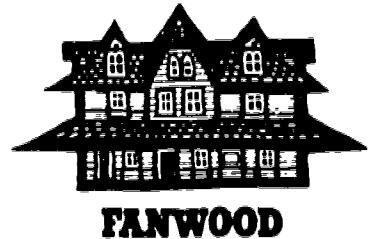




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25 CENTS

**MUSIC ON THE VILLAGE GREEN
THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH, 8 P.M.**



LARRY STUART

Rain Location:

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School
JULY 11 PERFORMANCE

will feature the Glad Rags, a Scotch Plains Ragtime Band, sponsored by Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League.

BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 203 TO CONDUCT PAPER DRIVE

The Boy Scouts of Troop 203 will hold a paper and aluminum drive on Saturday, June 22, at St. Bartholomew's Church, rear parking lot, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains. Hours are from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.

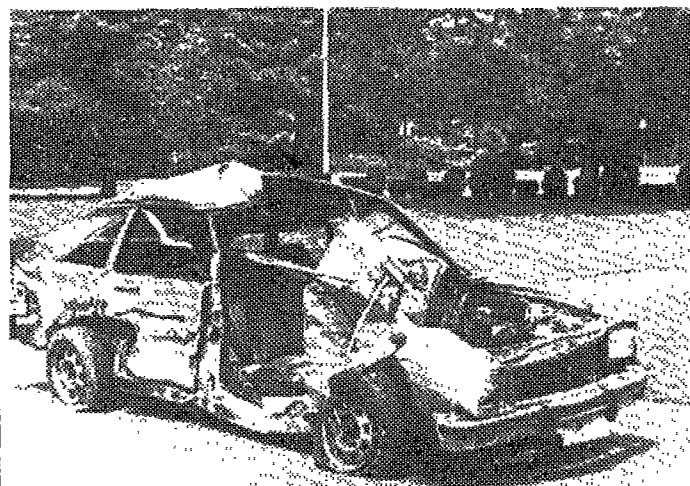
Proceeds of the drives are used to assist the troop in offsetting costs of equipment, trips, and other items vital to growth in scouting.

The boys welcome contributions of old newspapers and aluminum. The next drive will be in September.

TIMES DEADLINE MOVED UP

Because of the Independence Day, July 4 holiday, copy for July 4th issue of THE TIMES should be submitted no later than Friday noon June 28.

A GRUESOME REMINDER: DRINKING & DRIVING DON'T MIX



Through the cooperation of the Fanwood Police Department, the P.T.A. Safety Council, and the Board of Education, this vehicle was placed in front of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School by George Church, Inc., to serve as a reminder to students and all residents of our communities to drive safety over the summer months.

SPF parents outraged over private school busing fees

by Sharon Pachler
Sara Waters has 5 children in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public school system who require a bus in order to get to school. Being just outside the mandated mileage limit for free busing in the primary grades, she has been paying a private bus company for this service. When she moved to town 5 years ago the payment was \$150 per child. Costs rose \$10 to \$15 each year over the next few years. Last year Waters paid \$195 per child.

Recently, Waters received a letter from the bus company informing her that due to a 100% insurance increase, her rate would now be \$400 a year per child. The Waters family is one of many affected by this drastic rate increase. Displeasure with the busing system does not end here: a private bus servicing Coles

