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## Drug Abuse Center Nears Reality

A drug abuse outreach center for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community appeared nearer to reality this week, following a week-long series of programs and fund-raising efforts designed to acquaint the public with the project and to seek community support. For many months, a committee called the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Drug Abuse Prevention Committee for DARE has been working with the Plainfield Area Red Cross on establishment of an outreach center in Scotch Plains. Last month, the Township Committee of Scotch Plains offered the use of a municipally owned building at 1834 Front Street for establishment of the center, and the committee was "off and running," hopefully with an opening deadline of this month.

Last Thursday was kickoff night at Scotch Plains - Fanwood High School. Among those in attendance were Mayor Albert Theruer of Scotch Plains, Mayor Theodore Trumpp of Fanwood, representatives from the police department, Township Committeemen, educators, township officials, and the general public. Mrs. John Miller, local committee chairman, introduced the cast of an off-Broadway theatre group who presented "How Was the Trip?", a short play about family relationships and drug abuse. The play was written for the National Institute of Mental Health.

Following the play, Mrs. Miller introduced four representatives from DARE, all former drug users. They described the DARE program, which includes residencies in Newark and Orange for those with drug problems requiring 24-hour rehabilitation. They also detailed the operations of the Outreach Centers, such as that proposed for Scotch Plains-Fanwood. The Outreach Centers deal primarily in prevention of drug use, it was noted, and included among the programs are workshops and seminars, speaking engage-

ments, a place for teenagers to come just to discuss everyday problems, and an informational center.

According to Bill Cinquez, representing DARE, many times the problem behind drug abuse is not the drug itself but a personality problem. The potential drug user can be helped in determining what his problem really is, and can be deterred from resorting to drugs by talking with the DARE representatives who understand what the drug scene is all about.

Cinquez pointed out that hundreds have been helped at the many drop-in centers now in existence, and about 95 percent of the drug users who sought help began their abuse with such things as glue, codiene cough syrup, etc.

The idea behind DARE is self-help. The program was started by Dr. Richard Roselli five years ago, and there are currently nine dare facilities in existence. Roselli, himself a drug-dependent individual, was treated at Lexington, Kentucky, and returned to New Jersey, where he

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## Announce Blood Bank For John Dzuback, Youth Struggling For Normal Life

Meet 14-year old John Dzuback. John's an eighth grader at Roosevelt Junior High in Westfield. He loves swimming and camping, sings with the boys' chorus at Roosevelt and with the St. Paul's Church choir in Westfield, writes poetry and has been published, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 77, is extremely fond of Heather, his dog and Sam, his cat, and would like to do more horseback riding than he now does.

Sound like the typical 14-year old boy? To a degree, yes. However, John has spent an extraordinary amount of time in hospitals and under doctors' care. The slightest injury -- a stubbed toe, knocked elbow, a finger caught in a door -- spell trouble for John. John is a hemophiliac. As such, he needs blood, blood and more blood.

Hemophilia is a disease in which the blood does not clot in the normal length of time. It is usually hereditary, and there are not only three distinct types of hemophilia, but there are also three different degrees within each type. John Dzuback has "classic" hemophilia -- the most severe type.

What happens to him when he gets hurt? Some examples:

\* Two years ago, he and a few friends were fooling during a snowfall -- snowball fights, wrestling, etc. John was accidentally tackled, fell and hit his head. The fall caused a brain hemorrhage, John was on the

critical list for 31 days, and used 450 units of cryo-precipitate -- a component of blood.

\* Not too long ago, he broke a forearm bone resulting in a five-day hospitalization, extended treatment, many transfusions, and a two-month "watch and wait" period afterward, during which John was transfused every three days.

\* John falls and hits a knee, knocks into a locker at school and bangs an elbow. Blood flows to the affected injured spot, but one might say it "overflows." The injured joint cannot contain the amount of bleeding which results, causing intense pain from pressure.

Young John Dzuback is a normal 14-year old. He isn't quiet. He loves activity, and would love to lead an active life. However, at this point, body contact sports are an absolute tabu, and other activities must be carefully curtailed. He averages three to four emergency transfusion trips to the hospital every month, and

## Candidates' Night Sponsored By Community Organizations

### Budget Hearing Date Announced

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will hold a public hearing next Thursday, January 20, on the proposed 1972-73 annual school budget.

The hearing will follow the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education, scheduled for 8 p.m. at Terrill Junior High.

