

VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY TAKES A VACATION

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Volunteer Resource Directory office located at the Board of Education offices on Plainfield Avenue has closed for the summer. The office will re-open in September when schools are in session. Hours will be 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Tuesdays and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Thursdays. Anyone planning programs for next year, who would like a copy of the directory, should contact Mrs. John Leppert, 233-3829.

FISH NEEDS HELP

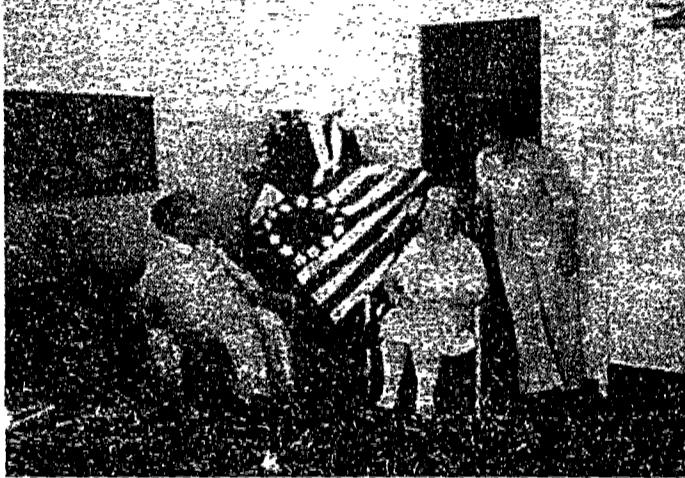
The local FISH organization serving Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, and Mountainside, could be forced to drastically curtail its services. For despite the generous financial support FISH receives from local organizations, and despite the yearly verbal support of our community leaders, the active new FISH volunteer is not readily forthcoming and this 24 hour service is struggling to meet the volume of calls it receives each day.

In an attempt to alleviate this situation, which has been made even more difficult by the recent gasoline restrictions, FISH announced a change over beginning July 1st from a 24 hr. service, to the more limited time of 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.. This totally volunteer organization regrets that when a few do the work of many, limitations such as these must result, and it is unfortunately the hundreds of citizens calling on FISH each year which will suffer.

FISH not only provides tangible services such as emergency transportation, food, clothes, baby sitting, etc., but the intangible services of warmth, encouragement, and emotional support in time of difficulty. The need is great for this assistance and the more hands available, the lesser the effort of each.

FISH cannot stress enough the sincerity of its plea for volunteers-be it 1 hour a week or 1 hour a month. If you are willing to give a little personal time to another call FISH now-233-8111. HELP US STAY AFLOAT!

BETSY ROSSES AT ASHBROOK



They are getting on in years, like America itself, so the residents of Ashbrook Nursing Home can be more dependent than independent nowadays.

But that didn't stop them from marking Independence Day in their own colorful fashion.

What they did--as a project of the nursing home's recreation department--was to play Betsy Ross and sew together strips of red, white and blue bunting into their own personal Old Glory.

The resident's handmade flag may be seen, together with a mannaquin Betsy Ross, at the nursing home, 1610 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

The Scotch Plains Public Library will be closed Saturdays during July and August. Summer hours are as follows: Monday through Thursday 9 A.M. to 9 P.M., Friday 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Saturday closed all day. The regular schedule will resume after Labor Day.

The Library plans special Wednesday Cartoon Programs for children from 3 through 11 and the running time will be from 2 to 2:45 P.M. Children 3 and 4 must be accompanied by an Adult. On July 11 the following cartoons will be shown: The cat in the hat; The frog prince; and Hank, the cave peanut.

There will also be special children's films shown every Thursday at the Library from 11 to 11:45 to children from 8 through 14. On Thursday, July 12, we will show The doughnuts, and Angel and Big Joe.

As seating is limited we would appreciate your signing up at the Children's Room Desk for both cartoons and films.

