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Annual Fanwood Borough Report Ready This Week

A "Christmas present" for Fanwood residents, in the form of the annual borough report, will be in the mail this week, it was announced by the Fanwood Council last Wednesday night. The report was nearly completed in September, when it was lost in a fire at the Maine cabin of Fanwood Councilman Van Dyke Pollitt.

The Council appointed Wright, Long and Company as statutory auditors for 1969, at a fee of \$3000. It was noted that the auditing firm has not raised its prices during the last few years.

Councilman Pollitt and Mayor Roland Beetham expressed disappointment and concern at results of the recent third annual Jaycee-sponsored community blood bank. The 1966 blood bank registered 244 residents, a slight drop was observed in 1965, and this year the total of donors was about 50% of the 1966 high. Pollitt, who has been active in promoting the bank, said there was a very decided danger that the Red Cross might drop the Fanwood-Scotch Plains program if donors did not increase. There are three bloodmobiles in the area, and staff of a doctor and nurses on each are salaried. Both Pollitt and Mayor Beetham said last month that they had had personal occasion to draw on the blood bank, which provides blood for family, in-laws and grandparents of donors. Both said they hoped service clubs in the area would take an

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Will Study Terrill Rd. "No Passing" Proposals

Mayor Praises Efforts Of Kitz & Powers

Outgoing Township Committee members, Mrs. Edith Powers and William Kitz were praised by Scotch Plains Mayor Thomas Santo Salvo for the help they had given him and the Township Committee during their years in office. Santo Salvo said they will be missed, but added that the newly elected committeemen would work equally hard. His expression of gratitude was echoed from the floor by Assisship Attorney James Walsh and Mrs. Virginia Dekle.

Speaking of his own term as Mayor, Santo Salvo said "it was a very exciting year. When I became Mayor I stated that any resident had the right to get up and be heard at any time. After many verbal barrages, I still believe each should be heard." Santo Salvo urged residents to express their opinions openly in future Township Committee meetings, rather than "whispering around the streets" where nobody can do anything about complaints.

Committee Reorganization Meeting Set For Jan. 2

The establishment of "no passing" zones in ten locations in Terrill Road has been recommended by the State Motor Vehicle Department following a study made there recently. The county has been authorized to place the markings on the county road and officials in the three municipalities which would be affected (Plainfield, Scotch Plains, and Fanwood) have been requested to review the report and indicate their concurrence or rejection. The "no passing" cannot be enforced until local ordinances have been passed making provision for same.

The report from the Motor Vehicle Department was referred to committee at the December 17 meeting of the Township Committee, and Mayor Thomas Santo Salvo said the matter had not been studied yet, and he could not offer an opinion on whether the township would concur.

The Committee awarded a contract to R. Jones and Company for construction of storm sewers and appurtenances in portions of Rahway Road. Jones was the second lowest bidder at \$28,642. Seven bids were submitted, but the lowest was invalid because of a discrepancy.

A resignation was accepted from Thomas J. Ryan, Director of Civilian Defense. Ryan said in the letter of resignation that the demands of his job had become too great for him to operate efficiently as the Director, and he was compelled to devote his major time to personal endeavors. Ryan said he will continue to serve in the communications group of Civilian Defense Disaster Control.

Committeeman Albert Theurer expressed the committee's appreciation for time and effort expended by Ryan. "Civilian Defense has become a tremendously complicated job" Theurer said. He cited Ryan's contributions, particularly in areas of radio communications.

George Jensen was named as acting Director of Civilian Defense pending a new appointment. Jensen has been serving as Ryan's assistant.

A second resignation came from Emma Sampson, from the Juvenile Conference Committee. Her resignation is effective as of December 31. Mayor Santo Salvo said that appointments to the Juvenile Committee are made by the judge, who accepts or rejects names suggested by the Township Committee.

The investment of township

funds was authorized - \$45,000 in U.S. Federal Land Loan Bank Notes, \$150,000 Federal Home Loan Bank Notes and \$300,000 in U.S. Treasury Bills.

The township contract with Northeast Weather Service was renewed for 1969, for a sum of \$450. The clerk was authorized to advertise for bids for sanitary sewers in Raritan Road from Rahway Avenue west to the town line and in Frank Street and Orchard Street. Bids will be received on January 8 at 3 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Mayor Santo Salvo read a telegram from Governor Hughes urging extreme caution on the part of holiday drivers in an effort to avert holiday traffic fatalities. Santo Salvo echoed the sentiments of Hughes, and asked Scotch Plains residents to be particularly careful on roads during the Christmas season.

The annual reorganization meeting of the township committee will be held on January 2 at 8 p.m.

Santa Due In Fanwood On Saturday

Santa Claus will make his annual trek from the far north lands and arrive by fire engine at the Fanwood Railroad Station on Saturday December 21st.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees have made the travel arrangements and through the courtesy of the Fanwood Fire Department, have arranged a gala visit. Santa will arrive at 9:30 a.m. and spend the morning talking to local youngsters and giving out candy canes, Hot chocolate will be provided.

An Invitation

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" -- and Fanwood residents will, too, as the borough's annual Christmas Caroling program gets underway tomorrow, Monday December 23, at 8 p.m.

The setting couldn't be better! Carolers will gather near the pretty Community Christmas tree which stands on the grounds of the Fanwood railroad station. With some snow on the ground and the quaint old railroad station in the background, it's a Christmas card scene.

All are invited, and the Fanwood Recreation Commission has assured everyone that there will be no cancellation due to weather.

They'll have the Christmas cookies and beverages waiting in the wings, and with the final strains of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" they'll invite all to share the goodies.

It's a neighborly way to wish Season's Greetings to fellow citizens, and a traditional family activity. Do Come!

Business Men Light Up The Town



The Businessmen's Association of Scotch Plains completed their annual installation of Christmas lights on Park Avenue and Second Street in the business district. The 5th Annual "throwing of the switch" is done by: L. to R. Ralph Conn, William Palmer, Treasurer; Dennis Pedicini, Executive Secty.; Barton Barry, Leona Gottesman, William Murray, President; Edward Evans, Vice President; J. J. Alexander, does not appear in the picture. He was busy behind the camera.

DEADLINE CHANGES

Our Christmas Week Issue Will Be Published Monday Dec. 23

CLOSING TIME WILL BE Noon Today

Our New Year's Week Issue Will Be Published Monday Dec. 30

CLOSING TIME WILL BE Noon, Thurs., Dec