

## OUR BABE RUTH TEAM OFF TO NATIONALS

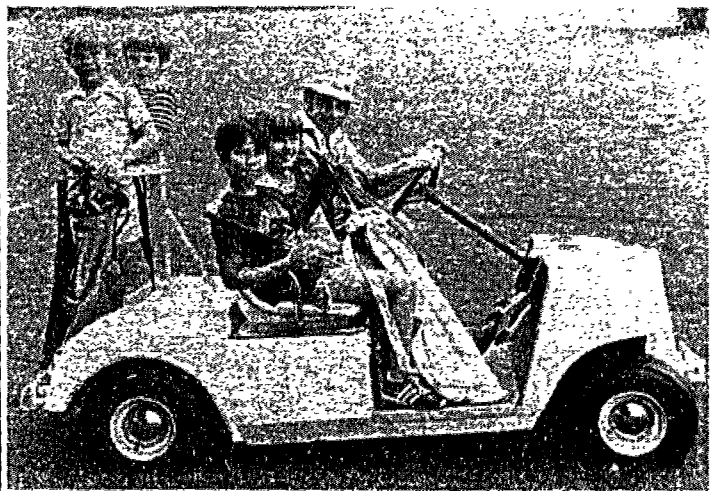
The Scotch Plains 15-year old Babe Ruth All-Star team has just taken the Eastern Regional Championship of the United States. Last night, a motorcade wound from its starting point at the Fanwood Railroad Station, and Mayor Alan Augustine of Scotch Plains and Mayor Ted Trumpp of Fanwood awarded each team member a plaque of appreciation and a wish for success. The team, which topped similar Babe Ruth team entries from eight other eastern states, is off to Nogales, Arizona for the nationals.

## STOCKING UP FOR WINTER

During last Friday's heavy wind and rainstorm, a tremendous number of large tree branches and limbs fell throughout Scotch Plains, causing a monumental cleanup for the Public Works Department. However, not all that lumber found its way into township trucks.

"You'd be surprised at the number of residents who have wood-burning stoves," D'Amato commented. Many of them are apparently stocking up for the potentially fuel-short winter ahead. Large branches are disappearing, and D'Amato even finds that the leafy treetops are being removed for eventual use as kindling. "That's not to say we don't have a lot still to clean up," he moaned. Township trucks throughout the central Jersey area are going full time in an effort to eliminate the street debris which accumulated last Friday afternoon.

## JUNIOR GOLF IN SCOTCH PLAINS



Enjoying golf lessons this Scotch Hills Pro Jon Ballinger are, standing John Keenoy & Kelly Keenoy, seated are Danny Connelly and Michael Niese. See story, page 12.

## Y OFFERS FLAG CLINIC AND ALL-STAR GAME

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA has announced their annual Free Flag Football Clinic will be held at the High School practice field on Wednesday, August 29th at 6:00 P.M. The clinic will feature Mr. Joe Ascolese' new head football coach of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School along with the returning coaches from the league. The coaches will offer instruction in the basics of Flag Football including punting, kicking, passing, and catching, running and offensive and defensive line play. Immediately following the clinic, last year's All Stars will play an abbreviated All Star Game to show all newcomers what the game basics look like when they are put together.

The clinic is free to all boys entering grades 3-6. August 29th - 6:00 P.M. at the High School practice field, we'll see you there!

Rain date, August 30th - 6:00 P.M.

## SQUAD SEEKS DAYTIME MEMBERS

The squad is in need of members for the daytime hours of between 6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday. There may be those who can only give one day a week or maybe four hours a day, your help would be appreciated. Necessary training will be given by the squad. For those who are interested, please call 322-8016, 889-8010 or 322-7100 for further information.

## RESCUE SQUAD PLANS FUND DRIVE:

To date the Scotch Plains Rescue has collected \$33,631.00 from its annual fund drive. Our anticipated goal for 1979 was \$58,000.00. The squad has solicited to the majority of the residents in the township, that we were able to. In the event that no one was at home or were missed, the squad kindly requests that the envelope with your donation be mailed to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, Inc., P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

## NEXT WEEK....

### OUR ANNUAL "BACK TO SCHOOL" ISSUE.

Watch our pages for information on school openings, staffing changes, etc. We'll also have ads featuring the best buys and the most exciting Back-To-School fashions.

## LOCAL SCHOOLS....

Public and private, we welcome information from your schools on openings dates and other pertinent student information.



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# THE TIMES

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## Bottle - dumpers beware!!! Plains passes new rules

The Scotch Plains Council gave final approval this week to an ordinance which governs consumption and discarding of beverage containers on public and private land. Although the ordinance addresses the rules and regulations for consumption of alcohol in public and private places, the discards were the motivating force behind the new legislation, according to Councilman Larry Newcomb.

The new law is directed at

"bottles and cans scattered all over the countryside," Newcomb said. While expressing hope that it will control some of the bottle litter, the Councilman pointed out that the ultimate solution would come with a state passage of a deposit law, mandating deposits on bottles and cans, similar to legislation which is now effective in several states, including Vermont and New Hampshire. Even if offenders continue to dump their bot-

tles, the deposit value usually prompts other citizens to pick them up and return them for refund, Newcomb noted.

