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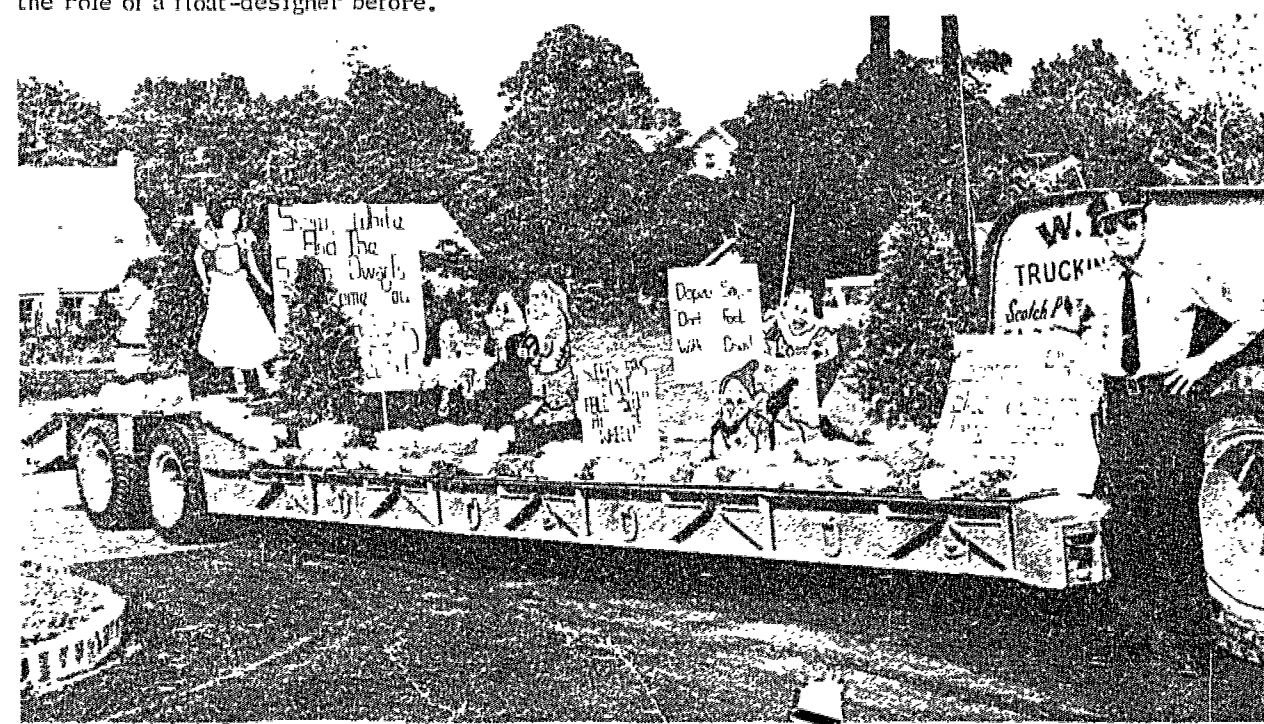
SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD, N.J.

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## Police and Youths Combine To Produce Prize Winning Float

Sometime before the Fourth of July, Lt. William Bedson, Traffic Officer of the Scotch Plains Police Department, was asked by his chief, Joseph Powers, to think up a float for entry in the Central Jersey Fourth of July Parade in Plainfield. Initially, Bedson says he reacted with a "What?" and was baffled, never having assumed the role of a float-designer before.



However, in a reverse twist, it was teens to the rescue of the police, instead of vice versa, as a willing group pitched in — not only to produce something passable, but to create a float which took First Place in the Police Safety Division of the parade.

Bedson said his only thought regarding the float was to find something connected with safety, but a bit different from the overdone wrecked car atop a float. Lee Ann Turteltaub of 2287 Stocker Lane, Scotch Plains was the first teenager he contacted. Together, they discussed the pos-

sibilities of a Walt Disney theme. she came up with Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs, and they were off and running. Miss Turteltaub, an oil painter, artist and theatrical production, lined up a capable bunch of friends, local merchants were most generous with loans and contributions, and W. L. Trucking of Scotch Plains gave the truck.

The dwarf figures and Snow White were painted. Each dwarf carried an appropriate message. For instance, Dopey warned, "Don't Fool With Drugs," and Sleepy said, "Don't Fall Asleep at the Wheel."

## Council OK's \$217,000 For Storm Sewer Work

### It Was Here An Ordinance, There An Ordinance, Everywhere Ordinances At Council Meeting

Under new ordinances introduced by the Scotch Plains Township Council last Tuesday, the township would spend \$217,000 on various storm sewer projects, most of them in the northside areas which have been heavily damaged by flooding in the recent past. The ordinances will have July 16 public hearings.

One ordinance provides for \$185,000 for storm sewers in Forepaugh Avenue and Weaver Street, Haven Avenue, Mountain Avenue — Union Avenue, Union Avenue — Valley Avenue, Henry Street — Coles Avenue, Ascot Road — Stocker Lane. The storm sewers would be considered a general improvement to be paid for from general taxation, with no part of the cost assessed upon property owners specially benefiting.

Another ordinance provides \$17,000 from capital improvement for installation of storm sewers in Essex Road, with money for this project to come from Revenue Sharing. A third storm sewer project would call for \$15,000 worth of storm sewers in Roosevelt Avenue on the south side of Scotch Plains, with monies to come from Revenue Sharing.

In another storm sewer-related project, Raritan Road would be reconstructed from the Edison line to Rahway Road, where storm sewers were installed last year. The reconstruction project carries an \$80,000 price tag, and would be considered a general improvement, paid for from general taxation.

