

## BICYCLE RODEO, REGISTRATION

On Saturday, May 19th, the Scotch Plains Bicycle Safety Committee will sponsor a Bicycle Rodeo and Special Bicycle Registration at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building parking lot and at the Coles School playground. The rodeo and registration, which will start at 10 a.m. and last until approximately noon, is being held at two locations as a convenience to students and adults who live on both sides of the community. Fanwood students are also invited to participate in the rodeo, and a special table will be set up at both locations for Fanwood Bicycle Registration. Scotch Plains registration is free; Fanwood registration is 50¢. The Scotch Plains Fanwood Optimist Club, the Fanwood Police Auxiliary, and the PTA Safety Council will be assisting with the rodeos.

## CYO PLAYERS REHEARSE



The CYO Players of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will present "The Man Who Came to Dinner" over the coming weekend. Here, two cast members rehearse. For details on the Player's presentation, see page 13.

## SEEK OLDEST VETERAN

The veteran groups of Scotch Plains and Fanwood are searching for the oldest living veteran in our municipalities, so that the towns can honor him at the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.

If anyone knows of a World War I veteran over 82 years old residing in either Scotch Plains or Fanwood, please contact a member of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post #10122 or The American Legion Post #209 or call Frank Chupko Jr. during the day at 756-4794 or evenings at 322-5722.

## SPFHS SETS CONCERT DATE

The sweet sounds of spring will be flowing through the Scotch Plains Fanwood High School Auditorium as the choir presents its annual Spring Concert, on Friday, May 18.

Beginning at 8:15 p.m., under the direction of Robert Brown, the concert choir will present their rendition of such works as Richard Wagner's Choral and Finale, from "Die Meistersinger," and Annie's Song, by John Denver. Las Cantadoras will sing Beloved Night, by A. Jordan and the select chorus will perform Up, Up and Away, by J. Webb.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$1.00. Proceeds will go to the Joseph M. Checchio Scholarship Fund.

## EXHIBITS AT SALMAGUNDI

Bobbi Adams, a Fanwood Native long active in environmental and art circles here, has been chosen to exhibit an oil painting in the prestigious Salmagundi Club, the oldest professional art club in America. It is only the second time in 109 years that the Salmagundi Club has held a Non-Members Open Jury Exhibition. Works of art were submitted from every state in the nation.

Ms. Adams now lives in Bishopville, South Carolina, where she moved following her 1976 marriage to Hal Austin of Bishopville. She is a member of the South Carolina Artists Guild, Artists Guild of Columbia, Dutch Fork Art Association, Sumter Art Association and Gallery, and Camden Art Association, all in South Carolina. She also teaches at the Fine Arts Center in Bishopville, and taught an art course at the Richland School of Arts in Columbia.

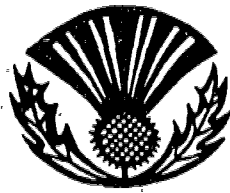
Ms. Adams is the daughter of former Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School principal Robert Adams and Mrs. Adams. She initiated and prepared the Environmental resources Inventory of Fanwood, was active on the Borough Environmental Commission and taught nature courses at the Watchung Reservation.

## DEDICATION OF NEW FANWOOD MUNICIPAL BUILDING, MAY 28th

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## Citizens back effort to preserve Old School One

As a group of private citizens scurry to man a last-minute preservation effort, the Board of Adjustment tonight takes up the question of the future of Old School One - the district's oldest school building, designed by Stanford White, of the prestigious architectural firm on McKim, Meade and White. An application is before the Board of Adjustment for a variance which would permit construction of 39 townhouses on the Park Avenue site, necessitating demolition of the school, which is now listed on both state and national Historic Sites registers.

Although the local Historical Society has not had an opportunity to meet in advance of tonight's Board of Adjustment meeting, several society members have written to the full membership, urging their participation in efforts to preserve the building. Judy Terry and Neva Sachar, the original signatories of the letter to the historians, urge their fellow members to insist that the Board turn down the application for the variance. (Their letter appears on page 4.)

