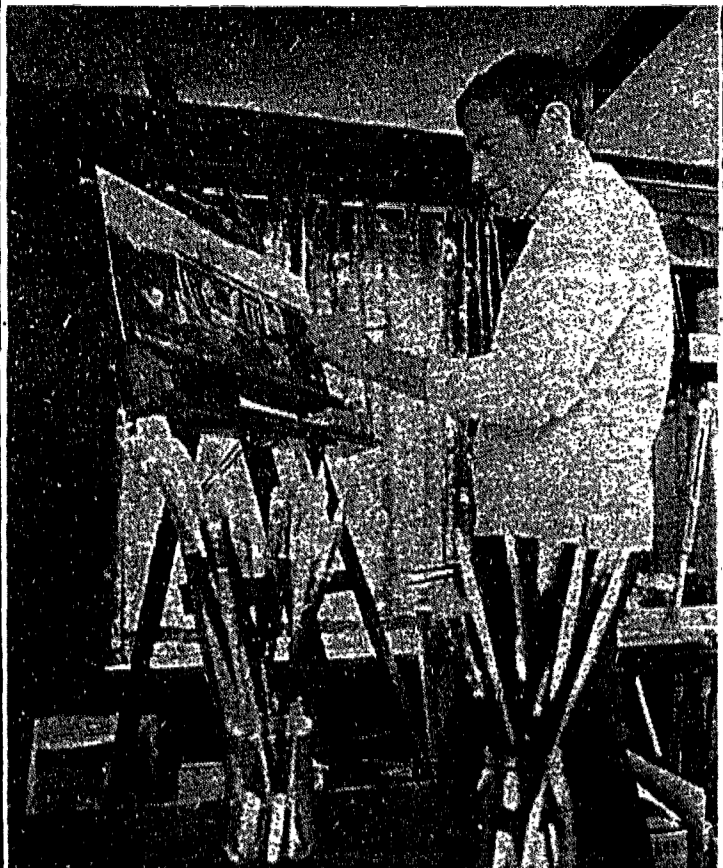


FANWOOD ARTISTS CHOSEN FOR CRANFORD EXHIBIT



Fanwood artists Pem Dunn (above) and S. Allyn Schaeffer are two of four distinguished New Jersey artists to be featured in "Tetrad" - an exhibit of over 40 paintings and sculptures at a Cranford Gallery. See story on the techniques and achievements of these artists on page 8.

LOCAL STUDENTS ARE ACADEMY NOMINEES

Five Scotch Plains-Fanwood students are among 40 Union County residents nominated by Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo, R-N.J., to compete for vacancies at U.S. service academies in 1979.

Neil Clark, 25 Glenwood Road, Fanwood, has been nominated for the military academy at West Point; Lawrence J. Fahey, 150 North Avenue, Fanwood, and Robert L. Gross, Jr., 381 Acacia Road, Scotch Plains, for the Naval Academy in Annapolis; and David W. Haggerty, 112 Hunter Avenue, Fanwood and James A. Sweet, 2656 Crest Lane, Scotch Plains, for the Merchant Marine Academy.

Rinaldo said his nominations were based on college tests scores of the applicants.

Final appointments to fill vacancies allocated to the 12th Congressional District will be made by the academies following their evaluation of the candidates' college entrance examination results, their academic and extracurricular records in secondary schools, and their potential for careers as officers in the armed services.

CHARITY GROUPS: NEED FUNDS? ASK SERVICE LEAGUE

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League is now requesting all local charitable organizations in Fanwood and Scotch Plains to submit their applications for a possible donation.

Profits raised during the year from the Thrift Shop are donated each year in May to local organizations.

A letter with complete information on your organization should be submitted and mailed to the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League c/o The Thrift Shop, 1742 E. Second Street, Scotch Plains. The deadline for all applications is March 14, 1979.

CANDLE DIPPING DEMONSTRATED



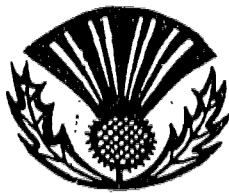
Alice Rogerson will demonstrate hand-dipped candles at Cannonball House this Sunday (see story, page 5.)

OWNERS MUST PROVIDE HEAT!

Scotch Plains Township Health Officer, Richard Proctor reminds tenants that pursuant to Scotch Plains Ordinance, all buildings designed to be occupied as residence by more than two families, and where the landlord has agreed to supply heat, every unit of dwelling space and every habitable room shall be maintained at least at 70° between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. throughout the year.

