

**PSAT/MERIT TESTS ARE OCT. 27**

Paul L. Broady, Assistant Principal-Guidance at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, has announced that juniors will be able to join over one million other students around the world in taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) this fall. The test, co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, is an important step in making college plans.

Scheduled for October 27, at SPFHS, the PSAT/NMSQT measures verbal and mathematical aptitude — two abilities important in doing college work — and gives students a chance to find out what the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is like.

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT, students can enter the competition for scholarships administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and ask to participate in the College Board's Student Search Service, which gives students an opportunity to hear from colleges that they might not otherwise know about.

With their score reports, students receive a copy of "About Your PSAT/NMSQT Scores," a booklet that contains valuable how-to information about estimating SAT scores, finding out where to get and how to use detailed information about colleges and financial aid, and planning for financing a college education.

The period for registration is October 9 through the 19th in the high school Guidance Office.

**IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME**



Cookie time again! Girl Scouts will be out this weekend to begin taking cookie orders for delivery end of November. Community Cookie Chairman Florence Margo (232-5009) points out that the sale is a service to the Girl Scout Council, helping support their operations, Camp Hoover, and the GAFA fund, which provides financial aid when needed to girls for camp and other special opportunities. Council returns part of the cookie money to the participating Troops. This is a learning experience for the girls; how to practice safety measures, deal courteously with others, and handle money; and finally to decide how their Troop will spend their income...usually for camping, a trip, or a big project. Good causes and good cookies deserve good customers! At \$1.50 per package you can support a fine volunteer organization and enjoy a delicious treat at the same time. If you believe in tomorrow, buy Girl Scout cookies today.

**PATROLMAN GRADUATES**



Matthew J. Derhma, left, president of the New Jersey Automobile Club (AAA), presents a graduation certificate to Patrolman Robert J. Carboy of the Fanwood Police Department, second from left; and Patrolman William F. Hugelmeyer of the Kenilworth Police Department, second from right, at a recent ceremony marking the local police officers' successful completion of a special accident investigation course developed and taught by the Traffic Institute of Northwestern University. At right is Robert N. Greene of the Traffic Institute faculty, who taught the two-week course at the Essex County Police Academy in Cedar Grove. Lawmen from 40 northern New Jersey municipalities were enrolled in the course, which was sponsored by the Foundation For Safety, Inc., a New Jersey Automobile Club subsidiary.

**SPFHS STUDENTS ARE COMMENDED**

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**Mayor proclaims this Sat. as the first "Scotch Plains Day"**

Saturday, October 13 is the first official "Scotch Plains Day!" That's according to Mayor Alan Augustine, who proclaimed the day this week. And what does "Scotch Plains Day" mean? This year, it will mean a park dedication, a museum opening and tours of some of Scotch Plains' proudest historic sites. It is also the date of the community's outstanding athletic rivalry - the annual Scotch Plains-Fanwood versus Westfield football game.

"In proclaiming Scotch Plains Day, it is my hope that the celebration of this day will become an annual custom throughout town and will inspire all our residents from all

walks of life to enthusiastically say, "I am proud to live in Scotch Plains." Augustine foresees amplification of the theme in years ahead, with possible involvement of schools and community groups, merchants and the official family. "With the proper imagination, this should grow and many things are possible," he concluded.

For openers, in the three-fold downtown celebration, Cannonball House Museum on Front Street will open its doors to the public for the first time this fall at 10:30 a.m. Historical Society members who operate the museum will be dressed in Colonial garb

and will conduct tours to display the newly renovated Kitchen and rear entrance and the Colonial flower and herb gardens adjacent to the House.

Then, at 11:30 a.m., the official Scotch Plains family dedicates its new Village Green passive park adjacent to the Municipal Building. Councilman Lawrence Newcomb, who is in charge of the dedication arrangements, announced that Congressman Matthew Rinaldo will be the featured speaker, with Mayor Augustine and Assemblyman Donald Di Francesco as special guests. The Raider Marching Band will play at the dedication.

The historic old Scotch Plains Baptist Church, and parsonage play a key role in the day's events, as the church schedules an annual "Homecoming Day." Visitors are invited to cross Park Avenue after the dedication, and to tour the historic church and parsonage. The tour begins at the 1786 fieldstone parsonage, where Mrs. Shoesmith, the Pastor's wife will greet guests.

The next tour stop is the cemetery which pre-dates both church and parsonage. Mr. Sylvester Ward will lead a tour through the oldest sections of "God's Acre," and Mr. Jack Mohn will demonstrate gravestone rubbing.

At the Grand Street driveway entrance to the church sanctuary, Mrs. Fred Eyer will greet visitors and invite them to sign a guest book. Mrs. Horace Hatfield will also hostess and answer questions. Kirk DeValve will provide recorded music in the sanctuary.

Mrs. Fred Atkinson will be

**Commission worries over future solid waste crisis**

As citizens of Fanwood blithely go their merry way, tossing their newspapers, cans, bottles and glass "away," their local Environmental Commission members are all too cognizant of the fact that the "away" is fast disappearing. "We're on the verge of a solid waste crisis," says Commission Chairman Ned Waller, "and all our habits must change - and very swiftly."