Among the points made by Terry and Sachar is the need for the current owner, the Board of Education, to seek approval of the New Jersey Historic Sites Council before any moves are made regarding sale of the school. Grace Hagerdorn, who serves on the Historic Sites Council, outlined her interpretation of laws applicable to historic sites.

According to Mrs. Hagerdorn, the state register law requires that whenever any encroachment is planned by a governmental agency on a state-listed historic site, an encroachment application must be filed with the Department of Environmental

Protection, asking for permission to carry out the encroachment. A "sale" falls within the listing of possible encroachments, she said.

Such an application is referred by the Commissioner of the D.E.P. to the New Jersey Historic Sites Council for advice, with the final decision resting with the Commissioner. If Makor, Inc., the prospective developer of the townhouses, owned the land, the register law would not apply to him as a private owner. However, at present, the Board of Education is the owner of record.

The Board of Education offered the old school in public auction three years ago. Makor, Inc. was the successful bidder at \$180,000, with an option to buy, contingent upon the obtaining of a variance to build.

After the public auction, Makor, Inc. applied to the Board of Adjustment for a variance for apartments on the site. However, the initial application was withdrawn following entry of the Scotch Plains Township Council into the picture.

The Scotch Plains Senior Citizen Housing Committee was the only other bidder at auction, losing to Makor. The Committee wanted to construct a senior citizen housing complex on the land in question - one of several sites suggested in a study of potential locations for such housing. Last year, the Township Council initiated condemnation proceedings to acquire the land for the senior citizen use.

At the time of auction, the school was not listed on any historic registers. The application for historic consideration, and the resultant placement of the school on the registers, came during the discussions and initiation of

condemnation action, laws ban governmental funding the possibility of NJFHA and/or HUD funding for the complex. Federal involvement in situations which would Continued on page 2

## Will Mayor T. Trumpp swim for the money?



MacDonald's, the Big Mac emporium, has challenged Fanwood Mayor Ted Trumpp to don bathing suit and swim a lap or more, in the name of Muscular Dystrophy. Fanwood Councilman Art Lundgren, who is active in the forthcoming Muscular Dystrophy Swim-a-thon to be held at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA pool, brought the swimming challenge to Trumpp during last week's Council session.

MacDonald's will pledge \$25 for Trumpp's efforts. Additional sponsors may join the Trumpp roster of

supporters, pledging any amount they choose per lap. Lundgren said he plans to swim, and urged all the Council members to dive in in behalf of the worthy cause. All profits will be sent to the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"A lap isn't the length of the pool, it's the width," Lundgren told the Mayor. "You can even walk across it if you want. The only thing you can't do is walk on the water." Applications for sponsors are available at the Fanwood Borough Hall.

## Remove 500 lbs. of news from Fanwood storm sewer

The Fanwood Public Works Department removed between 400 and 500 pounds of newspapers from a drainage ditch at the Woodland - Oakwood intersection during routine sewer cleaning operations. Fanwood Borough Council members expressed concern over the depositing of newspapers in the storm sewers, and noted that deliveries of bulk newspapers are now being made at convenient corners, where

newsboys come to pick up their papers for delivery. In past years, the papers to be delivered had been deposited at private homes.

The Council established cost to the borough for cleaning out sewers and carting the papers to the borough Ecological Center, and plans to bill the Courier News and the Elizabeth Daily Journal \$50 each for the effort. These newspapers were identified in the sewer cleanout.

"I do not think borough money should be spent cleaning up after publishing companies," Mayor Ted Trumpp said. The Council would like to act to end the practice of depositing bundles of papers on corners, awaiting newsboy pickup. Councilman Art Lundgren noted that the newspapers clog the sewers, and prevent runoff of flood waters.

Councilman Loren Hollembaek said the police department will soon submit

to Council a detailed report on the condition of the Terrill Road railroad overpass bridge. Hollembaek noted that, following the TIMES article on hazardous conditions on the bridge, Conrail spent a day repairing the Martine Avenue overpass, and two days on the Terrill Road bridge.

Robert Thiesing, Fanwood's representative to the County Transportation Committee, said he plans to bring the bridge to the immediate attention of the committee, and will seek action "post haste" on the matter.

Thiesing reported to Council on Conrail efforts to Continued on page 10