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Teachers Protest Impasse In Contract Negotiations

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association held a Unity Rally last Thursday, followed by a private meeting at the Italian-American Hall, during which the teaching staff in attendance discussed measures to be taken in September if teachers do not have a contract. Their actions follow the declaration of impasse in negotiations declared by the Board last month.

Approximately 130 teachers were at the rally, which was public and held in the parking lot of Park Junior High School. Several administrators and some school principals also attended the rally. The teachers marched from the Park Junior High site to Italian-American Hall, where more teachers joined the group. According to Carol Auriema, a member of the teachers' negotiating team, entry to the private meeting required a ticket, and attendance was over 200. The total teaching staff here is above the 400 mark.

According to Miss Auriema, who is also in charge of news releases, the teachers discussed a lengthy list of possible job actions which they may take in September. The job actions are all considered legal, she noted, and there was strong support evidenced by those in attendance. No vote or unified decision on a single job action was taken. Instead, the teachers will opt for whatever particular job actions they may wish to engage in if there are no contracts signed by September. The SPFEA also held a discussion of whether or not to return to work in September if no contracts have been signed. Miss Auriema noted that SPFEA includes at least 95 percent of the teaching staff in its membership, with possibly only nine or

ten teachers who are not members.

"The quality of our school system is a direct result of your planning, research, innovativeness, and instruction," Miss Sonya Koomjian told the staff assembled at the rally. She is the newly elected president of SPFEA. She pointed out that ever increasing professional responsibilities have been met by staff energetically and willingly, and the staff is united in their belief that attempts to change program or operations without involvement of teachers is unreal and self-defeating. "As qualified professionals, we must be heard on all levels," she said.

Clarence Martin, Chairman of the Professional Improvement Committee, also addressed the public assembly. He stressed the unity of the teachers, who "stood united behind the concept that we owe to the community and ourselves total commitment to the young."

Voices raised among the teachers have been voices of restraint, of honest opposition, Mueller said, and only with the fullest of discussion can the teachers' association remain healthy. "only so long as people are willing to do battle, to shed

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Fanwood Councilmen Study Shopper Parking Problems

The Borough Council of Fanwood is studying the parking situation for shoppers in the business center along Martine Avenue, and expect that a determination of future parking needs should be forthcoming in the very near future.

Mayor Theodore Trumpp made note of the active consideration which parking is now receiving in response to a letter, sent to the Council by Robert Horowitz, who operates Scotchwood Pharmacy. Horowitz expressed his concern about the shortage of parking spaces, and pointed out that construction will soon start on an addition to the drugstore, which will fill the area now occupied by a parking lot adjacent to the pharmacy. Horowitz also indicated that there will be increased traffic when a new beauty shop opens on the other side of the Scotchwood building.

Horowitz questioned whether the land behind the Elizabeth Federal Savings and Loan, running from behind the bank through to LaGrande Avenue, would be developed. "It would be a pity to let this happen as it would hurt all merchants in the borough and would stifle any desire for these merchants to upgrade the quality of business. The result would be another 'ghost' center city because of lack of parking," Horowitz felt.

The Borough Council approved the transfer of a warm beer license from Joanna, Inc., which had been operating as Foodliner Market, to Stop Foods on South Avenue. Councilman John Swindlehurst expressed concern over

potential difficulties for young salesclerks employed there, but was told that Police Chief Joseph Gorsky has already made arrangements to discuss legal requirements with store operators.

William Kluckas, head of the Borough Environmental Commission, requested information on the status of stricter control of appearance and "house-keeping" in the business area. Mayor Trumpp has sent a letter to all businessmen suggesting a cleanup, and he noted that in addition, it was possible that the "Board of Health would carry a bigger stick." Councilman Stephen Ritter pointed out that the Board of Health is trying to effect a cleaner downtown area by nice requests, but where they are not successful, they are prepared to take legal action in the form of summonses.

Fanwood registered its intent to take part in Resolve, in conjunction with Scotch Plains, in a joint application for SLEPA State Law Enforcement Funds. Resolve, which would replace the DARE drug abuse program which operated here for about a year, would be a program directed at a multitude of teen problems, including guidance, alcoholism, drug abuse, etc.

Plains Council Hears Report On Future Of PATH Service

The Mayor Is Ready— And Willing

If you live in the Borough of Fanwood and you want to be married by a municipal official, Mayor Ted Trumpp's the man to see. Apparently, somebody has been seeing him, since he felt the need to request a bigger and better supply of marriage certificates - \$4.20's worth, in fact. However, the Mayor conceded that it's been a slow spring for his personal wedding services. Perhaps the new supply of license forms will result in a brighter upturn in the wedding bells business?

