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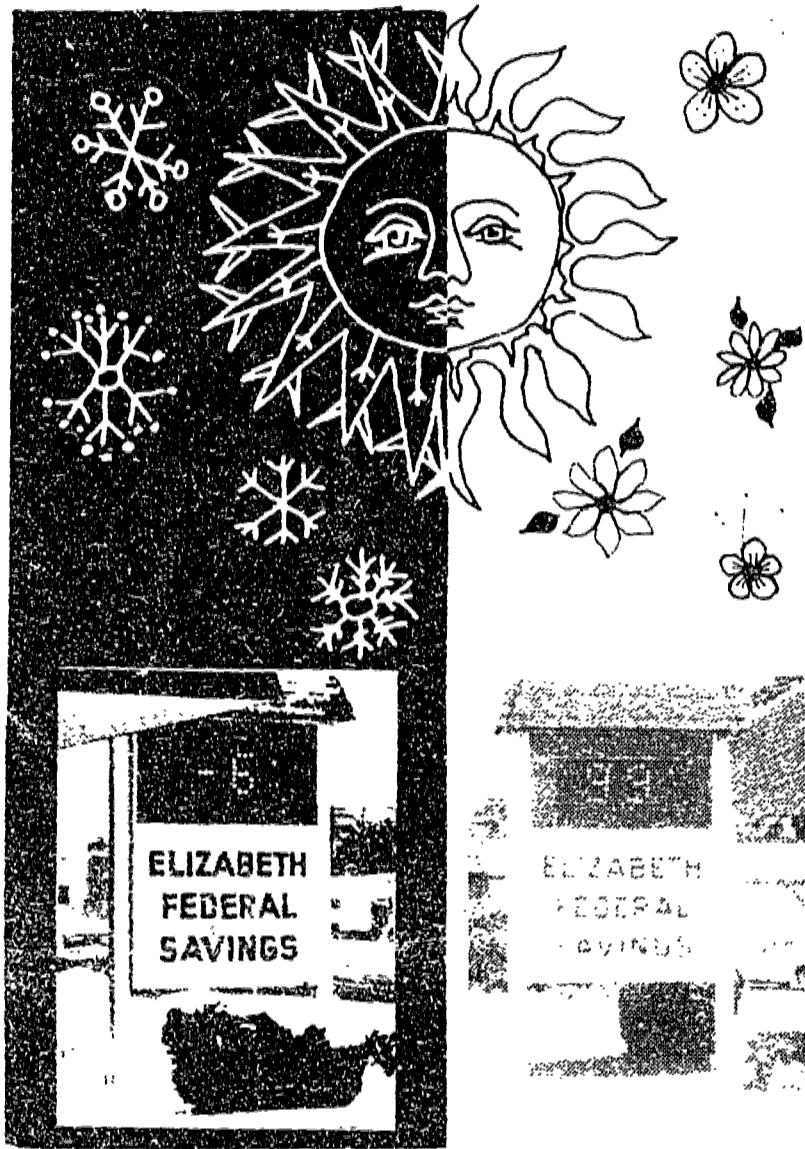
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## A Year Of Extremes

Yes, folks, there WAS a time when it was cold. The year 1977 may go down as the year of extremes. This week, thermometers hit well over 100 degrees all over town. Contrasts somewhat with the memorable minus 6, just six short months ago!

## Trumpp Names Slocum House Committee

The Borough Council of Fanwood has received a recommendation that a Cultural Committee be formed in the borough to oversee restoration, renovation and preservation of the Carriage House. Mayor Ted Trumpp moved last Wednesday to create such a five-member committee, and he named the membership.

The small house, which once housed carriages in olden times, is located on the Slocum property. The building would become a

cultural arts center when restored, according to suggestions received by Council from Lucille Kluckas and Delores O'Brien. The interior would lend itself to use as a gallery, museum, workshops and meeting house to serve citizens of Fanwood and would be particularly appropriate for use by the borough's youth and senior citizens, Kluckas and O'Brien said. They are members of the Environmental Commission. The question of the future of the Slocum House was addressed to them for recommendations by the Mayor last month.

