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## S.P. BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION DEADLINE SET

Friday, March 18 marks the deadline for the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission Baseball/Softball League registration. Forms are available at the Recreation office in the municipal building. You must have a registration form completed before you can play.

Adult helps, managers and coaches are needed. If you wish to assist in any way, let the Recreation Commission know by signing the bottom part of the form.

## McGINN SCHOOL HOLDS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration forms for children entering kindergarten next September are available in the McGinn School Office.

Parents are encouraged to complete initial registration forms by March 18th. Kindergarten orientation and screening sessions will be held in April and May.

To be eligible for admission to kindergarten in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools next September, your child must be five years of age prior to December 1, 1983.

## REGISTRATION FOR BABE RUTH LEAGUE, SATURDAY, MAR. 12

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Babe Ruth League reminds all players and parents that registration will be held Saturday, March 12 at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Registration will also be conducted at the Fanwood Train Station on Saturday, March 19 at the same times.

Babe Ruth baseball is open to all 13 to 15-year-old players in both communities. Newcomers and first year players are particularly invited to meet and discuss the program with league members during registration hours.

## NO-SHOW TRUCK ABORTS SCOUT PAPER DRIVE

Boy Scout Troop #130 extends apologies to everyone involved in the aborted Paper Drive last Saturday. The truck we had contracted for did not show up, so there was no receptacle for the papers. Consequently, the Troop will be short on funds, while many of you are long on newspaper.

We regret the inconvenience and disappointment of all the good people who were expecting a pick-up or who brought their papers to us, and of the Scouts and fathers who donated time, changed plans, etc. to work the drive. We hope our final drive - on May 21 - will help reestablish our good name. Thank you for your understanding.

Boy Scout Troop 130

## CAPALDO MEMORIAL CHECKS TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Those wishing to donate to the David Capaldo Memorial Scholarship Fund should send checks to the David Capaldo Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Carol Cecchine, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

## S.P. Fire Dept. to sponsor Atlantic City bus trip

The Fellows of the participants will receive Scotch Plains Fire \$10.00 cash when they arrive in Atlantic City. Department will sponsor a bus trip to the Sands Casino in Atlantic City on Sunday, March 20. Tickets are available by contacting Carmen Grausso, Jon Ellis or Chief Messermer at the Northside Firehouse municipal building weekdays between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. The 9:00 am. Tickets are phone number is \$15.00 each. Par- 322-6866.

# Gypsy moths, garbage rates & loose dogs concern citizens

Gypsy moths, garbage rates and dogs highlighted the March Listening Post conducted Saturday morning by Councilman Gabe Spera, Mayor Larry Newcomb and Scotch Plains Manager Tom Atkins. Two citizens inquired about the town's plans to spray for gypsy moths with Sevin, and the possible side effects of such spraying. Mayor Newcomb outlined the town's plans to participate in the state's spraying program scheduled for later in the Spring, aerial spraying with the insecticide Sevin.

When asked if the town had gotten any negative reaction to such spraying and why was Scotch Plains resuming this program after not having participated in the state's program in 1982, the Mayor responded "Citizen requests". He went on to add in 1981 the town did participate in the aerial spray program and while there were a few complaints, there were more complaints from persons whose areas were infested but were not sprayed. "Last year we did not spray and about ten times as many com-

plaints were raised because we didn't participate in the state program," he added. The Mayor also noted that at the last Council meeting, a public hearing was held on the subject of the town's

proposal for 1983 and no one appeared to comment.

Councilman Spera commented he personally has used an alternate material, BT, but that it is considerably more expensive and is

not considered to be as effective. Both Spera and Newcomb said the decision to use Sevin is not final, but a final decision is due very shortly. Tom Atkins added the advice of the

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# College Club marks 50 yrs. of service to community

The week of March 13-19 has been declared College Club week by Mayor Lawrence Newcomb of Scotch Plains and Mayor Theodore Trumpp of Fanwood, in honor of the organization's Fiftieth Anniversary on March 15.

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains was founded in 1933 by ten Fanwood women. Since then, the non-profit organization has grown to more than 130 members rendering a variety of services to the community.

The main purpose of College Club is to further the continuing education of women and to provide annual scholarships to young women who are residents of either Scotch Plains or Fanwood. In addition, the club has developed and



Celebrating the proclamation of March 13-19 as College Club Week are (l-r, seated) Mayor Lawrence Newcomb of Scotch Plains; Edith Lea, President of College Club from 1934-35; and Mayor Theodore Trumpp of Fanwood. Standing (l-r) are Nancy Anderson, 1st vice president and Eleanor Sturm, president of the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains.

conducted other activities that have become local traditions. These include College Night, when more than 115 colleges and universities gather each fall to meet with students and parents at the Scotch Plains-

Fanwood High School, and Winter Fantasy, a community festival of trees, displays and other holiday decorations held early in the month of December at All Saints Parish Hall in Scotch Plains.

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# Board budget hearing raises tax questions

by Sheela Peace Zipern

Residents had a lot to say last Thursday, March 3 at a special meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education on the 1983-84 Budget. In view of information that the 20.6 million budget, up from last year's 19.7 million would increase property taxes, residents showed concern about the maintenance and potential sale of three closed schools in the district. The schools are LaGrande, Shackamaxon and the old School I.

Steven Schoeman of Scotch Plains stated "A million dollar budget increase is ludicrous. Why should

taxpayers pay another million dollars for school expenditures when we have empty buildings that could bring revenue? Where does it stop?" Schoeman also suggested that modern technology be employed to keep building costs down, such as energy conservation through improved insulation and solar heating. Board member Alfred Rees, a mechanical engineer, spoke of the Honeywell program in the high school. "I assure you we're dedicated to keeping costs down," he said.

Frank Festa of Fanwood feared if the three

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# Fanwood makes the 6 o'clock news in London

by Liz Gautier  
When Fanwood Police Chief Anthony Parenti received a call from BBC in London, last Friday, he thought someone was making a joke. "But when I heard that thick accent, I knew it had to be legitimate," Parenti related.

It all started when the AP and UPI news services picked up the story on Fanwood's Neighborhood Watch and Chain Letter program from the Star-Ledger. Eventually the release made its way to England where a BBC

newscaster read the story. As Queen Elizabeth was in San Francisco last week, the newscaster called the police department in that city to find out about the Neighborhood Watch program. A San Francisco police official had also read the story and referred his caller to Chief Parenti in Fanwood.

"I've had calls from municipalities all over the country since the story broke," Parenti said, "but the call from London was a

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