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MEET THE CANDIDATES ON CHANNEL 34

The PTA's "Meet the Candidates" night will be cablecast on Channel 34 on Thursday, April 1, from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. and again on Tuesday, April 6 from 5 to 6:45 p.m.

High School Media Department Chairman Jim Tuttle reported that the meeting on Monday night was successfully taped and would be aired at the above times.

In addition, a tape of a montage of activities in the school system will be shown on Channel 34 Friday, April 2 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and again on Monday, April 5 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The tape is primarily of high school activities, but will be interspersed with the lower grades as well.

LIONS CLUB HOLDS FLEA MARKET

Scotch Plains Lions Club
FLEA MARKET
Saturday, April 3, 1982
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fanwood Railroad Station

CUB SCOUT PACK 277 TO HOLD PAPER DRIVE SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

McGinn School Pack 277 will conduct their monthly paper/aluminum recycling drive on Saturday, April 3 from 9-11 am at the McGinn School parking lot. Residents are asked to tie or bag their newspapers. If home pickup is necessary, kindly call Dick Hausheer at 889-6537 for arrangements.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE TO HOLD TRYOUTS APRIL 3RD

Tryouts for new baseball players will be held Saturday, April 3rd, starting 11 a.m. at Terrill Middle School, rain date April 4th. Athletes born between August 1, 1966 and July 31, 1969 are eligible.

FANWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH TO HOLD BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

The Fanwood Board of Health will resume its Monthly Blood Pressure (Hypertension) Testing Clinics on Thursday, April 8th from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The Clinic will be held in the Municipal Building - Multi-Purpose Room, 75 No. Martine Avenue in Fanwood.

There is no charge for this service.

FANWOOD REC. COMMISSION TO SPONSOR EASTER EGG HUNT

The Fanwood Recreation Commission will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 10, at LaGrande Park at 10 a.m. The program is for children from the ages of 4 through 11.

In addition to the egg hunt, there will be prizes given in the egg decorating and bunny drawing contest. Prizes for egg decorating will be (1) most original, (2) most decorative, and (3) prettiest. The bunny drawing contest will give prizes for most original, prettiest and cutest.

All entries must be made between 9 and 10 a.m. In case of rain, the program will be held in the Community House at the Railroad Station (North Ave.).

SP RECREATION COMMISSION TO HOLD EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission, and conducted by the Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club, will be held at Brookside Park, off Hetfield Avenue, Scotch Plains on Saturday, April 10, rain date April 17th.

In a "first", face painting for the youngsters (ages 4 through 8) will be available at twenty-five cents per character, starting at 9:15 a.m. This promises to be a "fun" thing for all participants who will be attending the egg hunt.

At 10 o'clock sharp, the Egg Hunt will begin, and children should each bring a lunch bag with their names printed on it. Prizes will be awarded for specially marked eggs. Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny will be on hand with favors for all the children.

FANWOOD TO SPRAY OAK TREES

The Borough of Fanwood Shade Tree Commission has contracted with The Davey Tree Expert Company for spraying of the town oak trees with Dormant Oil. The sprays are scheduled on the 8th and 9th of April.

In the event of inclement weather, the spraying will take place on the days immediately following (not Saturday or Sunday). Park areas, Borough Hall and the Community House areas will be sprayed in the early morning hours. Shade Tree Commission Chairman Bill Crosby asked that you do not park your cars on the street if you have street oaks in front of your house on the scheduled dates for spraying.

Fanwood's school separation could be costly & lengthy

Manya S. Ungar, a resident of Scotch Plains and an Immediate Past President of the New Jersey State PTA, researched the following facts and figures in light of the recent Fanwood resolution to investigate the possibility of forming their own school system. Mrs. Ungar has outlined the problems and procedures of such an action, and presented them to the governing bodies of both Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

The Times herewith present's Mrs. Ungar's findings for the general public's edification. Read them...you'll be amazed.

The appointment by the Fanwood Borough Council of Mr. Richard Bard as a committee of one to investigate the feasibility and advisability of having Fanwood withdraw from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Regional School District has raised considerable speculation and concerned discussion in the newspapers and popular gathering places in both communities.

Because of the seriousness and long-range effects of such a proposal and since I felt sure you and the citizens of both towns would want to know the legal steps involved and any obstacles which might have to be overcome should they wish to move toward that possibility, I take the liberty of sharing the following information with you. All of it comes from department heads in the NJ State Department of Education, of Office of the County Superintendent of Schools (Union), the NJSA 18A:13-51-65, NJAC 6:3.1-3.5 and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood League of Women Voters Handbook, "Know Your Schools." I present it to you and the community at large so you may better make an educated, dispassionate decision about so important a matter.

