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BATTLE OVER MT. LAUREL TOPIC OF 5/15 MEETING

The Battle of Mount Laurel will be discussed at a special meeting of the Scotch Plains Property Owners Association and the Scotchwood Civil Association on Wednesday, May 15, 8:00 P.M., at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 130 TO HOST PAPER DRIVE

Boy Scout Troop 130 will host a Paper Drive on Saturday, May 18 at The Jewish Community Center (Shackamaxon School) on Martine Ave. A trailer will be set up for bundled paper. To arrange for pick-up call 561-9568.

RAIDER WRESTLING CLUB TO HOLD SPAGHETTI DINNER MAY 17

The Raider Wrestling Club, of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, May 17th at the Italian American Club on Valley Ave. in Scotch Plains.

Families are invited to attend but encouraged to make reservations early for either the 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. seating. Prices for the tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Information and tickets can be obtained by calling 322-5296 or 322-5409 after 5 p.m.

FAN VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. TO HOLD FLOWER SALE 5/11

The Fanwood Volunteer Fire Co. will be holding their Annual Flower Sale on Saturday, May 11th, from 8 a.m., at the South Avenue Railroad Station.

There will be a variety of flowers and plants including hanging baskets, perennials, annuals and Azaleas, at reasonable prices.

All profits will go to the Fanwood Fire Co.

ST. BART'S OLDTIMERS LEAGUE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Softball League is accepting applications for the 1985 season. Applicants must be residents of Fanwood-Scotch Plains and at least 30 years of age on or before May 1, 1985. New applicants must submit a copy of their driver's license or any other certificate showing proof of age. All applicants are invited to attend draft night, May 21, in the large meeting room of St. Bart's school beginning at 7:00 P.M. For further information, call Jack Lynch, 889-4731 between 6 and 8 P.M. only.

SPEECH & HEARING SCREENING AT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Twenty million Americans suffer from communication (speech, language or hearing) disorders. Early identification of possible speech or hearing disorders is critical in children who are developing speech/language skills. Adults, especially the elderly can also benefit by identification of hearing disorders.

Area residents can benefit by a free speech and hearing screening sponsored by the Greater Westfield Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

The free screening will be held on May 21, at the Jewish Community Center, of Scotch Plains, 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Any person above 3 years of age is welcome.

The screening will be performed by certified speech/language pathologists and audiologists under the supervision of John Buckley, private practitioner in Scotch Plains.

Mt. Laurel to Scotch Plains

by Sharon Pachler
The name 'Mt. Laurel' will be heard frequently by Scotch Plains residents in the months to come. What does this small Burlington County Township have to do with Scotch Plains? Simply, that a judicial decision made concerning Mt. Laurel's zoning regulations may soon significantly affect land use, taxes, and the authority of local government in this municipality.

In the 1880's, Mt. Laurel Township was a stop on the "underground railroad" that assisted blacks in escaping the south; many chose to remain in Mt. Laurel and farm. Years later, because of its ideal commuter location between Philadelphia and Camden, Mt. Laurel became part of the post-WWII housing boom. Developers bought up farmland and erected homes for middle-class professionals leaving the cities. During this period there were approximately 300 run-down homes in the township. Town ordinances requiring a 1/2 acre minimum lot size prevented the original residents from improving on their small lots nor could they afford the price of new homes. The percentage of

poorer families decreased as they had no choice but to move out.

Ethel Lawrence, however, wanted to stay. She contacted Carl Bisgaler, a lawyer then with Camden Regional Legal Services, and they filed a class-action suit in 1971. The suit asked that all Mt. Laurel construction be stopped until zoning laws were changed to allow housing within the means of low and moderate income families.

The result? Mt. Laurel was found guilty of fiscal zoning; encouraging good ratables at the expense of the poor, who might deplete municipal services. Although Mt. Laurel gave ecological and environmental reasons for its 1/2 acre minimum lot size (it accommodated on-site water supply and sewage systems), the Court's ruling was upheld after an appeal and economic discrimination in the township was found to be unconstitutional. The State Supreme Court ruled restrictive zoning illegal - developing communities could not keep out the poor by refusing to allow construction of multi-family dwellings and houses on smaller lots - and the suburb's tradition of home-rule over



The Township of Scotch Plains and the Borough of Fanwood will celebrate National Public Works Week on May 19th to the 25th. Residents are cordially invited to visit Equipment Demonstrations and Safety Programs that can save a child's

Grand Marshals named for Memorial Day Parade

"Take Pride in America" is the theme for this year's Memorial Day Parade, and what better way to take pride in our communities than to honor two life-long residents who have attended our schools, served in the armed forces and stayed in the community to raise their families.

William (Bill) Short and Howard Fritz are two such people and in honoring them as co-parade Grand Marshals for 1985, we honor all the life-long citizens of Scotch Plains and Fanwood who have made these two fine communities their home.

Bill Short was a tackle on the 1939 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team that was undefeated and unscored upon, a feat

The decision to require Mt. Laurel to change its exclusionary zoning practices brought about an epidemic of similar cases. Between 1975 and 1979 the zoning laws of 23 Middlesex County communities were challenged by the ACLU, the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing and the Urban League. Please turn to page 13

S.P. & Fan. celebrate Nat'l. Public Works Week

life. The event will be held at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building Parking Lot on Thursday May 23rd from 12:30 to 8:00 pm and Friday May 24th from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Come out and see your Municipal DPW employees.

Moonglowers capture 2nd in competition

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's Jazz Band, known for over 40 years as the "Moonglowers", earned a 2nd place trophy in the state finals for competition when they traveled to Nottingham High School, in the Trenton area on Saturday, April 27th. Under the direction of Mr. Vincent Turriello, known as "Mr. T." to the students, they earned sufficient points to take a first place position after their stage presentation. When the scores were tallied following a sightreading session, the band and supporters gathered for the

awards presentation. The "Moonglowers" have completed a successful local competition schedule which earned them a 2nd place at a Verona Jazz Band Festival and a 1st place at a Carteret Festival. They now look forward to their final competition which will take place in Toronto on Thursday evening, May 9, at 10:30 P.M. following a 10-hour ride to Canada. They will depart from the high school at 7 a.m. along with over 300 members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Music Department and 32 chaperones.

that has not since been duplicated. Bill served in the U.S. Air Force from 1941-1945, married his wife Betsey and raised three girls and two boys who also attended our schools. Bill's two sons, Greg and Wayne, both served in Vietnam and now Wayne is raising his family in Scotch Plains. Bill is a recently retired insurance adjuster and is an active member in American Legion Post #209.

Howard Fritz attended school in our communities and played football for Scotch Plains and Fanwood's town football teams called the "Field Club" and "GOP" back in the mid-30's. These teams played other towns throughout the state.

Howard served in Europe with the U.S. Army. Please turn to page 12