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JAYCEES TO SPONSOR FLEA MARKET MAY 25

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees are sponsoring a Flea Market at the Fanwood Train Station parking lot on Saturday, May 25 between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Shoppers will find a large variety of items at bargain prices. Plants, flowers, glassware, baskets, jewelry, toys and white elephant sale items will be a just a few of the many things available at the Flea Market.

Refreshments will be available, including coffee, tea, soda and charcoal grilled hot dogs.

Funds raised will go to support the many community service projects run by the Jaycees. These projects include a college scholarship, donations to the local fire departments and rescue squads. The flea market is the one project annually held by the Jaycees every Memorial Day weekend. Chairmen for this year's market are Jack Hurley and Nick DeNichilo. Further information can be obtained by calling 654-7552.

TIMES COPY DEADLINE MOVED UP

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the copy deadline for the May 30th issue will be Friday noon, May 24th.

SPF-ETV SCHEDULE, CHANNEL 34

Thursday, May 23 - 8:00 P.M., Battle of the Minds #24, Indecision vs. Vengeance, Championship Round.

Friday, May 24 - 8:00 P.M., Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

Tuesday, May 28 - 8:00 P.M. Battle of the Minds #23, Senioritis vs. Waldos Crew, Consolation Round.

Wednesday, May 29 - 8:00 P.M. Marching Band trip to Toronto.

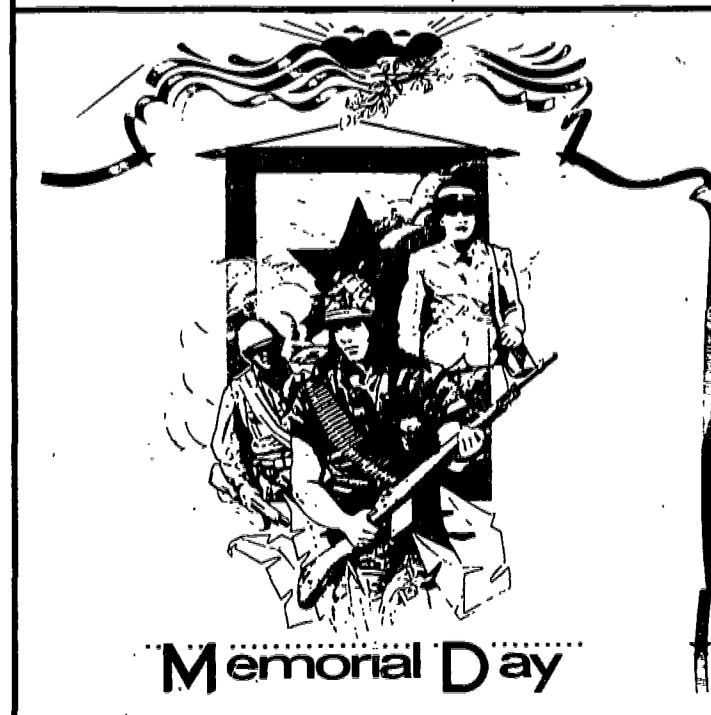
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Friday, May 31 - 8:00 P.M. Marching Band trip to Toronto.

EARLY BIRD RERUN

Fanwood residents who missed their Mayor on last Sunday's "Meet the Mayors" show can catch a rerun on Saturday, May 25. The show will be rebroadcast over Channel 9 at 8:30 a.m.

Color slides of Fanwood taken by Brian Bantz serve as an introduction to the Borough. The show is a half hour interview program with John Murray serving as moderator. The two reporters asking topical questions of Fanwood Mayor Patricia Kuran are Gabe Gluck from "The Star-Ledger" and Harry Frezza from "The Courier-News".



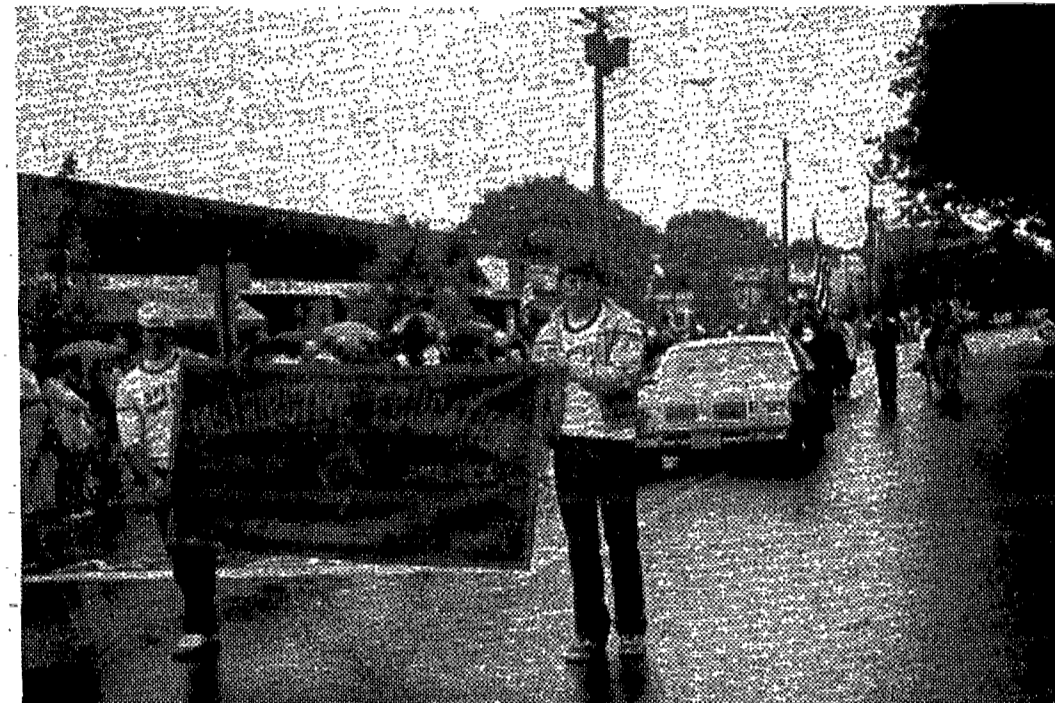
Scotch Plains and Fanwood: the place to be Memorial Day

