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Fanwoods Seek Answers To United Fund Problems

- How much do Fanwood families contribute annually to the United Fund campaign?
- How could they be encouraged to give more?
- Where do Fanwood "givers" stand in contrast to neighboring communities?
- Should Fanwood continue to solicit charitable contributions through the Plainfield United Fund or is there a more effective approach?

These are but a few of the probing questions which a group of concerned Fanwood citizens have been attempting to answer. They have met several times during the summer and will continue into the fall, studying the giving patterns in Fanwood and the return Fanwood receives. Their interest lies in the generation of more dollars for a group of service and charitable agencies which are obviously well chosen.

The committee is broad-based. It includes 17 residents. They are: Benjamin Haddock of the Union County Psychiatric Clinic; Joseph Qutub of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA; two former mayors, Roland M. Beetham and Clarence Slocum; present Mayor Theodore Trumpp; David Ringle, Richard Sage, Harry Hoffman, Pierre Peterson, Carl Factor, Robert Warrington, Peggy Phillips, Marion Rohr, Libby Andrews and Robert and Jan Geer.

They have unearthed some very interesting statistics. For example, Fanwood last year gave a total of \$9,800 to the Plainfield United Fund. This represents a population of around 10,000 people, or 4,500 families, or an average gift of \$2 per family to 20 agencies. In actuality, only 790 individual contributions were received from Fanwood last year. The total has been steadily declining, for in past years Fanwood raised much more money - somewhere in the area of \$14,000.

The money received is distributed to the following agencies: Girl Scouts, Washington Rock Council; Boy Scouts, Watchung Council; New Jersey Association for Retarded Children; Cerebral Palsy League of Union County; Youth and Family Counseling; Union County Psychiatric Clinic; U.S.O.; Visiting Homemaker Service; YMCA of Scotch Plains-Fanwood; Union County Mental Health Association; Catholic

Community Services; Kings Daughters Nursery; Neighborhood House; United Family and Children's Society, Plainfield Area; YMCA, Plainfield Area; YWCA, Plainfield Area; Senior Citizens; Visiting Homemaker Association; Second Street Youth Center.

Does Fanwood get a good return on its charitable dollar? Actually, the residents are receiving much more than they are giving, although the exact figure is very difficult to determine, since so many facets of Fanwood life are so closely tied in with Scotch Plains. The list of Fanwood statistics of service furnished from the Plainfield United Fund is adjudged to include some service to Scotch Plains residents as well. Nevertheless, the total return to the Fanwood (and probably Scotch Plains) community is \$88,863 - an unattractive contrast to the \$9,800 contributed.

Where did the money go? Examples: 1,587 Boy Scouts received \$25,317; the Girl Scouts received \$20,833 to provide programs for 2,158 girls; 68 cases at the Psychiatric Clinic, averaging \$181.60, returned \$12,348; 332 hours of Visiting Nurse Association assistance was given, at a total of \$3,320; and four Cerebral Palsy victims received \$5,875 of help. Worthy causes? Absolutely, in the view of the 17 committee members.

The committee members are strongly in agreement that charity is not an old fashioned, outdated idea - but a very important facet of life today. The people of Fanwood have an obligation to contribute to social agencies - but they really aren't doing what they should. Therefore, the committee has begun to study alternative collection methods. For example, would it be more advantageous for Fanwood to "go it alone" as Scotch Plains does? On the one hand,

Police Report On Vandalism

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

- Kids trying to set fire to brush pile on Church Street.
- Gas siphoned from car and tires slashed on Algonquin Drive.
- Broken eggs on inside of car on Evergreen Avenue.
- Stones thrown at window screen on Grant Avenue.
- Vandalism to Buxtons.
- Vandalism to homes under construction on Aldene Avenue.
- Flower bed damaged and water fall broken on lawn of private home on Coles Avenue.
- Kids breaking windows in vacant home on North Avenue.
- Kitchen screen cut on Happle Court.

VANDALISM -- FANWOOD

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

- Garbage strewn around private property on Graybar Terrace.
- Two trains stoned with resulting broken windows.
- Rock thrown at car passing LaGrande playground; window broken.
- Stones thrown at residence on Beech Avenue.
- Malicious damage to a car on Glenwood Road.
- Case of empty beer bottles thrown out of a car on Midway Avenue.

Zoning Ordinance Is Revised - New Public Hearing Date Set

Schools Open Wednesday

All schools in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district will open for the 1972-73 year on Wednesday, September 6 at 8:45 a.m.

A regular day of classes on the first day is scheduled at all elementary schools, at Park Junior High, and Terrill Junior High. An orientation will be held at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on September 6, followed by the first full day of high school classes on Thursday, September 7.