Today, the Fanwood scavengers stop at each house, collecting the waste a family accumulates. The scavenger trucks then travel to a dumping area in nearby Edison, and pay a \$25 "tipping" charge to dump a truckload. Once this dump closes, which will be in a year or so, not only will the scavengers incur travel costs for greater distances, but the new tipping charges will be \$250, not \$25!

Waller and his commissioners join environmentalists throughout the nation in deep concern over the lack of dump areas, and the enormous accumulations of solid waste. What's the answer? In heavily populated Union County, the answer will ultimately lie in a Resource Recovery Center — a facility which will take time to construct, and will cost a "couple hundred million," Waller notes. Such a project would be undertaken either independently by the county or in conjunction with the Port Authority.

Meanwhile, we "can't sit around," he warns. Fanwood (and all communities) must get involved in recycling. Toward that end, the Commission has under consideration proposals for mandated recycling of solid waste. Newspapers are cited as the most viable area for starters. An ordinance would be passed

by the governing body requiring recycling of papers. Scavengers would watch for newspapers in garbage cans, possibly place an informational sticker on an "offending" can, refuse to take papers, and homeowners would then be forced to comply with the mandated recycling.

Today, any number of civic and school groups collect papers in drives. They sell them to fund projects. Such volunteer drives would continue, Waller said, and residents would still be free to save papers for such drives. However, history indicates only 10 percent of a municipality's papers are recycled in drives. With a borough program, the borough would contract with a collector who would pick up the other papers on a routine basis.

The Commission has studied similar programs in communities where they've been effective, and a vote may be taken next week on a recommendation to Council. Representatives from the county municipalities meet regularly to discuss a county approach and Waller is hopeful that eventually county-level guidance will be forthcoming.

Newspapers are but the beginning, Waller feels it is imperative that the state act soon to restore the mandatory deposit fee on bottles. Then homeowners would return bottles for the deposit fee and, failing that, the discarded bottles would be collected by kids anxious to make money. There would be a two-fold result: a diminution of the bottles which are "littered" in public areas and street corners, and a reduction in the solid waste in the average garbage can. Cans, magazines,

cartons, etc. will eventually be addressed for recycling consideration as well.

Recycling is but one focus

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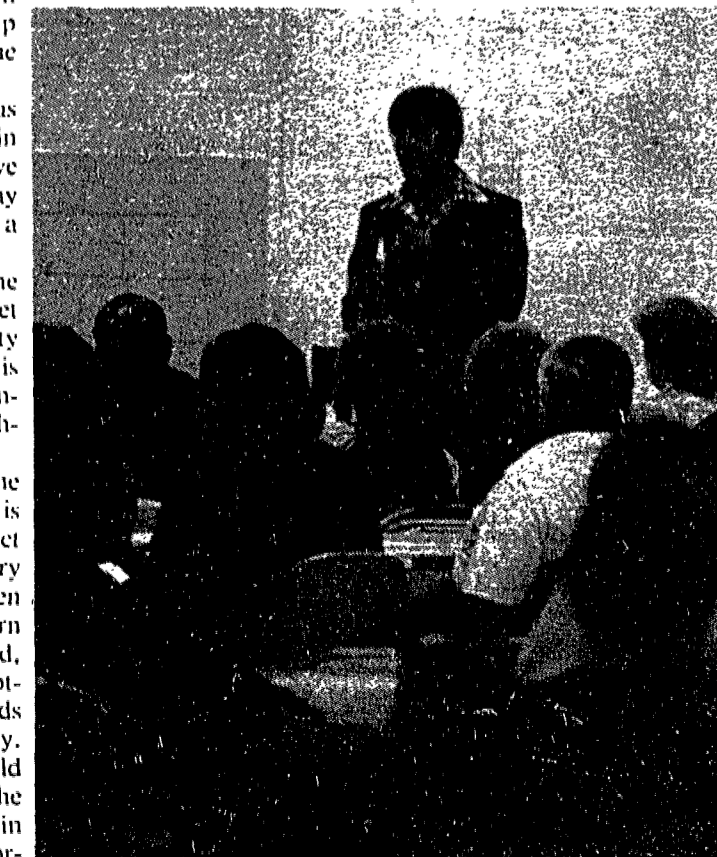
**U.C.H.S. hosts parents for drug info session**

Parents of students at Union Catholic Boys High School in Scotch Plains gathered at the school last week for a special informational session regarding "Drugs and the Teenager." Detective Carl Sicola of the Scotch Plains Police Department and the New Jersey Narcotics Officers Association was guest speaker, providing infor-

mation and advice on an area of concern to all parents.

Reverend Floyl Rotunno opened the session by citing statistics. Reverend Rotunno pointed out that Union Catholic High, located in a high drug consumption area, was recognized by the Narcotic Drugs Task Force as the cleanest school. Reverend Rotunno attributed the

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Detective Carl Sicola of the Scotch Plains Police Department addresses parents at Union Catholic Boys' High drug information meeting.