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SCOTT JACKSON RECEIVES EAGLE RANK IN SCOUTING



On Friday, Jan. 10 at a Special Court of Honor, Scott Jackson, a member of All Saints' Church and Troop 104, received the Eagle Rank in Scouting. Some 150 people attended the ceremony held in the Parish Hall of All Saints' Church. Pictured above are Col. James Pappas, U.S. Army Ret., who received his Eagle Rank in 1931 and Scott Jackson, the recipient. Col. Pappas gave the charge to Scott following the presentation.

ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



The Ministerial Association of Scotch Plains-Fanwood will lead an ecumenical memorial service for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 19, 8:00PM. The service of worship will take place at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1240 East 7th Street, Plainfield. The public is invited to attend.

The service honors the memory of the Civil Rights leader who lived from 1935 to 1968. Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. The following day, Monday, January 20, has been declared a national holiday in his honor.

Area clergy and representatives from the municipalities will participate in the service. The Reverend Doug Grote will bring the sermon. The free offering taken will be used to benefit the homeless in Union County. Included in the service will be ecumenical affirmations of faith, hymns, Scripture and special music.

Pictured, left to right, Robert Bergendahl, Council President of the host church; Theri Birstler, Organist and Reverend W. Edward McHale, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran.

Neighborhood improvement set in motion by Council

by Sharon Pachler
In 1985, Scotch Plains Council members became aware of a grant available under the Neighborhood Preservation Balanced House Program for the revitalization of substandard and vacant properties. Passage of a resolution at Tuesday evening's public meeting authorizing an agreement for planning services with Michael Coleman Associates began the process of pursuing this rehabilitative grant - potentially bringing the township up to \$300,000. Restorative efforts along Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road will not only improve structural appearances in the area, but will also afford the township credit toward its Mt. Laurel housing obligation.

Joan Kroehling, Marian Lane resident, was appointed a member of the Preservation of Historic Sites. Councilman Gabriel Spera remarked on the importance of protecting

Scotch Plains' memorable past in light of the trend for ever-increasing construction and said he felt confident that Kroehling would be an asset to this

committee.

Council members expressed their condolences to the family of Patrena "Chuckie" Thinnies, a former resident and

township employee who recently died at the age of 79. Thinnies had lived in Scotch Plains for 78 years, serving as Tax Collector for 26 years.

Gallo elected council President in Fanwood

Lindgren & MacDonald sworn-in to 2nd terms



THOMAS E. GALLO

At the annual reorganization meeting of the Fanwood Borough Council, Alfred L. Lindgren and Andrew J. MacDonald were each sworn in to second terms as members of the Council. Councilman Thomas E. Gallo was elected President of the Borough



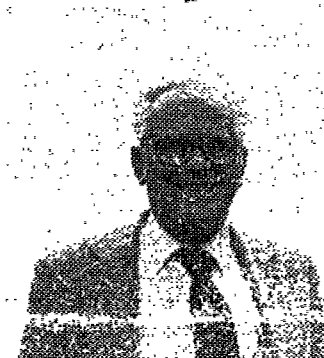
ANDREW J. MAC DONALD

Council.

Councilman MacDonald mentioned that "Tom's hard work, council experience and energy level will not only help him serve in this capacity, but will also help the Borough attain its 1986 goals". Tom stated that 1986 will be a year of change for our community. "This year we have to balance the old and new. Specifically we have to complete our commitments to our current projects including the computerization study, Master Plan, Downtown Project and Children's Specialized Hospital. While focusing attention on these projects we cannot lose sight of our most important project - to serve the taxpayer."

Gallo, a Republican, began his three year term in December of 1983. He has served as Commissioner of Health and Welfare, and Recreation and Community Services. Tom was also the Council representative to the Fanwood Memorial Library, Environmental Commission, Shade Tree Commission, Local Assistance Board and the Board of Education.

Thomas and his wife, Nancy, have made Fanwood their home for the past six years. They have a two-year-old son, Tommy. Tom is employed by



ALFRED L. LINDGREN

AT&T Information Systems and is the manager of a Customer Consulting group. He was also active in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School's Computer Advisory Committee, Kiwanis Club, served on Fanwood's Planning Board and is a member of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church.

Al Lindgren, an 18-year resident of the Borough, served as Chairman of the Council's Public Works Committee last year, spear-heading the restoration of the Fall Clean Up. A past President of the Fanwood Volunteer Fire Company and Captain of the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad, Al Lindgren, a Republican, had originally been elected to the Council in November, 1984, to fill a one year unexpired term.

Al lives with his wife Ruth on Hunter Avenue. He is a District Manager for Bell Communications. A Navy veteran, Al served on many of Fanwood's volunteer boards and commissions.

Andy MacDonald, a Republican, enters his second three year term on Council having chaired a number of Council Committees including serving as Police Commissioner. He has also been active in the Soccer Association

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Home Decoration winners

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's DECA Chapter sponsored its 3rd annual Holiday Home Decoration Contest and the winners were Karen Natale of Stout Ave. in Scotch Plains and Bonnie Yezo of Hunter Ave. in Fanwood. Both 1st place winners received a trophy for their efforts. The winning homes were considered the best in conveying the spirit of the holiday season.

The 2nd place winners from each town were Marie Losavio of Concord Rd. in Scotch Plains and the Mueller Family of LaGrande Ave. in Fanwood. Third place trophies went to Mrs. Mary James of Victor St. in Scotch Plains and Mrs.

DeCarlo of Midway Ave. in Fanwood. A fourth place trophy in Scotch Plains went to Mrs. Robert Cerine of Fieldcrest Drive. Other winners of a personalized certificate were the Shulte family on Pleasant Ave., the Englert family on Waldon Rd., and the McCarthy family on LaGrande Ave., all in Fanwood.

Honorable Mention winners from Scotch Plains included Joseph Checchio, Forest Rd.; John Keller, Chapel Rd.; Joe Baine, Lenape Way; the Dollnick family on Meadowview Rd.; the Easley family on Front St. and the Meling family on Hetfield Ave. Congratulations, winners.

District Report available

Superintendent of Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools, Dr. Robert J. Howlett, has issued his seventh annual State of the District Report, highlighting concerns and accomplishments in the district's five elementary, two middle schools and the high school in the 1984-85 school year. "The

report is both a review and an aid, as the district strives toward its goal of excellence", Dr. Howlett noted.

The report is available for public view at the Mayors' offices in Fanwood and Scotch Plains and the Fanwood and Scotch Plains libraries.