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"RESOLVE" Expects To Open In January

RESOLVE, a professional counseling service for teenagers, will be "open for business" within three or four weeks. Selma Gwatin has been hired as director of the facility, which will be located on the second floor at 1834 Front Street in a building owned by the township of Scotch Plains.

RESOLVE, as envisioned by Mrs. Gwatin, will be a program of treatment and rehabilitation for the youth of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, who will be referred by schools, police departments of both communities, ministers, Union County Juvenile Court, and other sources of access to young people with problems. The "loose" age range contemplated for consideration will be adolescents in junior and senior high up to age 21.

"The primary thrust will be with people considered juvenile delinquents by the police departments," Mrs. Gwatin said. The program is a response to the problems of youth development and juvenile delinquency prevention. The RESOLVE center will seek to involve all agencies in the community serving youth (YMCA, Recreation Commissions, PTAs, schools), with one of the main goals the prevention of second offenses.

The program will be funded by SLEPA (a state law enforcement agency) with funds administered by the township of Scotch Plains. The Red Cross is the implementing agency.

Selma Gwatin's employment becomes effective January 1. She is a resident of Maplewood, and holds a BA from Douglass College in Sociology and a Master's in Human Relations from University of Pennsylvania. She has done work in Guidance and Counseling as a doctoral candidate at the University of Pennsylvania.

Her most recent professional assignment has been director of volunteer services for the National Council of Jewish Women of Essex County. She also served with the American Red Cross in home service in Illinois, and in family service in Toronto, Canada. Mrs. Gwatin has been involved in a therapeutic program for unmarried mothers and as a high school counselor in Philadelphia and East Orange. She is the mother of three children, ages 6, 15, and 17.

The new director plans to begin to engage the remainder of her staff in the days ahead. All of the staff members will be professionally trained to the master's level of competence, she

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Board Delays Decisions On School Policies

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education again failed to take action on the question of whether or not senior high students should remain on-site all day or not, deferring a decision on open-lunch and open-ended day policies until next month. The Board has said it has received insufficient input from parents and the community, and members are hopeful that another month would bring more expression of opinion.

The two policies have been before the board for consideration for three months. Both were requested by the high school Student Council, and both are in force at the present time on a trial basis. Open lunch allows students to leave the school property during their lunch period. The open-ended day provides that students may arrive for their first class of the day rather than for the first period of the school day, and leave when they have completed their last class of the day. Under open-ended day, every student would have to check into the school for third period.

Henry Schwiering, head of the Board's Student Affairs Committee, urged parents to inform the board on how the proposed policies are affecting their children. Superintendent of Schools Fred Laberge reported that less than five letters of reaction have been received to date.

DEADLINE CHANGE

Because of the New Year Holiday our deadline for next weeks issue will be tomorrow, Friday, December 28.

Another board policy, which had been passed in November of 1972 and is now in effect, occasioned questioning from several members of the public. It is the policy involving appointment by the board of administrative personnel, including assistant superintendents.

Last month, the board approved Michael Klick, then acting assistant superintendent for business and executive assistant to the superintendent, to the post of superintendent. The vote, was a split one.

Mrs. Mary Alice Hancox asked wither applications and/or resumes from other applicants had been supplied to the board by the superintendent. It had been reported that 20 applicants were interviewed before last August, from 60 applicants total, but Laberge indicated that he had disposed of the applications when it appeared that legal hassles would delay the naming of a person to the position. He said that since he would not be able to make a recommendation to the board because of legal complications regarding the position, he did not keep the applications.

Board President Joseph M. Parry said he did not feel the policy had been violated when La-

Three Board Of Ed. Seats Available, Three Candidates To Date

Retiring Members Cite Inability To Devote Sufficient Time To Job

Three vacant Board of Education seats in next February's election . . . three candidates seeking election. Sounds so simple, eh? However, as of Wednesday, December 26, with but a single day left to file petitions to run for election, it was "two for one and one for two." In other words, two candidates had filed to run for the seat to be vacated by Fanwood member Joseph M. Parry III who will not seek re-election, while a single candidate had filed for the two slots now filed by Meyer Freiman and John McCormick, neither of whom will run again.



