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YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE PRESENTS "BLONDINI & FRITZ ...A CLOWN COMEDY"

"Blondini & Fritz...A Clown Comedy" starring John Townsen & Fred Yockers and presented by If Every Fool, Inc., will be seen on Saturday, February 5, at 2:30 at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

You'll see fantastic acts: Comedy...Juggling...Gymnastics...Pantomime...Circus Acts...Slapstick. It's a thrilling, enjoyable, hilarious fun show that's full of laughs for all. Audience participation enhances this sensational show.

Tickets will be sold at the door at \$2 per child or adult. For information, call Maureen Mawby, chairperson, at 889-1915.

ANNUAL POPS CONCERT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Music Boosters urge you to attend the Annual Pops Concert, Friday evening, February 4 at 8:15 in the high school auditorium. Enjoy an evening of musical entertainment and find out if you have a winning raffle ticket.

LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST SET FOR SUNDAY

The Scotch Plains Lions Club will hold its Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, February 6, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Hershey's Delicatessen, 1800 East Second Street, Scotch Plains. Donation \$3.00 and children under 6 years old FREE when accompanied by adults.

Co-Chairmen Robert Amberg and Thomas Blanck report that all proceeds from the affair will go directly into the Blind and Community Betterment Fund. As in the past, The Lions will use this money to support the projects that they have set up in the local community for sight conservation, hearing disorders and juvenile diabetes.

Tickets are available from any Lion Club Member or Lion Member Store in Town, or at the door. The Lions will be collecting Old Eye Glasses, so if you have any old eye glasses please bring them with you.



Your Valentine message can be delivered in THE TIMES for only \$3. Remember it's low calorie and completely fat free. See page 13 for details.

Pres. Reagan appoints former S.P. man to No. 2 position

Joseph J. Simmons, III, a Scotch Plains resident from 1970 through 1982, was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the position of Under Secretary of the Interior on Tuesday, Feb. 1. Simmons replaces Donald Hodel who became Secretary of the Energy Department.

A native of Muskogee, Okla., Simmons graduated from the University of St. Louis. He was associated with his

family's oil business in Muskogee and in 1970 joined Amarada Hess Corp. as oil import administrator.

In April 1982, Simmons was appointed to the Interstate Commerce Commission and left Scotch Plains for Washington where he presently resides. He is married to the former Bernice Miller of Detroit and the couple has five children.

The appointment of Simmons now goes to the Senate for confir-

mation. If confirmed, he will be one of the highest ranking black men in the Reagan

cabinet today, and will be next in line for Interior Secretary James Watt's position.

United Way up to 60 percent of its goal



While local temperatures were dipping below freezing, the United Way of Plainfield, North Plainfield and Fanwood's thermometer was on the rise. Campaign Chairperson Maureen Warnicke, North Plainfield, and Pierce Baugh, vice president of the United National Bank, mark the progress at the United Way's thermometer at United National's office on Front St., Plainfield.

The United Way of Plainfield, North Plainfield and Fanwood has raised 60 percent of its goal of \$507,343. The money raised by the United Way will help support 27 human service agencies that assist residents of Plainfield, North Plainfield and Fanwood. Contributions to the United Way may be sent to: The United Way, 4 Grove St., Plainfield, NJ 07060.

S.P. Council flooded with storm drainage complaints

by Sheela Peace Zipern

A Storm Water Control Ordinance amendment before the Scotch Plains Township Council was described as "appalling" Tuesday night, February 1. Residents of Winding Brook Way appeared before Council members to voice their complaints against a possible variance to the Storm Water Control Ordinance, which would allow Jolen Realty to consider construction of an apartment complex in the area.

Resident Harold W. Margo, read a prepared statement to the Council and the public, giving some background: A Storm Water Control Ordinance was adopted in 1977 to

reduce flooding and damage to property in the Winding Brook area. In 1980, the town was petitioned to rezone this land as a natural flood detention basin. Union County's hydrological engineer, K. Marsh, advised that the land only be used for "environmental or recreational purposes". According to Mr. Margo, a Use Variance was granted to Jolen Realty by the Board of Adjustment that year, stating that the flooding issue would be looked into at the Site Plan stage. To the consternation of Harold Margo and other homeowners, as Site Plans were reviewed by the Board of Adjust-

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PROPOSED FIREHOUSE TO APPEAR ON FANWOOD COUNCIL AGENDA

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood will hold a special meeting during a portion of their regularly scheduled agenda meeting, on Thursday, February 3, at 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue.

The purpose of this special session is to review the Site Plan for the proposed Fire House addition to the existing Municipal building and the consideration of a resolution regarding the same.

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed firehouse on Monday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. This special meeting will be held in the Community House of the Fanwood Railroad Station because Night Court is scheduled for the multi-purpose room at Borough Hall that same night.

SPFHS "Whiz Kids" whip Mountain High School

The first team ever formed by Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School to represent it in Suburban Cablevision's TV-3 "Challenge" competition won its second round match on Tuesday, January 18. The program is a college bowl format tournament sponsored by the cable station. SPFHS soundly defeated

Mountain High School, competing strongly on the show for the past eight years, by a score of 365-275.

The four team members (one of whom serves as the alternate in the actual matches) practice an average of twice a week at the Scotch Plains Public Library using quiz books and other

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