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## Council Will Answer Board Response In School Budget Battle

The papers go back and forth, and still the battle over the 1974-75 school budget goes on. At present, the Councils of Scotch Plains and Fanwood are due to deliver an answer to the Board of Education response, which detailed the Board position regarding the rationale provided for the Council in defense of their \$969,000 cut in the defeated budget.

The Councils and the Board of Education met before a state hearing officer last week in Trenton, to present their documents. Now, the Councils have had ten days to prepare further material, and the Board will also have a final ten days for more answers. Then the two parties will await a decision from the state level.

If state officials should decide to cut the budget, will the Board of Education live with the cut? And will the Councils accept the cut? Neither side has given any promises. Each says the decision will be made once there is an opportunity to consider the ruling from Trenton. A further appeal is possible through the courts.

Last week, a new group was formed to attempt to persuade both Councils and Board to accept whatever decision may be forthcoming. The group is called Action Coalition of Educators (ACE). Large groups of teachers, some of them now active in the ACE organization, visited the Council meetings in both communities recently to question the Councils on their budget stance. Then ACE sponsored a meeting of community organiza-

tions and clubs last week to acquaint citizens with the impact which indecision could have upon the opening of school next year.

Invitations were issued to 70 community groups to send representation to the meeting, which was held in School One media center. However, only a total of 30 people were in attendance, which included the teachers who are members of ACE.

ACE co-chairmen are John A. Feldman, president of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association, and Carolann Airlemma. Feldman expressed his disappointment at the public apathy apparent from the light turnout at the meeting.

The ACE members cited the severity of the situation which will exist if schools open in September without a determination of exactly how much money is available for the school year.

Citizens in attendance told the Board of Education for failure to come up with a negotiable figure when the councils cut the budget and sought negotiation.

## Summer Brings Rise In Abandoned Animals

Summer's here, and along with the cross-country trips and the monthly rentals at the shore comes the accompanying horror of a great jump in the number of dogs abandoned in Scotch Plains. It's the worst time of the year for dog warden Frank Terry of Terry Lous Farm. He has "wall-to-wall dogs" for the next six or eight weeks.

Why more abandoned dogs during the summer months? Terry says it's because so many people fail to accept the responsibility for finding someone to care for a dog or refuse to pay kennel costs when they go on vacation. All through the year, Terry picks up strays frequently. They're dogs that are skinny, underfed, and wary. However, during June, July and August, he's likely to find perhaps 25 to 30 more dogs - the "good stuff," as Terry calls them. They're not mutts, usually, but carefully chosen and sometimes expensive dogs, in good shape, with nice collars. They're usually not wild, but bewildered by finding themselves in unfamiliar surroundings. Many of them are from distant communities, and are dumped in Scotch Plains by people who figure this is "the country."

Terry says it's very easy to spot the difference between an abandoned dog and a stray. For one thing, some of them show signs that they haven't wandered here. They are thoroughbred dogs, yet if you check every paper in the area, you will not be able to find an ad for the dog in the "Lost" column. That's a sure clue, Terry says. At

the moment, he's got a slow-moving, beautiful specimen of an Old English Sheepdog which he feels was abandoned and he hasn't spotted any ads for it. Recently, he found a Great Dane in the vicinity of Sleepy Hollow Inn and was unable to find an owner. "If somebody wanted one of these lost dogs, they'd certainly check to try to find them," the warden says.

By law, Terry must keep the dogs seven days. However, he keeps them for as long as he has room. If the dog is obviously a good pet, he tries to keep it as long as possible hoping for an owner.

He doesn't have to pick up cats, but he has strong feelings about the number of cats abandoned, too. There is no reason why cats should be permitted to roam free, breeding new kittens which are only abandoned by the score, Terry says. He favors licensing and housing of cats just the same as dogs.

Another one on the pro-pet bandwagon is Mrs. Lucille Kluckas, an active member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Environmental Action Group. Mrs. Kluckas is horrified at the number of parents who keep animals, such as cats and dogs,

## Tavern Liquor License Is Renewed By Scotch Plains Town Council

### Listening Post Time Changed

Listening Post Sessions for the Scotch Plains Council to meet informally with the public will be held during July and August at 8:00 P.M. in the court room of the new municipal building. The dates set are Monday, July 8th and Monday, July 12th.

### Scotch Plains Is Reimbursed

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reimbursed Scotch Plains \$103,500 to cover the federal share of a new sanitary sewer pumping station at Lamberts Mill Road, it was announced by Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo (R. - 12th Dist. - N.J.). The pumping station also is designed to serve Westfield's sewers.

