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## Candidate Schriver Visits Scotch Plains

With the hustle and bustle of a campaign in full swing, R. Sargent Schriver, the press, state and local Democratic notables swung into Scotch Plains yesterday for a Schriver appearance at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. The candidate was received by a most enthusiastic auditorium of students, who stomped in unison as Schriver entered the hall and applauded at frequent intervals during his speech.

During his stay, which lasted over an hour, Schriver emphasized a return to the idealism and spiritual emphasis which marked the United States 200 years ago. "We are now powerful militarily and financially, but we are maybe not as powerful in spiritual drive, and McGovern and I want to put the country back on the track, back to the spiritual mission of this land," Schriver told the students.

He urged them to create the kind of country which would be happiest for them. "My generation made plenty of mistakes, and we don't want to inhibit you in making the kind of U.S. you want," he said, and detailed a trip he had made to Israel recently with his family in order to acquaint his children with the spirit of a nation where all believe deeply in the purposes of that nation. The government in the past has hindered people from achieving their kind of nation, by a pre-occupation with national power and prestige, which led to activities in

Vietnam which America had never done before in its history, the candidate said.

Many millions of Americans today have no liberty, Schriver said. There are five-and-a-half million who cannot find jobs, and therefore have no economic freedoms, there are many who cannot live where they want, and there are hundreds of thousands of Americans who would like their children in schools like Union Catholic, but heavy taxation rules out that possibility. A McGovern-Schriver victory would restore freedoms, he promised.

The first inkling of his visit came on Sunday, when Brother Vincent, principal of the Boys High, received a telephone call. Kevin Daley, Assistant to the Chairman of the Union County Democratic Committee for Youth Affairs, is a student, and a member of the Student Council at the school. The three children of New Jersey Democratic Ex-

## Computers Will Update Township Procedures In Treasurer's And Tax Offices

Scotch Plains will purchase two \$4000 Burroughs Computers and one report generator for \$12,000 under terms of an ordinance approved. Government officials expressed delight at being able to purchase the equipment from the county at such a good price.

The equipment is \$6,000 for purchase and \$6,000 for transport and programming. It is being purchased to update and modernize procedures in tax collector's and treasurer's office. In the event that one computer should require repair, the other could be programmed to assume the work of both.

Dr. Marvin Agran, an independent candidate for Council, once again questioned the Committee on their role in fighting the Public Service overhead wires project, which is being appealed before the Public Utilities Commission.

According to Agran, the freeholders had agreed to put up funds if four Union County communities (Scotch Plains, Clark, Westfield, and Cranford) agreed to pay \$16,250, as had been agreed, for a legal fight against the Public Service power lines.

Agran questioned whether Scotch Plains had reneged in putting up the funds, and said he felt other communities did not understand the Scotch Plains position. If the contemplated overhead wires are permitted on the present project which would go through a five-mile stretch of Scotch Plains on the south side along the Lehigh Valley right-of-way, Agran said it would be followed by another setup of overhead high wires running through the county and through Fanwood and Scotch Plains along the Central Railroad tracks. Agran claimed a plan is filed with the Public Utilities Commission as proposed future wiring.

According to Mayor Albert Theurer, Scotch Plains never was committed to paying in the \$16,250. This had been mistakenly reported in one newspaper, but was untrue.

The four communities at first agreed to pay \$5,000 each into a "pot" to meet legal fees for attorneys. This joint payment of attorneys later proved illegal and was abandoned.

Thereafter, some towns suggested committing funds to lighting wires, but Theurer said Scotch Plains decided to take it step by step, since a pledge could run into an unlimited number of appeals and unlimited tax dollars.

Scotch Plains has been represented at every discussion and hearing by William Insley, an attorney retained by the township. He is an expert in Public Utilities cases, Theurer said.

Theurer said the Township Committee has, from the beginning, been watching out for the rights of citizens while being right in their evaluation of what he called a "hastily reached agreement."

Scotch Plains was notified that the county will contribute \$40,000 for a concrete culvert in Union Avenue. The project is part of the Green Brook sewer improvement and Scotch Plains requested county participation.

The Township Committee voted to pay additional compensation to Shirley Capone, who has taken over the duties of Township Administrator since October 15

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## Fanwood Boro Council Introduces Property Maintenance Code

### Recycling Drive Set For Saturday

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees would like to remind all residents that the next Recycling Drive will take place on Saturday, October 21, at the Fanwood Railroad Station. The drive will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m.

Executive Director Joseph Gannon are also students -- Shawn is a sophomore and Joe a senior at the Boys High, while Mary is a junior in the Girls High School. Gannon formerly served as Democratic Chairman in Scotch Plains. The current Municipal Chairman Frederick Spingler, who is Special Assistant to the chairman of the Union County Democratic Committee for Organization was a member of the official greeting party.

