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Housecleaning Chores Precede Moving Day At Municipal Building

Moving a family from one home to another and establishing a new beachhead is usually a traumatic experience, fraught with chaos, confusion and disorganization. Imagine, then, the task facing the entire Scotch Plains government over the coming weekend, as the powers-that-be prepare for a move to a new municipal building next door to the old one on Park Avenue.

The many arms of the Scotch Plains government will join forces under a single roof. In recent years, as the township grew and the municipal building "shrank," the township government was housed in several different areas around the downtown area. Now, with the new municipal building a finality, all facets will be together for the first time in decades.

For Township Clerk Helen Reidy and her staff, the move provides the opportunity for a long-needed housecleaning opportunity. She's been spending long hours going through the files and destroying outdated records. Of course, one doesn't just feed township records into a shredding machine at will. She first had to get permission from the Bureau of Archives and History, state Division of Local Government, with specifics on what papers could go. For example, the state OK'd shredding of milk, food handling, livery and canvassing licenses before 1969; township departmental bank books before 1966; bonds and coupons before 1965; contracts for sewers, roads, etc. before 1966.

As she plows through the tons of paper, Helen has come up with some interesting old items. For instance, she found the naturalization papers belonging to the grandfather of Tax Collector Chuckie Thimes dating to 1898. She has found old agreements for provision of electricity and gas and water dating back to the earliest years of Scotch Plains. Another set of naturalization papers found by Helen belonged to the father-in-law of Shirley Capone. Shirley is handling all the essentials of the move, in her

position as Administrative Secretary in the Municipal Manager's Office. Absolutely exhausted with all the headaches involved in the "big move," Shirley said she just burst into tears when the naturalization papers were brought to her.

Of course, files represent one of the biggest problems in a move, but they're not the only items one finds in an average office. Miss Reidy opened a huge cabinet to demonstrate. Within its depths were the permanent books listing births and deaths and other important statistics, but the cabinet also housed years of accumulations of a more personal nature - band-aids and rubber stamps, Higgins black ink and gift wrapping ribbon from office parties long since gone. The office "house plant" and the extra umbrella, needle and thread and elastic bands - each must either be thrown out or have a new home. "It's amazing what you can throw out, once you get going," Helen said. "You actually never

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Emergency Numbers In Fanwood

For a fire emergency in Fanwood, dial 322-2200. This new number will be effective on Monday, October 15.

For Police and Rescue Squad service, continue to dial 322-5000.

But remember, in case of a Fire emergency in Fanwood, dial 322-2200.

PTA Hits Renovation Delays At Park Jr.

Fall Leaf Pick-up

It was announced by Municipal Manager Daniel R. Allan that leaf pick-up in Scotch Plains will start on both sides of town October 15. The Township plans to proceed with the pick-up along routes followed in prior years.

The Manager asked the citizens to keep in mind the following points regarding leaf pick-up:

1. Leaves should be placed at the curb in wind-rows.
2. Bags in the Fall pick-up are discouraged but will be taken.
3. No foreign material (such as twigs, branches, bottles) should be mixed in leaves. These objects cause injury to the men and also damage equipment.
4. The Township will utilize not only machines that are designed for leaf pick-up but also street sweepers, etc. once the leaves begin falling.
5. It is the Township's intention to pick up leaves on all streets of the municipality at least every ten days until about December 15. If you should not have your leaves out when the leaves are picked up on your street, the men will try to return in about ten days' time. However, in the event of inclement weather, snow, rain, etc. which causes the pick-up to be discontinued before December 15, the public will be so advised through the newspapers and, if possible, by announcement by the Council.
6. The public will be kept aware of the progress of the leaf pick-up through announcements in the newspaper.

Group Registers Complaint With Board Of Education

The PTA of Park Junior High School took official steps last week to register its concern over continuing delays in renovations at Park Junior High. The PTA sent a letter of complaint to Superintendent of Schools Fred Laberge and members of the Board of Education. In addition, the Park PTA has enlisted the support of the other PTA's in the district in its effort to correct the situation. The school was scheduled for renovations and a new addition as part of an extensive school improvement program approved by voters last year. Construction and renovation have been underway

of the course work, are not available anywhere else within the school. Similar problems exist in the Home Economics area. That classroom was completely empty last Friday, awaiting installation of sinks, plumbing, electricity for washing machines, sewing machines, etc. The floor is still unfinished. There is no electricity other than the suspended bulbs for illumination in the basement Mechanical Arts room, where lathes, grinders, and power tools would normally be operative. One teacher pointed out that he has been trying to "make do" with 23 children teaching theory in Electronics since school began. He said he and others had sanded the classroom tables themselves and done whatever else they could to get the room in useable shape. He is very much concerned, however, since one quarter of the semester has gone by without any

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Students Seek Jobs!