The Scotch Plains Public Library has also planned a series of films for adults to be shown Wednesdays at both 3:30 and 7 P.M. The first of these, July 11, will be "Z" which is a color film lasting 128 minutes. Following the death of a Greek pacifist leader, a journalist and a determined assistant prosecutor uncover facts that the death was not accidental and that those responsible were high government officials. A crackling political thriller that is also a strong protest against tyranny.

WATCH THOSE FIREWORKS

The Fourth may have come and gone, but the firecracker season continues. Police have advised that many young citizens may be unaware of the dangerous level of the firecrackers in circulation now. Chief Anthony Parenti said the fireworks found by police today are more sophisticated and dangerous than ever before. Some border on bombs, the Chief warned. The state Police Chief's Association has been warned to take care when they come upon fireworks. They're known to detonate just from heat or shock, Parenti said. Even heat from the sun, shining on a car front seal, can be enough to detonate some of the more dangerous firecrackers and police are exercising particular caution in transporting them.



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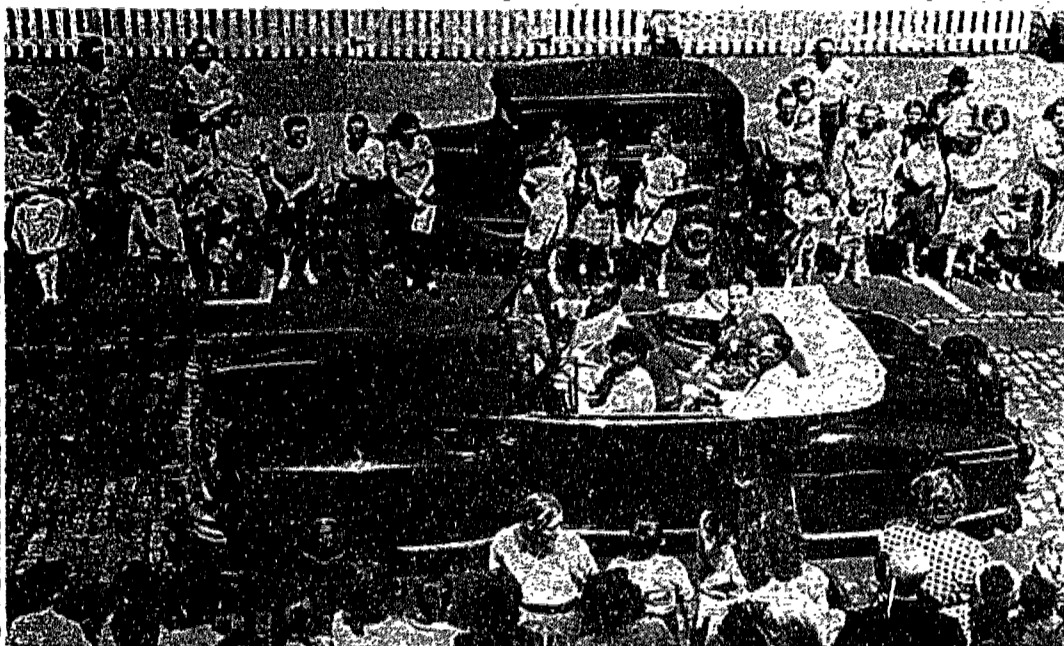
THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1979

20 CENTS

This was July 4, 1947...

...for July 4, '79, it was mopeds!

Traffic to be detoured



Gas was plentiful and cheap for the July 4th parade in 1947. Chief Harold Hill drove Mayor Thomas Santo Salvo. In rear seats, Philip Cobb, Township Committeeman and Harry Bernstein, Township Attorney. Yesterday, gas-saver Anthony Parenti, Fanwood Police Chief, rode the route on a moped, wearing his safety helmet. "We use a half-tank of gas idling along the 2 1/2-hour parade route," Parenti said. "There are better uses for gas today." In this year's local Memorial Day Parade, Scotch Plains and Fanwood Council members walked the route.

