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## Visitor



Wenceslao B. Mora (2nd from left), minister of education in Chile, was a recent visitor at Union County Technical Institute and Vocational Center, Scotch Plains, where he met with U.S. educators to discuss the need and examine facilities for career-oriented training programs. Mr. Mora is visiting the United States and surveyed Union County's programs at the recommendation of Dr. Albert Jacken (r.), former assistant commissioner for vocational education in New Jersey. Here, Mr. Mora and Robert Dobbins (2nd from 4.), director of student services at UCTI, share a comment with the assistance of Garcia Pardo, a Rutgers University graduate student from Spain.

## Elizabeth Bank Plans Fanwood Branch Office

Elizabeth Federal Savings and Loan Association has completed plans to locate its first suburban branch office in Fanwood, to the delight of Fanwood officials who have long awaited improvements in a strip of untended field in the middle of the business district. The new facility will be located between the municipal parking strip to the rear of Martine Avenue stores and the Livingston-Wilbor plant on South Avenue. It will face on South Avenue, and will occupy about half of the long strip of land which runs back to LaGrande Avenue.

Although there have been rumors of the new bank for several weeks, the first official action was taken last Wednesday, when the Fanwood Borough Council unanimously approved the building and site plans recommended by the Planning Board. This action was taken at an adjourned meeting (July 19).

The building will be a one-story one, with a mansard roof. Along the sides of the bank building will be windows with long shutters to the ground and a crossback motif below each window in the Colonial motif. The bank customer who drives will enter a driveway between the bank and the Livingston-Wilbor plant, sweep around a long driveway to use parking spaces in the rear, or go completely around the bank to a drive-up window located between the bank building and the municipal parking lot.

According to Mayor Theodore Trumpp, Elizabeth Federal is a \$50 million institution, with extensive mortgage holdings in Fanwood and Scotch Plains. Although the bank has a main office and branches within Elizabeth proper, this will be the first office outside the city. It is being established to serve western Union County customers. Trumpp said the facility should provide Fanwood with a \$200,000 to \$250,000 rateable, which hopefully will mark the "beginning of an evolution in the business district."

According to Councilman John Coulter, construction can be expected to start before the end of the year.

Councilman Stephen Ritter noted that all members of the

Council were agreed that the location was most desirable and would help greatly in cleaning up the appearance of the middle of town.

## Police Report On Vandalism

VANDALISM REPORT - COMPILED BY THE SCOTCH PLAINS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB AS REPORTED BY THE SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Malicious mischief at Bowcraft.
2. Car antennas broken on Mary Ellen Lane.
3. Broken car window on Hatfield Avenue.
4. Sheet rock broken in home under construction on Short Hills Way.
5. One (1) broken window at Brunner School.
6. Tampering with a car on Mountain Avenue - steering wheel pad-locked.
7. Terrill Junior High School had six (6) windows broken with an air rifle at rear of school and one (1) window broken on north side of school with a rock.
8. Children throwing stones at homes on Cook Avenue.
9. Car tracks on lawn of home on Fenimore Drive.
10. Another broken window at Terrill Jr. High School.
11. South Side Fire House had three (3) broken windows.
12. Foundation wall of new home under construction was knocked down at Terrill and Cooper Roads.

PARENTS!!! When your children leave the house do you know where they are going, who their friends are and what they do? Or are you too busy with your own personal business to communicate with your children? Of the above twelve mentioned acts of vandalism committed this past week, nine were committed between sunset and 2 a.m. What time did your child come in last evening? ?

COMPILED BY THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF FANWOOD AS REPORTED BY THE FANWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT.

1. Thirty shirts stolen from the rear of a parked car.
2. Car driven across two lawns on Tillotson Road.
3. Youths attempted to break a see-saw at Forest Road Park.
4. Flowers pulled up and garbage strewn over yard on Terrill Road.
5. Car broken into and window broken - twelve tapes stolen. Replacement cost \$151.00.

## Fanwood Expands Boro Police Department

### Recycling Drive On Saturday

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees will hold their monthly recycling drive on Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South side of the Fanwood Railroad Station.

They will be collecting separately tied newspapers, magazines, flattened tin and aluminum cans, and bottles, with metal rims removed, and separated as to color.

The next drive will be Aug. 26.

The Next Meeting Of The SCOTCH PLAINS TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE Is Scheduled For Tuesday, August 22

### Pollitt Cites Increase In Number Of Monthly Complaints

The Fanwood Police Department ranks were swelled last week, with the addition of two more members to the force: Richard C. Bellamente of 214 Burns Way and Thomas Rose of 216 Coriell Avenue were named to the post of probationary patrolmen, bringing the force to 19. The expansion was made due to increasing calls and complaints and in order to permit members of the force to participate in law enforcement schooling, according to Councilman Van Dyke J. Pollitt, police commissioner.

Mr. Bellamente is 25 years old, married and father of two children. He had been employed as a salesman on Long Island. He is a member of the Planning Board and the Police Reserve. He will resign from the Planning Board position since he is now a municipal employee.

Bellamente holds a B.A. degree from C. W. Post College, Long Island.

Thomas Rose is a lifelong resident of Fanwood and is 21 years old. He has been active in athletic activities, as an umpire for baseball games, and has been employed part time by the Recreation Commission in past years. Most recently, he had been working as a security guard.

Mr. Rose is a member of the Fanwood Fire Company in which his father, the late Charles F.

Rose was active for years. The senior Rose was also an active participant in the Rescue Squad.

The Council members expressed pleasure at the high caliber of the two candidates secured for the additional police posts.

Police calls and complaints have increased noticeably in recent years, Pollitt noted. The average per month is now 500, whereas two years ago the department averaged 300 to 400 calls monthly. Pollitt said the additional policemen would permit the releasing of the force members for attendance at special police courses at Rutgers and elsewhere, a move that has not been employed as much as the police department might wish because of limited personnel.

## Board Of Ed. Will Accept Bids On Building Program

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will hold a special August 15 meeting in order to receive bids for the \$4.26 million building program approved by voters last year. Charles Ferguson announced last Thursday that the Board has received a list of minor changes recommended by the Planning Board of Scotch Plains.

Ferguson said the Board of Education will study the recommendations made by the planning group, and will announce a decision whether to accept the recommendations at the special August 19 gathering. Ferguson is the school board liaison to the Planning Board.

Ferguson said the most extensive recommendation was one which called for curbing at all sites involved in the building program. The referendum had approved a new school on Willow Avenue, updating at Park Junior High and additions to four elementary schools: Coles, Evergreen, Brunner and McGinn. Ferguson said accepting the curbing recommendation would add considerable cost to the total building project. Other areas of recommendation included landscaping and lighting.

There are 14 staff openings for the 1972-73 school year, according to Fred J. Laberge, Superintendent of Schools. He pointed out that the vacancies are in specialized fields such as elementary librarian, Spanish teacher, special education staff member, high school industrial

arts teacher. The Superintendent said the vacancies were due to resignations after contracts were signed. He said he hopes to fill the vacancies by September, but was doubtful. Among the vacancies is one for a principal of Park Junior High School, which post was recently vacated due to the resignation of Frank Volpe.

One school nurse resigned last week, but the Board delayed in naming a replacement. The board will discuss action in this area, due to a recent state law requiring school districts to pay nurses with R.N. degrees the same rate as teachers. The effects of the law would mean a sizeable increase in nurses' salaries, Laberge reported.

The board will prepare plans and specifications for use of a computer in preparation of school budgets. A computer will be either purchased or rented, Richard Bard, vice president, said a new type of budget process had been investigated and found favorable. It would simplify departmental accounts and could be used with a computer.