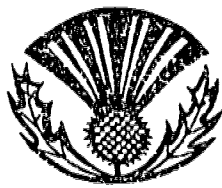


SAVE \$3.40

Our annual subscription cost is only \$7.00 - mailed directly to your home every Thursday - as compared to \$10.40 if purchased by you each week.

SCOTCH PLAINS LIBRARY
1927 BATTLE AVE
SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ
07076



SCOTCH PLAINS

THE TIMES



FANWOOD

VOLUME 19 NO. 24

SCOTCH PLAINS • FANWOOD, N.J.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1977

20 CENTS

A Bang-Up Time



Firing into the powder smoke are members of the Brigade of the American Revolution. The nationally famous Brigade will be making a special appearance at Union County Technical Institute, Scotch Plains on June 25 and 26 and will present battlefield demonstrations, drills, reviews, music musters, volley firing, 18th century crafts and a complete 18th century military camp. Displays will be open all day with presentations sponsored by the Union County Cultural & Heritage Programs Advisory Board, an agency of the Board of Chosen Freenholders.

One-Way Or Two-Way? Plainfield Debate

Would one-way traffic improve shopping and traffic patterns in the downtown Plainfield area? The question has arisen once again during the past month. The issue of one-way traffic has been under discussion by the Chamber of Commerce and at the City Council level.

Last Monday night, during a meeting of the Plainfield City Council, Councilman Joseph Meyer opposed the concept. He said that there is considerable dissatisfaction among retailers, shoppers, and the general public on the proposal for one-way traffic downtown and he recommended that the question be approached cautiously by Council. He submitted to Council a petition, listing 35 people opposed to one-way traffic.

"One-way traffic is a major thing ... a failure could mean the exodus of many business people," Meyer said. He noted that until a building goes up at Park-Madison, he would oppose the one-way traffic concept.

Councilman Robert Hoffman Jr. noted that revitalization of the downtown business area — the focus of attention in Plainfield at present — must be comprehensive. "When we look at revitalization, we must look at the total picture," Hoffman said.

The city will apply for a grant from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to develop promotional materials which would encourage commercial businesses to locate in

the Plainfield business section. A similar effort to attract industry was undertaken not long ago.

The reappointment of two employees to posts in the Municipal Court offices — one as clerk-typist and one as pre-trial counselor — triggered Council debate on residency for city employees. One of the two lives in Plainfield, the other is an out-of-town resident. Since these were reappointments, all City Council members except Marilyn Sonnenschein approved the legislation. Sonnenschein said her opposition was based upon residency.

Councilman Richard Taylor said that since he has been on Council, he has favored city residence requirements for city employees. He cited a 13 percent unemployment statistic for adults, 20 to 25 percent for youth, as an argument for seeking local employees. Mayor Paul O'Keefe and City Administrator Lawrence Bashe pointed out that there has been a strong effort to solicit local employees. A strong campaign was undertaken to insure that fire and police personnel be local, O'Keefe said. Most employees of the Public Works Department and City Hall are city residents, he stated. While city residency cannot be mandated for police and fire personnel or teachers,

A Weekend To Remember

Saturday, June 25, 1977

8:30 am, Start of the 10 Mile Run, sponsored by YMCA.

10 am-4 pm, 18th Century encampment of the Brigade of the American Revolution demonstration of early crafts

11 am, Formation and drilling of troops, Troop the Colors

1 pm, Music demonstration, Parade of the Soldier

3 pm, Tactical weapons demonstration at battlefield site, Ashbrook Reservation adjacent to U.C.T.I. Grounds

4 pm, Feu de Joie, retreat ceremony

8 pm, Battle Ball sponsored by Scotch Plains American Revolution Battle Commemoration Committee, call 561-4902 for tickets

Sunday, June 26, 1977

10 am, Patriots' Church Service

11 am-3:30 pm, 18th Century encampment of the Brigade of the American Revolution, demonstration of early crafts

11 am, Battle monument dedication, entrance to Ashbrook Golf Course, Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, sponsored by S.P. American Revolution Battle Commemoration Committee

11 am, Individual unit drill 12:30 pm, Music demonstration, Brigade formation and drill

2 pm, Commemoration of the Battle of the Short Hills at the battle site, Ashbrook Reservation adjacent to UCTI grounds

3 pm, Feu de Joie, retreat ceremony

"Battle Run"

What better way to mark this historic weekend for Scotch Plains and Fanwood, than to actually participate in a "Battle Run" — a 10-mile fitness event arranged by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. Runners may register at the gate at Union County Technical Institute for the run, which starts at 8:30 am on Saturday morning. The registration fee is \$3 at the gate.