Senior Work Day, a day where all participating seniors of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School will work for the Class of '74, will be held Tuesday, October 23, 1973.

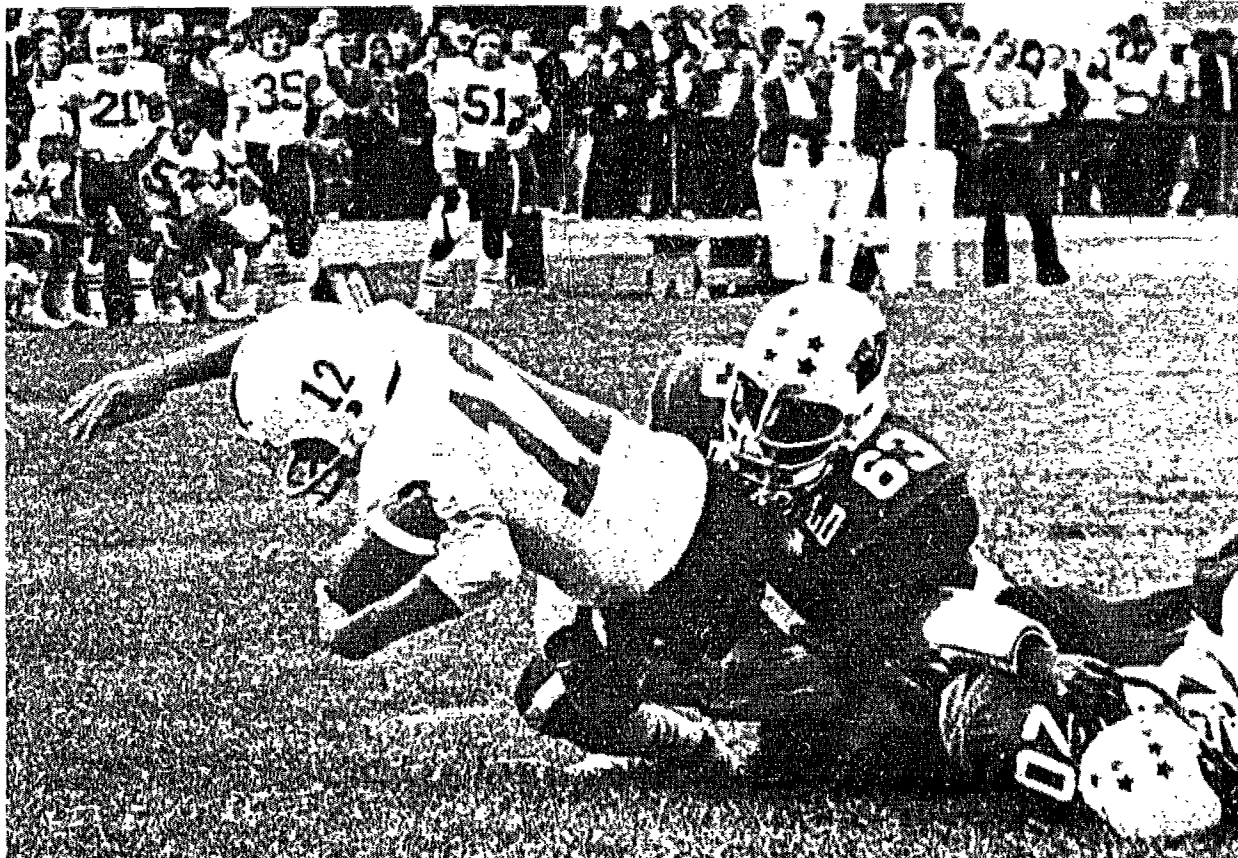
The project, the first for this year's graduating class, is meant to raise funds for class functions (including the prom and a possible trip) and for charity. Seniors who have filled out the proper contract forms will be excused from classes to work.

Some students have secured employment on their own. Others are seeking employment through the community. Flyers, letters and posters have been placed around town describing the day and asking for jobs for seniors.

Anyone who would like to have one or more seniors for the day (all money goes to the class) should contact Work Day Chairmen Nancy Fessar, 889-6065 or Susan Fink, 232-7696.

The students can be hired for almost anything. Already they have received calls for anything from weeding to raking leaves to waxing floors to washing windows. The community is urged to help the Class of '74 in getting off to a good start.

Raider Gainer



Jim Meeker, Senior quarterback for Scotch Plains picks up enough yardage for a first down in last Sunday's game against Plainfield. (Story in today's sports pages.) Photo by JIM GELLERMAN