Drivers who regularly use Raritan Road in Scotch Plains will be required to detour for several weeks, as Union County undertakes the replacement of the 55-year old Raritan Road bridge spanning Winding Brook. The span of Raritan Road near the bridge was closed to traffic on July 1, and it is anticipated that traffic barriers and detour signs will remain for two to three months.

The detour will re-route traffic to West Broad Street via Martine Avenue and Lambertsmill Road. Measures will be made to allow for the safe passage of pedestrians through the construction site. The new bridge which will be built by R.A. Hamilton Corporation of Hackensack, will be wider than the existing bridge. It will cost \$189,350 — the low bid received by the county.

A number of accidents at the location have led to the pressures for bridge replacement. The winding, narrow roadway over the bridge has occasioned concern here for some time.

The project engineer is Dean Talcott of Union County's Department of Engineering and Planning.

Employees are happy in new Fanwood building

Flowers abloom in white pots are already in place in front of the brand new Fanwood Municipal Building on Martine Avenue. Inside, the borough employees, housed for years in woefully inadequate quarters, are as bright and gay as the flowers out front. It's a totally new world of employee surroundings and, across the board, the employees are enthusiastic in their comments of praise.

Just inside the main door, a window offers a view of the new quarters of the Borough Administrator, Llewellyn Fisher, and her staff. Mrs.

Fisher has a small private office, Mayor Ted Trummpp another, while the staff occupy a spacious main area. The background of soft yellow walls are "bright and cheerful," Norma Clark commented. "And after that dirty old Borough Hall..." she added.

According to Mrs. Fisher, operations of official Fanwood are vastly efficient and concise in contrast to what went on in the older building. Everything's in one place, and there is no more running from one end of the building to another for access to

records and files, Mrs. Fisher pointed out. "Our office machines are now centrally Continued on page 20

20 years "young," serving the young



Above, Active Acres Director Pat Clasulli of Scotch Plains receives a plaque commemorating 20 years of participation in nursery school instruction.

Pat Clasulli of Scotch Plains spent a single year teaching nursery school back in '59. It took only that one year to convince her that she wanted a nursery school all her own. She moved swiftly...and a year later, in 1960, Active Acres was born. It's now a Scotch Plains area institution, and its director celebrates her 20th year of nursery school supervision this year.

A lovely Williamsburg Colonial home at 1390 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains offers little clue to the bustle of kiddie activities that take place at Active Acres. The action is in the rear, where a playground featuring forts, slides and climbing apparatus combine with a group of classrooms complete with children's construction paper crafts, gerbils, fish and all the Continued on page 21

This siphoner paid off!

Fanwood Police Chief Anthony Parenti relates an amusing gas-crisis story. One unlucky Fanwood resident arose to find no gas in the tank, but was left the money for the gasoline! "That's a person desperate for gas," Parenti said. The gas crisis is taking its toll in traffic problems, gasoline thefts, and even in areas one would least suspect. Parenti also reported a very definite upswing in police calls in family disputes.

During the past week, Fanwood police were called out in two separate incidents. In one, a mother beat her child, in another a wife beat her husband. In both cases, the disturbed party was fresh off the gasolines lines, in a state of emotional frustration.

In the small borough of Fanwood, gas lines create particular problems, since stations are close together

and access routes few and overlapping. Gas lines form on both the Central Crossing and the Martine Avenue Bridges. "We have to let them line up somewhere," the Chief said, "but they create problems." There are definite safety considerations on gas lines. Fanwood police have been patrolling the long lines, warning motorists not to remain in lines with motors running. The fumes enter the car next in line and, if the next driver is in a closed car with an air conditioner running, the noxious carbon monoxide fumes can be fatal, as they were in two nearby communities. One death occurred in Edison, another in Rahway.

In another gas-related danger, Scotch Plains Fire Chief Harry Messemer has issued a strong warning regarding gasoline storage Continued on page 6