

CO-OP NURSERY OPEN HOUSE IS MARCH 4th



Nursery students in Mrs. Lou Ann Lottmann's class at Redeemer Lutheran School, Westfield, will show off their freshly decorated classroom and some of their activities at an "Open House" every morning next week, March 5-9. Prospective parents and their children are invited to come to the school entrance for information before proceeding to the room. The kindergarten, under the direction of Mrs. Shirley Carpenter, will also be open for observation. There is no registration fee for the nursery program. Applications for next fall are being accepted now.

RECREATION WRESTLERS WIN COUNTY TOURNEY

The Scotch Plains Recreation Wrestling Team won the Union County Junior Wrestling League Tournament for the second consecutive year last Saturday at Roosevelt Junior High in Westfield. The Scotch Plains team had a team total of 126 points, which was 24 more than that of Cranford-the runner-up with 102 points. Union was third in the 16 team event, while New Providence and Roselle Park finished fourth and fifth respectively. Scotch Plains was paced by the outstanding performances of Ralph Sorrentino, Bill Wilkins, John Daidone and Dave Ridge.

The team is now preparing itself for the upcoming A.A.U. District Meet which will be held in Scotch Plains on March 10th and 11th at the High School. Coaches for the Scotch Plains Recreation Wrestling Team are: Harry Wowchuck, and Mike Sorrentino.

Also, plans are under way for the Wrestling Awards Dinner to be held on March 31st at the Scotch Hills Country Club, commencing at 7:00 p.m. For further information, contact Chairperson Mary Sorrentino at 322-8930.

RECREATION GROUP PLANS FOR SPRING

The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission is busy preparing for the upcoming Spring Activities and Leagues. Registrations are still being accepted for the Commission's Baseball Program for the following grade levels: Minor -4-5 Grade; Major-6-7 Grade; Sr. Major-8-9-10 Grade.

Also, Girl's Softball League are accepting registrations in the following grades: Elementary-5-6 Grade; Jr. High-7-8-9 Grade; High School-10-11 Grade.

Upcoming special events include the Annual Wildlife Poster Contest, Jr. Olympics, Self-Fitness Program, Fishing Derby, Easter Egg Hunt, Tennis Tournament, Wildlife Festival and a new Pitch, Hit & Run Contest. There will be more specific information in this column in the weeks ahead. Applications for Scotch Hill Golf Memberships as well as Tennis Memberships.

MANY "OPENED A NEW DOOR" AT PJH



Harold Volz gears up for a ten-mile commuter trip. Mr. Volz was one of several experts who donated time last night to share enthusiasms and teach others. The Program was, "Open a New Door"- a one-night free adult school sponsored by Park Junior High PTA. Among the offerings were: "The First Three Minutes- what you can do to save a life," Speed reading, Bike Commuting and Day tripping, Chinese cooking, Bread baking, How to do more by taking it easy, Between parents and teenagers, Calligraphy, Skin care, Overview of Disco, Clay Working and Golf.



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Funds sought to avoid the demolition of Carriage House

by Joan Monahan

A small but lovely example of Victorian architecture may soon be lost in Fanwood, unless "angels" can be found to save it. The building in question is the tiny, gingerbread style Carriage House, located on the Slocum property at 95 North Martine Avenue.