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## Calendar

**Thursday, July 21** — Hearings, cheerleading controversy, Somerset County Superintendent's Office, Somerville, 10 am.

**Thursday, July 21** — Board of Education, meeting with police chiefs, Administration Building, 8 pm.

## Two Mayors Laud The Raider Nine

Mayor Anne Wodjenski of Scotch Plains visited the Fanwood Borough Council last Wednesday, to join Mayor Ted Trumpp in distributing plaques to the members of the varsity baseball team at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High. The Raider nine won the Group 4 state championship this year.

"What you've done for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood educational system and the high school is going to give a great deal of needed school spirit to classes that follow after you for two or three years," Trumpp said. "We needed something like the baseball team. We've had problems, no doubt about it, academic and otherwise, but you boys are winners and we are so pleased."

Coach Jim Sochan echoed Trumpp's sentiments. Only adverse publicity hits the headlines, Sochan said, and the win has brought a change in attitude. "Winning is one thing, but instilling a spirit of accomplishment, walking tall, having people talk proudly rather than negatively," were things Sochan cited.

"I've never seen anything in this Council room I'm more proud of than tonight," Trumpp said. There was also praise for the spirit of unity evidenced by the visit of Mayor Wodjenski.

## Need Youth Summer Help?

Under provisions of a federally funded youth work program, employers in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood area may hire local teenagers, with half the pay reimbursed by the federal government. Peter Hoskey, a teacher at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High who is heading the youth summer work program, explained that commercial businesses may hire the people, who are 14 to 21 years of age and will then receive half the salary they pay the youths.

The employees are able to do just about anything, Hoskey said, and he is on hand mornings at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High, 889-8607, to answer any questions. He invited any private business owners to telephone for information on the operations.

## Seek Invocation Of Maintenance Code

A group of homeowners, who have labeled themselves the Scotch Plains Community Action Group, petitioned the Township Council on Tuesday for action in cleaning up two properties in their neighborhood. The group appeared at a regular monthly meeting of the Scotch Plains Council to make their plea personally as well.

The petition refers to 2352 Morse Avenue, where the petitioners claim there is debris, garbage, excessive dust, and a junk car lot. They cited a multi-colored bus on the premises as well as the junk cars. They further asked that the property at 2359 Morse also be cleaned up forcibly. There, the homeowners said, the lawn has not been cut and garbage lids are left uncovered. Garbage isn't always placed in proper receptacles. In yet another section of their petition, they ask the township itself to weed and clean up city owned property along Morse Avenue.

Mrs. John W. Currie read the petition. She represented a number of homeowners who live on Ternay Avenue, which intersects Morse.

"We are simply not going to let this happen," one homeowner said when interviewed outside the public meeting. "We have worked very hard to keep our properties in good repair, and if you have one property which is not taken care of, it lowers property values and marks the beginning of a neighborhood decline. We pay much

too high taxes, and we are going to make sure that this doesn't happen in our neighborhood."

Is there hope? Yes, Mayor Anne B. Wodjenski told the petitioners. She referred the question to Township Manager James Hauser. There were a number of valid points in the complaints, Hauser said. He noted that the case has already been referred to both the building inspector and the police department, and the property owners in question had already been notified. Conditions have already improved at the locations, Hauser said, but pledged a continuing effort.

Hauser said the township has a property maintenance code, which is usually implemented only where the building inspector or township officials note glaring offenses, or when neighbors petition, as in the case of the Ternay Avenue residents. Hauser said the code in question mandates upkeep, trimming of lawns, etc. He said dilapidated housing would have to be repaired under the provisions of the code, fences would have to

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## Fanwood Council Meeting

The Fanwood Borough Council tabled action which would have set limitations on where recreational vehicles may be parked on residential properties, after hearing objections to the borough's zoning proposals from two recreational vehicle owners. Council will now have the borough building inspector go out and photograph every recreational vehicle in town, on site, and bring back information. Council will also wait until at least September to act on the tabled section of the zoning ordinance, to enable vacationing recreational vehicle owners to return from vacations to voice opinions.

The law would have stated that vehicles bearing a "T" license plate, and seven feet or more in height must be screened, and located behind the front line of a home. It also set a ten-foot sideyard clearance between property line and trailers, and disallowed parking of the vehicles in front of a home between 8 am and 4 pm.

The sideyard clearance appeared to bring the objectors to the microphone. One from Willoughby Road said he has never had a complaint from

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