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Raiders Band Stomps On Samsonite — For A Fee

If you're watching television next spring, and you see a luggage commercial with some very familiar looking scenery in the background, and lots of familiar teenage faces in the foreground, it'll be the Raider Marching Band, marching along Ashbrook Drive in Scotch Plains for the benefit of Samsonite luggage. A stint in the Columbus Day parade in New York City last Monday brought the local band second place and \$200. It also brought them to the attention of New York television executives, looking for a band to model for the Samsonite commercial. By Thursday, the contract was signed, the homeowners along Ashbrook Drive were contacted, and by 7 am the television boom cameras were in place high above the band. The stint was a lot longer than on Monday. The Raiders marched ... and marched ... and marched on Thursday, from 7 am until dinner time.

Wyn Walshe, producer of the Samsonite commercial, said the idea for the commercial had been developed, and the Ansel Production Company engaged to prepare it. The executives were awaiting the Columbus Day parade to choose a band to perform. The Raiders caught their attention, Walshe said, because they appeared to be a particularly well disciplined unit that responded well to Band Director Marv Piland's directions, and also because they were a good looking and colorful marching unit. Their discipline was truly put to the test on Thursday, as they repeated routine after routine, over and over again.

The commercial will not appear until spring. It will show Drum Major Dave Houdashell

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Hearings Set On New SP Park

The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing on October 24 on plans for a proposed new recreational facility for the public according to Fred Felter, Chairman of the Recreation Commission Facilities Committee. The proposed new park would be located on township-owned land at the corner of Plainfield Avenue and Evergreen Avenue. The park would include a multi-purpose field for use of elementary grade children for soccer, baseball and softball, two platform tennis courts, nursery, nature trail, tot lot and sanitary/storage building. The Recreation Commission is interested in hearing comments from all citizens of the community regarding the proposed recreation facilities. The hearing will be preceded by a short business meeting of the Commission starting at 8 pm.

S.P. To Dedicate New Park

The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission will dedicate the new Recreation Facilities at Kramer Manor Park on Saturday, October 22 at 10 am.

Comprising the musical part of the ceremony will be a youth choir under the direction of Rose Marie Donnelly, Program and Special Events Director for the Commission.

The young people performing will be Cathy Doucette, Beth Powell, Christa Lutz, Jeff Baldassare, Paul Canada, Phillip Donnelly and David Rodriguez. All of the youngsters attend our junior high and senior high schools in Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Calendar

Thursday, October 20 — Board of Education, Regular Monthly Meeting, Coles Elementary School, 8 pm.

Monday, October 24 — Scotch Plains Recreation Commission, Public Hearing, Plainfield-Evergreen Park.

Thursday, October 20 — College Night, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Saturday, October 22 — Dedication, Kramer Manor Park, 10 am.

Council Objects To Prisoner Work-Release Program

The Scotch Plains Council followed close on the heels of the Fanwood Borough Council, in voicing public objection to any plans which might put county jail prisoners on local streets, as part of a prisoner work-release program. A resolution, introduced by Mayor Anne B. Wodjenski, registers Council disapproval of proposals for release of prisoners for Public Works jobs.

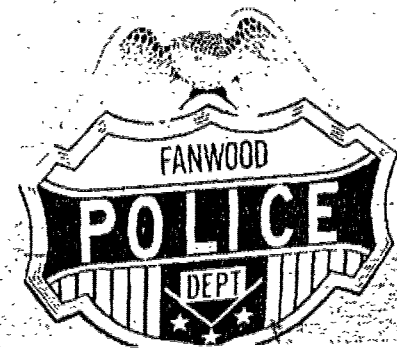
A proposal for such a work-release program has been suggested to the freeholders, but to date there have been few details provided as to what prisoners might be involved, or background of prisoners for such a program. However, according to Mayor Wodjenski, suburban streets such as those in Scotch Plains are not the place for criminals and/or armed guards. She said county roads in Scotch Plains all have schools,

and school children traveling back and forth. Prisoners performing road chores would represent too much of an area of danger. Work-release programs are fine, but not in areas where they might threaten safety of children or adults, she said.

Councilman Larry Newcomb said he felt unable to approve, or disapprove, any type of work-release program because there

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Bob Carboy — Cop In The Midst Of A Storm



The plaudits have been flowing in for Fanwood Patrolman Robert Carboy in recent weeks. First, he was highly praised by his Chief, Tony Parenti, for outstanding police work, when he recently noticed some suspicious men in Fanwood while he was on foot patrol in the downtown area. His notation of their license number eventually tied them in to the first armed robbery in Fanwood ... and led police in Elizabeth to a cache of \$300,000 in stolen properties. The work was also praised by the Fanwood Borough Council, in a special piece of commendation legislation.

Again last week, Carboy's name came to the fore, as the Council received a letter from a New York attorney, conveying his appreciation of the excellent police protection afforded his parents, who live in Fanwood. he, too, singled out Carboy. At the same Council meeting, Norman Geuder complimented him, and Edward Waller, another citizen, wrote praising the security of the community, and citing Carboy.

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