

HEY YOU IN THE GASOLINE LINES....

We've been spying, on you, as you sit there waiting for gasoline. We've observed driver after driver after driver, staring into space with absolutely nothing to do for an hour or more.

Dear drivers, there MUST be a better way to spend an hour or two!

TIMES staff members gathered together to come up with a list of suggestions. Next time you go to the pumps, Do something like....

- Take along your monthly bills and write checks (skip the bills for your gas credit card however, for fear of heart palpitations and soaring blood pressure.
- Go to the pumps in a tandem with a friend you never get to see enough of. By the time you get gas, you'll be caught up on enough chat and gossip for a year.
- Organize your recipe box.
- Bring album and photos, and update the family photo file. You can reminisce over those long-distance vacations your family used to take when gas was available.
- Get an instruction book and clean your own spark plugs, or tuneup your car.
- Bring window spray and wash the car windows (Heaven knows, the attendants don't have time anymore). Also, clean your interior upholstery and polish your dashboard.
- Learn a few aerobic exercises, done in a seated position, and trim while you wait.
- Update your skirt hemlines (with the price of gasoline, you'll be wearing them again next year!)
- Figure out a solution, in the event that you may need a rest room while in the gasoline lines.
- Give yourself a manicure.
- Practice an appeal, in case the man approaches a car ahead of you with a "Last Car in Line" sign.
- Start to read "War and Peace" again.
- Buy a transformer and attach your TV to the cigarette lighter.
- Estimate savings from buying and stabling a horse.
- Establish a budget to enable you to pay for next year's fuel oil.
- Send "Wish you were here" postcards to friends in gas-plentiful areas.
- Count the typos in the TIMES.
- Be enterprising! Bring vats of cold drinks and homemade cookies and go into business on the lines.
- Send away to sign up for those envelope-addressing jobs and make money while you wait.
- Collect all those old magazines you've been meaning to sort.
- Write a letter to your President or Congressman - Asking Why?

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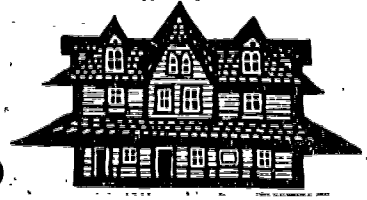
EARLY DEADLINE

- Due to the July 4th holiday, the TIMES will be printed on Tuesday, mailed on Thursday.
- DEADLINE - News and Ads: Monday, July 2, 12 Noon.



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Realtors render verdict on Plains real estate values

Scotch Plains Mayor Alan Augustine promised, in his January 1 inaugural, to consult realtors on the subject of the public image of Scotch Plains, and to make every effort to improve any areas where change might be indicated. Augustine did just that recently - holding a meeting with Council members and representatives of the Westfield Board of Realtors. The result? An indication that real estate values are strong and homes are very saleable. Realtors offered a few views on potential areas of improvement.

Representatives of realtors included Alice Stroehhle, president of the Westfield Board, Walter Eckert, who heads a real estate and appraisal firm in Westfield, and Scotch Plains realtors Pete Peterson and Frank Wiser.

Scotch Plains has emerged from a period of rather negative publicity, which occurred two years ago when the cheerleading crisis and Board of Education wrangling placed the community on

the front pages of daily newspapers in an unfavorable light. Today, the realtors were unanimous in an opinion that real estate is moving very well and the school system is very satisfactory.

According to one realtor, there is increasing interest in homes that are located in accessible locations, convenient to shopping and mass transit. Energy efficiency is also drawing more interest than

ever before, as home buyers seek respectable heating costs, good heating plants, insulation, etc.

Pete Peterson feels that the community could go a long way to improve itself. Continued on page 19

Ascolese steps up to head Raider varsity football team

Joe Ascolese, who has served as Assistant Varsity Football Coach at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High since 1974, steps up to the head coaching slot this fall. The Board of Education appointed Ascolese to the post during its regular monthly meeting last week.

Mr. Ascolese has been a Health and Physical Education teacher at the senior high school since 1974. His coaching duties have included assignments as Head Junior Varsity football coach and Defensive Coordinator of the varsity squad. He is Head Coach of the high school



JOE ASCOLESE

native, and received letters in football, baseball and basketball at Northern Valley Regional High in Old Tappan before he went to Buena Vista College in Iowa on an athletic scholarship.

At Buena Vista, he lettered in football for three years and in baseball for four years, serving as baseball co-captain. He holds a BA in Physical Education, Health and Biology from Buena Vista and a Master's in Physical Education from University of Northern Iowa. His first teaching experience was at Garrigan High in Iowa, where he was Head Baseball Coach, Assistant Head Junior Varsity Track Coach and Conditioning Coach. During the year he was acquiring his Master's at Northern Iowa, he was a Continued on page 12

Fuel oil projections bring gas conversions

As John Q. Public inches his way, foot by foot, toward the elusive gasoline supply, apparently gasoline isn't the only fuel source on his mind. Next winter's oil supply and the cost-per-gallon is on a lot of minds as well. The concern over heating costs is perhaps best exemplified by the community's largest heating oil consumer - the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district. It takes one lot of fuel oil to heat all those large school buildings, and Superintendent of School Dr. Robert Howlett is very concerned.

The school district paid 40-41 cents per gallon for its fuel oil last school year. Anticipating inflationary trends, administrators thought they were prepared for whatever might come, as they built an estimated 55-cents-per-gallon figure into the school budget for 1979-80. Now, knowledgeable national sources are projecting potential fuel oil prices of 80 cents per gallon by autumn, while prices at the moment are generally falling within the 72-cent range. Heat promises to impact strongly on everybody next winter - schools and homeowners alike.

"We customarily fill up the tanks for the school year around this time of year", Dr. Howlett said, "but we haven't been successful at all schools at the present time."

Many homeowners are looking for a way out...and many feel that way out may be a conversion to natural gas heat. According to John Marcelliano, Assistant to the Director of Public Relations and Advertising at Elizabethtown Gas Company our local source of natural gas, the "phones are ringing off the wall," with anxious customers inquiring about conversions to a different heating approach. "At the moment, we're putting callers in a hold situation and asking them to be patient. We have hundreds of inquiries," Marcelliano said.

During the period from March, 1978 to May, 1979, Elizabethtown added 2,000 new heating customers. In an average comparable period in company history, 1,200 new accounts would have represented a good sales record.

"Our experience is unbelievable to say the least," Marcelliano said. "People are requesting data on physical conversions of plants, availability of natural gas, and monthly heating costs." There are two approaches, he pointed out. Those who have relatively new oil furnaces - perhaps two to ten years old - may have them converted for natural gas by installation of Continued on page 12

winter track team and Boys' Intramural Director.

The new coach succeeds "Chuck" Meredith, who served here only a year before staff cuts necessitated his dismissal this spring. Ascolese is a New Jersey

It's summer in the parks



Summer comes officially with the opening of community park programs. Learning to braid a lanyard (above) is but one of the dozens of activities for kids. Photo by Reflections.