DR. DARRELL BROWNAWELL



ROBERT C. CARLSON

To date, Fanwood candidates include Robert C. Carlson and Stuart Faunce, while Dr. Darrell Brownawell has filed from Scotch Plains.

Faunce and his family have lived in Fanwood since 1956, at 169 Paterson Road. They are the parents of four children: Janelle, a student at Purdue University; James, at Ohio State; Dayton, at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School; and Kurt, a fifth grader at McGinn School.

Mr. Faunce is a management engineering consultant, self employed. He holds a Ph. D. in mechanical engineering from Purdue, a Master's from Purdue and a bachelor's degree from Ohio.

Carlson is a five and a half year resident who is Vice President of YMCA of Greater New York. He is on the YMCA membership committee and capital and sustaining campaigns of the local YMCA. The Carlsons live at 8 Oak Court and are parents of five children, two in local schools. He serves on the Board of the First Methodist Church in Westfield and has been active with Fanwood United Fund.

Mr. Carlson holds a B.S. and a M. Ed. from Springfield College. He has taught at college level and worked toward a degree in Business Administration from Cleveland State University.

Dr. Brownawell and family are 11-1/2 year residents of Scotch Plains. They live at 320 Roberts Lane, Scotch Plains. Dr. Brownawell, who holds a B.A. from Reed College in Oregon and a Ph.D. from University of Washington, is a Research Associate at Esso Research and Engineering

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Joyous New Year

We greet the New Year and add a special note of thanks to all our friends for their patronage.

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Reorganization Meetings On January 1st

The annual reorganization meetings of Scotch Plains and Fanwood governing bodies are scheduled for New Year's Day, January 1, at 12 noon.

In Fanwood, two Democratic Council members will be seated. Incumbent John Swindlehurst will take the oath of office for another three-year term, and Carol Whittington will take the Council seat vacated by Stephen Ritter, also a Democrat.

In Scotch Plains, there are no changes in Council positions this year, due to the recent switch to a new form of government. However, a new Mayor will be elected from among the five Republican Council members. William Kitz has served this year as Mayor. His fellow Councilmen include Alan Augustine, Walter Grote, Larry Newcomb and Albert Theurer.

The Council of Scotch Plains plans to hold its first regular meeting of the new year at the same time, immediately following the reorganization meeting, instead of in the evening, as would regularly be the case, since January 1 is the first Tuesday of the month.

berge recommended Klick. Under questioning, Parry said Laberge had not submitted a list of all applicants, a list of candidates interviewed, or resumes and superintendent's evaluations.

Then how does the Board know it is appointing the most qualified candidate without knowing all candidates, Mrs. Patterson asked the board. The policy was written so the board could be aware of what candidates had been rejected, Mrs. Patterson

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Company in Linden. Dr. Brownawell, father of two sons, has been president of the local Human Rights Council.

The Joint Civic Committee, a group which includes a broad-based representation of community clubs and civic organizations, annually backs a slate of three candidates for election. However, the J.C.C. has announced its endorsement of only two candidates this year - Brownawell and Carlson.

Apparently, the time demand upon board members is what has deterred the three present members from seeking re-election. Freiman said that board work takes a great deal of time, and he feels that a person who serves must be able to dedicate all the time necessary to do the job. If a person feels he cannot give as much time as necessary, in fairness to the position and the school district, he should resign. Due to his own business demands, Freiman has chosen not to run again. The school district is so important that it should not be placed in jeopardy by board members who cannot give enough time, he concluded.

McCormack also feels the pressure of hours, although he conceded that the first two years of his term required more time than the past year. He sees definite progress, he says, but the great amounts of time are a physical burden. He has felt that because he is so concerned and cares, perhaps too much, about the operation of the schools, he cannot continue in the position. He has averaged two nights a week and a Saturday

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