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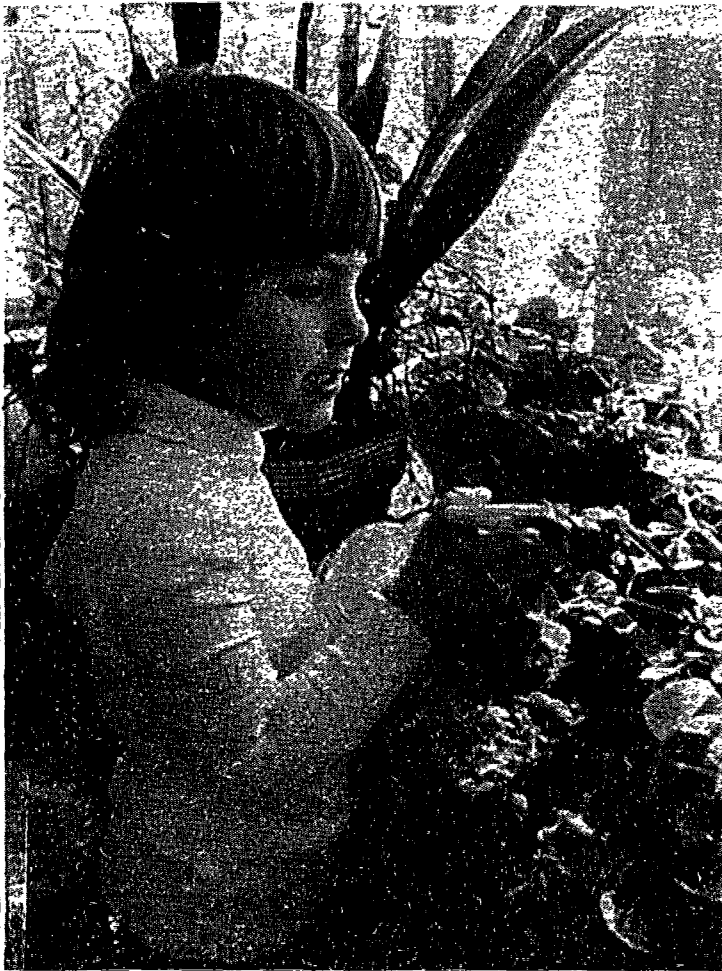
Elvis Presley is coming to Scotch Plains-Fanwood. More accurately, Tony Grova, star of the "Memories of Elvis" touring production will give a benefit performance at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on Saturday, April 21 for the *Fanscotian*, the school's weekly newspaper.

Grova, former Broadway understudy, in "Elvis: The Legend Lives", is now touring the country in the "Memories of Elvis" show, which will be taken to Broadway this summer.

The *Fanscotian* will be forced to cease publication for the rest of the year unless the needed funds to continue publication are provided. The newspaper consistently won national awards for overall excellence.

There will be two shows at 8 pm and 10 pm. Tickets will be \$4.00 in advance and can be ordered through the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School office, 889-8600. Tickets at the door will be \$4.50.

IT'S CHILD'S WEEK IN NEW JERSEY



This young lady admiring festive spring plants is one of the hundreds of New Jersey youngsters who'll celebrate The Week of the Child — March 31 through April 7. Special festivities of appeal to kids will be offered at Murray Hill Square this weekend. See page 3 for details.

COLOR GUARD TOPS IN NEW JERSEY

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Color Guard Squad competed in the Garden State Open Championships at North Bergen High School on Saturday, March 24, securing the first place trophy for the third consecutive year. Performing to the theme from "Superman", the nine-woman squad earned an impressive 83.8 point score, substantially leading in the competition.

In addition to winning the first place team trophy, Teresa Sullivan captured the plaque for best captain in the competition, a newly initiated prize.

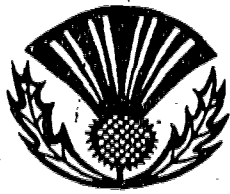
The squad, under the leadership of Mrs. Geri Ascolese, has maintained an excellent standing in this state-wide competition. During the past thirteen years of the competition, SPFHS Color Guard Squad has held three consecutive first place awards. Congratulations for an outstanding achievement go to: senior and squad captain, Teresa Sullivan; seniors Christa Gibbons, Kelly Brown, Jean Marie Kammerer, Patty Russo, and Launa Sachkowsky; and to juniors Kathy Lynch, Sue Soprano, and Wendy Lestarchick.

EASTER PARADE OF YORE AT CANNONBALL

A display of Easter finery worn in by-gone years may be seen at Cannonball House Museum, 1840 Front Street, Scotch Plains on Sunday, April 8 from 2 to 4 pm. The Historical Society of Scotch Plains-Fanwood, which maintains the 1730 museum house, has an extensive collection of period costumes. During the Bi-Centennial year, many of these costumes were used in a fashion show depicting clothing styles in our national over the past 200 years.