Another proposed ordinance, passed on first reading last Tuesday, would provide a stop sign on William Street at its intersection with Rose Street. That too will have a July 16 public hearing.

In an evening which might justifiably be entitled "ordinance happy," the Township Council also gave final approval to several ordinances following second reading and public hearings. One sets a no-parking area along the west side of Park Avenue between Front and E. Second Streets. The township had to petition the county not to enforce a county plan for the widening of Park Avenue in the vicinity of the new municipal building. The county had originally mandated the widening at the time of approval of the plans, but Scotch Plains officials pleaded that trees would be doomed in the area.

Another ordinance approved on Tuesday appropriates \$5,500 for a field reporting system for the Police Department, providing police on the road with a means of telephoning reports to a recording device for transcription at a later time.

Operations and fees at Scotch Hills Municipal Golf Course are simplified and membership widened to allow 100 out-of-town members in another approved ordinance.

The Township Council approved an ordinance which creates a full-time position of Director of Finance, to replace the

present part-time treasurer's position.

Granite block curbs will be installed adjacent to township owned property on the southerly side of Morse Avenue and around a triangular piece of property on Crestwood Road. Another ordinance appropriates \$7,650 from capital improvement for installation of traffic signal detectors at the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Park Avenue and at North Avenue and Hetfield Avenue, with the project to be paid for from Revenue Sharing funds.

Senger Place (a block which runs from Second to Front Streets across the front of the firehouse) will be resurfaced in line with an approved ordinance which sets \$20,000 for that purpose. Resurfacing of Green Forest Park

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### Plan Board To Meet Monday

The Scotch Plains Planning Board will hold its next public meeting, Monday, July 15 at the Municipal Building, Park Avenue, according to Michael Cornacchia, the Chairman. The public is reminded that there will be no public meeting of the Planning Board in August.

Agenda items include resolutions concerning the disposition of School #1 property, an updating and revision of the Master Plan, providing Mr. McCann, Building Inspector, authority to issue permits to residents allowing use of trailers during emergency situations and the following Subdivision and Site Plan Committee reports.

The Subdivision Committee recommendations will include the classification of property owned by Arlene Hurley, 1159 Washington Avenue, Block 286, Lots 4 and 5 and a final application of Patricia Murphy, 1461 Martine Avenue, Block 294A, Lot 5, located at 1441 Martine Avenue.

The Site Plan Committee will cite their recommendations concerning the site plans of the Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Association, 364 Park Avenue, for the addition of an open canopy at rear of existing bank building; the application for a 121 unit Garden Apartment to be located at Old Lake Avenue, Block 312D, Lot 1, of Richard Schneider, 530 Park Avenue; and Poling Oil Company, 2285 South Avenue, Block 210, Lots 27 and 28, to erect new one-story building, adjoining the westerly side of existing garage building, as well as adding an office to the garage and extending the garage to the rear of the property.

## Ladies To The Rescue In Fanwood, But Men Only In Scotch Plains

The Rescue Squad alert sounds almost every day in both Scotch Plains and Fanwood . . . one blast summons squad members in Scotch Plains, while a six-ring alarm brings them on the run in Fanwood. There is one major difference. In Fanwood, as often as not, it's ladies to the rescue, especially during the daytime hours, but in Scotch Plains it's men only. At least one Scotch Plains citizen, Mrs. Barbara Byrd Wecker of 2050 Winding Brook Way, is out to change all that.

A recently graduated attorney, Mrs. Wecker wrote a "Letter to the Editor" recently, suggesting that the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad take immediate action to eliminate their current "males only" limitation in their bylaws. Mrs. Wecker suggests that their position is probably illegal and certainly unwise. Exclusion of all women (as well as the Squad exclusion of 18 to 21 year olds for full membership) denies the squad and the town of a valuable resource, Mrs. Wecker feels.

One has only to look at the "hole in the Scotch Plains donut," the mile-square borough of Fanwood, to observe the role of women aboard the ambulances, at accidents, and active in all ways on the Rescue Squad rosters. They aren't newcomers. They're the daytime squad, although once in a while they've been available

to help out at night as well. As far back as 1950, Fanwood had females on the rolls. Mrs. Lillian Huffsmith and her husband Earl were members then.

Nowadays, the husband-wife team of Nancy and Phil D'Ambrosio are listed on the Fanwood squad. Mrs. D'Ambrosio is a young mother of a two-year old son. She turned to the Rescue Squad as an area of interest because she felt she could help the community and because the D'Ambrosios had most of the requisite training already because of their role as Scuba instructors.

And how does the mother of a two year old react when the alarm sounds? She just picks up her son and runs. Most often, she had a friend, a relative or a neighbor who feels that watching young Jimmy during the squad

calls is a way of helping the community too. When Nancy's in a real pinch, she responds to the call in her own family van, which is equipped with blinking lights, oxygen, etc. for Scuba duty, and Jimmy sits quietly in the front seat, already well aware that this is strictly business. "Bye, let's go," are his words as soon as the siren sounds.

The plectron goes around town with Mrs. D'Ambrosio. Now the checkout girls in the supermarket know right away when they hear the buzz. They don't disturb Mrs. D'Ambrosio's shopping cart . . . just leave it there until she returns.

How many calls can this 10-month veteran of Squad duty expect? It averages to perhaps one a day, she feels. She absolutely loves the work, and also volunteers in the emergency room at Overlook. It's a very, very rewarding way to spend time, she feels, and although her field of study was advertising and she worked within that field in New York, she plans to pursue studies and a future in Respiratory Therapy some day.

Barbara Cox of Glenwood Road, Fanwood has been on the Squad for two years. She had two children, seven and thirteen. She too, occasionally has had to rely on neighbors for babysitting help from time to time, and in a pinch,

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