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High School DECA Chapter honors merchants sponsors



The High School's DECA chapter sponsored its 11th annual 'Local Retailers Day' when they visited over 400 local business leaders in five communities in the area. The purpose of this activity is to thank employers for their support of the Distributive Education program and to encourage others to participate. Each business person is presented with a boutonniere in his or her honor. Pictured above is DECA student Nancy Parenti 'pinning' her employer Richard Schuricht of the Fanwood Cleaners with Martin Edelmuth at left.

SCOTCH PLAINS FIRE DEPT. TO HOLD PAPER DRIVE

The Scotch Plains Fire Department will be holding a paper drive on January 22nd from 7:00 P.M.-9:30 P.M. Any citizen interested in discarding old newspapers may bring them to the North Side Firehouse, located in the rear of the Municipal Building between 7:00 P.M.-9:30 P.M.

If you would like them picked up, please call Rich Reganthal, 889-5926 or David Fiedler, 889-4298 or Kenneth Vincent, 889-5878.

Please do not bring papers to the Firehouse before January 22nd.

HOW SOON WE FORGET OR HOW LITTLE WE KNOW OR

I DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD ONE TOO

During his 6:30 a.m. news spot on Radio station WNEW on Wednesday, January 20, Newscaster Bob Hagen intoned, "Governor Kean of Connecticut is slated to go to work today after his inauguration yesterday." Well, what with living in Livingston for six months of so while Drumthwacket is being readied, perhaps Governor Kean is taking the long way around to get to Trenton.

FANWOOD LIONS DONATE SIGN FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Architect Richard G. Berry's rendering of the Fanwood Municipal Building illuminated entry sign that will be donated to the community by the Fanwood Lions Club. Mayor Theodore F. Trumpp has accepted the gift on behalf of the Council and residents for early spring installation.



Shack School lease subject of Planning Board Meeting

by Sheela Peace Zipern

A number of residents attended Monday's Planning Board meeting in Scotch Plains to voice concerns over the lease and possible sale to the Jewish Association of Centers and Y's of Central New Jersey (JACY) of Shackamaxon School on Martine Avenue. An appeal was made to the Planning Board to have the "P" (public) zone changed to an "R2" zone.

Chairman Robert Johnston specified that the 11 acre property is zoned "R2" on three sides and "R-1" on one side. Planning Board Attorney Lawrence Woodruff outlined some of the specifications for "R-1" and "R-2" zoning such as: one-family dwellings, parks, playgrounds, farming, and secondary uses such as: pools, residential storage buildings, churches, public and private schools, charter member clubs which would be non-profit, and residential professional offices. Attorney Woodruff explained that the Planning Board could only recommend an ordinance and then the motion would have to be put before the Town Council.

Harry Bernstein, representing JACY interests rose to state that the only issue was whether it would remain a "P" zone. He stated, "'P' means 'public' for governmental purpose. To let it lie fallow is illegal; the only

other plan is to revert it to another public usage. These people are not foreclosed from their day in court. There is no call legally or morally for a public discussion here. Solely the issue is whether this land is to be kept for public use."

Mrs. William Sidun, whose property lies next to "Shack", responded. "I'm absolutely against selling Shack and the property because I feel we'll need another school in 3 or 4 years. I've investigated school enrollment this year and it's higher than last. Dr. Sheldon has given me the figures. Why can't it be just leased?" Mrs. Sidun com-

mented that she had not received any information from the Board of Education and the first she knew was reading of it last week in this Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times. She was also curious why the 11-acre property would be available for \$450,000 when 3 acres nearby had recently sold for \$330,000.

Attorney Lawrence Woodruff stated that the Zoning Board is under obligation to advise the Town Council of the proper zoning classification. He also declared that "there is no application before the board with respect to JACY" and suggested it is with the Board

of Education. He also said that any applicant must satisfy specific criteria and anyone living within 200 ft. of Shackamaxon School would receive notification.

Board member J. Koleszar at one point declared "I resent the undue pressure we're receiving here with information that has no bearing on the matter."

Chairman Johnston informed those attending "The role of the Zoning Board is to determine what the zone should be. Please take your questions up with the Township Council and the Board of Education."

