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Heart Throb At School One



Left to right: John Ruggiano, Monique Williams, Ross Grossman and Pamela Traina. Photo by Reflections

"Betsy" may be 68 years old, but her heart is still throbbing away for Valentine's Day! Betsy's an antique mannequin, who had been used for many years by Mrs. Whitfield of Stanhope in her dressmaking business.

Two and a half years ago, Betsy was given to Mrs. Kailing, a grade teacher at School One. The class added a styrofoam head, wool hair and paper features to Betsy.

Now, for Valentine's Day, Betsy's wearing a huge red heart on her white robes. It says, "You Make My Heart Throb — When You Do A Good Job." Red hearts are pinned all over her dress — and on the hearts are words: "Ice," "Snow," "February," "Heart." — words appropriate for our freezing month of Feb. The students refer to the words as Language and Vocabulary Development Sources.

Betsy's not always a heart throb! She changes her role from time to time. Sometimes, she's an Indian, sometimes a postlady, a witch, or Santa's Wife!

Green Light On Sale Of School One Tonight

On two separate occasions during the past week, the Scotch Plains Township Council has strongly urged the Board of Education not to proceed with the sale of Old School One, slated for 8 p.m. tonight. However, Township Manager James Hauser was notified on Wednesday morning that the sale will proceed.

Scotch Plains' Township Council has its eye on the prime piece of land in downtown Scotch Plains as a potential senior citizen housing complex. The township also has the possibility of money to acquire the land — but that money is not yet in hand. The township's application for Community Development funds has been favorably reviewed and will be recommended for approval by the freeholders. However, that's a way off yet. Approval is considered likely, and would give the township \$72,000 in seed money to be used for a down payment.

The township is also in the position of incorporating a senior citizen housing corporation this week, which group

would oversee site selection and financing.

Two years ago, when Robert Griffin was Mayor, he appointed a senior citizen housing study committee. That committee submitted a lengthy report a year ago, documenting a need for such housing in Scotch Plains. The report also suggested several possible sites, with the School One location included on the list. This particular location has received favorable comment from many quarters — among them Noel Musial, an architect who was Mayor last year. The location is centrally located, and particularly convenient to churches, downtown stores, post office, and public

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Flat Budget For Fanwood Taxpayers

Fanwood taxpayers can expect a tax reduction at long last. The Fanwood Borough Council expected to introduce a 1977 municipal budget on Wednesday night, which features an amount to be raised by taxation which will be the same as 1976. This, combined with a school budget which will reduce taxes, should result in an overall reduction for Fanwood taxpayers.

Finance Chairman Charles Coronella said Monday night that the Fanwood 1977 budget will be \$1,320,253, in contrast to a \$1,265,268 budget in 1976. The \$55,035 increase is offset, however, by increases in anticipated revenues. The tax rate is expected to remain at 75 cents per \$100 for municipal purposes.

The new budget includes \$10,000 for the Rescue Squad — a major increase over the \$1 traditionally budgeted for squad services. (This line item provides starter money for a squad building. See separate story.) The capital amount, which had been zero last year, is now \$12,364. Monies have been provided for street resurfacing, continuing a street improvement begun last year. There is also funding for television camera inspection of sanitary sewers, a new dump truck, and \$7,000 for resurfacing of tennis courts at LaGrande Park.

Undress That Salad

The Township of Scotch Plains Department of Health alerts consumers to the recall of Pfeiffer Thousand Island Dressing in 16 fluid ounce bottles. Product covered by this voluntary recall by Pfeiffer Foods, Inc. of Wilson, New York carrying the following codes: 6289K, 6301, 6301A, 6310, 6310A, and 6310B. The firm estimates that 549 cases remain on the market in Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Jersey and New York. The recall was instituted due to the presence of yeast contamination. Health Officer, Mel Kramer, suggests that if consumers have any of the aforementioned product, that it not be consumed.

Library Holiday Closings

The Fanwood Memorial Library will be closed Saturday, February 12 in observance of Lincoln's Birthday and Monday, February 21, in observance of Washington's Birthday.

Fanwood Rescue Gets OK On New Squad Bldg.

The Fanwood municipal budget for 1977 includes a \$10,000 line item for the borough Rescue Squad. That line item is up by \$10,000 — from \$1 in previous years. The move to budget \$10,000 for the squad indicates the Borough Council's approval for the Squad to proceed with plans to construct its own building. It will be constructed on the Slocum property, across the street from the Borough Hall, facing on to Watson Road.

As explained by Fanwood Councilman Charles Coronella, who heads the finance committee of the Council, the \$10,000 budgeted this year would be the start of funding. The Rescue Squad would then approach a bank to borrow the balance needed for construction of the building — now estimated to cost \$40,000.

Squad members were on hand during the Borough Council agenda session Monday night, as was Richard Berry, a local architect. Council viewed building drawings prepared by Berry for the new Squad building. Berry also provided a rough plot

plan showing ways in which the entire Slocum property might be developed eventually, for improvement of other borough facilities.

The Squad building will be a very simple two-bay building with a Squad training room attached. In the very beginning, the building would not even include toilet facilities or storage. However, these are shown on the building plan. The exclusion of these facilities is deliberate at this time, for if the building is nothing more than a garage, it qualifies as an accessory building, and would there-

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Fanwood Sets Emergency Housing Plan

Let's suppose the natural gas supplies were turned off for this area of New Jersey. Or that oil ran short, and there were homes without heat. In light of current energy problems facing much of the United States, Fanwood has joined other communities in planning for housing of its citizenry in the event of an emergency.

Council members succumbed to a bit of levity now and then as they discussed who'd be housed where, but generally there was agreement on Monday night that the Emergency Housing Plan developed by the Health and Welfare Committee of Council in cooperation with police, Civil Defense, and Board of Health, was a very valuable addition to community resources. Mayor Ted Trumpp noted that the plan, described by Councilwoman Carol Whittington, who heads the Committee, would be applicable in other emergencies — not only in the threat of diminished heating supplies.

At present, there are eight to ten buildings in Fanwood deemed sizeable and functional to operate as emergency housing centers. Four of them will be chosen for the main emergency housing sites, the remaining ones to be back-up. This week, the chosen sites will be notified of their selection by letter from the Council.

Whittington explained that Police Chief Anthony Parenti has attended meetings of police chiefs for information on coping in the event of an energy emer-

gency. She said it is expected that there would be five to seven days advance notice in the event of a threatened cut-off of gas or oil supplies. During this advance period, each household in the borough would receive a letter detailing emergency housing arrangements.

Mrs. Whittington said the first recommendation would be formation of block associations.

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