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SEE YOU AT THE POLLS!

REMINDER - The School Board Election scheduled for April 6 and cancelled because of the spring snow storm, will be held on Tuesday, April 20...rain or shine. Polls are open between the hours of 2 p.m. and 9 p.m.

If you made it to the polls before they were closed April 6, you may not vote again. Your vote will be counted with all the ballots cast on Tuesday, April 20.

SP FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD FISH DINNER 4/16

The fellows of the Scotch Plains Fire Department will hold a Fish Dinner on Friday April 16, between the hours of 5:30 and 9:00 pm. The dinner will be held at the Company #1 Firehouse (rear of Town Hall - Park Avenue) and admission price is \$5.00 per person.

YMCA HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA cordially invites everyone to the ribbon cutting ceremony of its new facility on Martine Avenue.

The new gymnasium, nautilus center and enlarged lobby are a welcome addition to the existing pool and locker rooms.

The facility will be open to all from 1:00 - 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 18th. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 2:00 pm.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE TRYOUTS SET FOR APRIL 17TH

Tryouts for new baseball players, postponed from April 3rd, will be held Saturday April 17th, starting 11 a.m. at Terrill Middle School, rain date April 18th. Athletes born between Aug. 1, 1966 and July 1, 1969 are eligible. For further information call Mr. Dumont at 889-2045 or Mr. Wanat at 889-6261.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OFFERS SERVICES

The Fanwood Fire Company Dance Committee, and the Fanwood Fire Prevention Bureau are presently distributing literature to every home in Fanwood. These groups hope that the residents will take advantage of the services offered by the Fire Prevention Bureau, including smoke detector information, home escape plans and "Tot Finder" decals, all of which are offered without charge.

They also hope that the residents will support the annual dance, May 14, and the annual blood drive which is scheduled for July 12.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS TO HOLD PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY 5/2

A "Pancake Breakfast" will be held Sunday, May 2, at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sponsored by the High School Athletic Boosters, proceeds from the breakfast will go to support athletic programs at the High School. Breakfast chairperson Shirley Capaldo said, "All Scotch Plains and Fanwood families are invited to eat with us on May 2nd. Come before or after church, eat all you want, and help support our athletes."

Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased prior to the breakfast from Booster Club members, or they can be obtained at the door. The breakfast is \$2.50 per person (children under 12 or senior citizens - \$2.00 per person).

For ticket information call Shirley Capaldo (322-7414) evenings.

FANWOOD LIONS LAUNCH FOURTH BENEFIT RAFFLE

A \$1,000 trip of the winner's choice is the prize in a raffle limited to 200 tickets being sold at \$10 each by Fanwood Lions Club members.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the Fanwood club has conducted this type of raffle to raise funds for the many local sight, scholarship and charitable projects they help support.

Drawing for the winning ticket will take place during a regular club meeting at the Stony Brook Restaurant on June 2. Trip arrangements for the winner will be handled by Park Travel, 413 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Tickets can be purchased from any Fanwood Lions Club member, or by calling 322-5800. Attendance at the drawing is not required to win.

LAST CALL FOR CONTAINER SERVICE PERMITS 4/17

This is the last week that a permit can be obtained on a Saturday for container service in Scotch Plains (April 17, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).

From then on permits for the service are available weekdays only at the Public Works Yard on Plainfield Avenue from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Scotch Plains taxpayers hit with increased valuations

by Sheila Peace Zipern

Tuesday the Scotch Plains Township Council unanimously adopted the 1982 local municipal budget, which had been delayed because of the possibility of legislation in Trenton. Councilman Lawrence Newcomb announced that there would be a 2.8% increase to Scotch Plains taxpayers from 69¢ to 71¢ per \$100 of assessed value.

Discussion of the budget was not what brought the meeting close to the witching hour. Many residents came to hear the council's decision of the rezoning of "certain lots in the Northgate area" on the southside of Scotch Plains from an R, to an R2 which would permit industrial offices, professional and partial professional use of buildings. Presently 30 private homes comprise Northgate on one-half acre. All present concurred there was "human error" in zoning the area long ago. As one participant, Michael Blacker, pointed out, "It became R, by mistake by the Master Planner, Planning Board and Building Inspector."

In 1979, it came before the Township Council but because of the "public out-

cry", the council voted to retain the R zone.

Suit was brought to rezone by resident Robert Farkas, and state Superior Court Judge Milton Feller ruled

there had been an error in the original zoning and an R2 seemed more appropriate.

Michael Blacker went on to say that it should have been corrected long ago.

"Thousands of dollars later," he stated, "Judge Feller says it should have been R2. I urged the council to correct it at this time."

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All Saints' parishioners to observe 100th year



Festival Choir of All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, rehearses for Solemn Evensong service scheduled for Sunday April 25 at 4 p.m. which will be the first of two events this year observing the centennial of the church building.

Bill Mathews dies at North Ave. fire in Fan.



WILLIAM A. MATHEWS

William A. Mathews, 86, died of an apparent heart attack while answering a call to fight a fire in Fanwood Friday, April 9, 1982.

He was stricken while preparing fire equipment to fight, what turned out to be, a minor blaze in a home on North Avenue.

Mr. Mathews was an active participant in Fanwood politics and fraternal groups for over fifty years. He was a veteran of World War II and served the borough of Fanwood in the capacities of Borough Council president, Borough Clerk, member of the Board of Health, director of Civil Defense, police Commissioner and a member of the volunteer fire company since 1931.

He helped organize the Fanwood Rescue Squad and was president and chaplain of the New Jersey First Aid Council for two terms. He was also a past president of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club and was presently serving as the club's chaplain.

Mr. Mathews was an elder of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church and was active in the Plainfield Area Red Cross. Until his retirement in 1961, he was an adjuster with Johnson & Higgins, New York.

Special memorial services were held at the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club and joint services by the Fanwood Fire Company, Rescue Squad and New Jersey First Aid Council. Following these tributes, services were held at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. Interment was in Carlisle, Pa.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Headly Mathews, a daughter Mrs. Jean M. Thatcher, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The family requested that, if they desire, friends may make contributions in his memory to the Memorial Fund of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, the Fanwood Rescue Squad or the Fanwood Fire Company.

All Saints' Episcopal parish will observe the 100th anniversary of its church building at 559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, Sunday April 25 at 4 p.m. in the church.

The Solemn Evensong will be one of two observances scheduled for the building's centennial year, according to the Rev. John R. Nielson, 25 at 4 p.m. in the church. Please turn to page 12

If spring is here...can summer be far behind???



by Claire Martin

Before last week's record-breaking blizzard, a lawn chair had been set out hopefully, in the yard of Natalie Kucinski. After the snow filled the chair, it reminded Natalie, an artist who normally works in oils, of someone sitting. Inspired, Natalie and her friend Mary Ellen Truman, also an artist, set to work. They created a

seated snow-woman, reminiscent of the white plaster figures of New York artist, George Segal. They knew their sculpture was a success when the dogs saw the figure and knew it was an intruder. They barked, then sniffed, then barked some more. It must have worked, the intruder is gone now. So is the rest of the spring snow.