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KARL SAMSE SWORN IN AS MEMBER OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION



Karl Samse was sworn in as a member of the Fanwood Shade Tree Commission by Mayor Theodore Trumpp on Feb. 23, 1982. Mr. Samse is retired, and resides with his wife at 46 Madison Ave., Fanwood.

SPRING HOUSECLEANING?

Bring your newspapers to the Troop #130 drive this Saturday, March 6, at Shackamaxon School 8:30-12:30! Please bundle. For bulk pickups, call 233-5710 before Saturday. Proceeds help finance our Scout trips and activities - we need your support. Thank you.

BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 203 HOLD PAPER/ALUMINUM DRIVE

The Boy Scouts of Troop 203 will hold a Paper and Aluminum drive on Saturday, March 6 at St. Bartholomew's Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains.

The drive will be in the rear parking lot between the hours of 8 am - 2 pm.

Proceeds of the drive will be used for needed equipment and supplies to help the boys progress and support their trips and campouts.

Old newspaper and computer paper will be most welcome together with old aluminum.

PACK 277 TO HOLD PAPER DRIVE

Saturday, March 6, from 9 am - 10 am. McGinn School Parking Lot.

Residents and friends are asked to bring their tied newspapers and aluminum recyclable items to the collection sight. Proceeds are used for the benefit of members of Pack 277 and as credit toward the Pack S.O.A.R. (Save Our American Resources) project. If anyone wishes home pickup kindly call Pradeep Madan (654-4459) for arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR RETARDED HOME MARCH 7TH

The Association for Retarded Citizens of Union County will hold a Public Information Meeting this Sunday, March 7, at 2:00 p.m. to explain their plans for utilization of the property location at 370 North Avenue in Fanwood.

Mayor Theodore F. Trumpp has invited all residents of the Borough, particularly those who live in the immediate area, to attend this informative session which will take place in the Multi-Purpose Meeting Room in Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue.

State law permits community homes for up to six adult members of The Association for Retarded Citizens. Betty McGee, Executive Director of the Union County Chapter, indicated that this home will be very similar to those already existing or planned for Roselle, Berkeley Heights and Westfield. She expects this new community home at 370 North Avenue to be ready by May, 1982.

LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Little League will hold registration for new and returning players on Saturday, March 6, at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Boys and girls, ages 9 through 12 (born between August 1, 1969, and July 31, 1973), are invited to register in person, accompanied by a parent and with a birth certificate or other proof of age.

Current Little Leaguers are reminded that they must re-register each year, and managers are asked to contact returning players to be certain that they are properly registered. Registration may also be completed during tryouts at the Little League field on Saturday, March 20.

The League is always in need of additional managers, coaches and umpires and invites all residents of our two communities to join us in offering a quality baseball program for our young people.

Anyone interested in becoming part of the Little League program is welcome to call Bruce Park at 561-7759 or Bob Hyde at 654-4438 for additional information.

SP/F High School source of controversy and concerns

by Liz Gautier and Sheela Peace Zipern

Recently the communities of Scotch Plains and Fanwood have experienced a rash of rumors concerns the alleged beating of a security person at the high school. "This is pure fabrication," commented Leonia Reilly, president of the Board of Education. "There have been alterations, both internally and externally in the school, but never has any security personnel been harmed in any way."

"We have four security people in the high school - two men and two women - and these people are not uniformed or armed," she continued. "They are there primarily to keep outsiders out of the school and to maintain the traffic flow in the halls. It is also their responsibility to monitor rest room areas and all other areas where students will be when not in class."

Ms. Reilly went on to say that a Discipline Committee is being formed to review the present discipline policies. "We need more stringent rules and guide lines," she urged. "We are issuing student I.D. cards again and we want the kids and parents to know we're behind them 100 percent."

As Ms. Reilly sees it, the society now reflects behavior changes...and individuals are vocal and physical to the extreme. "It is a creeping erosion...and the problem is not helped by rumors. Don't accept rumors. Call me or call the school for verification. We need dialogue and we need an exchange of ideas and information and we need

it now."

It is not unusual for schools in the state to have security or monitoring personnel, she related, and protective procedures have been in effect for elementary school children for some time. "If the parent does not call to tell the school that the child will be out that day, Please turn to page 18

JACY obtains R-2 zoning for Shack by 5-0 vote

by Sheela Peace Zipern

It wasn't easy for the Scotch Plains Town Council to make a decision on the rezoning of Shackamaxon School, but at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, the five Council members voted unanimously to re-zone the property from a "P" (public) to an R-2 zone. Last October, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood

Board of Education entered into a 2-year lease agreement with the Jewish Association of Centers and Y's of Central New Jersey (JACY) with an option to buy at the end of the lease period.

For the past two months the Township Council has been hearing the pros and cons of the Center which would sponsor group activities and cultural events as well as senior citizen programs and pre-school activities. Nearby residents have attended all these meetings to express reservations.

