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Scotch Plains Church Dates Back To 1747

On August 4, 1747, two hundred and twenty-five years ago today, thirteen individuals, whose names are synonymous with the history of Scotch Plains, gathered themselves together to organize the Scotch Plains Baptist Church.

Those names include William Darby, Recompense Stanbery, Isaac Manning, John Dennis, John Sutton, Jr., Henry Crosby, John Lambert, Mary Brodwell, Mary Green, Catherine Manning, Sarah DeCamp, Tabitha Sutton, and John Stanbery. (Present residents of the Scotch Plains area will recognize some of these names as now being the names of a number of streets.) Thus, for 225 years the Scotch Plains Baptist Church has had a vital role in the life of the community.

While no special anniversary observances are scheduled for August, according to the pastor of the church, the Rev. Ralph J. Kievit, several anniversary programs are scheduled for the month of October. On Friday, October 6, an anniversary banquet will be held at the Tower Steak House with the Rev. Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, as guest speaker. Dr. Henry is the editor-at-large of Christianity Today, and is regarded by many as evangeli-

cal Christianity's most eloquent spokesman. A folk group from Barrington College, Barrington, Rhode Island, will also share the banquet program. On Saturday, October 7, a "Mino-Explo" musical festival is scheduled for the afternoon, and will be held on the church's parking lot; this program is especially geared for the interests of young people of the community. Anniversary Sunday will be held on October 8, and the guest minister for that Service of Worship will be the Rev. Dr. D. Reginald Thomas, former pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York, and currently the radio voice for the Presbyterian Laymen's Hour. Dr. Thomas is regarded as one of the outstanding preachers in America today. On the afternoon of Sunday, October 8, there will be an Open House and Tour program (3-5 p.m.) for residents of the area who may wish to take an historical tour through the church.

Voter Registrations Good In Plains And Fanwood

McGovern and Nixon are ready. Are the local voters ready to choose? Apparently they are. New voters are coming in to register in record numbers in both Scotch Plains and Fanwood municipal offices. However, while the Scotch Plains Township Clerk attributes the healthy registrations primarily to below 21 year old new voters, the Fanwood Borough Clerk says his new voters run the gamut in age.

Registrations are definitely higher than last year in Fanwood, according to Borough Clerk John Campbell, but he feels the population in general is turning over at a faster pace than in the past. His new registrants are a mixture of young and old voters, rather than a noticeably young new electorate. Campbell has noted what he thinks is a faster population change, which he credits to more old Fanwood residents retiring and leaving town and more business transfers.

Helen M. Reidy, on the other hand, finds that most of the new Scotch Plains voters fall within the 18-21 year old category. Her registrations are on the upswing over last year, too, but she doesn't detect any noticeable change in the population turnover.

Both offices begin special hours to accommodate voters. Beginning on August 17, Fanwood Borough Hall will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, until September 21. Then, from September 25 through September 28, the office will be open every day from 9 to 9. September 28 is the final deadline for registrations in order to vote in the November elections.

The hours in Scotch Plains are 9 to 4:30 daily, with evening hours identical to Fanwood: starting August 17, voters may register from 9 to 9 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and, during the final registration week, September 25 through 28, they may register 9 to 9 every day.

See Agent For Flood Insurance

Last week, the Times carried a story on the recent designation of Scotch Plains as a community eligible for federal flood insurance. The article reported that the office of Township Engineer Brewster Burns would handle insurance matters. It has since been pointed out that this statement can arouse confusion. Actually, Burns' office has been instrumental in preparing all the applications and studies requisite for eligibility, and Burns is equipped to answer all questions pertaining to the insurance.

However, the actual purchase of individual insurance for flooding would be arranged through an independent insurance agent.

Police Report On Vandalism

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

1. Green tomatoes thrown at house on Montague Avenue.
2. Watermelon stolen from Potato King and then smashed on Scotland Street.
3. Two car antennas broken on Newark Avenue.
4. Window broken at Park Junior High School.
5. Children throwing rocks at Park Junior High.
6. Two redwood benches broken at home at Hill Top Road.
7. Broken car window on Plainfield Avenue.

Fanwood Woman Is GOP Convention Delegate

Joan Geer Named To Platform Committee

As the Scotch Plains-Fanwood students, clubwomen, civic organizations and commissions virtually skid to a summer standstill and everybody takes a well-deserved breather during July and August, one Fanwood gal is just about knee-deep in papers and paperwork. She's Mrs. Joan Geer of Burns Way, Fanwood, and she's very honored to be putting in long hours reading over all kinds of pamphlets, brochures, letters and statements. Mrs. Geer, a delegate to the Republican Convention in Miami was elected by the 40-member delegation as a member of the Platform Committee.



With the nomination of President Nixon as the candidate a foregone conclusion, the Platform Committee is basically where the action will be at this year's convention. Her nomination was a complete surprise, Joan says. She went to the first meeting of New Jersey delegates in June, and heard Gov. William Cahill call the name of the first Platform Committee delegate - Representative Peter Freylinghuysen, and then he called "plain old Joan Geer." Initially, Joan was flabbergasted at the honor, since past Platform Committees have listed such prestigious political names as Senator Everett Dirksen, Ivy Baker Priest, Congressman John Rhodes, Governor Winthrop Rockefeller, Senator Jacob Javits, Senator Hugh Scott, Senator John Tower, etc. . . . "and me, Joan Geer?" she asked. However, this year's committee has more plain "people-people" than have past Platform Committees, she notes.

Mrs. Geer modestly claims that her political education is relatively inadequate, and therefore she's boning up on every area and subject she can cover before her August 13 departure date. Actually, she's an acknowledged political "pro" in the local area, having served as Fanwood Republican Municipal Chairwoman for seven years. She's

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To Vote - You Must Register

The Township Clerk's office will be open for Voter Registration Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until September 28, 1972. September 28th is the last day for registration in order to be eligible to vote in the November 7th Presidential election.

The Clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on the following dates:

August 17, 22, 24, 29 and 31st.
September 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 25, 26, 27, and 28th.

Fanwood Borough Hall will be open late on the same nights.

Local Y.E.S. Office Has Fine Record

The national employment and economic picture may be on the gloomy side, but you can't prove it by the office records of the Youth Employment Service of Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Requests for employees in their teens and twenties are coming in far in excess of last year at this time, and the record of placements in jobs is up, according to Mrs. Raymond Stoveken, who manages the Y.E.S. office at 1790 Front St.

Mrs. Stoveken notes that one large-scale employer, a new firm in town called Community Feeding, is in part responsible for the large number of requests for employees, but requests have also been frequent in many other areas of the community. Community Feeding, on Lambert's Mill Road, is an assembly-line type of business which prepackages meals for large groups such as day care centers, camps, etc. The outfit, which just moved to this area from North Jersey, has employed many local young people over 16 years old. Mrs. Stoveken estimates the number at at least 20 - one of the largest requests for teen manpower experienced by the local Y.E.S. office.

The fiscal year at Y.E.S. starts on April 1, and comparisons over last year have been made for the period from April 1 to the end of July. The high volume of job requests fall mainly into the home maintenance category, Mrs. Stoveken reports, and include such activities as house painting, gardening, etc. In addition, there have been employment opportunities in businesses, such as florist delivery, counterwork, stenography and typing, house-to-house sales, receptionist, etc.

Because of the general lack of employment opportunities for college students, the local Y.E.S. office has an unusually large number of college age job applicants on file this year.