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"JACK AND THE BEANSTALK" PRESENTED BY YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE



Young People's Theatre's first production of the season, "Jack and the Beanstalk", will be presented this Saturday, November 23, 2:30 p.m. at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. The cost is \$2.00.

"Jack and the Beanstalk", performed by the Traveling Playhouse, is an exciting revival with special songs. The story follows the plot of a poor boy, sent by his mother to sell a cow. Instead, he accepts a few beans, which angers his mother, thus causing her to throw them out the window. What follows will both delight and amaze you.

Young People's Theatre is sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council.

BASKETBALL PLAYERS WANTED

Basketball players are needed for Pee Wee and Midget League participation. For further information call the Recreation Office at 322-6700.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 27TH



An ecumenical community Thanksgiving service will be conducted on Wednesday, November 27, 8:00 p.m. at the St. John's Baptist Church on Morse Ave. in Scotch Plains. Clergy from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerial Association will preside at the service. Rev. David Buck, pastor of the Terrill Rd. Baptist Church and president of the Ministerial Association, will deliver the Thanksgiving message entitled "Grace and Gratitude." The public is invited to attend. Pictured left to right, are Rev. Kelmo Porter of St. John's Baptist Church, Rev. David Buck of Terrill Road Baptist Church, and Father Roy DeLeo of Union Catholic High School.

Children's Hospital gets O.K. to purchase LaGrande School

Almost a year of uncertainty and delays ended this week when Fanwood Mayor Patricia Kuran announced that Supt. of Schools Dr. Robert Howlett had informed her of the school board's acceptance of the bid from Children's Specialized Hospital for the purchase of LaGrande School. The hospital plans to move its outpatient facility to the site after renovations to the building and grounds have been completed. The facility is expected to employ 50 people and treat 75 to 100 patients daily when established. Extensive renovations and relandscaping are planned for the site which has 478 ft. fronting along a residential area on LaGrande Ave. and 90 ft. of frontage on South Avenue which will provide ingress and egress to the facility.

Although the purchase has yet to be formalized with the signing of a contract, Kuran said she did not expect any last minute problems to develop at this stage. She said the first inquiries for use of the school came from hospital officials early last March and many obstacles had to be overcome to bring the plan to fruition. Presentations to the Fanwood Planning Board and the Borough Council won early approvals from those bodies. Special legislation introduced by State Senator Donald DiFrancesco made it possible for the school board to bypass the bidding process and enter into direct negotiations with the hospital. Petitions, resolutions and letters from community organizations and individuals indicated solid community support for the proposed use for the abandoned school.

The residue of bitterness that has lingered since 1977 when the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education decided to close the school may dissipate now that the future of the school has been determined. LaGrande School was the only school within the borders of the Borough of

Fanwood when it was closed over the angry objections of a number of local residents. A committee appointed to recommend which school should be closed next because of declining enrollment did not recommend

LaGrande, but was overruled by the Board.

Rented to a private school for several years after its abandonment as a public school, the building has been vacant and deteriorating for five years. In 1980 a Scotch

Plains nursery school attempted to purchase the property for \$227,000 only to discover that the school board did not have clear title to the parking lot along South Avenue. Research determined

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Lady Raiders capture Sectional Championship

The Lady Raiders gymnastic team continued its outstanding season with a decisive victory at the North Jersey, Section II Gymnastic Championships held Saturday in Union. Led by Dawn Cagliari's first place finish in the All-Around, Scotch Plains won with a score of 103.30, defeating both Columbia and Randolph H.S. who tied with a 99.75. The Raiders will now advance to the State Championship Finals this Saturday at Hunterdon Central H.S. Last year the team finished fourth at this competition, and hopes this year to move up into the top three.

Scotch Plains coach Bill Sherm feels they can do it after winding their dual meet season with a school record 105.30 score against Gov. Livingston. In that meet, Jill Wanat scored personal highs of 35.20 all-around, 9.0 on vault, and 8.85 on beam, finishing first on each event. Dawn Cagliari won bars and beam with personal highs of 9.0 and 8.9 respectively. Dana Lachnicht placed second overall, with personal highs of 35.00 all-around, 8.8 on bars and floor, and 8.85 on beam. The Raiders final season record was 13-0.

In the Individual competition at Saturday's Sectional, Dawn Cagliari reversed last week's All-Around results at the County Championship, scoring 35.75 to 35.35 for Kathy Curtis of Clark, who took third. Dawn won the Uneven Bars with a 9.05, and Vaulting with a 9.30, while placing 5th on Balance Beam. Dana Lachnicht turned in her second strong championship performance of the week,



placing 4th on Beam (8.75) and 5th on Bars (8.65), with an overall score of 34.20, just missing the final medal position in the All-Around. Jill Wanat placed 3rd on the Balance Beam with an 8.80, while scoring 33.65

overall. All three girls will now advance to the Individual State Championship on Wednesday in Somerville.

Also competing for Scotch Plains were seniors

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Planning Bd. hears builders on Fan. multi-family housing

An agenda session of the Fanwood Planning Board was the forum for discussion on multi-family housing between Attorney Robert Kraus, three builders he represents and several members of the Board. Over the objections of Board members Jean Winsor and Mayor Patricia Kuran that the meeting has not been advertised, Vice-Chairman Robert Thayer permitted the builders to present concept plans for three separate tracts in the Borough where they hoped to build multi-family units at a density of 12 to 16 units per acre.

The tracts under discussion are located on Terrill Road between Mary Lane and Stewart Pl., Midway Avenue between the Public Service right-of-way and Terrill Road, and on Third Street between South and LaGrande Avenues. The Third Street site was recently rejected by the Board of Adjustment.

Attorney Kraus acknowledged that there would have to be public hearings before any approvals were sought but reminded those objecting that no formal applications have been filed as yet.