First and foremost: there is, currently, no provision in law to deregionalize an "all-purpose" (kindergarten through High School) regional school system like Fanwood-

Scotch Plains. Before any effort could be made to dissolve the current district, the New Jersey Legislature would have to introduce and pass, and the Governor sign, a new law which allows such

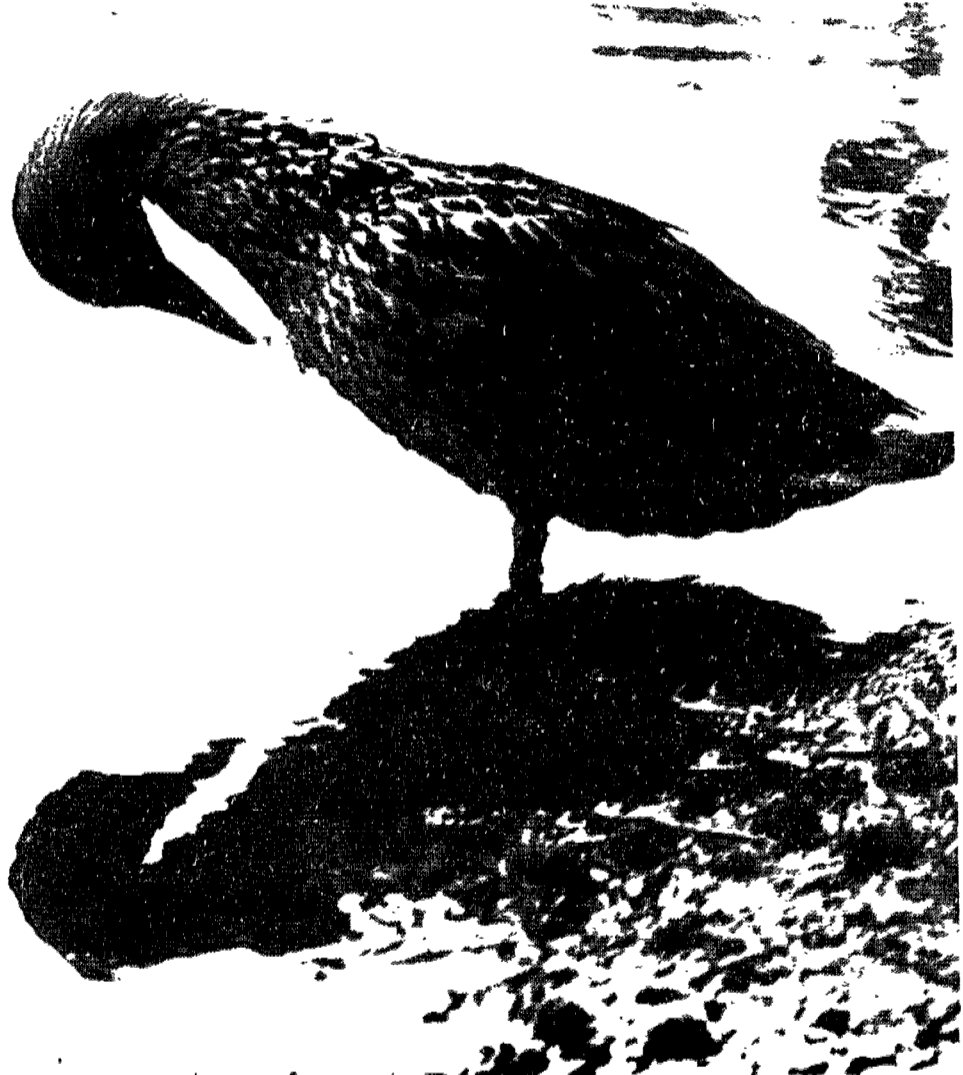
deregionalization.

SINCE 1878

Although Fanwood and Scotch Plains have had two separate municipal governments, they have for over a

century shared their common schools, even before the first free public school was established in 1878. That original building was at Grand and Union Avenues. Please turn to page 22

High school photographer competes with the pros



by Claire Martin

Pam Jennings is known around Scotch Plains/Fanwood High School as "that girl with the camera." "I wear it a lot," says Pam, "If I don't have it, people wonder what's wrong."

Her interest in photography really began when she took part in a two-week Safari to Kenya. Pam, in Junior-High then, experienced a degree of frustration as she tried to take pictures with her Instamatic 110,

and watched everyone else with their fancy equipment and telephoto lenses. "Not that they all knew how to use them," Pam observed. Still, when she got home, she read all she could about 35mm photography, and finally convinced her parents her interest was real. They consented to go halves with her in purchasing a Konica TC.

Soon she was photo editor of her 9th grade yearbook. It wasn't hard for the school to notice Pam's hobby. "At that age," she said, "there aren't too many people who go running around with a 35mm camera around their necks." She was asked to photograph students in



PAM JENNINGS

school activities for a slide show to be presented to the parents of incoming students. Please turn to page 24

SP mother prepares little Oscar winners

by Sheela Peace Zipern

Talented kids. Awkward kids. Artistic kids. Shy kids. Once a year they all have a special night to show their talents to an admiring audience. For seven years now, students at Coles School have participated in talent night with a lot of guidance and support from a devoted Scotch Plains resident, Susan Saunders.

Mrs. Saunders had always

been involved in amateur theater productions and when she moved into the area and her children attended Coles, she took an interest in "talent night" which the school had sponsored for a number of years. It was only a tryout and then the show," she said "I changed it because I felt rehearsals were not only fun but it allowed more children to participate -

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Candidates discuss issues

by Sheela Peace Zipern

Candidates for the Scotch Plains Board of Education met Monday night to discuss their platforms and answer questions from the audience at Terrill Middle School. Elke Mogendorf from the League of Women voters served as moderator and introduced the candidates, although only four out of six announced

candidates were present. Owen Lynch and Frank Festa were absent. Before the question and answer period, each candidate made a short introductory statement.

Paul Smith asserted the district needs to improve the athletic program for boys and girls; that there should be alternate use for school Please turn to page 23