th Annual Drive

The current Scotch Plains Community Fund Drive, which went into action on September 28, marks the twenty-fifth consecutive annual drive by this independent volunteer fund.

Seeking \$56,000 to help support the services offered to Scotch Plains by thirteen agencies and service organizations, the Community Fund Drive replaces as many individual drives for funds which would otherwise be necessary. The organizations participating in this year's fund drive include: The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, United Service Organization (U.S.O.), Youth Employment Service, Union County Psychiatric Clinic, Union County Unit - N.J. Association for Retarded Children, Catholic Youth Organization, Watchung Area Council-Boy Scouts of America, Jewish Community Center, Youth and Family Counselling Service, Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, American Red Cross and the Cerebral Palsy League of Union County.

Canvassers are now calling on residents of all sections of the township under the direction of district chairmen and indicator signs - erected at the Southside Fire House on Raritan Road and on Park Avenue in the lot adjacent to Town Hall -- will record the results of the canvassers' efforts to reach the \$56,000 goal.

At the 'kick-off' meeting on the evening of September 23rd, 1968, Mr. Roger Brody, General Campaign Chairman, noted that the Scotch Plains Community Fund was organized in 1944 by a group of community-spirited citizens headed by Mr. W. M. Garbe who had been active in fund raising for the U.S.O. during WWII years. Mr. Garbe gathered around him



ROGER BRODY
Campaign Chairman

other willing organizers including Harry E. Bernstein, Elwood Van Allen, Paul Smith, Reverend Edward E. Peterson and Horace Hatfield. Mr. Garbe and Mr. Bernstein are the only living members of the original group.

Mr. Brody quoted Mr. Garbe in saying that that first drive in 1944 had a goal of \$6,000 and the township had a population of slightly in excess of 5,000. The drive was a complete success and the goal was not only reached but exceeded! Mr. Brody said he was completely confident that the present drive for \$56,000 would be equally successful if each resident would "GET IN STRIDE....GIVE WITH PRIDE".

First National Bank Opens New Branch

A milestone in Scotch Plains banking service occurs this week with the opening of the Westfield-Fanwood branch of the First National Bank of Scotch Plains. The new facility, located at 2222 South Avenue, was designed and located to provide banking services for residents of three communities - Westfield, Fanwood, and Scotch Plains.

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The colonial structure was designed by Herbert F. Verse, architect of 120 W. Seventh Street, Plainfield, and built by Hahr Construction Company, 29 Grove St., North Plainfield.

Service will include 57 banking hours per week, will full banking services available from Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Walk-up and drive-up windows will be open Monday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 to 12 noon.

The original home of the First

National Bank opened at 336 Park Avenue four years ago. Planning began in 1963. It was the inspiration of Philip Lucia, Frank Pitt, and Anthony Schoberl, who decided that the township was ready for a bank of its own. The growth record has grown from \$1,280,000 in June of 1964 to \$14,304,000 in June of 1968.

Philip F. Lucia is currently President, and is a founder-organizer of the bank. Frank M. Pitt, another organizer, serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The directors include Joseph D'Annunzio, Richard H. Goldberger, Peter Homack, Lloyd Koppe, David J. Mytelka, Anthony D. Schoberl, and John E. Seibert.

The Advisory Board for the new Westfield-Fanwood branch include Justus J. Agnoli, retired; Charles J. Daniels, president of Poling Oil Company; Sylvester L. Sullivan, president of Avis Motors; and Robert E. Scott, Jr., president of R. E. Scott, Mortgage Company.

Mayor Names Bi-Partisan Committee to Study Refuse Collection

40 Years Later

In the year 1928, Thomas J. Santo Salvo, then chairman of the Township Committee of Scotch Plains, signed appropriate documents for the issuance of one hundred \$1,000 bonds to cover the payments for Scotch Plains Municipal Building on Park Avenue. The total purchase price was \$100,000 with interest charged at a rate of 3-3/4 percent annually.

This month, forty years after the bond issuance, by a curious coincidence, Mayor Thomas J. Santo Salvo, Jr., present chairman of the Township Committee, signed a check for \$3,000 representing the final payment on the Municipal Building. He announced at the Tuesday meeting of the Township Committee that the facility is now free and clear.

Fanwood United Community Services Drive Opens Oct. 13

Mr. Laurence A. Woodruff, chairman of the Fanwood United Community Services Campaign, announced that his committees are completing plans for the fund raising drive on October 13.

