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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey, on March 1, 1982 at the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, first floor, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, at 7:30 p.m. to hear the following appeal:

The continuation of the appeal of WESTFORD CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., 1548 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. for a USE VARIANCE ONLY, which proposes the construction of 36 townhouse-condominium units and one existing one family home, on Lots 13, 13A, 14B and 17, Block 326, Rahway Road, R-1 residence zone, contrary to Section 23-3.5 of the zoning ordinance. (Use not permitted in zone).

DOG LICENSES DUE IN FANWOOD

Dog licenses were due for renewal in Fanwood on January 31, 1982. Residents may still purchase this State mandated license without penalty at the rate of \$6.00 per year.

Any dog over six (6) months must have a license, which is available in the Borough Clerk's office during normal, nine to five business hours. The Police Reserves are also selling licenses on Saturday mornings from nine to twelve noon.

Please remember you must have verification of rabies shots for your dog before you can obtain your 1982 license.

SCHOOL GUARDS NEEDED

The Scotch Plains Police Department needs substitute school guards. Interested parties should contact Sgt. William Bedson at 322-7100 or applications are available at Police Headquarters.

FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS JAYCEES TO SPONSOR RECYCLING DRIVE

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees will be conducting their monthly recycling at the southside of the Fanwood train station on Saturday, February 20, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

The Jaycees have been notified that as of February 1st, only loose sorted paper will be accepted for recycling. As a result, they can no longer accepting the following items: magazines, cardboard, telephone books on any other type of paper.

In addition to accepting glass, (which should be separated according to color) the Jaycees will also accept aluminum and metal for recycling.

The Jaycees will appreciate your cooperation in this matter and we look forward to continued service to the community.

Any young man between the ages of 18 and 40 who is interested in the Jaycees is invited to come to this project or attend our next monthly meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, February 23 at 8 pm at the Fanwood Train Station.

Coles students act out bios.



Biographies come to life at J. Ackerman Coles School in Scotch Plains. Third graders dressed up as the characters they read and learned about.

Back row standing: Philip Cirelli, Cathy Racioppi, Jamie DeGennaro, Alison Wallerstein, Thomas McDougle. Front row kneeling: Alexis Posyton, Jody Saltzman, Darci Fulford, Sandra Liebiedz.

Shady Lane proposal draws mixed emotions from crowd

by Liz Gautier

Approximately 80 persons were sardined into the Multi-Purpose Room at Fanwood's Borough Hall last Wednesday night for the monthly council meeting. It wasn't exactly a "standing room only" situation as there was, literally, no more space for standees. The room is woefully inadequate for meetings that draw the large crowd the was present.

The huge crowd was present to voice its approval/disapproval at the proposed ordinance to make Shady Lane a one way street at both ends and two-way in the middle. Residents from the adjacent streets (Poplar, LaGrande, Winfield, Clement, Birch and Beech) objected on the grounds that the change in traffic pattern on Shady Lane would "dump" the traffic onto their streets, thereby making them unsafe for children.

Shady Lane has become a speedway for motorists who cut through from South Avenue to Hatfield to Martine and, according to residents, this situation is prevalent 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Many residents expressed their frustration at being told "there is nothing we can do" by borough and DOT officials. On the other side of the coin one Winfield resident said she had lived on her street for 29 years and had never heard of a traffic problem in the area.

Council members told the residents that proposed changes in traffic flow would be on a 90-day trial basis and that extensive testing and "counting" would be performed under the direction of Police Chief Anthony Parenti, who is an acknowledged safety expert in the state.

Scotch Plains Councilman Lawrence Newcomb appeared before the council to present the township's position regarding the proposal. "The fire chief, police chief, township administrator, who is a licenses city planner, and the council feel the plans are bad and are a detriment to public safety." He went on to say that the convoluted zig-zag system would delay the Scotch Plains fire department's response to the six Scotch Plains residents on Shady Lane who are also against the proposal. (Eighty-

four homes are on the Fanwood portion of Shady Lane.)