The certificates cost the borough \$4.20. And how much does the Mayor charge to tie the knot? "If they can put up with my marriage ceremony, they deserve it for nothing," he said.

Long Service Honored For To Community

The Fanwood Borough Council paid special honor to C. Stuart Burns last week, during the course of its regular monthly meeting. Burns and his wife plan to move from Fanwood soon, and his many years of public service to the community were noted by the governing body.

In a resolution, passed unanimously, the Council tallied Burns' cumulative record of service to Fanwood. It totals 137 years. C. Stuart Burns was an elected Councilman for six years and a member of the Fanwood Fire Company for 29 years. A charter member of the Rescue Squad with 26 years of service, Burns was also a Special Police Officer for 20 years and a Boy Scout leader, Assessment Commissioner, and a member and delegate of the Fanwood Exempt Firemen's Association.

During his years with the Fire Company, he served in a number of capacities. He was chaplain, served as second lieutenant for three years, and was company representative to the Fanwood Borough Fireman's Relief Association. He was secretary to the Relief Association and trustee and a member of the finance committee. He is now auditor and delegate to the state convention.

"This talented and tireless man placed service before self, response before reward, and fraternity before formality," the resolution read. In addition to his many contributions to the good of the borough, the resolution honoring Burns made note of the

Say Plans Will Assure Regular On-Time Service And Modern Air Conditioned Equipment

The Scotch Plains Township Council and Township Manager Shirley Capone met last week with officials of the Port Authority to hear of PATH's plans for future commuter service to the local area. The governing body was highly enthusiastic about the advantages the commuter service will provide for local residents, according to Councilman Albert Theurer, and expressed their hope that the plans could go into effect before PATH's target date of five years from now.

PATH was represented by Mr. Lloyd Schwalbe, Community Services Director; John Hoban, Project Director; and Donald Smith, Long Range Planning Director. They pointed out that, in seeking the most appropriate route from Newark to Plainfield, their major consideration at the moment is weighing the various alternatives for running service through the city of Elizabeth. There are several possibilities, and PATH is studying an approach which would be least disruptive to business and residential areas and would create the least traffic and safety hazards.

Eventually, the PATH service should provide on-time, rapid transit trains on a half-hour schedule, with air conditioned cars and more trains than presently provided with Jersey Central service.

PATH plans include a station somewhere in the vicinity of Newark Airport, with bus connections from the station right into the airport, negating the necessity for automobile transportation to Newark Airport. In the future, links to Kennedy and

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Unused Liquor License Concerns Boro Council

June is the month when liquor licenses are renewed. When the various applications for renewal came up before the Fanwood Borough Council last week, one license which is not in use occasioned considerable objection from two Councilmen, both of them Democrats.

The license is held by Kingsley-Blakely Corporation who acquired it when it was sold by Mother's Pantry, Inc., trading as Maple Tree Inn. The inn had been located at the corner of Terrill Road and South Avenue, but was razed when the land was acquired by Humble Oil and the existing Exxon Car Care Center was built.

At the time of Board of Adjustment hearings regarding the Humble application for a variance for construction, the owners of the liquor license had informed local officials that they planned to use the South Avenue address of Charles Clark realtors only as an address for the license until such time as a location were to be found for the use of the license. The Council retains authority over the ultimate transfer of the license to another person and authority over the place-to-place transfer.

Councilman Stephen Ritter voted no on renewing the license. He feels the owners do not intend to go into business themselves with the license, that they are speculating on eventual sale and that the Council is taking part in

fact that he sacrificed his son in behalf of our country. Captain C. Stuart Burns III was killed in Vietnam, and a Fanwood Street, Huns Way, now carries his name.

such speculation. He would only vote to renew the license if it would benefit the people of the borough. He questioned who protects the vested interests of the citizens in the matter.

Councilman Van Dyke Pollitt noted that the Council must consider that the license owners paid money for the license, and for the Council to refuse approval lacking any salient reasons would cause the Council to relieve the owners of a substantial amount of cash.

In response to a question from Mayor Trumpp, Borough Attorney Ed Beglin said it would be possible that the owners, once denied renewal, might make an appeal to the State Alcoholic Beverage Commission, in which case the Council would have to prove reasons for refusal. Trumpp, who noted that he was personally neutral on the issue noted that the borough is realizing an annual fee of \$850 for the unused license.

Councilman John Swindlehurst, the only other Democrat on the Council, doubts the ultimate usability of the license, since he feels it would be virtually impossible to find a location satisfactory to borough officials and citizens. He voted to approve the renewal, since the attorney suggested the possibility of litigation, but said he would not support renewal under the same conditions again next year.