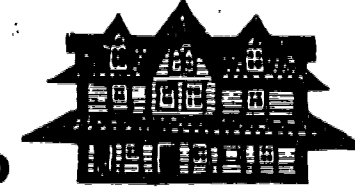


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JUNIORS HOST CANDIDATES

Mrs. Lois Albanese, President of the Fanwood Junior Woman's Club has announced that on Wednesday evening, October 24, at 9 P.M., the club will sponsor their annual Candidates Night at the Fanwood Train Station. All Fanwood residents are cordially invited to attend.

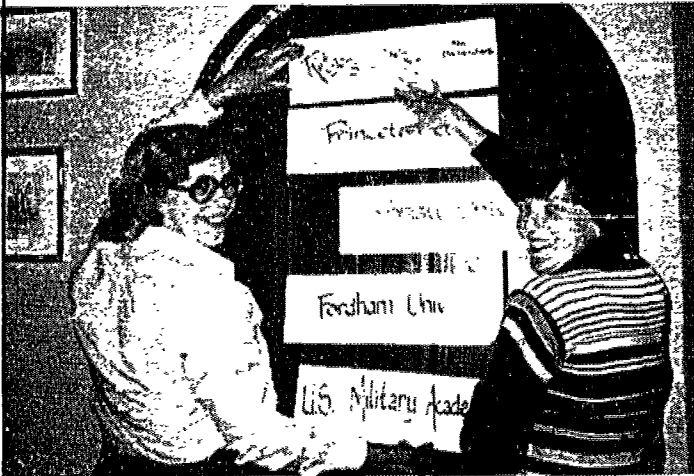
This year the candidates are running for Mayor and Council. On the Republican ticket are; Mayor Theodore F. Trumpp, seeking re-election, and four Council seats are; Ib T. Pedersen and Gregory W. Schultz. On the Democratic ticket for Mayor there is Richard T. Dean, and for Council, Patrick J. Dunne, and Patricia Kuran.

After a debate and rebuttal between the candidates there will be a question and answer period from the floor.

This is your chance to come and meet the candidates since their interests and concerns about our town are the same as yours.

Refreshments will be served after the program and the public is urged to come.

THE COLLEGES ARE COMING!



Maryke Neuberger and Becky Flanigan of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club post signs for College Night at SPFHS on Oct. 25. See story, page 2.

SCOUTS HOLD EXCHANGE

Do you have uniforms your daughter has outgrown, or need one for her right now? Well, on Thursday, October 18 there will be a uniform exchange held at the Thrift Shop 1723 E 2nd St. Scotch Plains. Uniforms may be bought and sold. All items should be cleaned and have an envelope with your name, address, & tel. no. pinned on. Doors will be opened from 4:30 - 7:00. Any further questions, please contact Cena Pollitt 889-2029.

A FIRST IN FANWOOD

It wasn't too long ago that Fanwood government was GOP all the way. In recent years, however, the Council has included Democratic representation. Last week, for the first time in the history of the borough, a Democrat was in command. In the absence of GOP Mayor Ted Trumpp, Council President Patrick Dunne wielded the gavel.

SCOTCH PLAINS COLLECTS LEAVES

The leaves are beginning to fall. At the end of October we will begin our first round of leaf pickup. October 29th, we will begin with a crew on the north side of town and a crew on the southside of town. The leaves must be in windrows at the curb and nothing but leaves will be taken. Please no rocks or branches they will disable our leaf machines.

For the people who like to keep their property neat and clean and the early birds who like to rake early, I would like to recommend our Saturday Dumpster Program. Bag them and bring them up you'll not only help yourselves keep leaves from blowing back on the lawn but you'll help keep our budget down. Thank You.

BOARD TALKS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES TONITE

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will include discussion of State regulations and local school district procedures for the implementation of district goals, objectives and standards at its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, October 18. The public is invited to attend this meeting which shall include discussion on the annual evaluation of the school district and schools, and the annual report of the school district and schools submitted to the Commissioner of Education on July 1, 1979.

Supporting documents shall be accessible to the public for inspection at this meeting. The documents made available will include the finding letter of the annual evaluation of the school district along with the T & E Management Plan Report and compliance activities checklist.

The Board will convene at 8 P.M. at Terrill Junior High School. At its regular November meeting, the Board will be discussing Minimum Basic Skills test results.

SCOTCH PLAINS AND FANWOOD OFFER FREE FLU SHOTS

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Kiwanians taking orders for Christmas Eve "Luminaria"

Christmas may seem a long way off to most local residents, but for local Kiwanians, it's just around the corner. This year, for the first time, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Kiwanis Club has decided to undertake the sponsorship of "luminaria" — a lovely Christmas custom which originated in a handful of local neighborhoods some years back...then grew and grew until, on Christmas Eve, 1979, almost all of the Borough of Fanwood and many neighborhoods in Scotch Plains were illuminated by the traditional candles in bags.

