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Going To The Dogs...



Meeting new friends may be nice ... and getting around town may be nice ... but these pooches would just as soon forget it, thanks. They're in line for their annual shots at the Fanwood Rabies Clinic. There's a repeat next Monday night for the canines who missed — Borough Garage, 7-9 pm.

Plains Council Renews PATH Support

The Scotch Plains Council voted 4-1 to re-affirm its support for the PATH Newark-to-Plainfield commuter link. The council had last endorsed the PATH proposal back in September of 1971. Scotch Plains is among the last of the commuter communities to take a new position on PATH, since the emergence of the possibility of upgrading Conrail commuter service, and since the controversies surrounding PATH's impact have arisen.

Mayor Anne B. Wodjenski said the Council has studied the PATH issue and has received extensive input, including a report from their own appointee. "I have been agonizing over this vote," Wodjenski said. "Maybe it is an exercise in futility to vote on it." (She referred to recent court rulings which bar Port Authority involvement in financially unsuccessful mass-transit plans). Wodjenski was one of the Council members favoring PATH as compared to a Conrail upgrade. She was joined in her vote by Councilmen Robert Griffin, Noel Musial, and Larry Newcomb.

Wodjenski said she has no hopes that Conrail would provide adequate commuter service. She also cited need for

improved mass transit in light of Carter's energy message.

Alan Augustine read a lengthy position paper, voicing his opposition to PATH. His reasons for feeling that implementation would not, in the long run, be beneficial to Scotch Plains and/or all suburbs, were enumerated. He cited cost/benefit ratio and said PATH extension would cost \$347 million, while Conrail could be minimally dieselized for considerably less. He said increased use would require increased support facilities (buses and parking lots), and he is concerned over a deleterious effect on the residential/suburban character. "We do need better rail transportation. However, we do not need a subway type rail operation," he said.

Augustine feels the third rail would represent an increased safety hazard. PATH does not provide a direct link to Newark

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Parade-Picnic Finalizing

If you're glancing at the calendar, watching for the first of the summer holiday weekends — Memorial Day weekend — circle Monday, May 30. That's the day for official celebrating. The annual Memorial Day parade will be on Monday this year. The parade starts at 10 am in Scotch Plains.

Paraders will march "backwards" — abandoning their usual Fanwood to Scotch Plains route so they'll end up in Fanwood for 1977. After Memorial Day services at the Fanwood Memorial Library, it'll be on to LaGrande Park for the annual community picnic.

The Fanwood Recreation Commission sponsors the all-day gala, which will be highlighted by mini-bike rides and games for kids, games for adults (ping pong, volleyball, horse-shoes, etc.) and all-day entertainment on stage, including musical, magic and square dancing groups. The very popular kiddie muster and parade is slated for pre-schoolers through first grade, and the kids will bring along kitchen pots and pans and other utensils to bang upon.

There will be more news next week. All residents — Fanwood and Scotch Plains — are invited. Save the date.

AGAIN, Skeets?

Community support for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High track star Skeets Nehemiah widens, according to Dave Johnson and Bob Lee, who head a fund drive to send Skeets to top track competitions this spring.

"We're setting a goal of \$3,500, which should provide Nehemiah and his coach, Jean Poquette, with an opportunity to test his skills against the best national competition," the drive chairmen stated.

It's no wonder people are looking. Last week, Skeets added to his laurels considerably. On Friday, May 6, at the second annual Minuteman Games at Williams Field, Elizabeth, he tied the national scholastic record for the 120-yard high hurdles, clocking 13.2.

Skeets doesn't only hurdle. He also jumps. He also jumped on May 6 - to a meet record in the long jump of 21-11-1/4, three feet under his own recent state record for the event.

Just after his record high hurdle final, Renaldo Nehemiah returned to compete in the 300-yard intermediate hurdles. His time was 36.6 - matching a state record set in 1972.

Then Skeets entered another

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H.S. Principal Sets Cheer Tryout Dates

Varsity cheerleading tryouts - the subject of two months of controversy and state-level appeals and petitions - will be rescheduled here for Thursday, May 26. Dr. Terry Riegel, principal of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, announced dates for new tryouts yesterday. He also provided a schedule for tryouts for other high school groups, which had been postponed due to the controversies surrounding varsity cheering.

The varsity cheerleader tryouts are slated for next Thursday, May 26, at the high school. Riegel said he planned to tell all candidates of the date at a meeting he has called for this afternoon. The new tryouts will be conducted in accordance with a new set of rules, recently established to apply to cheering, color guard, flag squad, etc.

Riegel said he is awaiting only one confirmation from a judge. All other judges have already indicated their willingness to attend. The varsity cheerleaders will be chosen first next Thursday afternoon. Following this tryout, on the same afternoon, mascots and flag squad will be chosen.

On Tuesday, May 31, the junior varsity squad will be picked; and on Monday, June 6, color guard and twirlers are to try out.

Dr. Riegel said all judges have had teaching experience, and most are now teaching. All have past experience in judging. There is minority group representation among the judges, Dr. Riegel said. Some of the judges will repeat, judging

various tryouts on the three days, while in other cases, the judges will serve for only one of the three days.

All the judges are from outside the local school district. They were selected by working with school personnel from schools throughout Union County, he said.

Riegel said he had been directed by Superintendent, Dr. Reigh Carpenter, to schedule new tryouts.

Last week, there had been question regarding whether or not new tryouts would be set. Black parents had protested the earlier March tryouts to the Office of Equal Educational Opportunity in Trenton, and that group had planned to visit the district for a questioning session. However, before that meeting could be held, the N.J. Commissioner Fred Burke, through his Office of Controversies and Disputes, entered the situation and stated that his office would conduct an investigation of the tryouts, which eliminated the role of O.E.E.O.

Fanwood Council Outlines New Building Plans

The Fanwood Borough Council initiated plans for a municipal complex last week, with the introduction of an ordinance authorizing architectural work for new municipal buildings and renovation of the Carriage House.

The building, or buildings, would be located on the Slocum property — bought by the municipality two years ago for this purpose. Richard G. Berry would be hired — under terms of the ordinance — as architect. He would receive a maximum of \$2,600 for design work on the Carriage House ... and \$2,500 for the initial design work on the municipal complex. The \$2,500 would be returned to the borough if Berry receives more than \$25,000 for total work.

The Borough Council will again seek federal funding, under the public works bill, for the building. The recent approval of \$4 billion in public works grants has raised hopes here. The Carriage House will be paid for from a \$26,000 grant, received last year, from the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee. Council, to receive the funds from Community Development, will have to detail

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Calendar

Thursday, May 19 — Board of Education, regular monthly meeting, Terrill Junior High School, 8 pm.

Thursday, May 19 — Girl Scout Recruitment, Coles School, 1:30 pm.

Thursday, May 19 — Fanwood Recreation Commission, Community House, 8 pm.

May 21-28 — "Skeets" Week, S.P. & Fanwood.

Monday, May 23 — Rabies Clinic, Fanwood dogs, Borough Garage, 7-9 pm.

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Attention Kids and Parents!

Our contest has ended, most successfully, and prizes will be awarded Saturday, May 21, at 10 am. Please be sure to have all your forms returned in order to receive your ticket.

Because the contest was so successful and everyone had so much fun ... The Times will make it an annual event. Hope you all have a good time at Great Adventure and will participate in our contest again next year.