Any violator found guilty of any of the provisions of the law would be subject to a fine of not more than \$200 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days or both. Mayor Alan Augustine lauded Police Chief Michael Rossi for recognizing the ordinance as a potential solution to the problem.

The ordinance also pro-

hibits consumption of alcohol beverages on public streets, in parks, public conveyances, in private cars in motion or parked on public streets, in parks and playgrounds and on private property without the express permission of the property owner. Provision was made, via an amendment, for exceptions. The amendment authorizes the Recreation Commission to allow permits for such consumption in parks, at its discretion and with a legal permit. Similarly, the Municipal Clerk's office would have authority for permits for consumption in other public places.

In other actions, the Council approved a resolution of intent to fund flood control improvements for the East Branch of the Green Brook on a 50-50 basis, with Scotch Plains contributing a \$158,000 portion, and the state Department of Environmental Protection funding the other half. The project would be a continuation of Green Brook improvements, and would improve the area in the vicinity of Route 22, up to the Bowcraft Playland property. According to Newcomb, it would provide relief for residential properties north of the highway.



RAY MANFRA

buildings and grounds, including the recent addition of the new Municipal Building

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## Multi-cleanups provide multiple headaches

Fanwood residents enjoy a plethora of municipal cleanup services...so many, in fact, that some homeowners are beginning to take it all for granted and are abusing the schedules and the rules. "We've sent letters and cleanup schedule cards to every household in the borough, listing exactly when we collect what," said Public Works Superintendent Ray Manfra, "yet we seem unable to educate the citizens not to throw everything at curbside at any time."

Manfra listed specifics. The Public Works Department provides eight weeks of garden and debris cleanup, only in the spring. Now, the chipper tours borough streets ONLY during the first week of each month, May through October. The chipper service is for pickup of large limbs and branches and sticker bushes. And certainly not for the removal of loose grass clippings. Manfra finds that homeowners simply dump whatever they clean up right at curbside, untied and unbundled, under the assumption that it will all be carted away.

Small twigs and branches should be bundled in four-foot lengths and placed at the curb only during the seven monthly household trash cleanups which occur on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Manfra noted that the household trash cleanups are bid out by the borough and the contractors have agreed to remove whatever is at curbside during those cleanups. "When they leave it loose for Public Works, it not only creates very unsightly streets, sometimes for a full month, but is also wastes the taxpayers' dollars, since it means that our men have to remove it during their working day which backlogs us on other projects."

What's more, Manfra

pointed out, when borough forces collect loose branches and debris, the borough taxes must pay for rental of rollaway bins in which to collect such debris and for the transportation of them out of town to dumping sites.

Manfra cited yet another problem presented by the curbside leaves, grass clippings and twigs. They wash into catch basins when it rains, causing backups and flooding...and the need for more frequent cleaning.

The Public Works force is actually smaller than it was several years back, Manfra noted. At present, the seven-man department is responsible for year-round maintenance of borough

## Newsletter provides joy to State's handicapped

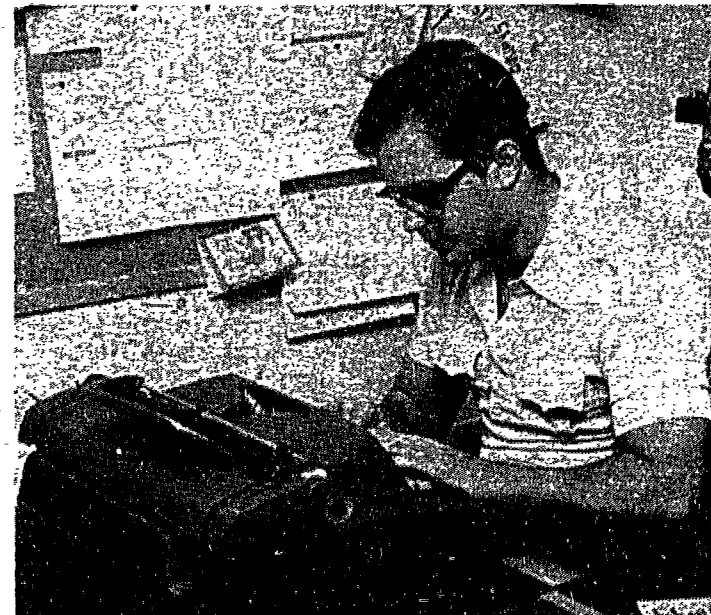
From a staff of just two to a staff of 150 in two years - that would be feat for any normal newspaper. It's far more significant when one considers the short but enormously successful history of "Sharing." "Sharing" is a special newsletter for and about the physically handicapped throughout New Jersey. Composition and past-up of the newsletter is done from the Times offices at 1600 East Second Street.

Dorothy Landvater is the driving force behind "Sharing." Her efforts with the handicapped were personal at first. They began back in July of 1972 when her son, David, then 17, wrapped the family Volkswagen around a tree on a rainy day. The boy then a student at Governor Livingston High School, fell into a coma from which doctors predicted he would never recover. With his mother,

hours at his bedside, cajoling him into consciousness and, eventually, speech, David did recover. Mrs. Landvater, a Berkeley Heights resident, had worked

as a speaker and critic appearing as a popular program for clubs throughout the area, for several years before David's accident. Her ex-

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David Landvater types copy for a forthcoming issue of "Sharing."