

**LOCAL ARTIST RECEIVES SOCIETY'S HIGHEST AWARD**



Artist Betty Stroppel of Scotch Plains was presented the New Jersey Water Color Society Silver Medal, the Society's highest award, at the opening reception of the 37th Annual Open Exhibition for the painting pictured here titled, "Sarah's Sweater". It is one of a series of watercolors showing various aspects of one of the last remaining working farms in this area. The exhibition is at the Morris Museum of Arts and Sciences in Morristown and is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10 to 5 and Sunday 2 to 5, through October 28. The artist also received an award in the Garden State Watercolor Society's current exhibition in Princeton and is one of five artists in an invitational show, "Watercolor - a Glorious Medium", at the Art Alliance of Monmouth County in Red Bank.

**EYE SCREENINGS START OCT. 7**

Scotch Plains Health Officer, Rick Proctor and Muhlenberg Hospital Public Relations Officer, Patricia Duddy announced that the 1979 Eye Health Screening Program will get underway in this area during the week of October 7. This program is sponsored as a free public service by the Medical Society of New Jersey with the cooperation of its Auxiliary, the New Jersey Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, New Jersey State Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, New Jersey State Department of Health, New Jersey Hospital Association, Lions Club of New Jersey, and the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Blindness. It is open to anyone over the age of 35 who is not already receiving regular eye care.

The Clinics will be held at the Muhlenberg Ambulatory Health Care Center, Moffett Avenue, Plainfield, on Monday, October 8 and Thursday, October 11 between 1 pm and 3 pm. An evening clinic will be held on Tuesday, October 9 between 6 pm and 8 pm. There is no appointment necessary.

The purpose of the screening is to detect evidence of any eye disease, primarily glaucoma which should have treatment or follow up by a physician. Mr. Proctor reminds participants that the exam is for screening purposes only, and cannot replace a regular eye examination.

**COLLEGE NIGHT SET FOR OCT. 25**

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains in cooperation with the Guidance Department of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School is pleased to once again sponsor College Night for our local Senior High young people.

This week our students and their families will be receiving information announcing October 25, 1979, at 7:45 at the High School as the date, time and location to mark on their calendars. If you are interested in obtaining information from any of the 120 representatives who have indicated that they plan to be present to assist college bound students, please join our co-chairmen Marijke Neuberger and Becky Flanigan along with their College Night Committee for an enjoyable and informative evening.

**LEAGUE HOLDS 'FIRESIDE CHAT'**

Sunday, October 28 is the date selected by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains League of Women Voters for their Fanwood "Fireside Chat".

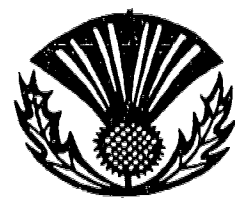
Janet Burchette, voter service co-chairman, explains that as a service to the voters there will be a "Fireside Chat" in the home of Yvonne and Lino Carbone, 128 South Glenwood Road, Fanwood at 8 pm and that all councilmen candidates are expected to attend.

Mrs. Burchette notes that this informal gathering will give voters an opportunity to meet the candidates and discuss along with their neighbors the issues important to Fanwood.

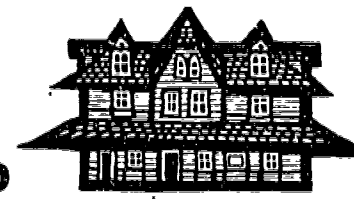
Residents should note that October 9 is the last day to register for the November 6 election.

**CARRIAGE HOUSE WORKERS SOUGHT**

Restoration work on the Victorian Carriage House in Fanwood continues this Saturday, and citizen volunteers will be welcomed. According to Councilman Robert Rau, there are a multitude of jobs which could be accomplished with the aid of helpers. They include carpentry, grading, glazing of windows, and interior cleaning. Rau urges those interested in historical preservation to turn out on October 6 from 8 am on.