The motion was carried with two abstentions.

JACY programs available to kids from 2 through 93

by Liz Gautier

Penny Margoles, Executive Director of the Jewish Association of Centers and Y's of Central New Jersey (JACY), outlined the programs envisioned for the Shackamaxon School facility when reached by phone last week. The Martine Avenue property was recently leased by JACY from the Board of Education for a two year period with option to buy at the end of the lease term.

"The programs will just about cover all ages," Ms. Margoles explained, "from two years old through Senior Adults." She went on to say that the focus of the JACY programs is cultural, as opposed to recreational. For example, the organization brought such celebrities as Bill Buckley, Theodore Bikel and Jack Anderson to Westfield recently and plans other similar events for the benefit of the entire community in the future.

"All of our adult programs, such as the Senior Adult Club and the college courses in conjunction with Union College, will be open to every adult in the area - not just members of JACY," Ms. Margoles continued. "We also plan for a nursery school in the Shackamaxon facility, for children aged two and over."

"We aim to have our cultural programs on a par with, or, say, the caliber of the Summit-Art Center. Education and socialization are high priorities, and helping families in trouble...helping families to be together will be goals for the programs, too."

"All of this is, of course, six to eight weeks down the road as it will take that long to change the zoning status of the school." Ms. Margoles said that she would be happy to sit down with any of the

neighbors in the vicinity of the school who had questions or apprehensions about the programs, activities or general plans, goals and structure of the JACY organization. She can be reached by calling 756-2021.

Listening Post hears local citizens' gripes

The arraignment of three persons arrested on a weapons charge delayed the start of the January Listening Post. As a result Councilman Larry Newcomb, Manager Tom Atkins and several citizens heard Judge James Walsh complete the necessary legal work, admonishing the three men as to their legal rights and their obligations.

Once Listening Post began, two subjects dominated the discussions - storm drainage and recent increases in garbage collection rates. The drainage problem concerned a home on Locust St. adjacent to the Plainfield City line. Completion of a Plainfield City storm drainage project currently under consideration by Plainfield could cause added flooding problems in Scotch Plains unless the project was to be extended into Scotch Plains. Township Engineer John Meyers, who also attended the Saturday session, outlined how a 125 ft. extension of the Plainfield project would protect the local home owner. Councilman Newcomb commented this

appeared to be a reasonable and economic solution and promised to discuss it with the other members of Council.

The discussion of garbage rates was triggered by the recent 21% increase granted one local carter. The Town Manager had prepared a summary of subjects of Township concern related to the Public Utilities Commission. Besides garbage rates, it included a request that the PUC establish firm utility rates for governmental units that correspond with their budget years, the holding of rate hearings for garbage carters in the municipalities they serve, and some of the regulatory problems involving the carters and the Cabel TV system. Councilman Newcomb said he was requesting a meeting with one or two of the PUC commissioners to discuss these concerns, almost all of which are not problems limited to this township.

The next Listening Post will be Saturday morning, February 6, at 10 am.

Scotch Plains Merchants hold January meeting

by Liz Gautier

The Scotch Plains Merchants' Association held their January meeting at the Jade Isle restaurant Tuesday night and combined a brief business meeting with a social evening for a special night.

Bill Murray from the Village Shoe Shop gave the invocation and introduced his co-chairman Barton Barry of Barry's Frame Shop who he credited with the success of last night's affair. Kay Davitt of Gift Haven, founder of the merchants' association, welcomed the guests and commented on the accomplishments of the group. President-elect Mark Lowyns of the Cycle Center spoke briefly for his plans during

his term of office in 1982. Among the approximately seventy-five guests present were owners/employees/relatives of the following businesses: Stork Fair, Park Travel, Willow Coffee Shop, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times, Tony's Pharmacy, Formals by Luigi, Nick DelNegro's Diplomat Tailor, Autumn Harvest and Beautiful Things.

Also Charles Lecher Decorators, Cameo Travel, Suisse Pastry Shoppe, Park Beverage, John's Meat Market, Glasstetter's Bakery, LaVere's, Esther's Beauty Salon, McDonald's, Lady Leslie. Park Photo, Wallis

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