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## Parents Hit Board On School Redistricting

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education announced a school redistricting plan last month, the plan to be effective with the beginning of the 1973-74 school year. Groups of parents from two or three areas have expressed their concern over increased safety hazards necessitated by the change in schools, and have repeatedly urged the Board to reconsider its position. However, the Board announced last Thursday that the redistricting plan as originally announced would remain in effect. According to President Joseph Parry, any other plans which the Board considered violated either safety considerations for another group, moved another group of students just as far, or violated racial balance dictates.

One group of parents in opposition were from the Montague Avenue area. Some children there were redistricted from Evergreen to the new School One. According to one parent who addressed the Board last week, the neighborhood was shattered at the decision, which affects only 10 children. He is concerned over the children walking through the Scotch Plains business district. He was assured by Board member Mrs. Leonia Reilly that every precaution will be taken to insure safety.

Mrs. Judy Rubel of Marion Avenue, Fanwood is one of many parents from the Marion Avenue area who has asked that their children remain at nearby La

its use as a park. However, the land would have to be auctioned off, and only the township could decide to buy and develop the land as a park, she was told. The monies realized will be used for additional improvements which were desired by the staff at Park Junior High and not spelled out under the building referendum.

The Board is working on a plan to bus fifth and sixth graders who will ultimately attend the new School One to Muir School in the fall if that is necessary because the building is not yet complete. A search for a principal for the new elementary school is also underway.

The building program, which includes a new school and additions to elementary schools, is going smoothly at present, according to Michael Klick. The carpentry strike is not now having an impact but could if the strike is of a long duration.

## \*\*\*\*\* MEMORIAL DAY \*\*\*\*\* PARADE ALIGNMENT

The annual Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade takes off this Saturday, May 26, with hundreds of local kids and adults on hand, both in the line of march and along the route.

The Memorial activities will begin with ceremonies honoring the war dead at the Fanwood Memorial Library and end at the cannon at the intersection of Park and Front Street in Scotch Plains.

The paraders will line up very early in the morning and it is expected that the parade will be well underway by 9 a.m.

The participating units are listed below:

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| 1. American Legion Post #209          | 24. K of C Council #5730 Color Guard                |
| *2. Saints Drum & Bugle               | *25. Patriots                                       |
| 3. Antique cars with town officials   | 26. B.P.O. Elks Unit #2182                          |
| 4. Father & Son Post #435 Color Guard | 27. Jaycees Miss Union Co. cars                     |
| *5. Polish Falcons                    | 28. Fanwood Lions Club car                          |
| 6. Fanwood Fire Marchers              | 29. Italian-American Club car                       |
| 7. Fanwood fire equipment             | 30. Miss Little League car                          |
| 8. Fanwood Rescue Squad               | 31. 1/2 Fan-S.P. Little League                      |
| 9. Fanwood Servicemen Comm. car       | *32. S.P.-F.H.S. Band                               |
| *10. Highlander girl pipers           | 33. 1/2 Fan-S.P. Little League                      |
| 11. Brownies                          | 34. Fanwood Girls Athletic League & Float           |
| *12. Junior Girl Scouts               | *35. Silver Lancers                                 |
| *13. Denville string band             | 36. Womans International League for Peace & Freedom |
| 14. Cadet Girl Scouts & car           | 37. 1/2 YMCA Indian Guides and Float                |
| 15. V.F.W. Post #10122 Color Guard    | *38. Townsmen                                       |
| *16. South Plainfield H.S. Band       | 39. 1/2 YMCA Indian Guides and Float                |
| 17. S.P. Firemen Marchers             | 40. Thunderbird Auto Club                           |
| 18. S.P. Fire equipment               | 41. Scotchwood Squad Car                            |
| 19. S.P. Rescue Squad                 | 42. Rotary Club-S.C. Plns.                          |
| 20. S.P. Optimist Car                 | *43. Continentals                                   |
| 21. Cub Scouts                        | 44. Union County 4-H Hoofbeats                      |
| 22. Holy Innocents marching 100       |   |
| 23. Boy Scouts                        |   |

\*Denotes Musical Units

A parade alignment committee will be stationed at Martine & North Avenues in Fanwood. This committee has complete authority over the parade once it starts and all participating organizations shall follow their orders regarding placement in parade.

## Surveillance Teams Formed To Combat Southside Vandalism

### Police Chief Powers Acts To Curb Serious Increases In Property Destruction

Vandals beware! You're being watched, at least in certain southside Scotch Plains neighborhoods! According to a recent report from the office of Police Chief Joseph J. Powers, citizens of some neighborhoods on the south side of Scotch Plains are arming for surveillance teams in their areas. The teams will contact police at the first sign of any problem and any violators who are apprehended, whether they be juvenile or adult, will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

The surveillance teams was one result of a recent meeting, attended by concerned residents, the Municipal Manager and the Police Chief. They discussed other means of combating vandalism in their neighborhoods.

