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## Election Returns

Fanwood voters turned out in fairly decent numbers, considering the weather patterns of Election Day. They elected two Republicans, Loren Hollembaek and Frank Boyle, to three-year terms on the Borough Council. Hollembaek received 1,811 votes, and Boyle 1,750.



**LOREN HOLLEMBAEK**  
Bill Hargwood, the Democratic candidate for Council, tallied 1,380 votes. Hargwood ran strongest in District 3, where he took 169 votes, compared to 136 for Boyle and 137 for Hollembaek.

The Democrats had sought to equalize the Borough Council with this race. They now hold two seats, while the Republicans have four. The Mayor is also a Republican.



**FRANK BOYLE**  
Elsewhere on the ballot, voters favored Bateman for Governor, but not by any great margin. In Fanwood, Bateman received 1,666 as compared to Byrne's 1,526.

Don DiFrancesco, Republican incumbent for the General Assembly, from Scotch Plains, was the top vote-getter on the Fanwood ballot, with 1,968. The majority of voters in Fanwood chose Republicans in every slot on the ballot - Sheriff, Freeholders, State Senate and Assembly. Pete McDonough, a GOP Senator, has always been a popular vote-getter in Fanwood. In this election, he garnered 1,918 votes.

Bateman was also the choice in Scotch Plains, again by very meagre margins. He took 3,730 votes, while Byrne got 3,680. McDonough won handily in Scotch Plains, picking up 4,303 votes in con-

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## Test Your Pressure



Above, Nina Hoashi, R.N., Bob Amberg, Vice President of the Scotch Plains Lions, and Eileen Golardi of the Health Office initiate the new testing program.

The Township of Scotch Plains has initiated a monthly Hypertension Screening Clinic for township residents. The clinic will be held on the first Monday of each month, commencing this week. Staff nurses from the Plainfield-North Plainfield Visiting Nurse Association will be taking blood pressure in the Community Room of the Scotch Plains Public Library from 4 to 7 pm. According to Township Health Officer Mel Kramer, Hypertension and those diseases associated with Hypertension are the leading causes of death, both in our country and in our community. Residents are invited to take advantage of the free and valuable service.

## Health Plan Faces Council

The Fanwood Borough Council expected to vote this week on a proposal from the borough Board of Health for sharing of health services. The plan put forth by the Fanwood Board of Health would take Fanwood in a new direction geographically for regional programs — into a contract with Westfield, for a regional health-care plan with Westfield, Mountainside and Garwood.

As explained by Paul Keyes, President of the Fanwood Board, new state laws mandate a Health Officer for every municipality in the state, regardless of size. The Health Officer can be either a full-time officer working for a single municipality, or can be shared among several municipalities — the latter being the obvious choice considering Fanwood's small size. All communities must comply with the new law by April 1, 1978. The broad new health laws spell out other requirements as well - including specific "core" activities which must be undertaken in each community — things such as healthy baby clinics, flu shots, some screenings for diseases, etc.

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Fanwood had never had a Health Officer. In fact, the community had managed with a part-time sanitarian. When the new state law became public, the Borough Council asked the Board of Health to study proposals to meet the forthcoming requirements.

Keyes said an Ad Hoc committee was named by the Board of Health last spring. In searching for alternatives, the Committee made overtures toward Westfield, asking that Board of Health if they were in a position to provide service to Fanwood and for estimates on costs.

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## Committee Suggests School Closing Options

### Squad Sets C.P.R. Course

If someone with you suddenly clutched his chest, collapsed, and turned blue, would you know what to do? Suppose you are in a restaurant and suddenly the person with you started to choke on a piece of food, could you save him?

Well now you can learn what to do in these emergencies, and other cases where a person has stopped breathing and their heart has stopped.

The Fanwood Rescue Squad, in cooperation with the Plainfield Area Chapter, American Red Cross, is holding a C.P.R. (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation)

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## New Editor For Times

Donald A. Foster, Publisher of *The Times*, has announced the appointment of Joan T. Monahan to the position of Editor. Mrs. Monahan, a Fanwood resident, has been Associate Editor and a reporter for the paper for several years. She joined the staff twelve years ago as a feature writer. She holds a B.A. degree from Caldwell College for Women and had previous corporate experience with Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill as a Technical Editor and with American Telephone and Telegraph Company, New York, as an Assistant Engineer.

### CALENDAR

**Thursday, November 10** — Bd. of Ed., Agenda Setting Session, Admin. Bldg., 8 pm.

S.P. Bd. of Adjustment, Continuation of Hearing on Terrill Road Nursing Home Application, 9 pm.

Bd. of Assessments, S.P., Mtg. for Local Improvements, to Set Dates for Hearings & Ordinances, Rm. 203, S.P. Municipal Bldg., 7:30 pm.

Forum, Water Supply, Fanwood Envi. Comm., Community House, 8 pm.

**Monday, November 14** — Youth Employment Service, Bd. of Directors, Rm. 109, SPFHS, 8 pm.

**Tuesday, November 15** — S.P. Township Council, Regular Monthly Meeting, Municipal Council Chambers, 8:30 pm.

### Majority Favors Closing Muir — Minority Says Close LaGrande

The Board of Education plans to make a decision this month on the possibility of closing a school here for the 1978-79 school year. That decision will be based, in some measure, upon recommendations received last week from an Ad Hoc Citizens Committee on School closing(s), which has been meeting since last spring to study the question. On Thursday, November 3, the Board of Education heard that Committee outline both a minority and a majority opinion.

Of the 21 citizens named to the Committee originally, 19 were active during the lifespan of the Committee. Although the specific charge to the committee was to consider the closing of one or more schools, the majority opinion, favored by 10, was for the closing of a non-school facility.

The majority opinion favored retaining all elementary schools in operation next September. Committee members argued that class size is the most important plus a school system has, and benefits of small classes include potential for a wider variety of instructional strategies and learning methods, more individualized instruction, better preparation in basic skills, and more desirable classroom management and discipline.

They further argued that state mandated T&E requirements may require eventual utilization of more space at the elementary and secondary levels. Closing a school would cause unnecessary disruption, both emotional and physical, to students and families. The majority also cited the potential for school population increase.

If Muir School, which now houses the school administration, were closed, the majority report states, there would be a positive budgetary

impact on the district's financial posture in a more immediate way than if a school were closed. The school would be very saleable because of recent extensive renovation, and a return of the property to commercial zoning would increase revenue to the municipality.

Administrative personnel and support services could be housed in the existing school buildings in the district, the majority felt.

The minority report, favored by seven committee members, cites enrollment statistics. The district enrollments have declined since the peak in 1970-71, even more drastically than had ever been anticipated using any normal reliable methods for forecasting. By September, 1978, the district will have about 5,700 students — a drop of more than 2,000 from the peak. There is

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## Tom Douress Is Scotch Plns. Tax Collector

James Hauser, Township Manager of Scotch Plains, recently announced the appointment of Thomas Douress of 2200 Old Farm Road, Scotch Plains as tax collector. Mr. Douress replaces Mrs. Patrena Thines, who recently retired from the position.

Hauser said he had reviewed six applicants for the job. Douress has had extensive supervisory and management experience with the Federal Internal Revenue Service, as Division Chief for Collection of Taxes, and is a graduate of Rider College with specialties in accounting and business law. He is a veteran with service in the U.S. Navy.

Hauser said he found him the most qualified of the candidates, and has offered him a salary of \$15,000.

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