### Want Me? I'm Yours. I'm Palladin

I was abandoned at the English-town Flea Market on a cold November morning. I was hungry because we arrived so early, that I didn't get any breakfast. My owner decided to tie me to a tree



near a table where people came to buy things. Lots of people came, but no one gave me a drink or something for my tummy. Then one kind girl came along and patted me, realized my plight, and got me a "Hot Dog" and a drink. The hours passed and finally the same girl came to say good-bye, as everyone was leaving. The person, selling at the table near me said he thought I was abandoned, as no one had come to claim me. My kind friend waited until the last person left and then she brought me home.

Home is Scotch Plains. She has a great big dog, who has been like a father to me. I've had tender, loving care for over two months and now, she would like me to have a permanent home with lots of love. Call 232-0565

since September has missed 30 days of school.

The sole answer for the Dzubacks is blood. Until now, they have purchased the necessary cryo-precipitate for John and also for a 20-year old son who also suffers from hemophilia, and have called on friends to donate. Each unit of cryo-precipitate requires one unit of blood. However, once the "cryo" has been removed from the blood, it can

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### Board Candidates Spell Out Positions

A healthy crowd of approximately 300 residents turned out on Tuesday night to hear eleven candidates for the Board of Education express their views on various facets of education and their respective qualifications for positions on the board. The candidates night was moderated by Mrs. George Walker, president of the League of Women Voters of the Westfield Area. It was sponsored by several local organizations: Association for Good Schools, Black Coalition, Common Sense Education Committee, Fanwood and Scotch Plains Jaycees, Fanwood-Scotch Plains Joint Civic Committee, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Human Rights Council, and Scotch Plains-Fanwood unit of the League of Women Voters.

The candidates include incumbents Peter Britton and Fred Eyer, former board member Charles Ferguson, and newcomers John T. Mielach and George T. Larkin, all five seeking two three-year terms to be vacated by Britton and Mrs. Muriel Ramsden, Mrs. Ramsden will not seek re-election. Competing for a single year remaining in the original three-year term of John Evans are John Koleszar, George Siff, and Jerome McDevitt. From Fanwood, three candidates appeared: present Board President Owen P. Lynch, Mrs. Leonia Reilly, and John Phillips. All seek the single three-year seat to be vacated by Lynch.

The following are short synopses of the four-minute formal presentations given by each candidate:

PETER BRITTON: Britton sees clearly a need for contact between the business and professional world and the area of education, and therefore feels his desire to serve the community can best be met by offering his services as a representative of the business world on the Board of Education. Britton, an incumbent, sees critical years ahead, years in which experience is important. He favors maximum quality at minimum cost, but feels too strongly about the importance of the top quality education here to gamble it away.

Britton favors establishment of an over-all philosophy of education. While he would like to see greater state financing, he opposes total state financing because it threatens local control. Britton is also aligned in favor of year-round school.

### Attention DOG OWNERS

Dog licenses are now due and may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. The fee is \$3.50. Also, licenses may be applied for by mailing a check to this office together with a description of the dog, age, sex, length of hair, color, and name. A stamped self-addressed envelope would be appreciated.

FREDERICK G. EYER: Finds that this year's budget, with a 5.9 percent increase, is a great improvement over recent budgets. He would reinstate driver education and has made suggestions which he said would

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### Bd. Of Ed. Adopts \$10.7 Million Budget

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education adopted a tentative 1972-73 school budget of \$10,797,715 at a special meeting last week. The tentative budget represents a jump of \$677,357 over the budget for the current school year.

The budget will be submitted to voters on February 1. A date will be set later for a public hearing on the budget.

Included in the budget proposals are \$9,524,634 for current expense, up \$570,794; \$30,000 for capital outlay, down \$40,794; and \$1,243,081 for debt service, up \$147,357.

The amount to be raised by taxation is \$9,175,584, up \$453,677 over last year. It represents a five percent increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

### Helicopter Hearings Postponed

The hearing of the state Division of Aeronautics on an application for a private helistop in Scotch Plains, which was originally scheduled for Wednesday, January 12 has been postponed. The township requested the postponement in order to obtain additional time to prepare for the case.

The session was opened on Wednesday, but no testimony from witnesses was taken. It will be continued at another date in late February or early March, according to Township Attorney James Walsh.

D'Annunzio Brothers Inc. of Plainfield Avenue has requested a state permit for the private helistop. Scotch Plains zoning laws prohibit airports, heliports, and helistops. The application has aroused considerable controversy within the community.