Assistant Fire Chief Vincent Delisi expressed the concern of the Fanwood Fire Department that, "if the change is made as proposed, it will confuse the response to a fire call." He also took the opportunity to remind the

council and the citizens present of the desperate need for new fire equipment.

Other borough matters before the council brought just as impassioned feelings as the Shady Lane proposal but not the physical numbers of people. Assistant Administrator Dan Mason read.

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Cub Scout Pack 4 names Pinewood Derby winners



SCOTT RUSSELL

The culmination of four busy weeks of imagination, ingenuity, and initiative on the part of dads and their sons were realized recently when Cub Scout Pack 4 of Scotch Plains-Fanwood held its annual Pinewood Derby at the All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Creative and innovative car designs were in evidence as brightly painted, sleekly designed racers lined the outlying area of the race track, which spanned three quarters of the length of the recreation hall floor. On the sidelines fifty boys and their families were awaiting the wave of the checkered flag, which would tell the tale of the fastest cars in the Pack.

As the cars were systematically run-off, so that all had an equal opportunity to excel, Cubs exhibited discipline, patience, consideration and courage throughout. At the close of the evening, the top four winners of the Pack included: 1st Place, Scott Russell (Webelos), 2nd Place, Phillip Less (Den #4), 3rd Place, John Miller (Den #3), and 4th Place, Mark Forchesato (Webelos). All Cubs received a Pinewood Derby ribbon in recognition of their participation, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals were awarded to members of every Den. The next meeting of Pack 4 will be February 26th when boys and their families will enjoy Skits and Talent night.

Shack lease debated by Southside Association

by Claire Martin

The Board of Education's lease and/or sale of the abandoned Shackamaxon School property to the Jewish Association of Centers and Y's of Central New Jersey (JACY), was the subject of a meeting of the Southside Scotch Plains Property Owners' Association,

Wednesday evening, February 10th. Under the terms of the agreement the property was leased for \$40,000 the first year, and \$50,000 the second year. JACY has an option to buy at any time before the end of the two years, for \$450,000. The meeting of the Property Owners' Association was

chaired by Rae Smick, first vice president, in the absence of president Marie Gilannon. George Bips, a realtor who attended the meeting as a representative of Taxpayers Opposed the Sale of Shackamaxon School (T.O.S.S.) stated his group had hired attorney Joseph DiRienzo to challenge the legality of the lease. Bips contends that the provisions of property occupancy in the original bid were not identical to those in the final lease. "There are several things in the lease which we feel gave JACY an advantage over other potential bidders. One item, for instance, is that upon acceptance of the bid, Please turn to page 20

School property re-zoned to "R-2"

by Sheela Peace Zipern

Tuesday night the Scotch Plains Township Council voted unanimously for an amendment to re-zone the old Shackamaxon school property from "P" (public) to an "R-2" zone. Some of the specifications for "R-2" zoning are: one-family dwellings, parks, playgrounds, farming and secondary uses such as: pools, residential storage buildings, churches, public and private schools, charter members clubs which would be non-profit and residential professional offices.

As the meeting started, Mayor Flinn explained to a full house that the ordinance was only "an introduction" and in two weeks there would be a public hearing. When questioned by Daniel Bernstein, attorney for the new te-

nant JACY (Jewish Association of Centers and Ys of Central New Jersey), the Mayor stated that although the council realized the "only real issue is rezoning", because of community feelings "it's only fitting and proper to hear as many people as possible." Flinn added, "No matter what decision we make, there'll be controversy. It's like a Catch-22."

Berstein emphasized that the JACY is paying for heating and maintenance and requested the ordinance be approved on first reading. "The property would have to be re-zoned for sale. What other options are there?", he asked. In crowded chambers, he called for those in favor to stand. And they did - about three-quarters of the room. Please turn to page 6

Police nab two in S.P. shooting

At seven a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, Scotch Plains police arrested two juveniles from Plainfield, one 16 and one 17 in connection with the shooting of the township man, Randy Wilson, after a high school dance in Scotch Plains last Friday night.

The juveniles were charged with possession of a firearm and taken to Juvenile Detention in Elizabeth.

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