

### LAP ROBES FOR SENIORS



More than 75 pillows and lap robes lovingly hand-made by the Senior Citizens Clubs of Linden recently were donated to the residents of Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains.

The public contributed the fabrics to the clubs. As a service project, the club members then converted the materials into pillows and robes for donation to other seniors.

Sponsored by the municipal recreation department, the participating organizations were the Linden Active Senior, Golden Age and Senior Friendship Clubs. Mary Hendrie, Senior Citizens Director of the Linden Recreation Department, made the official presentation to Anne Chapman, Administrator of Ashbrook. The nursing home is at 1610 Raritan Road, at Terrill Road, Scotch Plains. Shown, Mary Hendrie and Ashbrook resident, Mary Dries.

### PHILATHALIANS TO CAST

The Philathalians of Fanwood are casting Charlotte Baker's new play "Tomorrow is the First Day". It is a romantic comedy requiring two women and four men in their late 20's and early 40's age range. Auditions are scheduled for Sunday, September 9 at 5:00 pm and Monday, September 10, at 8:00 pm at the Barn, rear of 33 Elm Avenue, Fanwood. Performance dates are November 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17. Actors will be asked to become club members if they are accepted for roles. For additional information, call 233-2348.

### BP SCREENINGS DUE

The Fanwood Board of Health announces that its monthly blood Pressure (Hypertension) Testing Clinic will resume on Thursday, September 13 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. The clinic will be held at the Fanwood Community Center located at the Fanwood Train Station.

Now that the summer months have passed, why not have your blood pressure checked now? There is no charge for this service.

Scotch Plains Township Health Officer, Richard Proctor, reminds residents that the monthly Hypertension Screening Clinic will be held on Monday, September 10, due to the Labor Day holiday falling on Monday, September 3. The Clinic will be held in the Scotch Plains Library Community Room from 4:00 pm through 7:00 pm. There will be a \$1.00 fee for non-residents. Mrs. Donna D'Amato, Registered Dietitian and Public Health Nutritionist will provide free on-site nutrition counseling.

### COMMISSION SEEKS TEENAGERS

The Fanwood Recreation Commission is seeking two Junior Citizen Representatives to serve on the Commission this year. Applicants must be juniors or seniors in high school and Fanwood residents.

Interested applicants are asked to forward name, address, grade and telephone number to: Fanwood Recreation Commission, Borough Hall, Fanwood, N.J., 07023. Application deadline will be September 30, 1979.

### FISHING DERBY COMING UP!

The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission has announced that the 2nd Annual Fishing Derby will be held at Brookside Park Saturday, September 15.

Registration for the Derby will take place at 8:30 A.M. on the 15th at the Brookside Field House with fishing beginning at 9 A.M. and running until approx. 11 A.M. There will be two groups of fisherman and prizes will be awarded in these two groups; Class A-1st & 2nd grade children and Class B-3rd & 4th grade children. There will be separate areas of the pond for each group. Parents must accompany all participants. The contest is open to all Scotch Plains Children in grades 1 - 4. Rules and regulations will be furnished at the Derby on Saturday morning.

Prizes will be awarded according to size, not weight of the fish. There will be a measuring station where participants will bring the fish when caught. The State Hatchery in Hackettstown will be supplying the fish for the derby. For further information please call the Recreation Office at 322-6700 Ext. 29 or 30.

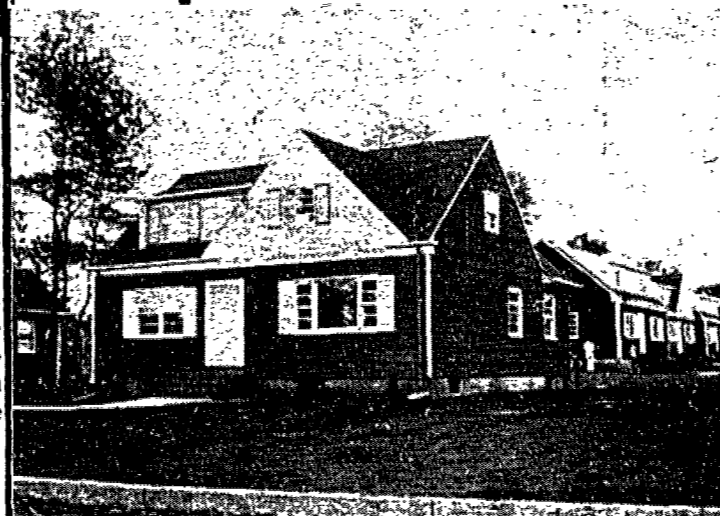
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## Fanwood street celebrates a quarter-century mark



Time, trees, a breezeway-family room and two-car garage have enhanced this house at the corner of Clement Place and Shady Lane. Above, the house was one of the original Shady Lane homes (the street was then known as Fanwood Avenue, and wasn't too shady!). Residents continue to collect for major Labor Day reunions of homeowners each five years.



## Energy assessment due at Town Hall

The Scotch Plains Township Council approved a \$2,000 study of the energy-effectiveness of the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, at its meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Becht, a consulting engineer who is well known for his energy efforts, particularly at the Somerset County Lord Sterling Environmental Center - a solar-heated unit of the Somerset County Park Commission, will be engaged to conduct the study.