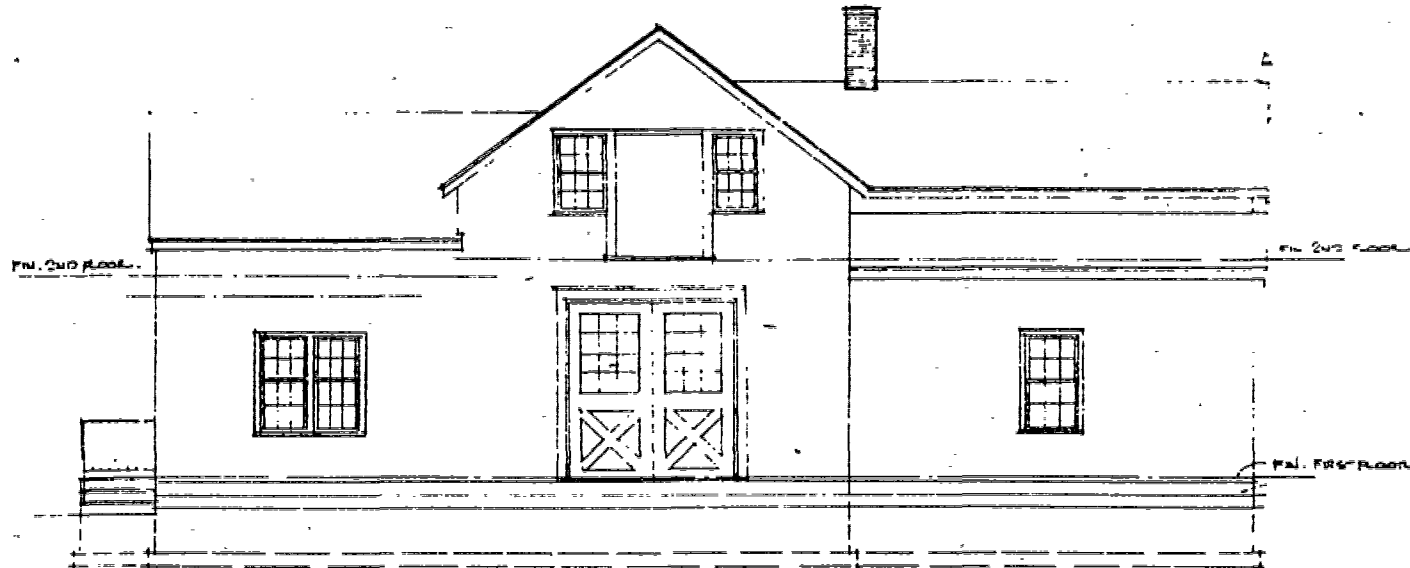
Although the Borough Council authorized demolition of the main Slocum House on the site to make way for a new municipal building, the Carriage House was to be saved and restored. In fact, Fanwood applied for and received a grant from HUD Community Development funds for restoration.

HUD funds total \$26,000. Fanwood had planned to contribute \$28,100. However, when architect Richard Berry took an in-depth look, the figures exceeded the combined HUD-Fanwood total. Berry provided estimates for "low, medium, high" conversion costs. The "medium" figure, which would provide a

satisfactory restoration, would be \$62,000- or \$8,000 more than Fanwood had planned.

A decision by Council is anticipated in March. Councilwoman Patricia Kuran, among others, would very much like to see the building saved- but Fanwood finds it

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Above, architect Richard Berry's plans for the Carriage House. Right, the Carriage House today-boarded up and run-down.



Tyson resigns from administration post

Dr. Perry Tyson, who has been with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district in various administrative posts since 1965, had submitted his resignation to the Board of Education. Tyson's resignation will be effective in July. He is leaving for health reasons.

He spent his initial year working with staff on the plans for the extension to the school. The end result brought "a tremendous facility and the opportunity for the kind of program that could offer a most exciting educational experience for

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In his 14 years with the local district, Dr. Tyson has been the stalwart, amidst a host of administrative changes and personnel turnovers. Tyson came to the district as Assistant Principal of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1965 at the invitation of Superintendent Paul Rossi. He became high school principal a year later, succeeding Mr. Adams in the position, which he held through 1972, during the years of heavy population increases and expansion of schools here. In 1972, he was named to his present post, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, succeeding retiring Henry Bluhm.

Tyson's first year here, as principal-elect, was a particularly rewarding one, he said, for he was not assigned the responsibility of operating and managing the high school, but was instead on special assignment to plan the expansion of facilities at

Issues budget message

"The 1979 Municipal Budget, in my judgement, reflects the conservative guidelines implemented by the Township Council," Mayor Alan Augustine said this week, in a message to the taxpayers of Scotch Plains. He noted that the proposed budget, which represents a tax increase of two cents per hundred of assessed valuation, will maintain levels of service in all areas except the police department, where Council has fulfilled commitment for increased manpower.

The budget was introduced on February 6. A public hearing is scheduled for March 6 at 8:30 p.m.

According to Augustine, the tax increase means an \$8:00 annual increase for a home assessed at \$40,000, a

\$16.00 annual increase for a home assessed at \$80,000. It is important to note that assessed valuation is considerably lower than market valuation, and that most homes in Scotch Plains fall somewhere between the \$40,000 and \$80,000 figures, Augustine notes.

The Township tax rate is a small portion (7.7 percent) of the total tax dollar, Augustine pointed out. While current estimates of the

school and county taxes are very preliminary and will not be finalized until April, information currently available indicates that the school taxes will increase from \$2.83 to \$3.28 and the county rate will increase from \$.72 to \$.77.

Augustine has issued an invitation to any citizen to attend the public hearing and to express opinions on the budget. "At that time, you, the individual taxpayer, will have an opportunity to make your views known to us on the Council. It is only by your appearance and expression of your point of view that the Council can better substantiate the decisions that have to be made," the Mayor concluded.

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