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## Daughter For A Year



Helle Mellemstrand, AFS Norwegian foreign student, joins her American "Mom," Jackie Ostberg for a pause in her busy American school year.

## A Norwegian Teenager Visits SP-F For A Year

During most of her young life, Helle Mellemstrand has called Kvernaland, Norway "home." This year, however, Miss Mellemstrand is at home in Scotch Plains-Fanwood, as a guest of the American Field Service Chapter at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High and the Ozzie Ostberg family of Dogwood Drive, Scotch Plains. She is experiencing the U.S. in the nicest way possible — doing average, everyday things on school days, and learning about our holidays and vacations by celebrating them.

At home in Norway last year, Helle became acquainted with an A.F.S. student at her school. As the daughter of a Norwegian sea captain, Helle had done a bit of traveling herself, and the combination of her experiences of the past and her friendship with the A.F.S. student inspired her to try an A.F.S. year herself. "I'm just plain enjoying myself," Helle reported enthusiastically.

Life really isn't all that different — here and in Norway, because there's a common cultural base, but Helle has spotted the samenesses and differences. Her school was very much smaller, so her first days at SPFHS were involved with finding her way around a sizeable school. During September, Ozzie Ostberg would question his guest as to what she learned

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## Student Store Back In Business

The Board of Education voted, 6-2, to allow the DECA student store to resume food sales at lunchtime at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. The action followed a study of the situation, made by a three-man committee of board members. The Board will now write to Mrs. Luchak, Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, stating that the store will be permitted to sell food and turn all net profit received during the hours the school cafeteria is in operation, back into the cafeteria account. The Board will then direct monies into the DECA account.

The issue of noon food sales came to a head when Acting Assistant Superintendent for Business Frank Hicks noted a violation listed on a state cafeteria inspection report, noting that the store sold food during cafeteria hours, in competition with the cafeteria. Last fall, an arrangement was made by the Board whereby the school store estimated its profits and turned over estimated profits of \$100 per month to the cafeteria, but this was later deemed unsatisfactory. The noon sales were stopped, leaving the student

store with the sale of school supplies, and of food only during the hours when the cafeteria didn't operate.

The study committee, formed last month, has introduced a new arrangement, wherein the Board, in consultation with its attorney, the board auditor and the DECA advisor, will develop a procedure for turning over these profits.

Two board members were negative — Larry Andrews and Richard Bard. Andrews asked

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## Carpenter To Leave

### Hicks Resigns

The Superintendent of Schools, Reigh Carpenter has officially informed the Board of Education on February 17, 1977 that he is not interested in any consideration for the renewal of his contract which expires on June 1, 1978. It is the Superintendent's intention to continue his assignment and to provide full effort toward the fulfillment of his obligations as chief school administrator of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

Mr. Frank Hicks, acting Board Secretary and School Business Administrator has tendered his resignation to the Board of Education in order to accept the position of Business Administrator and Board Secretary for the Black Horse Pike Regional School District. Mr. Hicks will assume his new duties on July 1, 1977. The Superintendent wishes to compliment Mr. Hicks on his outstanding performance as Acting Board Secretary and Business School Administrator during this past school year. We wish him the best of everything good in his future endeavor.

## Questions And Answers On Sr. Citizen Housing

The recent efforts of the Scotch Plains Township Council to acquire Old School One land for senior citizen housing has focused attention upon the concept of such housing here. After a recent flurry of political argument over pros and cons, density and location, *The Times* has sought answers to some of the questions commonly asked about such housing. Answers were provided by Thomas DeLuca, who served as Chairman of a Senior Citizen Housing Study Committee.

**Background:** A committee was named two years ago to study senior citizen housing needs in Scotch Plains. That committee completed its study and submitted a report recommending positive action in establishment of such housing here. The study recommended six possible locations, among them the Old School One site on Park Avenue. **Action:** Two weeks ago, Scotch Plains legally incorporated a non-profit senior citizen housing corporation. That corporation will be responsible for seeking funding from federal sources,

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## PATH Outlines Need For 450 Fanwood Parking Slots

Port Authority officials came to Fanwood again last week, for an unannounced session with Council members on the subject of parking facilities for PATH. Whereas local officials had been led to believe that PATH rapid transit would require 250 parking stalls just a few weeks ago, the newer estimates of parking needs, provided by PATH last week, are for 450 slots.

There were other changes as well, according to Councilman Charles Coronella. Last time PATH and the Department of Transportation provided information, there were indications that Alan Sagner, Commissioner of Transportation for New Jersey, was committed to find all of the funds for parking lots and land acquisition. "Now, it is 'largely,'" Coronella reported.

PATH people have studied the area around the Fanwood station, and offered their proposals for potential sources of new parking (at present, Fanwood has two parking lots, one southside, one northside — the 88 and 87 slots adding up to a 175 total). The remaining 275 spaces could come from various combinations of the following sources, PATH representatives ventured:

— a small slide of land east of the existing parking lot on the south side of the station, between present parking and the Martine Avenue bridge — 20 spaces.

— a large parcel of land on the south side of the railroad, opposite First Street, to accommodate 160 cars.

— the Citgo gasoline station on the south side, 55 spaces.

— a residential parcel at the corner of North and Martine — northwest corner — which has been a nursery school — 180 spaces.

— the southside land on which the Lantern pizza restaurant is now located — 45 slots.

— an additional section of the northside parking lot — taking the area bordered by sidewalk, tracks, Central Crossing bridge, and Community House — 50 spaces.

— land along North Avenue, including the present business location of Family Investors at the corner of Martine and North, as well as the older of the two borough sheds bordering the railroad, and the home in front of the borough garage — 150 spaces.

In addition to the ground level

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## Board of Ed. Accepts Bid On Old School One

The Board of Education voted, 6-2, to accept a \$185,000 bid from Makor, Inc. of West Paterson for the purchase of Old School One. The sale is dependent upon the bidder acquiring a variance for 37 apartment units for the School One location. In the motion which approved acceptance of the bid, the Board also dedicated the monies from the sale to renovations at Park Junior High as a first priority. If monies remain, the remainder would go to other building repairs.

The bid motion was accompanied by discussion of the Board of Education's role in senior citizen housing in Scotch Plains. Before the sale, and last week, before acceptance of the bid, Scotch Plains officials sought to meet with the Board to negotiate to buy the land for senior citizen housing.

The Board of Education was advised to sell School One by an Ad Hoc Citizens Committee. Two previous sale attempts were made, with \$200,000 minimum bids established, but no bidders came forth. The third effort was without a minimum. Before the final sale effort, the Board, on advice of the Ad Hoc Committee, sought an opinion from the Board attorney on direct sale, and was advised that because the school was owned directly by two municipalities, this should not be done. Acting Board President Robert Carlson said this and the fact that the district had already advertised the school sale all over the

United States, was explained to the Board.

Two Board members voted no. Thomas Fallon said the

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## On The Way To Jail...

Scotch Plains patrolmen like to do things in duplicate, apparently. Last week, Patrolmen Crawley and Lynch were on a routine assignment, taking a prisoner to jail in Elizabeth. As if one prisoner wasn't enough, the two patrolmen ended up with two! Driving through Cranford with their one prisoner, they spotted an armed robbery in process, and they hastened to apprehend the robber.

For their efficiency, the two were commended by Chief Michael Rossi, who reported the incident to the Scotch Plains Township Council.