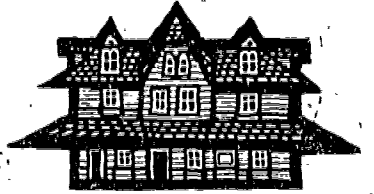
Sunday's exhibit will include fashions from the 18th and 19th centuries modeled by Mrs. Nancy Gard, Mrs. D. Geddis, Mrs. Peg Barthelme and Mrs. Marge Elliott. Mrs. Gard will be wearing a 1790 bustle-back soft brown wool outfit trimmed with brown velvet embroidery, and she will also be wearing a matching hat. Mrs. Barthelme will model a well-tailored natural linene suit of the 1910 period. Many other costumes with tiny waists and elaborate lace and embroidery trim will be exhibited on dress forms. In addition, appropriate accessories such as beaded bags, feathered and lace-trimmed bonnets and high button shoes will be displayed.

The public is cordially invited to this "Easter Parade". The museum will be closed on Easter Sunday, but will be open again on April 22 featuring a collection of majolica ware.



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Voters approve 1979-1980 school budget, 1576 to 1254

Voters went to the polls in relatively higher numbers than they have in recent years, to approve the proposed 1979-80 school budget by a vote of 1,576 to 1,254. The approval represents only the third budget victory here in a decade. The budget also passed in 1972 and 1976. Only two of the 11 voting districts registered more "nays" than "ayes" — districts 1 and 2 voting at Park Junior High School in Scotch Plains. In Fanwood, every voting district registered more favorable than negative votes.

"For once, we can focus upon the quality of education here," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robert Howlett. He expressed a desire to improve the instructional program, and was grateful that administrators can now turn their attention in that direction after a year of concentration on budgetary numbers.

The victory follows a year

of budgetary hassles over last year's school budget — resolved only two weeks ago. That budget had been in contention at various levels of government since its defeat last spring.

The total "yes" vote was 1041 in Scotch Plains, 528 in Fanwood on the current expense portion of the budget.

The "no" votes were 757 in Scotch Plains, 492 in Fanwood.

A public question on sale of Essex Road property also was approved by the electorate 1,557 to 984.

Four new Board of Education members won seats on the Board in an unopposed election. Edwafd

Spack, who now serves as vice president of the Board, will assume the unexpired two-year term of Andy Pastor, who has resigned due to a move. Paul Smith, Dorothy Ericsson were elected to three-year terms from Scotch Plains, and Peter Rogalin was seated in Fanwood.

Seek townhouse approval for Old School One site

Makor, Inc., the successful bidder when Old School One went up for public sale three years ago, is back before the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment with an application for a variance to permit townhouse construction on the school land. The latest application proposes 37 luxury-class townhouse units, 26 with one bedroom and den, another 11 with two bedrooms.

A variance would be required on three counts. The current zoning laws permit a density of 12 bedrooms per acre, whereas "Forest Park," as the complex is called, would have 21 bedrooms per acre. The proposed buildings have a maximum of 13 units per building. If they were considered garden apartments, they would conform to zoning standards, which allow 16 units per building.

However current zoning restrictions on "townhouses" restrict units per building to six.

On a third count, the proposed buildings would cover 23 percent of the 2.28-acre site, whereas zoning allows 20 percent lot coverage.

The "Forest Park" townhouses would be rental units, with current rental Continued on page 17.

Scotch Plains Council appoints Mitzner as Township attorney

Michael Mitzner was appointed as Township Attorney for Scotch Plains this week, following the resignation of Lewis Markowitz from the post. Mitzner had been serving as Assistant Township Attorney since January. Douglas Hansen was appointed to the Assistant Attorney post to replace Mitzner.

Markowitz's resignation was accepted with regret by the Council members. Mayor Alan Augustine said that recognition of Markowitz's efforts will be forthcoming at the next meeting of the Township Council. Markowitz, who was named by the former Democratic Council, served for four years and three months. He said the demands of his legal practice dictated the resignation. He had been requested to remain for a three-month interim period by the Republicans, when they assumed control of the Council in January.

In other actions, the Township Council gave final approval to eight ordinances. Two — an ordinance allocating \$62,000 for improvement of facilities at Jerseyland Park, and an ordinance providing \$119,800 for reconstruction of Richmond Street and Sims

Avenue — represent funding grants from Community Development funds, represent no outlay of local funds. Park improvements will include a field house, parking lot, playground equipment and drainage. The street improvements will include pavement, storm

sewers, sanitary sewers and utilities.

A total of \$26,000 for various road and sidewalk improvements was approved. Another ordinance set \$30,000 for storm drainage along the east branch of the Green Brook. Councilman Larry Newcomb pointed out

that the storm drainage improvements will further improve the flooding situation in a problem area of Scotch Plains, in the vicinity of Route 22.

Council appropriated \$57,000 for equipment for the Department of Public Properties and the Fire Department, and another \$7,000 for park equipment. The final ordinance approved establishes a four-ton weight limitation on Flanders Avenue and Sycamore Avenue.

Local nuns featured in exhibit



The Filipino Nuns have manned classrooms at St. Bartholomew's School here since the school began more than a quarter of a century ago. Back in the early days, there were more nun faculty members than there are today. At one point through the years, local professional photographer Joe DeCaro of Scotch Plains snapped a picture of a group of the Filipino nuns, making their way across the school property during a raging snowstorm. The photo will be included in his exhibit, now showing at Caldwell College in Caldwell, N.J. through April 30. It's entitled "Filipino Nuns, Scotch Plains."