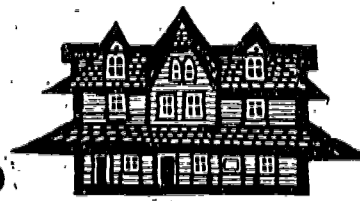
Tenants are advised to contact their landlords if problems arise. If no relief is obtained from the landlord, the Townships Health Officer or Building Inspector may be notified.

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Trenton details budget cuts backs towns on hidden salary \$

A subcommittee of representatives from the Board of Education and the Councils of Scotch Plains and Fanwood planned to meet on Tuesday of this week to discuss school budget cuts. The three bodies involved in the school budget cut dispute have now received a detailed analysis of a state Department of Education hearing officer, listing his recommendations regarding the \$572,000 cut from the budget by the Councils last spring. The hearing officer, August Thomas, will recommend to Commissioner of Education Fred Burke that \$366,000 of the \$572,000 be restored to the school district for thorough and efficient operation of schools here this year.

The combined Councils had cited twelve different areas of the 1978-79 school budget wherein they felt economies could be effected. Thomas agreed with the Council's position in five of the twelve areas. In seven other cut areas, he agreed with the Board of Education that monies were required by the district.

In the fuel oil account, Councils sought to trim \$55,000, in electricity they asked for a \$49,000 cut, in sabbaticals the Councils asked for removal of \$16,000 and in miscellaneous objects, \$60,000. Thomas generally agreed, restoring only a small portion - \$1,740 in the fuel oil account.

In arguments before Thomas, the Board of Education had conceded that

these programs were deliberately over-budgeted so that the Board would be in a position to negotiate on salaries, hiding funds for expected salary agreements in these accounts rather than to disclose the total amount

budgeted for salary increases. Thomas noted that the practice of "hiding" salary money in other accounts has "the unjustified effect of misleading the electorate when they vote on the budget as advertised," but also

noted that when salary negotiations extend far into a new school year, such a method is understandable and may be the only way to set aside raise money without disclosure of exact amount.

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Even horses need winter coats!



Photo by Louise A.

Temperatures plunged this week...and even the horses in their Martine Avenue pasture took to warm winter coats, to ward off chill and winds.

Fanwood squad delivers baby!

For years, Fanwood Borough Council meetings included detailed reports from the Borough Board of Health. Among the statistics

reeled off, month after month, was: Births in Town. None. Why, of course, None. Everybody knew there are no hospitals in Fanwood, so how

could there be any "Birth in Town?"

But there was...this week. Six members of the Fanwood Rescue Squad were the proud delivery team, at the birth of a seven pound, 14 ounce baby girl on Tuesday afternoon. The girl, who had not yet been named, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Johnson of 414 North Avenue. Joanne Johnson didn't exactly plan to have her baby at home. It just so happened that she didn't quite make it to the hospital.

Responding to her call were Larry Andrews, Hope Walton, Jack Kenyon, Barbara Miller, Joan Dugan and John Otis. Dealing as they do, day to day, with injuries, accidents and heart attacks, the baby's birth was a pleasant assignment. Joan Dugan described the experience as "just beautiful." A team of nurses and a doctor were on standby at Muhlenberg Hospital, awaiting the arrival of mother and child, following the birth. "We done good!" the squad members proudly announced as they arrived at

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What are your 1979 municipal taxes?

The Scotch Plains township Council has introduced its 1979 municipal budget. The budget for municipal purposes represents a two-point tax increase, from 61 cents in 1978 to 63 cents in 1979, and would have an \$8 per year impact on property taxes on a home assessed at \$40,000. A public hearing will be scheduled in March.

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.....	\$4,364,337.
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES.....	751,626.
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$5,115,963.
LESS GEN'L. REVENUES AND RECEIPTS FROM DELINQUENT TAXES.....	3,287,458.
TAXES TO BE RAISED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.....	\$1,828,504

Fanwood:

Fanwood Borough Council introduced its 1979 budget at a special meeting on Saturday, February 10, with a public hearing to be set for March. The budget represents a 13-point tax increase for municipal purposes, with a corresponding 18 percent increase in taxes required to support municipal services. Explaining the increase, officials noted the sound financial basis of the borough, but indicated that the "well has run dry" with regard to surpluses applicable to defraying taxes for the operating budget, they had only \$150,000 in surplus from the assessment trust surplus, and \$53,000 remaining in the capital surplus. The budget reflects a jump from 77 to 90 tax points for municipal purposes. Taxes on a home assessed at \$40,000 will increase by \$52 for 1979.

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.....	\$1,533,212
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES.....	180,000
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$1,713,212
LESS GENERAL REVENUES AND RECEIPTS FROM DELINQUENT TAXES.....	905,669
TAXES TO BE RAISED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.....	807,543