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FLORIDA WEATHER CONDITIONS POSTPONE FRUIT DELIVERY

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Booster Association would like to inform all community members, who supported the fruit drive, that the delivery date of February 2 has been postponed due to the weather conditions in Florida. Fruit delivery will be made as soon as possible.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY TO BE FEATURED ON "FANWOOD FACTS"

Fanwood Mayor Patricia M. Kuran hosts a discussion on the Fanwood Memorial Library on Suburban Cablevision's Channel 3 at 8:30 p.m. Friday, February 1st. Her guests will include Library Director Bruce A. Buckmaster and Children's Librarian Mary Pritting. They will offer information on current services and programs for residents.

The program will be repeated on Friday, February 8th.

SPF-ETV SCHEDULE, CHANNEL 34

Thursday, January 31 - 8:00 P.M. Wrestling vs. Cranford.

Friday, February 1 - 8:00 P.M. Wrestling vs. Union Catholic.

Monday, February 4 - 8:00 P.M. Wrestling vs. Cranford.

Tuesday, February 5 - 8:00 P.M. Wrestling vs. Union Catholic.

Wednesday, February 6 - 8:00 P.M. Wrestling vs. Cranford.

Thursday, February 7 - 8:00 P.M. Wrestling vs. Union Catholic.

Friday, February 8 - 8:00 P.M. Raider Wrestling Club vs. Westfield.

REGISTER FEBRUARY 4TH FOR WINTER CERAMICS PROGRAM

The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces that registration for their winter evening ceramics program will be held at Forest Road Park on Monday, February 4, from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. Registrants will have a choice of either Tuesday or Thursday evening classes to be conducted at Forest Road Park from 8 to 9:30 P.M. Classes will be conducted for six weeks beginning Tuesday, February 12. The registration fee is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under thirteen. The amount of greenware to be fired for each person will be limited. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis.

FAN. BOARD OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT BP SCREENING

The Fanwood Board of Health will conduct a free blood pressure screening session from 1:00-2:30 P.M., Thursday, February 14, 1985. The program will be held at the Fanwood Municipal Building, Multi-purpose Room, 75 N. Martine Avenue, Fanwood, N.J.

More than 23 million Americans have high blood pressure and many are unaware they have it. In most cases, high blood pressure is painless and produces no symptoms.

Individuals should be screened for high blood pressure if they:

- 1) Are 35 years of age or older,
- 2) Are not under a physician's care for high blood pressure,
- 3) Have a family history of high blood pressure,
- 4) Have not had a blood pressure test in over a year, or
- 5) Have stopped taking blood pressure medication without their physician's approval.

The early detection and treatment of high blood pressure can enable a person to lead a normal life. It takes only a few minutes to have your blood pressure checked.

School taxes to rise 3% under tentative Bd. of Ed. budget

Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents will see school taxes rise approximately 3 percent under a tentative \$22.8 million '85 - '86 budget proposed by the Board of Education.

Because the number of youngsters and homes in the two communities differ greatly there are 6,347 homes in Scotch Plains and 2,425 homes in Fanwood the tax rates in the two municipalities will differ.

For the average homeowner in Scotch Plains, whose house is assessed at \$115,000, taxes for school purposes would increase approximately \$75 over last year's \$1,853 bill. For the average homeowner in Fanwood, whose house is assessed at \$90,000,

taxes for school purposes would increase approximately \$18 over last year's \$1,755 bill.

School taxes make up more than two-thirds of the annual tax bill, with the remainder going for municipal and county purposes.

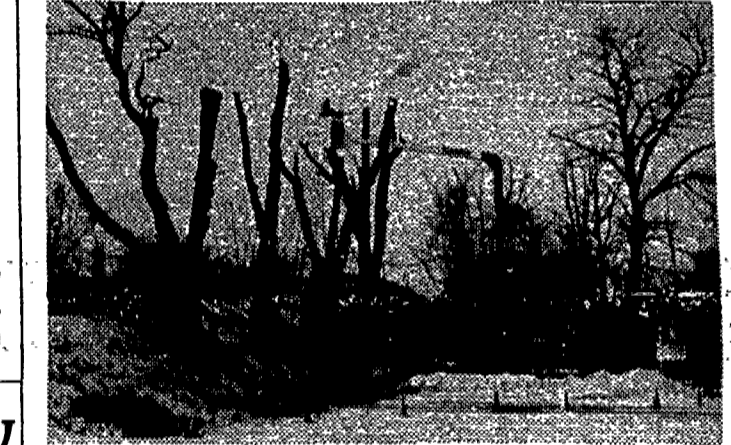
The \$21.9 million current expense budget is below the 5 percent cap, or maximum increase permitted under state law.