The important nature of the campaign creates the need for a broadly based community solicitation. In keeping with this view, this year's drive will feature a highly developed commercial campaign. Mr. Woodruff has recruited a group of local business men to solicit the commercial interests in Fanwood. Mr. Woodruff stated, "In past campaigns, the development of the commercial drive, so vital to our community, has never received the full attention it deserves".

Some of the local businessmen who have volunteered to encourage commercial contributions are: Hank Friedrichs, of H. Clay Friedrichs Gallery of Homes; Carmen Gaito, of Carmen's Barber Shop; and Larry Andrews of Young Paint and Varnish Co. This division of the township drive will run for two weeks, October 6 thru October 19.

Additional district captains for the October 13, "United Sunday" campaign have been announced by Mr. Woodruff. They are: Robert R. Hendrick, T. L. Noffsinger, John Page, Lee Perry, Mrs. VanDyke Pollitt, Art Terry, and Mrs. T. R. Triplett.

An important meeting of all door-to-door solicitors will be held on October 8, at 8 p.m. at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Ordinance Would Limit Parking in High School Area

Mayor Thomas J. Santo Salvo announced the appointment of a bi-partisan committee to study the relative merits of several possible garbage collection methods. The committee, announced at Tuesday's meeting of the Township Committee, would be charged with considering all factors involved in private collection, municipal collection, or contract arrangements, and would have a deadline of November 15 for rendering of a report.

The committee will include two members of the Board of Health, to be appointed by the President of that Board; Raymond Schnitzer as liason member from the Township Committee; M. Michael Magers, representing areas of 1-acre zoning; John J. Waters (Deputy Director of Union County Legal Services) representing the areas with 50-foot frontages; and Nick DiNizio President of the Scavengers Association. The committee will be headed by one of the two Board of Health members, to be named by Santo Salvo.

Mayor Santo Salvo said the committee would not be asked for a recommendation regarding its findings. "We are not shirking our responsibility" he said, adding that the decision would not be the responsibility of the appointed committee. He said the November deadline was set with hope of implementing something by the Board of Health December meeting.

The Township Committee introduced an ordinance which would provide a 2-hour parking limitation on streets in the area of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. The ordinance would limit the parking from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, in an attempt to alleviate what residents there have said is a hazardous situation.

The streets to be affected by the ordinance, which will be subject to public hearing and final vote on October 15, include both sides of Hoppel Court, Evergreen Avenue, West Courr, Old Farm Road and Concord Road, and the north side of Portland Avenue.

Santo Salvo said the proposed legislation would remedy the undesirable situation for residents who have protested student parking on the streets since the recent on-site parking prohibition at the school. He added that it did not provide an answer for students and staff requiring parking space, and he said the Township Committee was working on solutions to that question, and was considering the possibility of use of township lands in the area for temporary parking. He said further information would be forthcoming.

A second new ordinance introduced would add \$24070 to the amount already provided for sanitary sewers in West Broad Street, Hatfield Avenue, and Berkeley Terrace, bringing the amount for the project up to a

total of \$88,000. Public hearing will be held on October 15.

A petition signed by 38 residents of Essex Road, Fenimore Drive, Mohawk Lane was submitted, requesting immediate attention to flooding conditions from a brook bordering many properties there. The residents said the brook was dangerous and unhealthy, overflowed and caused damage to basements and erosion to land. One resident told the committee that the homeowners there had been told to expect problems because drainage conditions had not been filled by a developer of nearby homes, causing the runoff to flow into the brook. Mayor Santo Salvo said that drainage problems throughout the township were under study, with priorities assigned to areas in worst need, and with decisions being made as to areas under county, state, and local control. He said the Essex Road area would be given prompt study, and that an investigation would be made to determine if all drainage conditions had been complied with in building of homes.

It was announced that leaf collection will begin soon, with the Road Department attempting to provide collection every eight days. No clippings or refuse will be picked up by the leaf truck.

John Rudnick of 7734 Martine Avenue was appointed to membership on the Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Jane Zelesnak who resigned because of a move from the community. Her term was due to expire December 31, 1969. Rudnick is a member of the Blue Raiders Booster Club and has been active in many civic endeavors. His appointment has full approval of the Recreation Commission.

A contract was approved for low bidder John Andrusky to install sidewalks in portions of Plainfield and Westfield Avenues, at a low bid of \$9675.

The committee voted to invest \$115,000 in 6-1/4% Federal Land Bank Notes maturing September 1969. The funds are from trust, escrow, and dog license accounts.

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