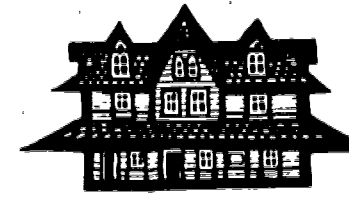


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EVERYONE'S A WINNER AT ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Everyone was a winner at Ashbrook Nursing Home's annual Easter Egg Hunt, held on March 30th. Free balloons and pictures with the Easter Bunny were given to all participants. Four special winners were Tricia Schuller (pictured with bunny), Matt Ottoson, Mike Harrah and Becky Davidson.

DEBORAH CHAPTER TO HOLD CHINESE AUCTION

A color television and a microwave oven will be among the grand prizes at the West Mount Chapter of Deborah Hospital Chinese Auction to be held on April 12 at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Doors will open at 7:00 pm. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Coffee and free refreshments will be served.

Area merchants have donated over 300 gifts and certificates to the chapter in celebration of its 25 years of service to the community and to Deborah Hospital. The Chinese Auction is part of a year-long series of events commemorating the chapter's silver anniversary.

Those who would like to attend may call 232-5240 to reserve tickets.

Deborah Hospital in Browns Mills is a pioneer in the treatment of heart and lung disease.

JAYCEE-ETTES TO HOST ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION

The Jaycee-ettes of Fanwood and Scotch Plains will host their third annual Chinese Auction on April 17th, at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and tickets will be sold for \$3.00. There will be numerous items to raffle some of which are a Cabbage Patch Lamp, gift certificate, specialty baskets, and an assortment of other items. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 232-4599 or 322-9355.

SPF-ETV SCHEDULE, CHANNEL 34

Thursday, April 11 - 8:00 P.M. Battle of the Minds #14 - Underdogs vs. Crash Crew.
Friday, April 12 - 8:00 P.M. Seniorcize.
Monday, April 15 - 8:00 P.M. Seniorcize.
Tuesday, April 16 - 8:00 P.M. Battle of the Minds #15 - Plumquin vs. Fredelles.
Wednesday, April 17 - 7:30 P.M. Pre-Kindergarten Handicapped Classes at Brunner, Communication Handicapped Class at School One and Brunner First Graders performing Little Red Riding Hood.
Thursday, April 18 - 8:00 P.M. Battle of the Minds #16 - Excelsiors vs. Indecision.
Friday, April 19 - Repeat of 4/17 at 7:30 P.M.

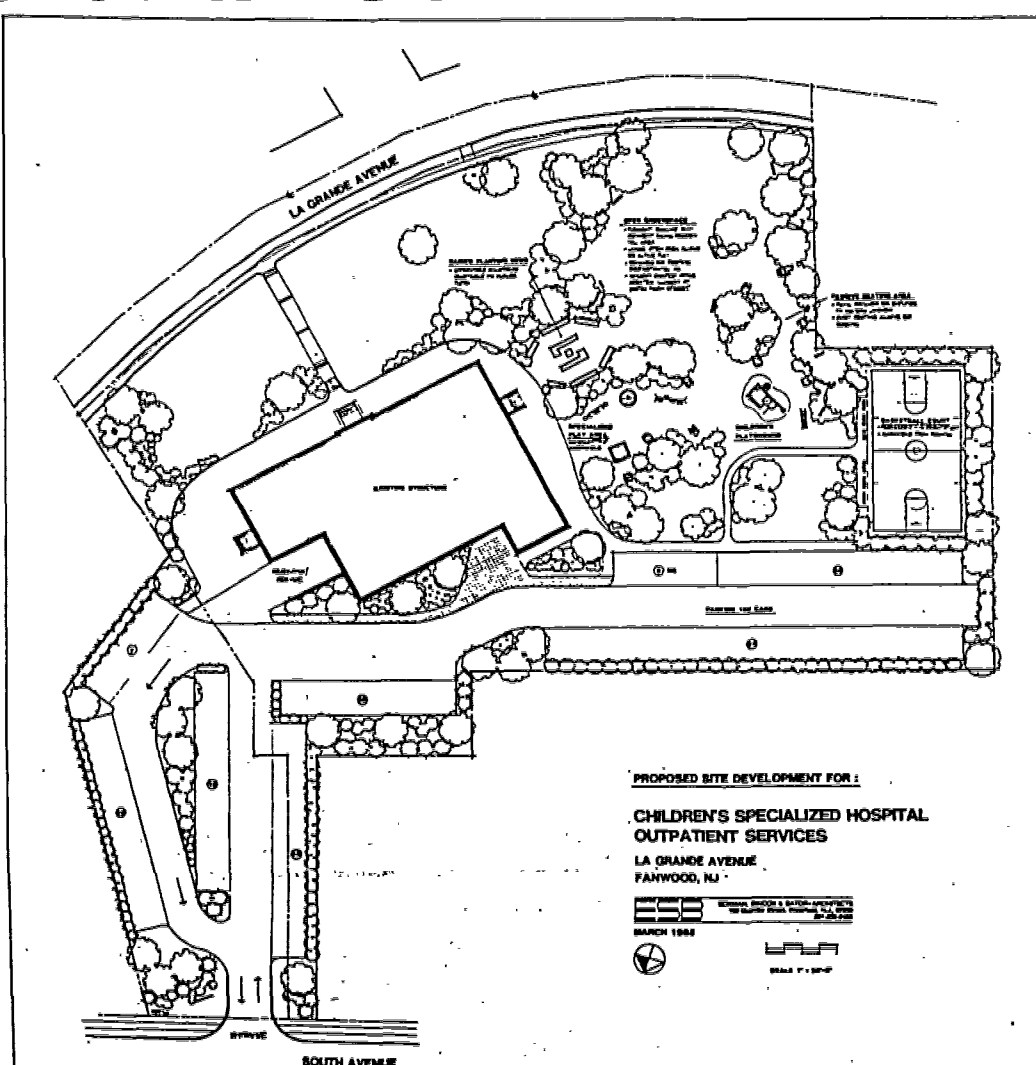
Outpatient facility proposed for LaGrande School in Fan.

