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McCall Will Resign Fanwood Council Seat

Fanwood Borough Councilman Tony McCall announced that he plans to resign from his Council seat within the next couple of months, due to a move from the borough. McCall said he and his family plan to move to a new home in Westfield, and the resignation can be expected when he sells his home in Fanwood.

McCall was elected to the Council in November of 1972 and took office last January. He is a Republican, as are three



JOHN A. MCCALL

of his fellow Councilmen and the Mayor. There are now two Democrats serving on the Council. John Swindlehurst, one of the Democrats, recently won reelection to his seat for another three-year term, and his running mate, Mrs. Carol Whittington, was elected to replace Democratic Councilman Stephen Ritter, who did not seek reelection.

Mayor Ted Trumpp will appoint McCall's successor, with the approval of the Council.

In other matters, the Council approved a Board of Adjustment recommendation for approval of a restaurant on South Avenue. The restaurant, to be known as Fanny Wood's, will be located just east of the intersection of South and Terrill Road, in the building formerly housing Fanwood Millwork. There will be 90 parking spaces for 270 diners, but the Council restricted any further uses of the restaurant, including the second story, until owners could show a capacity for 30 more parking spaces.

The restaurant will have a liquor license. The liquor license once held by Maple Tree Inn, which has been unused since that restaurant closed, was transferred to the new owners. The final owners of stock in the corporation are Anthony Rocco, Jr. and Kingsley Bilcher, each owning 50 percent of the stock. Mr. Rocco bought out former stockholders Robert Krauss and the

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Citizens Ask Store Cleanup In Fanwood

Urge Board Of Health Citations For Health Code Violators

There is "truly disgusting" litter in some areas of Fanwood, according to Judy Wrubel of 210 Marian Avenue. Mrs. Wrubel told the Fanwood Borough Council last Wednesday that members of the local Environmental Action Group find some of the situations "almost abhorrent to us." The group members have been checking on many of the commercial areas of the community and they are now pressing for Board of Health citations.

Mrs. Wrubel said complaints were registered as long as a year ago by the environmentalists, but the Board of Health failed to follow through, claiming that food violations were required for action. Mrs. Wrubel read sections of the local Board of Health codes, spelling out areas which specifically authorize examinations and inspections by Board of Health members and enforcement of local and state sanitary codes. The laws specifically prohibit a property owner from littering and from permitting accumulations of litter on their property. The law specifies no collection of cardboard, wood, paper, refuse, cardboard, etc. Mrs. Wrubel claimed.

Two business places were named by the environmental spokesman, who noted that other businesses are also violators. The A&P has garbage in the parking lot, and accumulations of corrugated cardboard and old garbage cans down along the railroad tracks. Ponzio Fuel Company on Second Street was termed a "health and fire hazard" and Mrs. Wrubel claimed checks of those premises disclosed oil-soaked rags, three-year old piles of tired, old heaters, and "refuse all over the place."

Councilman Stephen Ritter conceded that getting the businesses to uphold codes has been a problem. The Board of Health feels some of the complaints are not in their jurisdiction. Ritter turned over the inspection reports of the local group to the Board of Health, and inspectors were ordered to go out to check.

It is within the province of the municipality to close down offenders for two days, and Ritter acknowledged that this might be necessary in order to get action. "We are interested in making this an environmentally nice town," he said.

In other actions, the Council issued a reminder that arrests will be made for violations of the "no parking, no standing" regulations in the fire zone of the A&P Parking lot. The new parking regulations went into effect recently, and November 1 through 15 was a period for warnings. Henceforth, sterner enforcement will prevail.

Municipal court may have to meet weekly in Fanwood, due to the heavy court load of late. It was indicated that recent court sessions have gone as late as 2:15 a.m., and on one recent occasion, ten of the twelve Fanwood patrolmen were in court until very late. The increase in court hours was attributed to more and more contested cases and fewer pleas of guilty. In addition, the budget for the municipal prosecutor will have to be increased. Although \$1,500 was allocated for a prosecutor, the borough has spent \$2,700 for the first ten months of this year.

The police department will hold an auction of personal properties accumulated by the department (losses or thefts) and held for six months or more. The auction, which will include bicycles, is slated for December 15 at Borough Hall.

Leaf pickup will continue until December 7.



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Terrill Jr. Principal To Retire

Superintendent of Schools Fred Laberge announced last week that Francis Dezort, principal of Terrill Junior High, plans to retire on October 1, 1974. Dezort had planned an earlier retirement, at the end of the current school year, but had agreed to Laberge's request to stay on until a state evaluation of the junior high is completed.

The state evaluation will commence in May, and is similar to the Middle States evaluation of the high school undertaken last year. Laberge noted that there had not been much advance notification of the forthcoming Terrill evaluation, and Dezort's experience would be helpful in preparation.

Plains Budget Hearings Set For Next Week

Scotch Plains Township Manager Daniel Allen will begin departmental hearings in preparation for the 1974 annual township budget next week. The hearings have been scheduled for November 28 and 29 at the Municipal Building and are open to the public.

The hearings are one of the requisites of the Faulkner Act governmental policies for Plan E form of government adopted by Scotch Plains voters last year.

Allen said anyone interested in the hearings for one specific township department may call him at 322-6700 and an effort will be made to determine times.

Vandalism... A Weekend Plague

Homeowners who live in the vicinity of one of the public schools in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district will soon be hearing from Fred Laberge by letter. Mr. Laberge, Superintendent of Schools, will request the cooperation of residents in keeping an eye on school buildings during off hours and reporting any suspicious conduct. The homeowners will be mailed a small sticker for their telephones, and asked to telephone police whenever they suspect the possibility of vandalism. Police departments in Scotch Plains and Fanwood have agreed to cooperate to the fullest.

During last week's meeting of the Board of Education, Henry Schwiering reported on vandalism in his regular report from the Board's Buildings and Grounds Committee. Schwiering pointed out that serious acts of vandalism are continuing to occur in schools here, and, contrary to some popular opinion, the acts are not being done by students during the school day, but by people who break into the schools over the weekend. Schwiering traced weekend activity during a single two-week period:

Over the weekend of October 12, the high school was entered, and all sound equipment, including turntables, tape decks, microphone were stolen from the auditorium. The perpetrators also attempted to remove the mounted sound system located in the ceiling. They crawled into the ceiling and dismantled some of the equipment, but either were unable to remove it or were frightened and did not take the dismantled system.

On October 9, at night, a set of earphones was stolen from the high school.

Over the weekend of October 20, Terrill Junior High was broken into, and \$2,000 of audiovisual equipment and office equipment and supplies were

taken from the library and media center.

LaGrande School was entered over the October 13 weekend, forced entry and \$255 of equipment stolen.

On the weekend of October 20, vandale broke 20 windows at Shackamaxon.

According to Assistant Superintendent for Eubiness Michael Klick, these instances represented thousands of dollars of taxpayers' month. Klick said every effort is being made to check the vandalism. The school system is cooperating fully with the police department in utilizing marking equipment on all school property. The markings are traceable on the state police computer. Klicks said televisions, audio equipment, etc. have been marked in a prominent place.

The school district will prosecute to the fullest whenever vandals are identified, Klick noted. Last year, police located those who broke into Terrill Junior High, and they were prosecuted.

Among conditions which Laberge asks residents to watch for are people on roof of a school building, vehicles in parking lots at off hours, anyone starting a fire in or near a building, etc.