As the meeting began, Council members waived all other items on the agenda in an attempt to finally come to a decision on the re-zoning of the Shackamaxon School property. Since there were over 200 residents in attendance and many standing in the halls, the Board requested that each speaker limit himself to two minutes.

Paula Seidman of Cooper Road asked if people were so concerned about youth in our community "why would anyone object?"

Marion Consteland asked Board members to "take up the plight of the homeowner. This is strictly a residential area. Do not abandon your taxpayers."

Board member Shick stated that he intended to offer an amendment to change to an R-1 zone, and not an R-2 as had been requested by the JACY. Co-counsel for JACY, Alan Schnirman, requested that a motion to amend be passed at the start of the meeting. Shick said he would like more public input before making the amendment. (Later, when he proposed the amendment, it was not seconded, and therefore didn't proceed.)

Resident Carol Ventry told Council Chambers "I don't want the rural atmosphere

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Merchants express needs to Fan. DRC

by Liz Gautier

"More parking spaces" headed the list of improvements that Fanwood merchants would like to see made in the block square business district. Tuesday night's meeting with the Downtown Redevelopment Committee (DRC) was to gain input from the merchants and interested townspeople and approximately 37 people turned out for the session.

Project Director Dan Mason gave a brief history of the project and the monies (\$90,000) from a Community Development Block grant.

Committee Chairman Carol Wood introduced her

fellow committee members (Bob Giegerich, Larry Andrews, Michael D'Antuono, Bob Butler, Joel Whitaker and Councilman Bob Rau), Mayor Ted Trumpp and Fred C. Michaeli of Planners Diversified, the borough's consultants on the redevelopment project.

Councilman Rau suggested several ways to enhance the business district such as landscaping, signs to denote the shopping area. "For example, a new store opened in Fanwood - Mother's Exchange - and we didn't ever have a ribbon cutting," he commented.

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Bd. of Adjust. reserves decision on condos.

by Sheela Peace Zipern

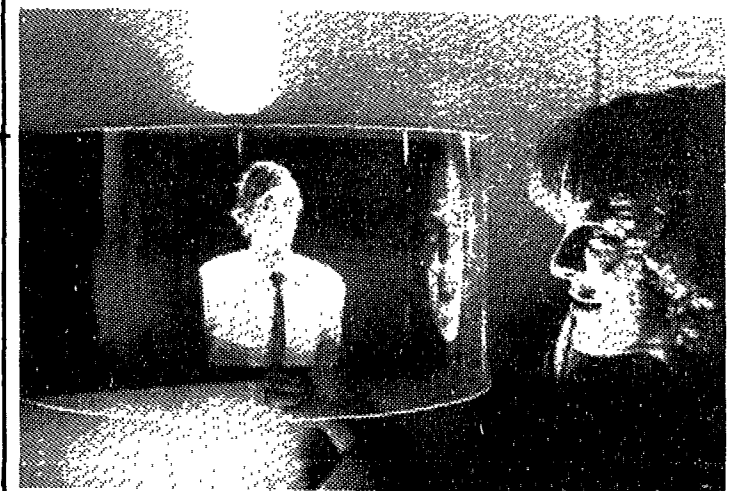
More than 50 residents appeared at a special Board of Adjustment meeting Monday night to voice opinions on the proposed construction of a 36-townhouse complex on the south side of Scotch Plains. The 35 acre tract is

bound by Rahway Road, Raritan Road and Frank Street and is presently zoned for single family dwellings on one acre. The proposed townhouse complex, to be built by Westford Construction, would be located on this tract used in the past as a farm and municipal dump. The March 1 meeting was called specifically to hear the continuation of the appeal for a use variance by Westford.

As the hearing began, Chairman R. Dixon, noting there were no more witnesses to be heard on behalf of Westford Construction, asked for objections to the application. Alan Schnirman, repre several

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Museum of Holography wild and wonderful place



William Buckley Baffled? Not really. But his 3-dimensional image stares curiously at the stream of visitors to the Museum of Holography in New York City. They come to see Mr. Buckley, Arthur Ashe, "Big Bird," and other honorees of the portrait gallery of Famous New Yorkers.

by Claire Martin

Does the word "museum" make the kids' eyes roll up to the top of their heads, while they emit soft moaning sounds? Do they think of museums as memorials to the past whose marbled halls and extensive collections make their feet ache and their eyeballs itch? Well, here's

one that won't. Take them to New York City's Museum of Holography. Both you and they will enjoy the show. This museum, the first of its kind in the world, will give them a glimpse of the future, and a sudden shift in their perception of reality and space. The three-dimensional pictures on

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CORRECTION

On page 19 of the Feb. 25 issue of The Times, under the heading "A Message to the Taxpayers..." the value of the Shackamaxon School property was incorrectly stated as "\$1,000.00". The ad should have read, "We feel the value of the property exceeds \$1,000,000," not \$1,000. Our sincere apologies for the error.