

**80 YEARS IN THE SAME  
SCOTCH PLAINS HOME**



Marion Clark is a wellspring of information on the history of the Scotch Plains area. She's lived in the same home here for eight decades. Read her story, page 5.

**DOG LICENSES ARE OVERDUE.**

Scotch Plains Township Clerk Helen Reidy reminds dog owners that January 31 was the deadline for registering dogs for 1979. Any owner without a license is overdue. All dogs six months old or over must be licensed. Licenses may be obtained at the Office of the Township Clerk, Municipal Building, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily on weekdays. Licenses may also be obtained by mail. Send \$3.50 to Township Clerk, Municipal Building, Scotch Plains, with fee of \$3.50 per dog and self-addressed envelope. Fill out application below:

Name of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Breed of Dog \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hair (long or short) \_\_\_\_\_ Color & Markings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Vaccination Expires (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

No 1979 license will be issued without Proof of Rabies Vaccination. Anyone owning, keeping or harboring any unlicensed dog will be subject to summons and fine.

**SEEKING SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

The Scotch Plains Recreation is seeking nominations for its first annual Senior Citizen of the Year Award. Presentations to the female and male winners will be made at the Commission's May 14 Public Meeting. All Scotch Plains Civic Organizations, Churches, Clubs and individuals are invited to submit their nominations to the Recreation Commission where necessary forms are available. Members of the Committee are David Johnson, Chairman, Mrs. Agnes Caldwell, David Chazewski, and Arnold Stewart.

**IN AUTHENTIC JAPANESE STYLE.**



The first graders at School 1 completed their study of Japan by participating in a Japanese Tea Ceremony last week. Maiumi Tsuji of New Providence was invited to explain the ritual and customs involved. The children also ate traditional cookies and cakes. Pictured are Aline Tassitano and Sandra Anilo with Ms. Tsuji.

**PLAN EVENT FOR WOMEN**

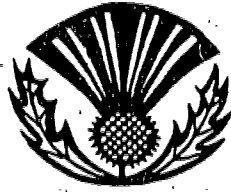
Final preparations are in the planning for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains' first annual Women's Weekend away. The women will travel to Camp Greenhill in Hugonut, New York Friday evening, May 6 and return Sunday afternoon May 8th.

The weekend is designed to meet a variety of interests and needs of women. For those wanting physical activity an assortment of things are planned from hiking to aerobics to group volleyball to tennis. Others may enjoy cards or reading in the lounge area of our cottage.

For all a low calorie menu is planned to help meet our goal for summer clothes. Evening activities are planned with group discussions, informal gatherings and being with others.

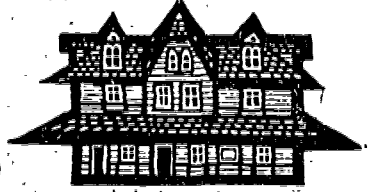
For further information or to register call 889-8880. Come alone or in a group, all women are welcome.

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## Juveniles apprehended in several Plains burglaries

During the past month, seven juveniles have been apprehended in Scotch Plains on charges of breaking and entry. All seven have been local residents, generally ranging in age from 14 to 16. The pattern - youths breaking and entering in their own community, oftentimes in their immediate neighborhood, is not a phenomenon, but a common occurrence, according to Sergeant Ron Donnelly of the

Scotch Plains Detective Bureau.

Donnelly issued a warning to homeowners to be alert to activities of youths seen in their neighborhoods. One of the local apprehensions was attributed by Donnelly to an observant citizen, aided by the effective action of a police officer.

The seven January apprehensions included one youth arrested for three "B & E's" on the north side, two

youths apprehended "in progress" on another northside "B & E" and four juveniles apprehended for breaking into a junior high.

