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NEWCOMERS HOLD 6TH ANNUAL 'DONUTS WITH SANTA' DEC. 10

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers Club will sponsor its sixth annual Donuts with Santa on Dec. 10, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains.

Santa will attend from 9 am to noon to talk to the children. Tickets will be \$1 per person and will be sold at the door. All children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be handmade ornaments and homemade baked goods for sale. For more information, call 889-8787.

ORWELL'S PROPHECIES IN '1984' HAVE HAPPENED

Are we in an Orwellian era? One hundred prophecies of his original 130 have come to pass according to the analysts. The book discussion group will meet to finish their discussion of Orwell's "1984" on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fanwood room at the Fanwood Memorial Library. The public is invited.

FANWOOD COUNCIL TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING NOV. 29

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood will meet in a Special Session on Tuesday, November 29, at 8:00 p.m. in Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood. This is a continuation of the November 9 Regular Meeting.

Items on the Agenda include the Borough's application for Year X Community Development funds and a closed session regarding personnel matters and salary.

DECA'S CHINESE AUCTION PROMISES FUN & WINNERS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) is sponsoring fun-filled Chinese Auction on Wednesday evening, November 30, beginning at 7:30 pm in the High School's Cafeteria. Admission is \$3 and includes 25 raffle tickets (including door prizes) and refreshments. Many fabulous prizes will be available. Tickets may be purchased at the Village Shoe Shop and Glasstetter's Bakery, both on Park Ave. and at the Beautiful Things Factory on East 2nd St., all in Scotch Plains. Tickets will also be sold at the door. For further information, call DECA at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School at 889-8600 between the hours of 11 am and 1:00 pm.

JAYCEES AND S.G.A. SPONSOR BLOOD DRIVE

Gifts come in all shapes and colors. Many are soon forgotten after they are received. If you want a gift that will be remembered, give the gift of life, give blood.

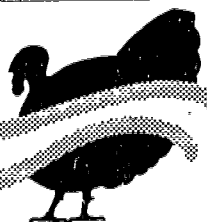
Donating to the Jaycee-S.G.A. blood drive will be the most generous thing that a human being can do for another; you will have shared of yourself so that others can live.

The Jaycee-S.G.A. blood drive will be held on Saturday, December 3, at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm.

If anyone wants to reserve a specific time that they would like to donate, call Joe Metzger at 322-6142 or David Pickering at 322-8974.

The Jaycees and the Student Government Association of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School thank you for your support of this community service project.

Greetings on Thanksgiving



Fan. R.R. Sta. construction contract awarded by N.J.T.

NJ Transit today approved the award of a contract for improvements to the Fanwood Rail Station on the Raritan Valley Line (RVL). The improvements are part of an extensive upgrade to thirteen stations along the line, which extends from Phillipsburg to Newark and serves 7,000 passengers daily.

NJ Transit Executive Director Jerome C. Premo said that the improvements to the Fanwood Station include the construction of low level platforms, repair of stairways to parking areas, new lighting and drainage. He said the work is being funded by the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) at a cost of approximately \$149,000. The work, which is being done by H.P. Connor & Company of Roseland, is scheduled to be completed in the Spring.

Premo noted that the Fanwood Station is the last of the thirteen stations along the Raritan Valley Line to be improved under the UMTA grant of \$994,968.

In July, 1981, the NJ Transit Board of Directors authorized the award of a construction contract for nine of the stations, and in March 1982 approved work for

Dunellen, Bound Brook, Plainfield and Netherwood. However, Fanwood was separated from the original list of stations to avoid the substantial delays

which would have been imposed on the construction schedule due to the State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) placement of

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Masons break ground for new S.P. Masonic Temple



Left to right, Don Cherry, secretary, Scotch Plains Mayor Larry Newcomb, Worshipful Master Pete Rossi and Warden Lansing Booth, Sr. turn the first spadefull of earth to the delight of watching brothers at the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Masonic Temple at Forest Road and Mountain Ave. in Scotch Plains.

The old Temple, built in 1872, burned to the ground on August 23, 1980, and optimistic estimates on the completion of the new building are targeted for early spring in 1984.

Community organizations get ready for 300th birthday

Four targeted weekends form the "hub" of Tercentennial Activities for Scotch Plains Township during 1984. Under the sponsorship of Tercentennial Committee, Inc., celebratory events hailing the Township's 300 anniversary are taking shape. These weekends include: Memorial Day, the bracket weekends for July 4, Labor Day, and the weekend of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

v. Westfield football game, the Saturday of which has come to be known as "Scotch Plains Day".

Over 50 representatives from community organizations, as well as private individuals, have volunteered to spearhead or participate in such exciting festivities as: a town-wide birthday celebration featuring hot air balloon rides and street musicians, building and consum-

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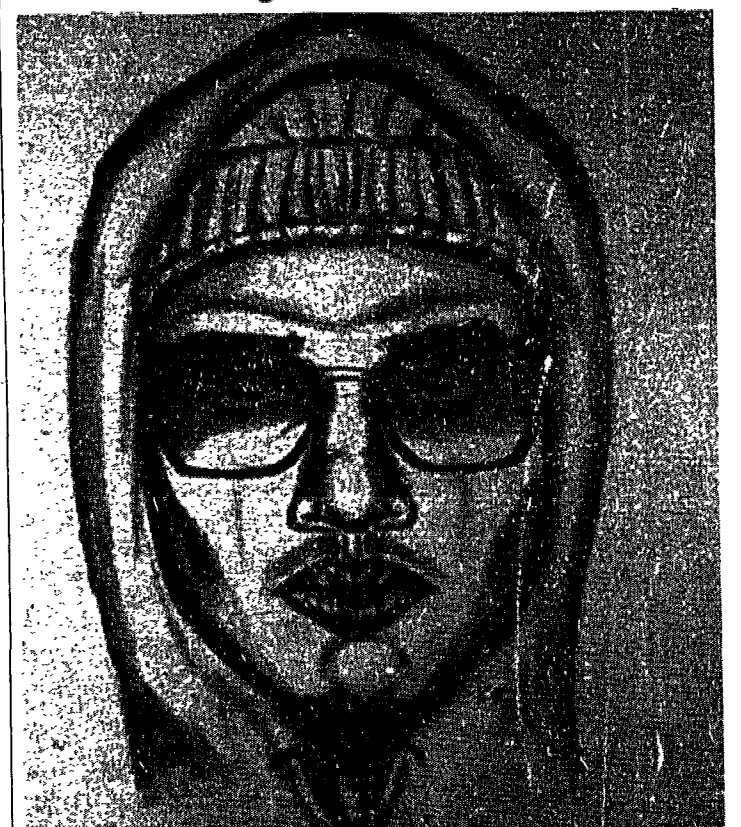
Culp lawsuit thrown out in United States District Court

U.S. District Court Judge H. Lee Sarokin dismissed a lawsuit last Wednesday brought by Sgt. Thomas Culp against the township of Scotch Plains. The sergeant alleged that the

township's plan to test the three contenders for the lieutenant position with an additional oral exam was racially motivated as Culp finished first on the

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Wanted: For Armed Robbery in S.P.



On Tuesday, Nov. 15, Scotch Plains, at about 10:55 p.m., a proached the attendant, placed a revolver in the attendant's stomach and robbed

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