The Municipal Building was selected as the first of the municipal buildings to be studied, since it is the most energy-expensive. Council members have also expressed concern over the energy use at the Public Works Building on Plainfield Avenue, which is a barn-like building with high ceilings, and over the Scotch Hills clubhouse.

In other actions during a relatively uneventful meeting, Council gave final approval to an ordinance controlling use of alcoholic beverages and disposal of containers in public and private areas throughout the township.

Mrs. Neva Sachar was appointed as the Scotch Plains

liaison to a county committee promoting television and motion picture filming possibilities within the county.

Twenty five years ago, Shady Lane in Fanwood was brand new. Small new homes started in from one end, and in from the other. In between, a connecting roadway had just been cut through... but there were no homes on the long, muddy stretch.

Those early homeowners on one end decided to meet the new homeowners on the other end, and thus was born the Labor Day weekend Shady Lane block party. By now, it's reached blockbuster proportions, as the generations return to meet and greet.

On Saturday, Shady Lane marked the 25th year of every five-year blockparties. It was a festive event, involving over 40 families, their children and their grandchildren. Unlike many small-home neighborhoods, where the original residents move upward and onward, Shady Lane has always been famous for a spirit of unity and many, many original owners have added on, spruced up, and improved those once-tiny homes, remaining for a quarter of a decade. Their five-year festivities include far more than the usual food and games, with many a unique feature.

The block between Clement and Winfield was closed to traffic, and long lines of picnic tables lined the street. Each homeowner teamed with the home directly across in planning a main entree for two families. At a central location, cake, coffee, soda and other party staples were served.

The day began with a march, featuring all the youngsters of Shady Lane on real and makeshift instruments, piping a merry tune. Following a cocktail and dinner hour, with 25 of the original owners and their families in attendance, the traditional games and contests were scheduled. Potato Spoon races, three-legged races, a scavenger hunt, a watermelon eating contest, and other challenging games occupied late afternoon and early evening.

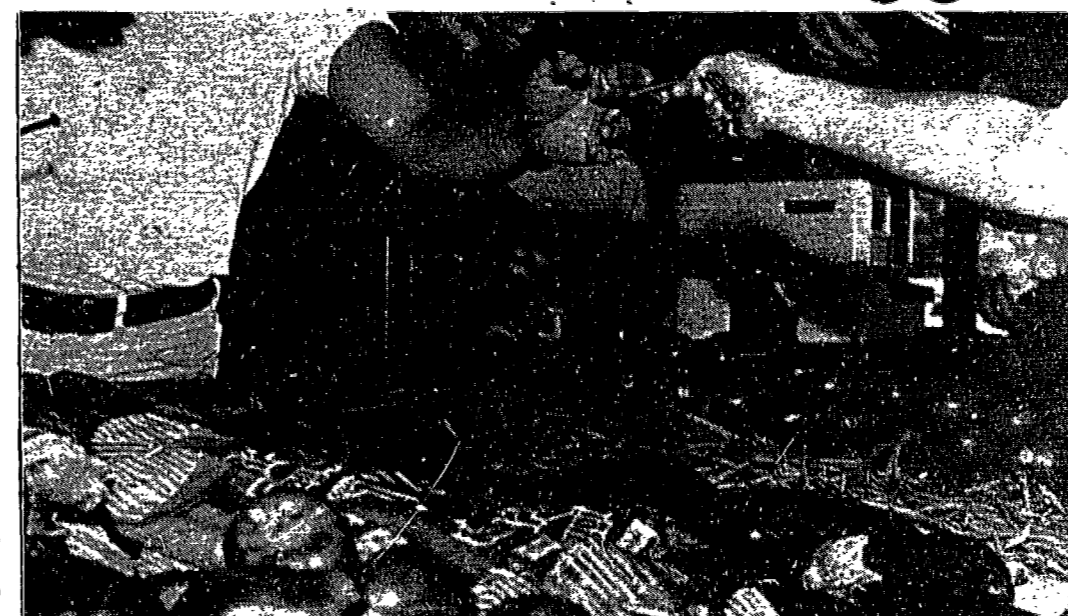
Evening entertainment was provided by talent from Shady Lane. Janet Winey and her daughter, Tina, presented a dance, "Me and My Shadow." Eileen Morris, Patty Badala, Terry O'Connor, Marion Dupree and Patty Dupree were featured in a blindfold dressing act, and Michael Landis, Chris Gefken, Keith Bellamy and Jim Martine were an unusual quartet.

Evening turned Shady into an outdoor ballroom, with canned music provided by D.J. Walley Hewitt. Couples, father-daughter and mother-son contestants vied for dance contest prizes, with Susan and D.J. Marchalonis taking the Mother-son first place, and Charlie and Trisia McGuire winning as a father-daughter combo.

All those early mortgages which have been paid off since the last Shady Lane event in 1974 were burned at a festive mortgage-burning ceremony and the evening ended with movies of Shady.

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## Local stands offer the best in fruits and veggies



'Tis the season of crisp salads, corn on the cob, tomatoes, peaches and grapes. The garden bounty abounds at two small, local fruit and vegetable stands where residents seek the best and the freshest. One looks at the array, at Tom the Greengrocer and Florida Fruit Shoppe, both on South Avenue, and one wonders - how do all those fresh items get there daily, and where do they come from? The answers are sometimes surprising. Below, Tom Szabo and Gladys Essex provide the background on the business.

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