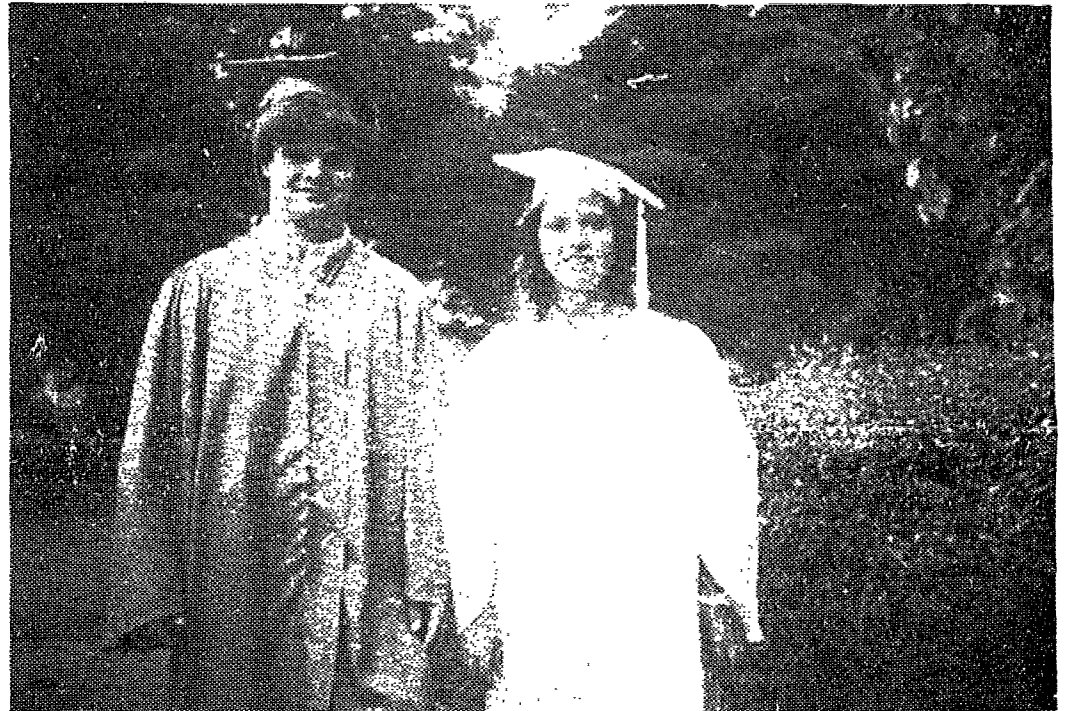
and McGinn schools notified parents that because of an insufficient number of passengers, service would no longer be available. If continued,

rates will be enormously increased.

In addition to the private bus problems, the school system, whose costs also have spiraled, has re-

measured distances, according to spokeswoman Waters, and sent letters to a number of people informing them that they are Please turn to page 17

They'll graduate tonight



Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School seniors, Greg Gaines and Tina DiFrancesco, do a dress rehearsal in commencement attire they'll be sporting tonight at 8:00 P.M. graduation.

Local improvements OK'ed at Fan. Council meeting

by Sharon Pachler
A number of bond ordinances for local improvements were agreed upon at last Wednesday's Fanwood Council meeting. Plans to finance the cost of Slurry sealing approximately 10 borough streets carried unanimously. Slurry sealing, which has an anticipated life of 5-7 years, seals the pavement surface to limit water seepage and facilitate road maintenance. "This is the best we can do without re-surfacing," said Public Works Director Ray Manfra, who was "satisfied" with sealing done 2 years ago on other streets.

Madison, Locust, parts of Shady Lane and Forest Road and the Southside railroad parking lot will be resurfaced and the team track area improved for parking. In addition, an ordinance for reconstruction of the

library parking lot, which is "in urgent need of repair" and has a "severe water problem", according to Councilman Lindgren, was also approved.

Plans to finance the cost of granite block curbing on Forest Rd. from Tillotson to North Ave. brought a great deal of discussion. Residents initially felt that because of the safety hazard involved, the 4 homes on Forest Rd. should not be assessed for the cost of curbing. However, homeowners at the meeting, who represented a majority of the frontage on Forest, decided in the end to go along with the Council's opinion and the ordinance passed.

Residents, responding to an ordinance that would finance the cost of curbing on Forest from Tillotson to Forest Rd. Park, were very much in favor of Please turn to page 13

Mount Laurel meeting scheduled for June 26th

by Sharon Pachler
"Council feels that the taxpayers of Scotch Plains deserve an educational presentation made to them concerning the roots of the Mount Laurel issue," states Thomas Atkins, Municipal Manager. The result is that on June 26, 8:30 PM, citizens are invited to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School to hear a panel presentation on the Mount Laurel II decision.

The primary speaker will be Richard Thomas Coppola, a professional planner recently employed by the municipality. Coppola's experience in developing Master Plans, providing environmental assessments and zoning assistance is further enhanced by a background in sociology and urban studies, including a Master of City Planning degree. He has been extensively involved

with municipal clients facing the ordeal of Mount Laurel and, in addition to offering a history of Mount Laurel I and II, will explain the 'Builder's Remedy' and how the region's 'fair share' of low to moderate income housing is determined.

Appearing on the panel with Coppola will be Senator Donald DiFrancesco, who will discuss the legislative end of the decision, what Trenton's position is now, and what may occur. The third speaker is Planning Board attorney Larry Woodruff, who will explain the legal aspects of the suit.

There will be time set aside at the end of the presentation when residents may direct questions to the panel. Although specific inquiries that pertain to this township's particular litigation cannot be answered at this time, "now that Cop- Please turn to page 13