Index

CHIT CHAT	10
CLASSIFIED ADS	37
EDITORIALS	4
ENGAGEMENTS	10
LEGALS	26
REAL ESTATE	35
RELIGIOUS SERVICES	21
SERVICES	39
SPORTS	23
THEATRE REVIEW	22
YMCA	28

Continued On Page 8

Scotch Plains Celebrates Its Revolutionary Battle

Many Activities Highlight Commemorative Weekend

A full roster of activities highlights a two-day calendar, as the Union County Cultural and Heritage Committee joins with the Scotch Plains American Revolution Bicentennial Committee in commemorating the Battle of the Short Hills. The battle was fought in the vicinity of the Ashbrook Golf Course on Raritan Road on June 25 and 26, 1777. Studies of that battle, made during the recent bicentennial focus, reveal its great importance in the eventual outcome of the war.

On Sunday at 2 pm, the Scotch Plains American Revolution Bicentennial Committee has arranged for dedication of a monument to mark forever the site of the battle. Over the entire forthcoming weekend, the rattle of musketry and the roar of cannon will echo through the countryside, as British Redcoats once again invade the country. The Brigade of the American Revolution will be on hand for two days, with more than 25 units presenting 18th century crafts, performing military drills and tactical demonstrations, and participating in a Battle re-enactment.

Among the many colorful units on hand will be the kilted

42nd Royal Highland Regiment of Foot and the Hessian Regiment von Dittfurth, representing the forces of His Majesty, George III; the white-uniformed 18th Gatinois Regiment, representing America's French allies; Captain Samuel Nicholas' Battalion of the Continental Marines, the plumed-helmeted Corps of Light Infantry, the Daniel Morgan Rifle Company and the Third New Jersey Regiment (the famous Jersey Blues), all representing the patriots.

Other units include: the 23rd and 43rd Regiments of Foot (British Line Units); Hessian Jaegers; Butler's Rangers,

Continued On Page 6

Board To Seek Input On "Irregularities At SPFHS"

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education met for its regular agenda-setting session last Thursday, and planned to meet again last night for the regular monthly meeting. During the agenda session, the Board discussed the possibilities of seeking input on "irregularities."

Two board members — Vincent Shanni and Thomas Fallon — indicated that the Board should be more informed on things that happen at the high school. They cited such things as fires, attacks on students at a fall dance, fights, etc.

Fallon claimed that there have been five fires at the high school, but that the fire department has not been called. He claimed students put the fires out.

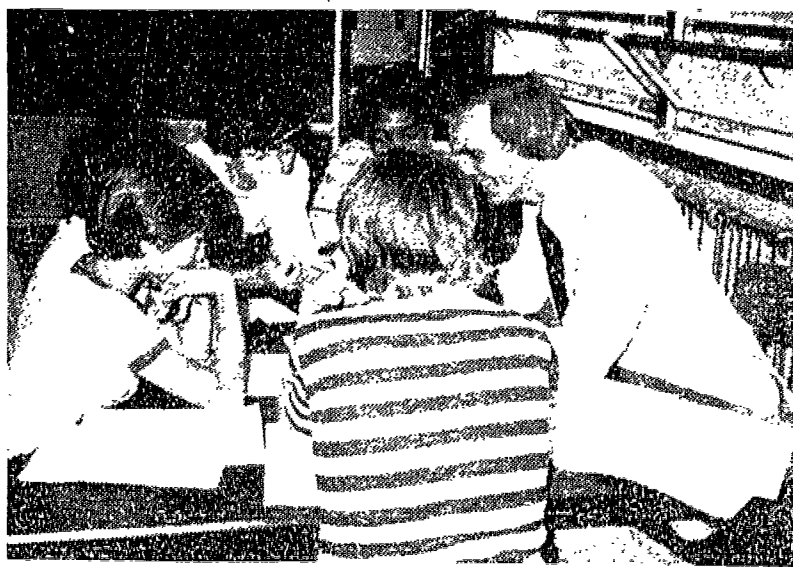
When President August Ruggiero claimed that the fires to

which Fallon referred were very minor, caused by students dropping cigarettes in wastebaskets, Fallon responded that Ruggiero's incidents were over and above the incidents of which he had knowledge.

Vincent Shanni pointed out that an assistant track coach, Charles Waters, was hit by an irate woman as he was conducting track practice, and that this,

Continued On Page 27

Sixth Graders Learn Careers



Dick Pierce demonstrates data processing for LaGrande sixth graders.

Graduation Info
On Page 17