The Scotch Plains police records indicate that there was a total of 477 cases of vandalism reported within the community in 1972. There had been 172 cases on the police records up until April 20, 1973. In addition

However, many thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money is expended to repair the damage done by these vandals annually," Powers noted.

He issued an appeal to all parents to impress upon their own children the importance of rights of neighbors to live without fear that, if they improve their properties, someone will come along to destroy.

Powers concluded with a plea to anyone who sees or hears any of the following to call the Motters Family

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to anyone who sees or hears any of the following to call the Motters Family phone 322-7100. The caller need not identify himself. The police will investigate incidents immediately, the Chief stated.

### DEADLINE CHANGE

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday the Deadline for News Releases in our May 31st Issue will be tomorrow, Friday, May 25th.

## Leib Heads Fund Drive

Walter Leib, a Scotch Plains attorney, has accepted the General Chairmanship of the 1973 Scotch Plains Community Fund Drive.

Mr. Leib has been active in many Community projects, has coached for five years on the Jr. High Football League, has served for three years on S.P. Basketball Pony League and the Recreation Sr. Basketball League. He has also served as Vice President of the Plainfield United Fund and as Chairman of the Cancer and Heart Fund. In 1965 Mr. Leib was selected the Scotch Plains Jaycees Outstanding Young Man of the Year.

Mr. Leib announced that the 1973 Goal will again be \$40,000, an amount needed to support the fourteen agencies who depend a great deal on Community Fund Support.

"The success of the S.P. Community Fund will depend on the full support of all residents of Scotch Plains," remarked Mr. Leib. "Volunteers are needed for the Fall Community Fund Drive. Interested citizens are urged to call now Mrs. E. Hammond at 561-0547 or Mr. Jim Meyer at 654-3824," added Mr. Leib.

## Plains GOP's OK Hatfield For County Post

The Scotch Plains Republican Committee, at its last monthly meeting, unanimously endorsed the candidacy of their Chairman, Richard P. Hatfield, Jr., for the position of Chairman of the Union County Republican Committee. The Union County Republican Committee consisting of 900 members will meet on June 12th to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Hatfield was first elected Scotch Plains G.O.P. Chairman in March 1967. His successful record includes seven consecutive municipal election victories.

The Scotch Plains Committee supports Mr. Hatfield's candidacy on the basis that he can provide the necessary leadership to bring together all factions of the Union County Republican Committee and organize hard hitting campaigns to elect qualified Republicans throughout the County.

shown until April 20, 1973.

to the reported incidents, there are hundreds of offenses which go unreported annually, but take their toll in terms of destruction and expense.

"We are unable to put a dollar and cents value on all of this.

## Donna Babbs Wins Miss Union County Title

Donna Babbs of Union became Miss Union County 1973 at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Auditorium on Saturday evening. Shortly after 11 p.m. the judges votes were totaled and an enthusiastic audience watched and applauded as Miss Linda Glanella, last year's winner and also Miss New Jersey placed the crown on the new queen.



MISS DONNA BABBS

First runner up was Patricia Turturro of Irvington. Patricia also received the Miss Congeniality Award Bowl, sponsored by the Clara Louise Shop of Westfield. Kathleen O'Leary of Cranford was chosen as second runner up. The other finalists named by the judges were Pyxie Oldenburger of Westfield and Karen Griffen of Scotch Plains.

Thirteen young ladies competed for the crown and were

judged on the basis of a three minute talent routine and on beauty as demonstrated in an evening gown promenade and swim suit competition. The pageant was sponsored by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees.

Miss Babbs, who resides at 257 Oregon St., Union, N.J. is a senior at Union High School. She will compete for the Miss New Jersey title at Cherry Hill on July 7, 1973 and will be accompanied by Mrs. Mary Bauer, who has chaperoned all of the past winners. Donna, who has set her sights on a singing and dancing career has received many awards some of which are: Junior Miss Dance 1969, Miss Dance 1970, Junior Miss Union 1973, Talent and Congeniality awards in State Junior Miss Pageant and fourteen awards from various talent shows. The eighteen year old beauty did a tap dance as her talent presentation.

Judges were C. Douglas Cushman, Jr., Westinghouse Electric Corp., Robert Fest, Albert Frank - Guenther Law Advertising Agency, Mary Lee King, United Counties Trust Co., Bradford W. Ketchum, Jr., The New Englander Magazine and Frances B. Sheil, Jersey City State College. Tony McCall served as Emcee.