### Will Sponsor Car Wash For Chuck Newman

The Scotch Plains Lions Club will sponsor a car wash for the benefit of the Chuck Newman Fund over the forthcoming weekend. Local drivers can take advantage of the opportunity to have their cars washed Friday night, June 28, all day Saturday, June 29, and all day Sunday, June 30. Hill's BP station at the corner of Park Avenue and East Second Street, Scotch Plains is the scene. Cars big, cars small . . . all are invited to have a bath in behalf of Chuck Newman. Circle the date on the calendar!

and allow the animals to breed in order to provide their children with an opportunity to see the birth . . . only to turn around and abandon the baby animals. She wonders how people can expect children to learn respect for the environment, life, and property when the children find adults treating animals as inanimate objects.

She urges residents not to look the other way when they find their friends and neighbors abandoning animals, but to make their strong objections known. The Kluckas' concern for animals has led them to temporarily adopt numerous animals from time to time until they could find homes.

### DEADLINE CHANGE

Next week's issue of the TIMES will be published on Wednesday, July 3. Advertising and news copy should be in our office on Friday, June 28.

### Imposes Conditions That Would Limit Loitering, Parking Offenses, Vandalism

The Glenview Manor Tavern will continue operations at 2376 North Avenue, Scotch Plains, but in voting renewal of the license, the Scotch Plains Township Council imposed conditions upon owner Anthony Francis Triano. Henceforth, Triano must staff the property outside the establishment with an attendant capable of maintaining order, both on the grounds of the Glenview and in adjacent neighborhood area. Further, Triano was told to continue his present efforts to create more parking spaces.

The actions were taken at a public hearing, held on June 25 following Council receipt of a petition from homeowners in the vicinity asking that the license not be renewed. During the special hearing prescribed by law for such cases, the residents emphasized that they only want the license denied if no steps for improvement of the neighborhood scene were taken. They would be satisfied that renewal be approved with a specific commitment for changes. Council, in voting approval, sought a written statement from Triano of his intent on the two issues.

Philip Smith of 2384 Whittier Avenue said the homeowners have compiled a total of 59 individual complaints, many of them repetitious from one neighbor's list to the next. In general, Smith said, they include loitering, vandalism, parking offenses, speeding, drinking on private property, and excessive noise. Smith said the tavern patrons park on lawns, make U-turns into lawns causing ruts, toss beer cans, fight, etc. He cited individual lists submitted to Council from 11 different families. Some claimed they are awakened frequently around closing time, by crowds. Smith said his frontage is completely occupied by cars parking for the Glenview. He claimed some drinking goes on in the parking lot, and asked for the uniformed guard to insure nobody is hanging around the rear of the building. Smith also asked for more police surveillance. Police respond promptly, he said, but it would be desirable if patrols could be located at the spot.

Mr. Triano was represented by attorney Robert H. Kraus. Kraus pointed out that the problems Smith has cited are not unique to the Glenview, but are a generalized indictment of youth. Kraus noted that defacement of property, littering, etc. occur throughout the nation. He questioned whether it is the responsibility of the management to control parking in the neighborhood, and he also asked Smith what responsibility Triano might have if young people were buying liquor elsewhere and drinking it in the Glenview neighborhood. In response, Smith suggested a test, in which kids would be kept away from the Glenview for a while.

Kraus indicated that neighbors had never pointed out their problems to Triano until last week, after they had submitted the peti-

tion to the Council. Immediately, upon realization of the neighborhood problems, Triano made moves to increase his parking lot. Kraus acknowledged that Triano had "jumped the gun" in his overenthusiasm to correct the situation, since he will require site plan review and permission of the Board of Adjustment for the additional parking, but Kraus pointed to it as an indication of Triano's willingness to cooperate.

Kraus suggested "No Parking" signs during specific hours in the neighborhood, but the homeowners said a parking ban would inconvenience them and their guests.

Triano is anxious to sell the tavern, Kraus noted, and is most anxious to cooperate with municipal officials.

Triano also spoke. "People are not aware of all I do to keep peace," the tavern owner said. "Sometimes I'm a mad dog out there," he explained, detailing his efforts to keep crowds moving and to eliminate groups around the grounds. He has never had the problems until the 18-year-old drinking age, and said he has been in business at the address for 30 years. "I don't want it, I never did, and I don't know how to cope," he stated. Nightly, as the bar closes, the owner reminds the patrons to be quiet and not to annoy neighbors.

"Most are pretty good, but there are a few bad ones spoiling it for the rest," he noted. The peak hours are Friday and Saturday nights, but occasionally a weeknight will also be busy, Triano said. He closes the bar at 1:30 in order to get crowds moving out by 2 a.m.

Triano said he has space for about 25 more spaces. The Council will press for quick consideration by the Board of Adjustment.

To deny the renewal would be a substantial penalty to Mr. Triano without allowing him to see what he can do to improve conditions, Kraus said.

When residents questioned what assurances they would have of a continuation of efforts when the tavern is sold, they were informed that a public hearing is scheduled before the transfer. They were also invited by Mayor Walter Grote to avail themselves of the opportunity to communicate with Council before problems reached such proportions.