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## Thanksgiving Services Program

Greetings from the Ministerial Association . . . Rev. Kelmo Porter of Saint John the Baptist Church and vice-president of the Association

Reading of President Lyndon Johnson's 1968 Thanksgiving Proclamation . . . Rev. John P. Millar, Fanwood Presbyterian

Call to Worship

Congregational Hymn . . . "Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Invocation . . . Rev. Kenneth E. King of Terrill Road Baptist

Old Testament Lesson . . . Rev. Julian Alexander, of Willow Grove Presbyterian Choral Anthem . . . "Prayer of Thanksgiving"

New Testament Lesson . . . Rev. Ralph J. Kievet, Scotch Plains Baptist, President of the Ministerial Association Thanksgiving Prayer . . . Rev. Alfred Willets, Scotch Plains Methodist

Choral Selection . . . "It is Well With My Soul"

Thanksgiving Sermon . . . Rev. Vincent P. Sprouls, Saint Bartholomew's Roman Catholic

Congregational Hymn . . . "Faith of Our Fathers"

Benediction . . . Rev. Joseph Sweeney, Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic

An offering will be taken during the service, to be divided between the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Human Rights Council Scholarship Fund and a fund for the starving children of Biafra.

Minister of Music for the service is Mrs. Helen Hardaway.

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SHOPPING  
DAYS  
BEFORE CHRISTMAS

## Thanksgiving 1968 In Fanwood-Scotch Plains

### Mayor Will Officiate at Lighting Ceremonies

The official Christmas season "rings" in traditionally just after the Thanksgiving weekend. In Scotch Plains, the local Businessmen's Association has recognized the fact with the installation of the community Christmas decorations . . . this year in the form of giant red Christmas bells hung mid-center in garlands of green and gold, which stretch across Second Street and Park Avenue in the business district.

This is the fifth year in which the Association has undertaken the Christmas decorating task. The bells are a new acquisition, and the lights on the garlands have been changed this year, from the previous multi-colored to all-green bulbs.

William Murray, owner of the Village Shoe Store on Second Street in Scotch Plains, is currently president of the Association, which represents 100 different business establishments in Scotch Plains. The money for the decorations comes from Association dues.

Murray credited Ted Miller of Bowcraft, on Route 22, with responsibility for the planning and hanging of the holiday trimmings. Murray said, "Ted Miller is the man who is responsible every year for all the effort and work in getting the decorations up. He puts in a great deal of

time on the project." This week, officials of the Businessmen's Association will be joined by Scotch Plains Mayor Thomas J. Santo Salvo for the official lighting.

### Fanwood Woman Named To Deputy Governor Post

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Jersey named Mrs. Osgood Rogers of 176 Herbert Avenue in Fanwood to the post of deputy governor at their Saturday meeting and luncheon held at the Upper Montclair Country Club.

Mrs. Rogers traces her ancestry to three Mayflower passengers, Myles Standish, John Alden, and Richard Warren, from whom she can claim four lines of descent.

Joseph R. Poole of Summit was re-elected governor. Other members elected to positions include Mrs. Herbert L. Smith Jr. of Mountainside, secretary; William Y. Wallace of Westfield, captain; Paul W. Brakeley of Red Bank, Stevens C. Sperling of Watchung, Edgar Vail of Plainfield, and Miss Isabel Wallace of Westfield, members of the Board of Assistants.

### Eight Community Churches Will Participate in Joint Services Program

In the year 1621, a year marked by great privation and starvation, the members of the Plymouth Colony invited neighboring Indians to share their bounty of four wild turkeys and a harvest of pumpkins, squash, potatoes, berries, and other products of the fields. They joined together in a day of thanksgiving. The custom has been continued through the years, its observance has been proclaimed officially by U.S. Presidents since 1789.

Contrary to most other holidays and celebrations, happily, Thanksgiving has continued much in its original intent and form, relatively unscathed by the commercialism, chaos, and frantic activity which has overtaken so many other once-pleasant observances.

On this Thanksgiving, 1968, we again pause to offer thanks to God for our bounty. The harvest once more has been bountiful here, attested to by tables groaning with the traditional creamed onions and candied sweets, mincemeat and pumpkin pies, cranberry sauce and giblet gravy. The feast is marked in many ways - the customary pageantry is promised for the Scotch Plains Fanwood High School homecoming football game, this year to be played at 10:30 at Clark; home-made cranberry-orange relish will grace the tables of four year olds from Fanwood Presbyterian Nursery School; turkeys lovingly fashioned of paper feathers and papier mache by our elementary school children will dance from kitchen walls; a homecoming queen will be crowned at a high school dance; and Fanwood sportsmen and non-sportsmen will try their hand at the Fanwood Recreation Commission turkey shoot. Our turkeys will number in the thousands, and our family gatherings will be scattered to all corners of town. The focal point of the day, our Thanksgiving prayers, still remain communal, however. The highlight of Thanksgiving here will be a community Thanksgiving service sponsored by the local Ministerial Association, with eight churches joining hands in a program of ecumenism and brotherhood.