The \$330,000 capital improvement budget is going for three new tennis courts at the high school, new windows for a section of the Park Middle School, toilet facilities at the high school athletic field, and new carpeting in School 1 and the second-floor media center in the high school.

While the \$1.06 million increase in the total budget for 1985-86 reflects a 3 percent increase over this year's budget, the net amount to be raised by taxes is expected to be held to approximately 3 percent, according to Superintendent of Schools Robert Howlett.

The school district will be providing educational services for a greater number of mentally and physically handicapped students next year, students who were previously bused to other schools or hospitals for assistance. The cost of care and Please turn to page 4

Terrill Bridge trees come tumblin' down



Braving sub-zero temperatures, workers from Schiede Tree Expert Co. remove trees surrounding Terrill Road Bridge.

Pops Concert to defray cost of Canada trip

On Friday evening, February 8, at 8:00 PM in the high school auditorium, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Music Booster Association, in conjunction with the Music Department, will present a musical evening of entertainment. The annual event is known as the Pops Concert, and it features performances by the Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble with a special performance by the Raider Marching Band including the Flag Squad, Twirlers, Swing Flags, Honor and Color Guards.

All proceeds from this exciting evening will help to defray the cost of sending members of the High School Music Department to the Festival of Music being held in Toronto, Canada May 6-9. The students and their directors and advisors are looking forward to participating in the Festival by way of competitions and evaluations, and they are working diligently to earn the funds of a Superior, Perfect necessary to meet the expense of the trip sound on February 8th.

The Board of Education while supportive of the efforts of the students does not fund the monies necessary for transportation, housing, food or participation in the Festival. Your tax deductible contribution to the Pops Concert could demonstrate in a very tangible way your support of the young people who proudly represent our communities. A gift of \$10 or more entitles the contributor to complimentary tickets, acknowledgment in the Pops Concert Program, and seating in a reserved section of the auditorium. It may be sent to the SPF Music Booster Association at Post Office Box 171, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$2.00 and their directors and advisors invite our senior citizens to be their guests. Plan to be part of a Superior, Perfect Fantastic happening of sound on February 8th.

Dixon named Chairperson for U.S. Gymnastics Committee

Suzanne Dixon, program director at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, has been named United States Gymnastics Federation National Fundraising committee Chairperson for the 1985 USGF Rhythmic Gymnastics National Championships to be held April 24-28 at the Rutgers Athletic Center, Piscataway, as was announced by Tom Boyton, YMCA Executive Director.

According to Suzanne, "We need \$20,000 to run this event and have a little over one month to raise the money. This is an awesome responsibility. My committee and I are contacting all major New Jersey and New York corporations asking for their help. I am confident that with their support we can reach our goal. Rhythmic Gymnastics is a sizzling new sport, and it is very exciting to be a part of a wholesome yet visually exciting sport." Rhythmic Gym-

nastics, which made its debut in Los Angeles as a separate Olympic Sport, is growing in popularity. It combines the grace and beauty of dance with the athletic prowess of a well-trained athlete. These two elements are combined to form a choreographed routine while working with a piece of hand held apparatus, be it a ball, a rope, a hoop, ribbon, or pair of clubs. Another asset of this sport is that successful presentation takes a degree of maturity so competitors reach prime in their late teens.

Suzanne, with the help of Judy Butz, Sr. Program Director, introduced Rhythmic Gymnastics to the Fanwood-Scotch Plains-Clark area last year. Over 200 girls have taken part in the program so far. This year the YMCA offers both an age group skill development program and a USGF competitive team which has currently 15 members.