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**Rear wall of T.J.H. damaged in Saturday fire and explosion**

A fire and an explosion in the early hours of Saturday morning ripped out a portion of a wall and blew out windows at Terrill Junior High School. According to Chief Harry Messemmer of the Scotch Plains Fire Department, firemen reported to the junior high on Terrill Road shortly after midnight on September 29 to find the fire and structural damage. The fire was brought under control within minutes. Messemmer said actual fire damage within the building was not severe, but the fire apparently originated in the shop area at the rear of the school near the fire extinguisher.

The fire extinguisher was mounted on the outside rear wall of the woodworking shop. When it exploded, it blew into pieces, some pieces exploding out the rear, others shooting completely across the room against an interior wall, and another piece shooting in to the roof.

By Sunday morning, plywood covered the hole in the back wall, which was approximately three by four feet, and the window areas. An emergency exit door, located next to the hole caused by the explosion, was also damaged.

The Scotch Plains Fire Department has turned the matter over to the Union County Arson Squad. A spokesman for the county unit said arson has not definitely been determined, but the possibility is being investigated.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Howlett, High School Principal John Foulks and Assistant Principal Joseph Farrell were summoned to the fire scene in the wee hours Saturday. Howlett, interviewed later, said the two school administrators worked with custodians all weekend on cleanup.

"We were very fortunate



An insurance adjuster measures damage areas at the rear of Terrill Junior High, following an explosion and fire early Saturday morning. Plywood covers areas of structural damage to bottom portion of wall, and to high windows. Bricks in foreground were tossed from the wall to this location by force of blast.

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**Lucky lottery winners go to Yankee Stadium Mass**

Promptly at 5 pm on Tuesday evening, 40 lucky parishioners of St. Bartholomew's and Immaculate Heart of Mary parishes in Scotch Plains climbed aboard a bus, parked at St. Bart's parking lot. Destination:

Yankee Stadium for the Papal Mass.

The attendees expressed shock and joy at receiving the Mass tickets. Each parish had received 20 tickets, and decided upon a parish lottery for their distribution. Two

weeks before the Yankee Stadium event, parishioners in attendance at Sunday Mass were invited to submit their names for a ticket drawing.

"I feel chosen, just winning the ticket. After all, there were only 20 tickets and 800 families at Immaculate Heart," said Mrs. John Tracey, waiting to board. "I'm so excited. It's such an historic visit and there's a wonderful aura about it." Mrs. Schultes agreed. "I'm

overjoyed and I can't wait. We think of him as a man of peace with a special mission here in the United States, not only to Catholics but to all citizens."

Janet Kern of St. Bart's was carrying binoculars and a tape recorder, and confessed she "felt wonderful." "He's such a needed kind of a leader," she said. She was experiencing quiet kinds of emotions, Mrs. Kern said, and hoped her attendance at the Mass would provide her with new spiritual insights to share with others.

"We'd never get the chance to go to Europe for a

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"I never expected to win a ticket," said an excited Heidi Huypen, a St. Bartholomew's parishioner, who was off on a bus to attend the Papal Mass at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday evening.

**Jeans at SPFHS - has it only been ten years?**

Although it seems like forever, it was only a decade back that the first brave females ventured to Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School clad in their blue jeans! In response, and in protest, 20 male high school students showed up at school dressed in mini-skirts. They took the action to protest the unladylike attire of the girls. Several of the protesters indicated that mini-skirts were fine, and they even looked favorable upon neat pants suits, but clorox-bleached, raggedy jeans? Never!

High schools across the nation had been slowly dropping their dress codes in the late 60's. In fact, by 1969, SPFHS hadn't had a dress code in a few years. However, in the late 60's, teachers generally requested female students in jeans to

leave class. Finally, in 1969, students and administration sat down calmly together and agreed not to disagree on feminine student attire.

A TIMES editorial of October 9, 1969 noted the generally neat and trim appearance of the majority of high school students and concluded: "A case could undoubtedly be made over a few girls in blue jeans. It is certainly not attire befitting the classroom scene. However, when one observes reaction from other teenagers it is safe to assume that the blue jeans trend, if that's what it can be called, won't go far beyond a very small majority." !!! (That small majority somehow expanded to include not only the entire teen population, but their mothers as well, within a ten-year span!)