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"Carnival" At H.S.



A "carnival" atmosphere will prevail at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High this weekend, as the seniors present the musical "Carnival" as their senior play. The chorus is in rehearsal above. See them in real life, carnival costume, in the high school auditorium, June 10 and 11, at 8 pm.

Summer Experience For Gifted Children

"There are children who need something beyond crafts, ping pong, swimming — a recreational program for gifted and interested children, that provides stimulation and awareness of the interrelatedness of arts and sciences," says Dr. Albert DeSousa. Dr. DeSousa, who is principal of Brunner elementary school and also serves on the Board of the local Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, is helping to formulate a new and very exciting summer experience for these children. It will be called Elementary Renaissance School — a brand new concept in the Fanwood-Scotch Plains community.

The basics: Elementary Renaissance School is designed for gifted and interested children, fourth through sixth grades, and is sponsored by the YMCA, in conjunction with the Union Catholic High School summer school program. The program will run for five weeks, and provide 60 hours of stimulating experience.

Is it school? Not really. Is it camp? Not really. Then what is it? It might best be called a slice-of-life experience. Each day is planned as an experience in tasting the fruits of science and the humanities.

Some examples: the art of New Jersey. What is it? It's a local sculptress, who'll show the class her craft. It's an art museum, and the Renaissance

students will visit and observe. It's the creations of our own local children — and the children will try their own hands at artistic creations.

The ecology of New Jersey. What is it? It's the problem of industrial development and economic need, competing with farming and gardening for space in this Garden State. Maybe a visit to a South Jersey food processing plant will illustrate a point. Maybe a visit to a manufacturing plant, or a discussion with an expert in solid waste, will hit home.

Renaissance School will "force" students to use abilities to observe, abilities to organize thoughts, and abilities to express

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Voters' Choices

Local voters in Fanwood followed state trends in their selection of gubernatorial candidates for both Democratic and Republican tickets, choosing Republican Ray Bateman and Democratic incumbent Governor Brendan Byrne. However, in Scotch Plains, where Tom Kean's headquarters is located just a stone's throw from the municipal building, tallies indicated a preference for Kean over Bateman. Scotch Plains Dems chose Byrne.

Kean edged out Bateman by less than 100 votes - 953 to 859. The two other Republicans appearing on the ballot for governor — Sarcone and Angus — tallied only 87 and 65, respectively.

Brendan Byrne was far and away the top choice of the

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The Fanwood Bicycle Rodeo and Registration scheduled for June 11, 1977 (Saturday) at Forest Road Park has been CANCELED

The Times Is Legal Paper For Plainfield

The Times was recently selected by the Plainfield City Council as official recipient of the legal advertising for the city of Plainfield. Henceforth, legal ads from Plainfield will appear regularly within these pages. Editorial copy from Plainfield will also be a new addition to The Times weekly content.

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Raiders To Seek State Baseball Title On Saturday

Coach And Team Are Daily News Choices

The Blue Raiders of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School are but a game away from the state championship for Group 4 (largest) high schools in the state. The championship game will be played on Saturday, June 11 at Mercer County Park in Trenton, when the Raiders meet Piscataway.

The Raiders qualified for the finals on Tuesday, June 7, when they topped Bergenfield, 3-2, behind the fine pitching of Ed Reilly. Reilly gave up three hits en route to his tenth victory. The Raiders scored all their runs in the first inning.

Scott Rodgers singled sharply to left, then Tim Laspe followed with a walk. Reilly then blasted a long homerun to give the Raiders the lead. Bergenfield scored two unearned runs to make the score close. In the last inning, the Raiders held a slim one-run lead. Reilly rose to the occasion by getting the last three outs by strikeouts.

Even before their Tuesday win, the Raiders were the choice of the *New York Daily News* as No. 1 team in the state. The *Daily News* singled out the Raiders and coach Jim Sochan for the honor, following the team's defeat of Westfield on

June 3.

Westfield had won two of the previous three games, but the Raiders were ready this time, as they won 2-1. Reilly was on the mound for the SP-F team, and turned in a superb performance, giving up two hits in the full seven innings.

Westfield scored first, but the Raiders came back, led by catalyst Mike D'Annunzio. D'Annunzio fired up the ball club and the Raiders were on their way. Reilly opened the inning with a triple and scored on a single by Frank Carlino. Carlino went to third on a single by Henry Janssen and scored on a wild pick-off throw.

Sochan and three members of the ball team — Reilly, D'Annunzio and Rodgers — will be honored as guests of the *Daily News* for dinner and a game at Yankee Stadium.

Historians To Provide Battle Information

A panel of distinguished historians, including John Cunningham of the New Jersey Historical Commission, will set the record straight about the location and importance of The Battle of The Short Hills at the History Symposium to be held here on June 14th. Sponsored by the Scotch Plains American Revolution Bicentennial Committee, the symposium will be held in "The Commons" of the Union County Technical Institute, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains at 8 pm.

Presenting facts concerning the battle will be two main speakers: Frederic C. Detwiler, Architectural Historian for the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities and author of a recent book on the battle; and Harry Kels Swan, Curator and Historian for Washington Crossing State Park. Mr. Swan is a descendant of Captain Jedediah Swan, leader of the local Revolutionary militia. Once the assertions on the battle have been verified by the two speakers, the panel of distinguished historians will discuss the significance of the battle, as related to other Revolutionary events. The historians, representing Union and Middlesex Counties where the battle took place and Essex County, where the battle is often misplaced, will be moderated by Robert Fridlington of Kean College, Union.

Mr. Detwiler will speak on

the "Citizen Involvement as Rebels, Tories and Victims of Plunder." He will use slides and illustrations from his newly published book on the battle: "War in the Countryside, June, 1777." Mr. Swan will discuss the "Military Significance of the Battle of The Short Hills." A period of questions and general discussion will conclude the Symposium.

The Symposium is an event for the general public, especially teachers, librarians and the press, in an effort to communicate to others and encourage interest in the battle. military punch and samples of Aunt Betsey Frazee Bread will be served, as a sample of some of the fare to be available during the Battle Commemorative Weekend on June 25-26 at the Institute, when the Brigade of the American Revolution will encamp in 18th century style and stage a battle re-enactment.

Calendar

- Thursday, June 9 — Bd. of Ed. Agenda Session. Administration Building, 8 pm.
- Saturday, June 11 — Raider Baseball Team, Mercer County Park, Trenton, 4 pm.
- Tuesday, June 14 — Battle Symposium, U.C.T.I., 8 pm.
- June 13-17 — Drop off donations for June 18 YMCA Auction, "Everything Under the Sun," Martine Ave. Brown House.