Of the 12,000 "B & E" apprehensions made in the state of New Jersey last year, 7,000 were juveniles, Donnelly said. A total of 35 percent of all reportable serious crimes in the state were burglaries, he added. Why were one-third more juveniles than adults apprehended for "B &

E's?" Because juveniles customarily operate at home, where there is more opportunity for investigators to catch them, Donnelly notes. There's a greater chance a juvenile will eventually make a mistake and be caught, whereas many adults operate at a distance, and have more opportunity to leave the area, eluding investigators.

The Scotch Plains police have additional juvenile suspects now under investigation. The juveniles generally confine their theft only to cash, he said, and might occasionally steal a piece of jewelry that catches their fancy, "something they might give a girlfriend," Donnelly said.

While he does not want to make adults suspicious of their neighborhood youth, "the truth of the matter is that most 'B & E's' in the last several months have been committed by juveniles," Donnelly said. The housewife at home all day should be attuned to movements of teenagers, he warned. "If it's a school day and you see a youth wandering around when you think he should be in school, or if you see someone cutting through your yard, give us a call. Let us find out why he's not in school." Donnelly said.

## Board, Councils plan to challenge restoration

The Board of Education and the combined Councils of Scotch Plains and Fanwood plan to file exceptions to the findings of a state hearing officer's recommendations regarding the 1978-79 school budget cut. Leonia Reilly, President of the Board, said this week that the Board planned to register exceptions to the officer's recommendation for restoration of only \$366,000 of the \$572,616 cut by the Councils.

The \$366,000 restoration is not yet a finality. The hearing officer's evaluation, received here last week, goes to State Commissioner of Education Fred Burke, who will consider it along with the exceptions filed by both the Board of Education and the Councils. He will then render a final decision. Burke is scheduled to make a decision by February 27 on requests from school districts throughout the state on requests for exemptions from the state cap limitations on next year's school budgets.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood is

one of the districts requesting cap exemptions. In the local case, the Board asks for a waiver allowing next year's tax impact to be set at \$933,000 above the allowable limit. The restoration of funds to the current year's budget impacts upon the cap situation, since whatever funds are restored reduce the amount of cap waiver requested.

Three representatives each from Councils and Board have met informally over the past week, to discuss the restoration recommendation. Last week, the Fanwood Borough Council approved a resolution indicating willingness to accept restoration. In discussion at the Council meeting, members of the Fanwood governing body indicated that they had been willing to add another \$47,000 to the \$366,000 recommended for restoration. It was the analysis of the Council representatives that an additional \$47,000 would have permitted reinstatement of all jobs threatened by layoffs by

April 3, and would have restored all extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the current year - concerns requested repeatedly by students, staff and parents. However, in return for an OK on an additional \$47,000, the Fanwood Council wanted assurances from the Board that the Board would accept such a decision and not seek more fund restoration from Trenton. Council members said this condition was unacceptable to the Board. Councilman Art Lundgren, one of the Fanwood representatives in

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## Snowstorm brings holiday fun



Combine a holiday from school and snow on the ground. It spells fun for kids. Here, two daredevils test their skills on a hill at Elm Avenue in Fanwood.

## Student found dead of gunshot wound

Joseph Curtis Person, a 16-year old junior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, was found dead at the Elizabethtown Water Company reservoir property on Jerusalem Road on Sunday. Police reported that they were summoned to the site at 3:57 p.m., after a youth, sleigh-riding with two companions, discovered the body.

Person was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Person of 540 Rolling Peaks Way, a street of new homes adjacent to the reservoir property. He was last seen by his family at approximately 3:30 Friday afternoon, during a discussion of his report card. He

left to get mail and never returned. His absence was reported to police at 6:00 on Saturday, when a missing persons report was issued.

Police reported that the coroner's report attributed death to a gunshot wound in the head. A gun, which had been owned by the youth's father, was found at the site. The body was removed to Higgins Home for Funerals.

Scotch Plains Police Chief Michael Rossi said that at this point in the investigation, there is no indication that any foul play was involved. The investigation at this point is incomplete and is being continued.