The Kiwanis Club members are already issuing a call for block chairman and for neighborhood orders for the luminaria components. They've now assumed the responsibility for townwide distribution of bags and candles because Bill and Eileen Cameron, who were the motivating force behind the Christmas Eve tradition for many years, have moved from the community.

The Camerons, in the early years of "luminaria" lighting, took orders for their immediate friends and neighbors in the Forest Road section of Fanwood. Gradually, street after street took up the Christmas Eve lighting custom. In recent years, Bill Cameron and helpers trucked thousands and thousands of candles from Long Island to Fanwood to fill the orders from hundreds of homeowners. They also coordinated the purchase of the small brown bags to hold the candles, and distributed from the Forest Road garage.

Late last year, Bill Cameron's employer transferred him and his family to the Boston area. Before moving, the Camerons suggested that, since the project had grown substantially over the years, it would be best for a local service organization to continue the spirited effort. Kiwanis President Barry Barr and Luminaria Chairman Bill Lehman contacted the

Camerons to offer Kiwanis assistance.

The luminaria have a long tradition, dating back to the beginning of the New Testament. It is said that the candles represent the light that guided the Shepherds who following the Star of Bethlehem. However, the lighting has come to mean much more in recent years. As Cameron once put it, "It can mean just about anything a neighborhood wants it to mean." To some, it represents the Festival of Lights of Chanukah. To others, the annual neighborhood lighting of the candles represents a neighborly community spirit for the holiday season, signifying friendship and neighborliness within each community. In some neighborhoods, the candles are lit in conjunction with

annual neighborhood gatherings where local friendships are renewed for another year.

Special plumbers' candles are used for luminaria lighting. Each candle is placed inside a paper bag, which contains approximately two cups of sand. The candles are placed three to four feet apart across the front property line of each home. They're lit at an appointed hour early on Christmas Eve, and create a festive chain of illumination winding up and down the streets. The candles burn through most of the night, with the sand supplying a safety aspect in the event of tipovers.

custom, organization has become a necessity. The Camerons solicited volunteer block captains, who took or-

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Scotch Plains has day

The township of Scotch Plains celebrated itself last Saturday, with a host of festive fall activities. At the official level, the dedication of a new passive community park marked the calendar. Representative Matthew J. Rinaldo was on hand as featured speaker, as he and Scotch Plains Mayor Alan M. Augustine cut the ribbon.

Rinaldo praised the "family community" spirit

of Scotch Plains and addressed complimentary remarks to the Colonial-motif park. Augustine traced the history of the park development. The Master Plan of 1976 recommended a Bicentennial Park, noting the proximity of the land to the historic Cannonball House Museum and Stage House Village. The plan also suggested an attractive park would enhance the appearance of the business district.

As he proclaimed the first annual "Scotch Plains Day",

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Litter is focus

The problem of litter was addressed again at the October meeting of the Fanwood Borough Council. Resident Peter Agnello of Second Street asked whether the governing body was prepared to take any action on the complaint of excessive littering within the Borough which he had voiced at the September meeting and which reflected concerns voiced by other residents over the past year and a half. In September, Mr. Agnello's complaint was referred for action to Councilwoman Patricia Kuran, who serves as Council liaison to the Environmental Commission. Council President Patrick Dunn, presiding in the absence of the Mayor, assured Mr. Agnello there would be a resolution forthcoming. The resolution, presented by Mrs. Kuran, read:

WHEREAS, littering is both a continuing and an increasing problem for Fanwood residents, businesses and the image of the Borough itself, and

WHEREAS, the problem has reached the proportion where it could have a negative economic effect on property values and our endeavors to attract new rateables, and

WHEREAS, the "Peace and Good Order" Ordinance, Chapter 63, of the Fanwood Borough Code already contains a strong prohibition against littering (63-16H) with adequate penalties for violations (63-11).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby requests that the Public Safety

Committee advise the Chief of Police to direct his force to institute vigorous enforcement of the above ordinance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Environmental Commission, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and to all Fanwood service organizations to enlist their support in an anti-litter campaign.

Mrs. Kuran noted that the resolution was a first step designed to create public awareness of the problem. Copies of the resolution would be forwarded to the Board of Education and local service organizations in hope of enlisting their cooperation to establish an anti-litter attitude, she added.

In other actions during the unusually short Council session, the Council voted to seek bids for a planner to undertake a study of the downtown business district. Fanwood was recently awarded HUD Community Development funds to hire such a planner, and Council members have expressed a hope that a study and possibly an upgrading of the business district may provide needed tax relief in the way of increased rateables.

The Council also voted to accept funding of \$14,000 for two CETA apprentice carpenters.

Boy Scout Troop 130 was authorized to utilize the area behind the old Borough Hall at 130 Watson Road for the parking of a trailer.



Above, Rep. Matthew Rinaldo and Mayor Alan Augustine cut the ribbon to Scotch Plains' new Village Green Park. Across the street, Jack Mohn demonstrated tombstone rubbing as part of the Scotch Plains Baptist Church Homecoming Day.