Saint John the Baptist Church on Morse Avenue will be the location - tonight from 8 to 9 the time. Residents will pray together, listen together, sing together, and enjoy the widely acclaimed 100-voice choir of St. John's. The Inspirational Choir or Saint John's has made several long-playing albums of hymns, anthems, and Gospel selections, and their participation promises to add an added note of interest. The program, listed on the front page of The Times, will include a welcome by Rev. Kelmo Porter, host pastor, and a sermon by Father Vincent P. Sprouls of Saint Bartholomew's



REV. VINCENT SPROULS

Roman Catholic Church. Various facets of the presentation will be handled by other clergy members of the Ministerial Association, including Dr. George Hunt and Rev. John Millar of Fanwood Presbyterian; Rev. Kenneth King of Terrill Road Baptist; Rev. Julian Alexander of Willow Grove Presbyterian; Rev. Ralph Kievet of Scotch Plains Baptist; Rev. John Sweeney of Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic; and Rev. Alfred Willets of Scotch Plains Methodist. The Thanksgiving spiritual program promises residents a most rewarding means of marking Thanksgiving, emphasizing

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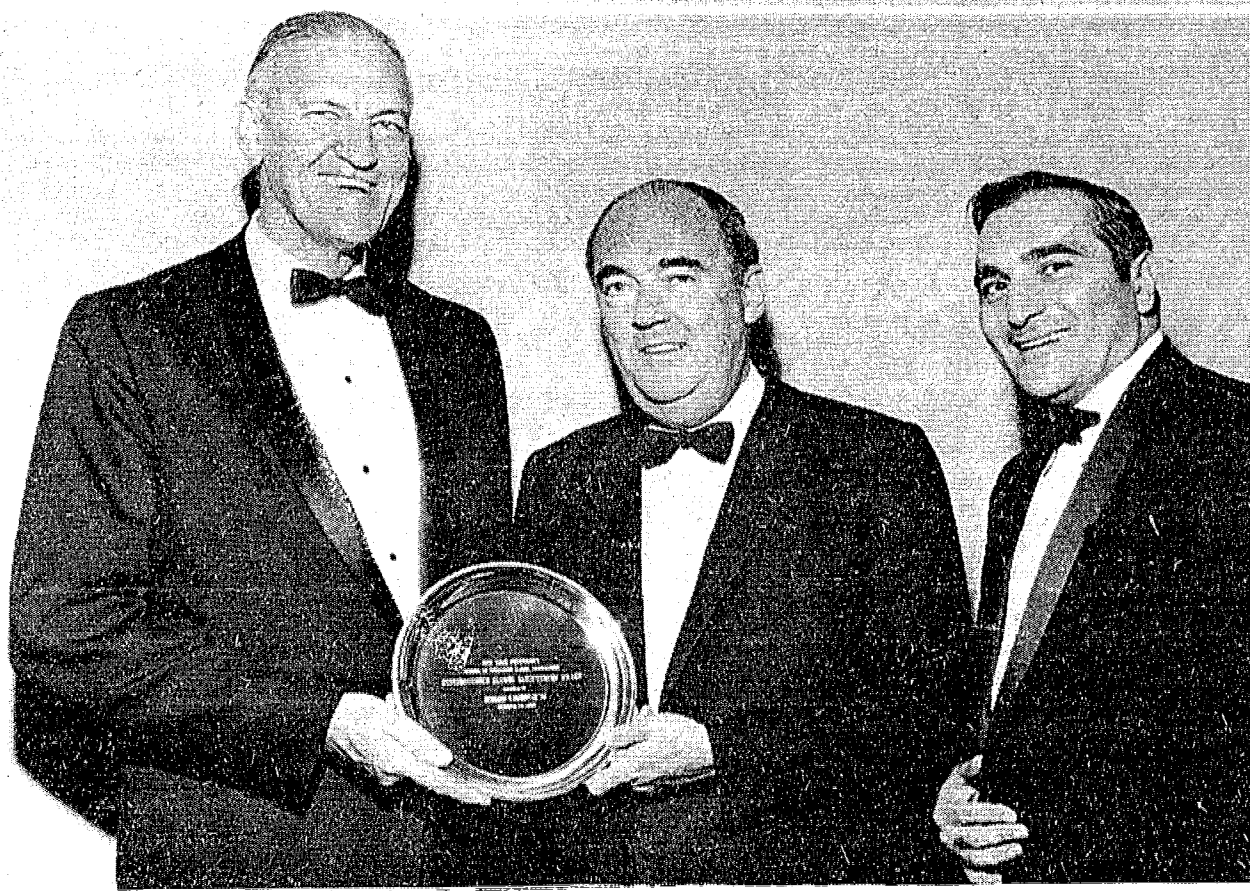
### A Reminder

The Public Works Department of Scotch Plains has issued a reminder to residents of the community that Monday, December 2nd will signal the start of the final round of leaf pick-up in Scotch Plains this year.

When the sweepers and/or pickup machines pass each street in the forthcoming week, it will be the last trip, and they will not return. Leaves raked into the gutters after the final round will not be collected, since trucks and equipment must be readied for snow and ice operation.

Residents are asked to cooperate, and rake leaves before December 2nd.

### Distinguished Alumni Award Winner



Dean Daniel E. Griffith (left) of the New York University School of Education and Toastmaster Dr. Frank A. Volpe, (right) President of the Alumni Association and Principal of Park Junior High School, confer the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award to Dr. Bernard E. Donovan, Superintendent of Schools of New York City at the recent First Annual Awards Dinner at the New York University Club.