Brother Vincent said he had been informed that Schriver wished to address the largest Catholic high school in Union County, and Daley had made the arrangements through Chris Dietz, Chairman of the Union County Democratic Committee. The school auditorium holds 2300 people. It was well filled with a crowd which included the 1,200 students in the combined regional high school, faculty, parents, press and Democratic candidates.

Brother Vincent said an advance man from Schriver's office arrived on Monday morning to check out the itinerary, and Secrer Service discussed the plan of entry, security, etc. On Monday night, Elizabeth Schriver, as advance man for the party visit, came to Union Catholic for a final check on preparations.

On stage with Schriver were Brother Vincent; Sister Doris Ann, principal of Union Catholic

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### Leaf Pickup In Fanwood

Leaf collections in the Borough of Fanwood began on Monday, October 16, and will continue through December 8. Residents are asked to leave their leaves at curbside in windrows and to be certain that stones, sticks, branches and other materials which jam the mechanical leaf vacuum are eliminated from the piles.

It is anticipated that the leaf vacuum should cover the borough each week. However, in November, during the heaviest leaf fall, it is possible that the full borough may not be covered in that time. Residents are asked Mayor Theodore Trumpf issued a special appeal last week, warning homeowners to be especially careful of leaf piles where

children can play, unseen, must be kept and maintained, so

### Would Control Appearance Of Properties - Pollitt Casts Lone Dissenting Vote

A far reaching new law which governs the appearance and upkeep of all structures and premises in Fanwood was introduced by the Fanwood Borough Council last Wednesday. Because of its important implications and the desire on the part of the governing body to assure that residents are fully acquainted with the law, the public hearing was set for two months hence, on December 13.

Van Dyke Pollitt cast the single dissenting vote against the property maintenance which, according to Councilman John Swindlehurst, was promulgated by a Planning Board subcommittee, received by the 1971 Planning Board, unanimously approved by the 1972 Planning Board, and reviewed by the Borough Council since April. Pollitt called the legislation potentially the most traumatic ordinance ever introduced here and his objection centers about application of the code to residential areas. In Pollitt's view, the maintenance standards spelled out in the code should apply intially only to commercial, industrial and light industrial zones until another Borough Council spends time reviewing its impact.

Pollitt attempted to legally restrict the ordinance to other than the residential areas by introducing an amendment, but lack of a second doomed his proposal.

It is much too immature to introduce limiting legislation, according to Councilmen Swindlehurst and Ritter. Swindlehurst said residents should contact Borough Council members for information and registration of opinion. Regarding need, Swindlehurst noted that Plainfield hasn't enough of a code, while Newark's is too stringent to be enforceable. Ritter urged residents to feed back to the Council so that the public can "create the kind of a town you want."

The ordinance, which appears in full as a legal advertisement in today's paper, applies to all structures regardless of age. It provides that owners:

Keep property free of garbage, refuse or rubbish; natural growth including dead or dying trees and limbs or other natural growth which constitute a hazard due to deteriorating condition or storm damage; accumulations of ice and snow which constitute a danger of falling on persons; ground surface hazards or unsanitary conditions including holes, excavations, breaks, projections, obstructions, icy conditions, uncleared snow, and excavation of pits and other animals on paths, walks, steps, drives, etc.; accumulations of storm water; and sources of infestation including all environments and conditions conducive to increase or spread of destructive or dangerous insects, rodents, animals, molds or bacteria.

The exteriors of all premises

avoid a blighting factor. Property owners would be legally responsible for keeping lawns, hedges, bushes and natural growth from becoming unsightly or a health hazard. Signs on all properties would be in good repair and removed when no longer in use. Paper or temporary advertising material attached to structures would be removed at expiration of the event advertised, or within 60 days after erection. The law specifies that exterior surfaces be painted or whitewashed as often as necessary for preservation and appearance, and that broken glass, crumbling stone or brick, peeling paint, etc. are prohibited. Dumping and littering of all properties would be banned, as would destruction of living things, including picking, trampling, or destroying shrubs, flowers, trees, etc.

In addition to the above, specific laws are spelled out in addition for owners of residential properties. Their store fronts would be kept in good repair, including awnings and/or marquees.

The Building Inspector is empowered under the ordinance to serve as Public Officer and to direct and supervise all inspections, regulations, enforcement, and hearings on violations of the code. The Mayor and Council may appoint other public officials to perform duties in enforcement as necessary.

After inspection, when the Public Officer finds a violation, he would notify the violator in writing, including a statement of reasons for issuance, allow a reasonable time for elimination of the violation. The notices would be served personally or by registered mail. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Public Officer would be permitted to seek relief through a Board of Appeals, and then to the Borough

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### Board Of Ed. To Meet Oct. 26

As previously announced, the monthly public meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will be held on Thursday, October 26th, at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Terrill Junior High School.