by Sharon Pachler

What do the Boy Scouts, the Scotch Plains and Fanwood Rescue Squads, Indian Guides and Princesses, St. Bartholomew's Twirlers and Mayor Spera have in common? They'll all be marching in this year's Memorial Day parade. The annual event will have 45 groups participating - each one a potential trophy winner.

You want to hear the highlights? Where do we begin? The newly crowned Miss Union County, Debra Rosler, will be making her first official public appearance, the Dancing Squares will entertain along the parade route and, with some encouragement, famous animal lover/Scotch Plains Town Clerk Helen Reidy may join the festivities with Junette, a tiger cub. Junette, a Princeton class mascot, will also be accompanied by Frank Terry of the Terry Lou Zoo.

Along with an order for all to ENJOY THE DAY! The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade Committee (which consists of Alice Gould, David Pickering, Jim Flynn, Frank Chupko



DECA students march in last year's Memorial Day Parade.

representing veterans of foreign wars, DECA student representative Frank Carvalho and DECA advisor Don Cababe) would like to pass along some information: A brief Memorial Day service will be held Monday morning at 9:15 AM at the Fanwood Library. Following the service there will be a laying of wreaths at the Scotch Plains monument at Front Street and Park Avenue. Participants in the parade are asked to assemble at their respective locations at 9:45 AM. The parade will get under way at 10:20 AM from the

Scotch Plains monument, proceed down Park Avenue and end at LaGrande Park in Fanwood. The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees will be marshalling the parade and need the cooperation of all participants. DECA will be handing out flags along the route, acting as Master of Ceremonies and contributing the trophies in a float competition. The Lakeland Brass Band, bringing up the rear, will be your signal to follow the music and the marchers to 'LaGrande finale' at LaGrande Park. The Fanwood-Scotch

Plains Jaycees have invited everyone to a huge community picnic at the park immediately after the parade and according to Jaycee Gary Norwood, "The hot dogs, hamburgers and soda will be flowing!" Games and prizes are being arranged for the children and proceeds from the picnic will benefit charities, rescue squads, scholarship programs and many other agencies in both towns.

Norwood also claims to have some inside information on the weather and promises everyone a beautiful day!

Residents air views on S.P. housing suit

by Sharon Pachler

Upwards of 200 members of the Scotch Plains Property Owners Association and Scotchwood Civic Association gathered last Wednesday night to express their complaints and frustrations concerning the impending Mt. Laurel lawsuit. This suit threatens to dramatically enlarge Scotch Plains' population, impinging on municipal services and further increase all residents' tax burden. The forced construction of possibly thousands of housing units will have no gentle impact on this community.

Mayor Gabriel Spera read a letter from At-

torney Don DiFrancesco which updated residents on the issue and flatly stated his opposition: "The Court's decision does not have the stamp of approval of the New Jersey legislature", the letter said. "The Courts should not dictate how, when and where a municipality should be developed." He went on to add that the property in question is "environmentally sensitive" and that Scotch Plains already has a "sound mix of housing". Also included was the fact that the November ballot would contain questions assisting in the determination of a regional approach to the pro-

blem; affording the public some input. Mayor Spera listened as, one after another, residents related how the amount proposed as Scotch Plains' 'fair share' of low to moderate cost housing would directly affect them, their property values, the schools, etc. As the town is involved in litigation, many of their inquiries remained unanswered. A meeting is being arranged so that interested townspeople can speak with all Council members and others engaged in this matter. Councilwoman Pamela Boright responded to residents' doubts that the Council

was properly serving the best interests of south side property owners by stating: "The Council as a whole is opposed to the situation as it stands. We're determined to represent the entire town - south side and north." "What can we do NOW?" was the key question that night and one that will be asked often as more residents become aware that this court decision is a personal one. Mayor Spera suggested writing to the governor, assemblymen and senators to show support of Governor Kean's conditional veto. Republican Committeewoman Paulette Please turn to page 16