The high school orientation schedule is as follows: 8:30 to 10:30 - 10th grade; 10:30 to 12:30 - 11th grade; 1:30 to 3:30 - 12th grade.

An orientation, for incoming seventh grade students only, will be held at Terrill Junior High School on Tuesday, September 5.

Fanwood would lose the very valuable professional services of the Plainfield area United Fund staff which now collects from three communities - Plainfield, Fanwood and North Plainfield. On the other hand, people are becoming more and more selective in their giving patterns and may not want to contribute

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Council OK's Half Million Bond Issue

The Fanwood Borough Council met at a special meeting last Wednesday to approve a bond ordinance for \$553,500. The public improvement bonds will be sold to fund already completed capital improvements within the borough.

Bids will be received on September 13 at 8:30 p.m.

An ordinance for the same purpose was introduced recently but had to be replaced by a revised ordinance because technical revisions were specified by bonding attorneys.

Included among the projects covered under the ordinance are: trunk sewers in Terrill Road and Midway Avenue, reconstruction of the meter chamber in Terrill Road, storm drains in Watson Road and Stewart Place, the Forest Road playground building, channel lining in Cedar Brook, purchase of some property for Midway detention basin, curbing replacement, and improvements in Robinson's Branch.

The special meeting was scheduled last week because the current bond market is favorable and officials wished to take advantage of the situation.

Horses And Multiple Dwellings Produce Varied Audience Reaction

Scotch Plains residents would be able to keep horses under certain specified conditions, but they would not be allowed to build multiple-family dwellings in the R-3A residential zone. These two areas represent the major area of change resulting from public reaction to a complete revision of the Scotch Plains zoning ordinance. Originally, the revised ordinance which was introduced in the spring, would have banned horses and permitted the multiple-family dwellings.

A September 25 date has been set for another public hearing on the latest version of the ordinance. The revision of the entire zoning package took several years.

Horses may reside in the R-1 zone only, and then with a permit. Not more than two horses or ponies shall be allowed per acre, and not less than 20,000 square feet of land shall be provided for the first horse or pony. The horse owners must provide a safe corral for each horse -- the stable to be a four-sided structure with doors, windows, and roof.

No offensive odors will be permitted.

When the initial zoning revision was introduced in the spring, banning the keeping of horses, the Council Chambers were peopled with dozens of horse enthusiasts -- many of them youngsters who own their own horses or are active members of the local 4-H group. They pointed out the wholesome activity and outdoor fun provided by being able to own a horse.

Among other areas of objection last spring was reaction to permitting multiple dwellings in the R-3A zone. Many property owners, particularly from the Westfield Avenue vicinity, have registered opposition to any further population and traffic density which multiple dwellings would bring to that area. The ordinance as revised bans multiple dwellings there.

Mayor Albert Theurer said that there is the possibility that the state may eventually force the township into providing a zoning area for multiple-family dwellings.

In a third change incorporated in the newest version, the minimum square footage permitted for homes would be set as follows: R-1 zone - 1,600 square feet; R-2 zone - 1,200 square feet; R-3 zone - 850 square feet; R-3A zone - 850 square feet.

Originally, the zoning ordinance had called for larger homes in the R-1 zone, but it had been argued that it should be possible for a couple whose family has grown to be able to build a home of manageable proportions within the R-1 zone. The square footage restrictions include the minimum foundation area, not including unfinished areas below the average level of the adjoining ground, garage space, or accessory building space.

Schools Are Ready And Waiting

The children may be eking out those last few vacation days with a feeling of nostalgia, trying to cram in every last summer experience, but a school staff is already busily preparing for a new school year which begins next Wednesday.

Last week, school officials reported an almost complete staff. There was but one opening due to last minute resignation, and it was expected that the single post would be filled before the school doors swing open.

The full professional staff will number about 450, 55 of them new staff members. They will be teaching an enrollment of students with no significant change over last year.

The new staff will spend this entire week involved in an in-service training program. Superintendent of Schools Fred Lamberge will address the new staff, giving them a profile of all schools in the district, and a profile of the two communities. They will be taken on a bus tour, which will include a look at the schools, public buildings, and places of historic interest within Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Their indoctrination will further include detailed information on the various support services offered within the district, such as the audio-visual library, instructional media center, office of pupil services, office of instruction, guidance, etc.

Following the general gatherings, the new teachers will meet for departmental meetings to further inform them of educational goals and processes here.

On Tuesday, September 4 all staff, old and new, will be officially on duty in their respective buildings, setting up for Wednesday morning.

EARLY CLOSING FOR NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

Because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday all advertising and news copy must be in our office by noon Friday, Sept 1.