At the April 4th agenda session, the Fanwood Borough Council heard a proposal from representatives of Children's Specialized Hospital for future use of LaGrande School. The school, which is the only one within Fanwood, was abandoned for public use in 1978. It was rented for several years to a private school but has been vacant for almost 5 years. Built in 1927, the school stands on a 3.3 acre site between LaGrande and South Avenues. Its principal footage is 478 feet along LaGrande Avenue, with 90 feet of secondary frontage along South Avenue.

Richard Ahlfeld, Executive Director of the hospital, explained they have reached the limits of their expansion capability in Mountain-side and are seeking a new site to meet outpatient needs. Plans call for the new facility to include such programs as pre-school, infant stimulation, day care, cognitive remediation and outpatient physical, speech and occupation therapies.

Diagrams distributed showed how the site might be developed. All traffic would be directed from South Ave. to parking at the rear of the building to minimize the impact on the residential zone along LaGrande Avenue. There would be no evening use of the facility except for occasional educational programs. The meeting room and educational space created would be shared with the community, according to Ahlfeld. A permanent staff of 50 is projected for the outpatient unit. In response to questions, Ahlfeld said that site security is provided by the hospital and that some accommodation can be worked out with the Borough to compensate for the hospital's tax-exempt status.

Council President Douglas Clausen preceded the presentation with an informal briefing on the proposal. He asked the Council to support a resolution endorsing the proposed



use. Mayor Patricia Kuran advised the Council that an informal presentation was made to the Planning Board on March 18 at the request of Board Chairman Joel Whitaker. Kuran reported that the Planning Board was unanimous in its support of the proposed use of the school by Children's Specialized Hospital. The school is the property of the S.P.-F. Board of Education and its disposal will be a school board decision but the Mayor expressed the belief that endorsements from the Council and Planning Board would factor into that decision. The hospital representatives have not made a presentation to the school board but have begun preliminary discussions with school officials.

Disposal of the school was delayed for the past year while the Planning Board considered appropriate rezoning for the property, at the request of the school board. The planning firm of Coppola and Associates is currently revising the Borough's master plan and were directed by the Chairman of the Planning Board to give first con-

sideration to the LaGrande School site. Board Chairman Whitaker felt that input from the planner was vital to avoid introducing any incompatibility with the master plan.

S.P. council approves budget by vote of 3-2

by Sharon Pachler
The Scotch Plains municipal budget was approved by a vote of three to two at Tuesday night's Council meeting. The public hearing on this issue was closed as of last month's session. Councilwoman Spatola reviewed the different philosophies held by council members - philosophies which concern remaining 1984 revenues and anticipated receipt of 1985 revenues; all agreed with the appropriations portion of the budget. Although motions made by both Spatola and Boright for proposed amendments failed, Mayor Spera did agree with Spatola's suggested compromise of increasing our level of anticipation of receipts. However, he felt that the decrease in taxes would be small - a

one point tax savings. Deputy Mayor Joan Papen noted the efforts and expertise of Finance Director Bea Burns, Town Manager Tom Atkins, and auditor Bob Cagnassola who concur in the soundness of the proposed budget's three point tax increase. Papen stressed the necessity of maintaining a "stable fund balance or our amount of investment will decrease and we will realize less interest." This budget, she maintains, "will provide our taxpayers with stability."

Papen, Schmidt, and Spatola all mentioned the financial upheaval inherent in the Mount Laurel II lawsuit being instituted against Scotch Plains. These legal expenses, along with a possible decrease in revenue Please turn to page 3