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Skirmish In The Swamp



American militiamen prepare to hold back approaching British and Hessian troops at Short Hills battle re-enactment.

School Closing Study Group Is Named

The Board of Education named fifteen citizens and several staff members to an Ad Hoc Committee for consideration of the closing of a school in September, 1978. During the past couple of years, there has been discussion of the possibility of closing an elementary school in light of declining enrollments and budget reductions. However, last year, when the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Reigh Carpenter, recommended closing of LaGrande elementary school following an administrative study, parents from several elementary schools which had been under study for closing, appeared before the Board of Education asking that no elementary school be closed.

No school will be closed for the 1977-78 school year beginning next September. The Ad Hoc Committee would study the possibilities for a year later.

The Ad Hoc members, recommended by the Board of Education members, include Mr. L. Barash, Mrs. D. Behun, Mrs. P. Bland, Mr. A. Chuffo, Mr. D. DeCuollo, Mr. C. Ferguson, Mr. F. Festa, Mrs. R. Fleming, Mrs. M. Gavit, Mrs. H. Harper, Mrs. S. Kaufman, Mr. P. Labasi, Mr. J. Nagy, Mr. W. Newell, Mrs. D. Summers. Professional staff members already named include John Foulks, Principal of Terrill Jr.; Beverlee Kaminetzky, Assistant Principal, Park Jr. High; George Aakjer, Principal, Evergreen; James Cerasa, Principal, School One; Carl Kumpf, Principal, Coles. The three elementary

school principals are alternates. Three teachers will also be named before the Committee holds its initial meeting.

Next year, the Board of Education will hold moveable meetings, with the regular monthly meetings alternating among the various schools in the district. The schedule is as follows: September 15, Brunner; October 20, Coles; November 17, Evergreen; December 15, SPFHS; January 19, LaGrande; February 16, McGinn; March 16, School One; April 20, PJH; May 18, Shackamaxon; June 22, TJH.

July and August monthly meetings, and special meetings, will be in the administration building, 2630 Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Need A Summer Phys. Ed. Course?

In response to community need, the summer school being sponsored by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and Union Catholic High, will add a Physical Education course for those students who need credits in P.E. The offering will provide the necessary credits for any student who may have flunked gym during the current school year.

The Physical Education program will begin next Wednesday, July 6. Pre-registration will be required between now and the starting date. Registration may be made by visiting Union Catholic High School's Summer School Office between 8 am and 2 pm weekdays, or by telephoning 889-4442.

To make up for the late beginning, it will be necessary to arrange a couple of double sessions during the beginning weeks. The Physical Education course will be for students in ninth through twelfth grades.

Class of '52— Where Are You?

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Class of 1952 is seeking help in locating some of its missing members. The class is planning its 25th reunion to be held on October 8, 1977 at the L'Affaire Restaurant, Rt. 22, Mountainside. If anyone has information about the following persons, please contact Mr. Donald Wussler, 396 Parkview Drive, Scotch Plains, 889-1709. The missing members are: Keith Williams, Doris Poskitt Sullivan, Ben DiLeo, Peter Schmidt, Joyce Nixon Bent, Joan Grau Hlyns, Richard Groeneveld, Dorothy Ulrich Steiner, Isabell Grabowsky Zatko, Mirian Anderson Liston, Dorothy Checchio Borowski, Arlene Finigan, Kieth Kauffman, Beverly Garretson Keyes, Helen Birnbaum Kushner, Pat Rocco MacDonald, Charlotte Linde Qualaby, Elinor Shivik Lund and Russell Scott.

Battling On The Scotch Plain Once Again!

There was fighting once again in Ash Swamp last weekend, as cannons roared and guns fired during the Battle of The Short Hills. On Sunday afternoon, after a weekend of events commemorating the Revolutionary exchange which took place here in 1777, the Brigade of the American Revolution staged a very authentic re-creation of the battle. The various contingents of the Colonial forces emerged from the ridges, just behind the Union County Technical Institute, to form battle lines and attack the forces of Cornwallis.

Unfortunately, an all-too-authentic casualty made the battle re-enactment far more true to life than anyone would have wished. About two-thirds through the program, a member of the Brigade was seriously injured, losing two fingers, when a cannon he was loading fired prematurely. The accident necessitated cancellation of the final third of the battle re-enactment. The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, standing by, took the man for help immediately.

During the entire weekend, over 250 members of the Brigade — a group of people dedicated to authentic re-creation of colonial dress and lifestyle — camped on the grounds of the Technical Institute. The lawns were dotted with small white tents, and the Brigade members provided a true sampling of olden time living. The children of brigade members played on the institute grounds, and small

children snoozed in olden pine cradles, as their parents exhibited the tools, foods, medicines, and clothing of America in its first years.

The men of the Brigade were dressed in exact duplicates of the uniforms worn by the various units which were engaged in Revolutionary war conflicts 200 years ago.

On Saturday, musical and tactical demonstrations highlighted the day of colonial exhibitions. On Sunday, a 10-mile "Battle Run" marked an early beginning of a day of events.

There were close to 200 runners — local and from distances — who listed as participants in the marathon. Welles Lobb, a Flemington 20-year old who is a student at Mansfield State College in Pennsylvania, won the run. It was the first large-scale race he'd ever entered. The youngest participant was 10-year old Andy Martin of Clinton. His

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Parks & Playgrounds Open For Summer

Park programs offering a combination of skills, games and special events are being sponsored this summer by the Recreation Commissions of Fanwood and Scotch Plains. The park programs run for eight weeks.

In Fanwood, two parks, LaGrande and Forest Road, will provide supervised activities daily from 9 to 4. Michael Yarcheski supervises the LaGrande staff, which includes Kerry Thomson, Carol Gibbons, Bonnie Axtell, Barbara Russell and Suzanne Terry.

John Ewing heads Forest Road staff, which includes Mark Thomas, Beth Twitchell, Virginia Haase, Janet Hootan, Eileen Mulholland and Bev Clausen.

The daily schedule provides for crafts, such as ceramics, copper enamel, lanyards, basket weaving, liquid embroidery, plastic molds, tile craft, redwood figures, plaques, pins and paintings. There are tournaments for the athletically inclined — ping pong, tether ball, nok hockey, dominoes, wiffle ball, baseball, putting, foul shooting — you name it, they've got a tournament for it.

Friday is special event day, and the specials will include talent shows, bike rodeos, cook-outs, doll show, cake walk, junior olympics, turtle races, pet shows, a penny carnival, etc.

Small children, 5 through 7, have a special place set aside for them, where they'll have their own stories, games, and crafts.

From time to time, the park people will take off to exciting places — Yankee Stadium, swimming at the "Y", Beacon

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EARLY DEADLINE NOTICE

Because of the approaching Fourth of July holiday, the following deadlines will be in effect —

News Releases and Display Ads
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Calendar

Thursday, June 30 — Shade Tree Commission, 7:30 pm.
Monday, July 4 — Parade in Plainfield.
Tuesday, July 5 — Township Council, Scotch Plains, Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 8:30 pm.