

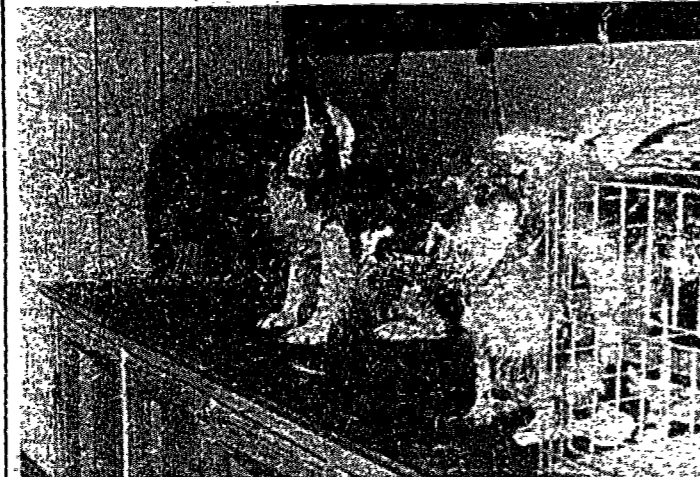
Canine search for beauty



"I KNOW I REQUESTED A LITTLE LONG ON THE SIDES...BUT REALLY!!!"



"I ALWAYS FIND A COMFY SPOT WHILE I WAIT MY TURN WITH CHARLES!"



THE GALS ENJOY CHATTING BETWEEN SHAMPOO, CUT AND BLOW DRY



I'M ALL READY NOW, MOM, COME GET ME!



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Juvenile crime '79 - local police offer their views

Recently, the TIMES ran a series of interviews with police officers in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. "What do you see as foremost concerns of the community at present?" the survey asked. A vast majority of local police officers cited two areas of concern - lack of neighborhood coordination and "neighborhood watch" programs, and the increase in juvenile

crime and deteriorating juvenile attitudes. True? False? What's the story of local teenagers? Good? We asked the authorities - Captain Robert Luce from the Scotch Plains Detective Bureau and Chief Anthony Parenti and Detective Charles Persson from Fanwood. Their answers offer divergent views.

"Problem is still here"

Cpt. Robert Luce, S.P.P.D.

Juvenile crime has always been here, the Captain noted. "I don't think it's worse, but it's not better either." Dealing with juveniles is one of the more frustrating aspects

of police work, he pointed out. The reason? The alternative officers have with regard to laws and to remedies. Many times, an officer apprehending a juvenile feels nothing can be done unless a complaint is signed. When a complaint is signed, sometimes nothing is still done, he stated.

No juvenile cases are heard locally in municipal court. They're referred to county court in Elizabeth, where it is not uncommon for five to six

of police work, he pointed out. The reason? The alternative officers have with regard to laws and to remedies. Many times, an officer apprehending a juvenile feels nothing can be done unless a complaint is signed. When a complaint is signed, sometimes nothing is still done, he stated.

"Attitudes are improving"

Chief Anthony Parenti, F.P.D.

Juvenile crime isn't increasing by as great a percentage as crime emanating from the general adult population, in the opinion of Fanwood Police Chief Anthony Parenti.

As a matter of fact, the Chief sees a very noticeable improvement in attitudes of teens today, in comparison to those of the late 60's and ear-

ly 70's. "Teens of today can't always fill their time in constructive ways, but it's my observation that they're filling their time in better ways than they did five years ago. They're more adult, more respectful," Parenti said.

Even Fido has a standing appointment for beauty

The calendar read Monday, July 23. Routine as clockwork, right on schedule, Mitzie arrived for her regular standing appointment for shampoo, cut and blow-dry. She's held to the same six-week schedule for nigh onto eleven years.

Sound like the neighborhood beauty salon?? Well...it is...but this salon's strictly for the canine population. The stylist is Charles Cobb of "Try Cob" on South Avenue in Fanwood and those dogs who arrive on leashes every morning are every bit as faithful and dedicated as are ladies to their favorite hairdresser.

A peek inside the back room where the action takes place is truly an eyepener. One would imagine that 20 dogs would be snapping and yapping, dancing and prancing. Instead, 20 very quiet and beautifully behaved gentlemen and ladies were in various stages of treatment. Some were being shampooed in the tub, others were waiting quietly with wet hair, still more were either being cut or blown-dry.

The secret? You have to be a bit of a psychiatrist, Mr. Cobb claims. "These dogs are exactly the same as a cross-section of the American population, with about 90 percent of them your average middle-American citizen. Then we have a few trouble-makers - the convicts in the crowd," he laughed. Believe it or not, the "convicts" aren't too much problem. Charles and Marge Cobb just wrap their mouths to avert any bites. "It's the flakies that really give us problems - the real nuts," he said. Sometimes the owners tranquilize the "real nuts" before they arrive for their appoint-

ments.

Cobb knows about 300 local doggies on a first-name basis. He also nicknames them. "Ah, here comes Chubby Checkers," he quipped, as an elegant poodle by the real name of Chequers arrived. Chequers and her roommate Roy have been coming, one for 10, the other for seven years. "Oh, we

wouldn't think of anyone but Charles," said the owner, Rosemary Miller. "When they come home, they're smooth as velvet!"

It used to be that poodles formed the bulk of such a business. Not anymore. Poodles have been joined in popularity by Lhasa Apsos, Schnauzers and terriers. Just

Of course there are always teenagers who cause problems and sometimes the crimes today are worse in nature - breaking-and-entry in contrast to primarily vandalism a few years back - but the Chief doesn't necessarily judge the total picture by the numbers. "Police work and apprehension methods have improved, so there may be an increase in the statistics," he noted. "However, people must remember when considering statistics that there are actually many more laws governing juveniles than there are laws for the adult

Household name brands designed in Scotch Plains



Robert Hain amidst some of the products and packages his Scotch Plains firm designs.

By Joan T. Monahan

Mentioned the name "Bob Hain" around Scotch Plains and you probably won't draw a nod of recognition from the average citizen. Oh, the observant may recall that they've noticed the "Robert Hain Associates" sign, modestly identifying the gold Colonial building next to Peterson-Ringle-Insurers in

downtown Scotch Plains, but few know what really goes on inside. Yet, although the multitudes don't identify with the Robert Hain name, the man's products literally surround every citizen - in his home, in his hardware store, his car and his supermarket. Mention his name among the corporate giants and conglomerates of the nation and

you'd undoubtedly find many knowledgeable admirers of the Hain work. Behind the gold Colonial facade are produced literally hundreds of the most familiar products and packages we all use. Scheaffer pens, for instance. The popular Airwick Twins and the best selling new Airwick "Stick Ups" air

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