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FANWOOD FIREMEN INSTRUCT RESCUE SQUAD CAPTAIN



Dave Zawodniak and Richard Kenyon, members of the Fanwood Fire Department, recently met Fanwood Rescue Squad members to instruct them in the use of the fire department's equipment. Shown above is Rescue Squad Captain Hope Walton learning the use of the Scott Air Pack.

DECOMPOSED BODY FOUND ON RAVENSWOOD LANE

On Monday, August 12 a partially decomposed body was found in a wooded area on Ravenswood Lane, stated Scotch Plains Police Capt. Mineo.

The body was discovered, at 2:40 p.m., by a real estate agent who was looking at property.

Mineo said the body was taken to the New Jersey Forensic Laboratory, in Newark, for examination. Tests revealed the victim as a black male, 5'8"-5'9" in height. The age, time or circumstances of death have not yet been determined.

JAYCEE-ETTES PLAN AUGUST FLEA MARKET

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycee-ettes will sponsor a flea market on Saturday, August 24 at the Fanwood Train Station, North and Martine Avenues. Vendors will be selling their wares from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Shoppers will find a large variety of interesting and useful items at bargain prices. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds will be donated to local charities.

Dealers may call 232-4825 for more information. Cost of a double space is \$15.

ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK TRIP PLANNED BY SCOTCH PLAINS

The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission will take anyone aged six to seventeen to Island Beach State Park, Seaside, N.J., on Wednesday, August 21. The bus will leave from the Municipal Building at 9 a.m. and will return at 5 p.m. There is no charge for the bus or beach entry, however, interested participants are urged to bring a lunch and some spending money for treats. Registration must be made in the Recreation Office, Room 113, Municipal Building by Friday, August 16.

HEARING CONTINUED ON BRYON LANE PROPERTY

Plans to build two houses beyond a cul-de-sac at the end of Bryon Lane in Fanwood have met with objections from current residents of the area who fear increased flooding from the proposed land development. Robert Kraus, attorney for applicant Jeffrey Lindner, presented the last of his witnesses at a special meeting of the Fanwood Planning Board held on August 12. The attorney for the objecting neighbors, Lewis Markowitz, began his presentation of witnesses who testified to the street and frontyard flooding that accompanies heavy rainfall.

The hearing will continue on August 22, at which time Markowitz expects to present testimony in opposition to the planned development.

Municipal Judge appointed at Scotch Plains meeting

by Sharon Pachler
The selection of Joseph Perfilio, Esq. as the new Municipal Judge was announced at Tuesday night's Scotch Plains Council meeting. Perfilio, a 15-year resident of the township and member of the New Jersey Bar since 1966, will fulfill the unexpired term of Judge Leonard Sachar who has been appointed to the Superior Court.

Deputy Mayor Joan Papan reported that the County has approved scheduling for traffic lights at Westfield Rd. and Mountain Ave. and at Terrill and Cooper Roads. The light at Westfield and Mountain will be installed between November 1 and November 15; at Cooper and Terrill between November 1 and December 15. Both lights should be operational by April 30, 1986.

Councilwoman Pamela Boright related the results of a needs survey conducted by the Senior Citizens Advisory Board. The top three concerns among area senior citizens were identified as housing, transportation, and the need for a senior citizen center. The Board will be touring various senior

citizen centers and researching buses in order to make recommendations on these matters.

As liaison to the Cultural Arts Committee, Councilwoman JoAnne Spatola thanked the committee "for presenting a very diverse program this year" and recognized their efforts in offering "one of the finest seasons Scotch Plains has seen." The Cultural Arts schedule concludes Thursday night, Aug. 15, with the Garden State Concert Band.

On hand Tuesday night was former Mayor Alice Agran, organizing force behind the Downtown Vitalization project, who heard passage of a resolution furthering the work of her committee. As part of the overall Vitalization project, Council authorized contracting the services of Miceli and Kulick Assn., Inc. This architectural/planning firm will provide concept studies and budget estimates for Municipal Parking Lot #2.

In addition, Council members earmarked \$90,000 for the reconstruction of Hunter Avenue between Front and Moun-

tain Ave. This section is the most heavily trafficked, according to Municipal Manager Tom Atkins.

During this meeting,

the first step was taken toward obtaining funds from the Safe and Clean Neighborhood program. The assign- Please turn page 15

Scotch Plains' senior is 98 years young



Edwage Williams, the senior most member of the Scotch Plains Meridians Senior Citizen's Club recently celebrated her 98th birthday at a club meeting held at the Scotch Hills Country Club.

Mrs. Williams was born in Louisiana in 1887 and moved to Scotch Plains in 1974. She is the mother of nine children and grandmother to 37 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Williams was presented a special proclamation for her outstanding achievement by Union County Freeholder Walter E. Boright. Pictured left to right are Freeholder Boright; Evelyn Bradley, the honoree's sister; Mrs. Williams; Hazel Lee, the honoree's daughter and Scotch Plains Councilwoman Pamela Boright.

Mrs. Williams was also hosted to a "This Is Your Life" story emceed by club President Stanley Russell.

Future of LaGrande School still undecided

On August 1 Governor Kean signed into law special legislation which would permit the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education to negotiate the purchase of LaGrande School directly with Children's Specialized Hospital. The legislation, sponsored by Senator Donald DiFrancesco, broadens State law to give regional school districts the same privilege already held by single school districts.

Under the extended law a regional school district may waive the bidding process and engage in direct negotiations when the prospective purchaser is a governmental enti-

ty or a charitable organization. Under a conveyance clause, the property reverts to the local Board of Education when it is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was purchased.

According to Fanwood Mayor Patricia Kuran the Board will not interrupt the bidding process they set into motion by a vote last month but will open talks with the hospital to determine if a negotiated price can be agreed upon. Kuran noted that the Mayor and Council, Planning Board and residents have given unanimous support to the use of the abandoned school as an out-patient facility by the Children's

Specialized Hospital. "The building and grounds are in an advanced state of deterioration," she stated, "and the hospital has presented a plan which will upgrade the property and offer local employment and volunteer opportunities."

Richard Ahlfeld, Executive Director, Children's Specialized Hospital, said "We look forward to meeting at an early opportunity with the Board of Education to discuss the acquisition of LaGrande School. We think that our services to children can provide a very positive focus for the Fanwood & Scotch Plains communities and we will continue

the mission of the school in helping children."

The school was built in 1923 and abandoned as a public facility over seven years ago. The plan project by Children's Specialized Hospital would restore the building and grounds and keep the current entrance off South Avenue as the only means of ingress and egress. The hospital management has offered annual donations in lieu of taxes to compensate for the fact that under the proposed use of the property would remain off the tax rolls. A large meeting room planned by the hospital would also be shared with the Please turn to page 15