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MUSIC BOOSTER PAPER DRIVE APRIL 10TH

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Music Booster Association paper drive will be their final fund raiser for the school year. It will be held on Sunday, April 10, in the high school parking lot on Westfield Road between 12:00 noon and 5:00 pm.

Please drop your newspapers off between those hours. If you would like to have a pick up at your home, call Sadie Burton at 232-5590.

POLICE TO INSTITUTE HELPING HANDS PROGRAM

The Police Departments of Scotch Plains and Fanwood are introducing a Helping Hands program to be implemented in the Fall of 1983. The Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club and the PTA Safety Council are helping with the introduction of this program to our community.

The purpose of the Helping Hands project is to designate homes where a child, in an emergency, will find a responsible adult. The Helping Hands Homes are identified by a brightly colored hand prominently displayed in the window.

Participants will be screened by the police and instructed in how to deal with emergency circumstances. Anyone who is home most school days is welcome to volunteer as a Helping Hands Home.

A letter detailing the Helping Hand program and information on how to apply will be distributed to Scotch Plains and Fanwood elementary school students this Spring by the Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club.

Any questions about the Helping Hands program should be directed to Sgt. Bedson of the Scotch Plains Police Department or Cpl. Furchak of the Fanwood Police Department.

BUTTER AND CHEESE TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN FANWOOD

Butter and cheese will be distributed in Fanwood on Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Those eligible must be receiving Welfare, Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged, Supplemental Security to the Aged, or Have incomes under \$12,000 for a single household, \$15,000 for a couple or \$17,000 for a family of 4.

Location will be at the rear of the Municipal Building, 75 North Martine Avenue.

BROWNIE IN-GATHERING

"The Shoemaker and the Brownies" is given a new look as "The Brownie Story" is performed by Becky Freeman, Amy Kucin, Greta Tate at the First Grade Brownie In-gathering.

Another Troop danced "Strut Miss Lucy" and all received their World Association Pins and the Ready Helper and World of Well Being badges.



N.J. School Boards Assn. urges voter turnout 4/12

The New Jersey School Boards Association urges every eligible voter to take part in the Annual School Election on Tuesday, April 12.

"We believe that all citizens should vote in this important election," said NJSBA President Bernard Kirshstein. "Each year only a small percentage of the voters realize the importance of selecting dedicated individuals to serve as trustees of the public education system and voting on school budget."

According to statistics, voter turnout in last year's election reached 15.2 percent. While that figure represents an improve-

ment over the 1981 turnout of 11.5 percent, it is still disappointing.

"Consider also that more than four billion dollars in state, local and federal funds, will be invested this year in New Jersey's public education system," Kirshstein said, "and more than any other agencies, local boards of education make decisions that will ultimately effect the lives of more than one million public school students in the Garden State."

"New Jersey citizens who are concerned about how our education tax dollars are spent and, most importantly, about our children's future should not pass up this chance to participate in

the Annual School Election. We urge all eligible citizens to vote on Tuesday, April 12."

A statewide, non-profit organization, the New Jersey School Boards Association is a federation of more than 600 local school

boards. It serves as advocate for the interests of New Jersey's public school students and school districts and provides inservice training and technical assistance for the state's 5,000 board of education members.

Fingerprinting program to be initiated in late April



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert J. Howlett recently announced that a voluntary fingerprinting program will be initiated in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools.

The program will be implemented in conjunction with the local police department and the Union County Sheriff's office. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA units have also pledged their assistance in this program.

The fingerprinting program itself has received not only local but national attention when it was initiated recently and is current-

ly being implemented in several districts within Union County.

Once the specific arrangements for the fingerprinting process itself have been finalized, the information will be made available to all parents for their decision on whether or not to have their children fingerprinted.

Above, Scotch Plains Police Chief Robert Luce and Dr. Howlett confer on the logistics of fingerprinting 3,000 children in grades K through 8, and the possible inclusion of 1,600 students in the high school. Target date for the project is the latter part of April.

HUD delays funds for Development project

by Liz Gautier

The Downtown Redevelopment Project for the borough of Fanwood received another jolting delay from federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials who put off making a decision to award \$400,000 in grant money on March 31.

It was the second postponement by HUD and the new decision date has been pushed back to June 30. Dan Mason, borough clerk and Project Director for the revitalization program, said that he,

planning consultant Fred Michaeli and developer Charles Dodge of the Moorehouse-Fanwood Corp. will meet with federal officials on April 11 to try and determine the reason of the latest delay.

The borough already has \$273,400 in Union County Development funds allocated for the project and the developer has received in excess of \$2 million financial commitment from a lending institution, the banking being a full joint venture part-

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Community education plans shaping up

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood District's new community education coordinator, Selma Kaufman, is very enthusiastic about tentative plans to use a portion of the district's three empty schools (LaGrande, Shackamaxon, Muir) for total community involvement. The fourth school, School One, will be turned into shops and offices, if the School Board and a developer close the deal.

So far Kaufman envi-

sions setting up summer pilot workshops for residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood only. The workshops would be run on a non-profit basis and would be open not only to students in grades 1 through 12, but to adults and college students in the communities.

"There will be a paid staff and the program would be run in conjunction with the Adult Education department," Kaufman

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Luce sworn in as Police Chief in S.P.

by Liz Gautier

Before a packed, cheering house, Police Chief Robert Luce was sworn in by Township Clerk Helen Reidy at Tuesday night's Scotch Plains council meeting.

Mayor Larry Newcomb noted that he didn't think the crowd was there to hear council business and that he hoped they would return on April 19

when the budget is presented.

After the swearing-in ceremony in which the new chief's wife, Bernice, held the bible, most of the crowd exited the council chambers, leaving a smattering of people to hear the remainder of the meeting.

In other business before the council, Please turn to page 20