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HAPPY EASTER

PLAINS TALK TO AIR

THURSDAY, MARCH 27 AT 5:30 P.M.

Cable Television Channel 3 will air the program "Plains Talk" at 5:30 P.M., Thursday, March 27 showing the Scotch Plains Senior Citizens, to make up for the show channel 3 aired by mistake on this past Sunday. The senior citizens will be shown with Mayor Papen at 5:30 P.M. on Easter Sunday, too.

"FANWOOD FACTS" TO COVER BUDGET AND RECYCLING

Councilman Andrew MacDonald, Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee, and Borough Administrator Thomas Beisler will appear as guests on the April telecast of "Fanwood Facts" to offer residents some insight into the Borough's proposed 1986 budget.

Mayor Patricia Kuran's guest for the second segment of the show will be Scotch Plains Councilwoman Irene Schmidt who has been working with Fanwood Councilman David Pickering on plans for the permanent recycling site soon to be established on North Avenue next to Quick Chek. The site will be operated jointly by the two towns and manned by local organizations.

"Fanwood Facts" is shown on Suburban Cablevision's Channel 3 on the first and second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

SPF-ETV SCHEDULE

The following shows will be aired at 11:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

March 27 & 28 - 1986 Art Portfolio Review and Art Show.

March 31 - Channel 34 News.

April 1 - Chuck Bowers Concert on the Village Green.

April 2 - Battle of the Minds #14.

April 3 - 1986 Art Portfolio Review and Art Show.

April 4 - Model UN Trip to Hershey.

Please note that any show aired on Friday will also play on Saturday and Sunday at the same times.

WANTED:

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ENTRIES

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade Committee is seeking floats, costumed marchers, and other parade entries to take part in our Memorial Day Parade. The parade is set for Monday, May 26.

Trophies will be awarded for the entries which best depict this year's theme, "Reflections of Liberty."

All civic groups in Fanwood and Scotch Plains are urged to sign up now to participate in this year's parade. Confirmation forms are available at the Scotch Plains Town Manager's office. For more information, call 322-6700.

Fanwood Council introduces new budget of \$7,720,729.41

At a special meeting held March 19th, the Fanwood Borough Council introduced its 1986 budget. A public hearing and second and final reading are scheduled for April 23rd at 8 p.m. in the municipal building. If adopted, the budget will increase property taxes from \$3.14 to \$3.48 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The total budget of \$7,720,729.41, as introduced by Finance and Administration Chairman Andrew MacDonald, includes \$4,656,187.30 for school taxes under the budget set by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School Board. Fanwood's portion of the County budget proposed by the Union County Board of Freeholders, amounts to \$1,487,369.74. Retained in the Borough for local municipal purposes would be \$1,345,522.32, with \$231,700 held in reserve for uncollected taxes. Expressed in tax points, the school budget increase represents 14 points; the

County government increases represent 8 points and the local municipal budget, including the reserve, represents 12 points. Each tax point increase represents \$8.36 to the owner of the average home assessed at \$83,600 during the last revaluation, amounting to a total property increase of \$284 a year for the property taxpayer.

According to Borough Administrator Thomas Beisler, over 7 points of the increase for municipal purposes is attributable to increased insurance costs. Liability insurance costs for the Borough have doubled over the 1984 costs, with coverage shrinking by \$2 million dollars. Additional increases are from pension and salary increases plus the loss of state and federal revenues which have historically been returned to local government to reduce the burden on local taxpayers.

Only four members of the Council were present

for the introduction which requires four affirmative Council votes. All four, Councilmembers MacDonald, Coronella, Gallo and Swindlehurst, voted for introduction with Councilwoman Swindlehurst noting that

her vote was given reluctantly and on the condition that Council agreed

to meet one more time before the Public Hearing in an attempt to reduce the budget, which she viewed as too high.

Public Assistance Bd. members are sworn in



Harriet Smith and Councilman Alfred Lindgren are sworn in as members of the Local Public Assistance Board by Fanwood Mayor Patricia Kuran. Mrs. Smith, a long-time member of the Board, was reappointed to another 2-year term. Councilman Lindgren is beginning his first year as Council liaison to the Board.

Council voices disapproval of County Budget

by Sharon Puchler

The Scotch Plains Council passed a resolution at Tuesday night's public Meeting expressing their opposition to the proposed 1986 County budget. Calling the increases "burdensome", they urged other Union County towns to make their dissatisfaction known to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The projected figures represent a significant increase over the 1985 budget. Council requested that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the governing bodies of all 21 municipalities in Union County. Councilwoman Jo-Anne Spatola noted that at this point, the budget has been cut, to some extent, by the fiscal affairs committee and added: "We hope the resolution does not fall on deaf ears and will provide some tax relief."

A resolution was also passed authorizing a feasibility study for municipal insurance pooling. Councilwoman Spatola stated "This is one way we feel the

township can seek ways to minimize spiraling costs of insurance." 30% of the increase in the township's budget reflect these rising municipal insurance rates.

Adopted on first reading was an ordinance requiring the installation of smoke detectors in residential dwellings upon their sale or rental. Councilwoman Spatola said that "the introduction of this ordinance is the culmination of months of work" and acknowledged the input of the fire department and building code officials. Public hearing on this ordinance will take place April 8 at 8:30 p.m.

Items of interest included announcement of plans for a Senior Citizen Day. The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee set a tentative date of June 28 for the Village Green celebration. And, Recycling Committee Council liaison Irene Schmidt reported a firm Recycling Center opening date of June 21. This third Saturday date will coincide with the traditional J.C. recycl-

ing day. Thereafter, the Center will be opened the first and third Saturday of each month unless otherwise posted. Con-

crete has been poured for the bins and educational progress for all residents are being implemented.

Board Bulletin

At the Board of Education's regular public meeting on March 20, 1986, the following action took place:

*The Board adopted the proposed 1986-87 school budget.

*The Board approved a motion rescinding policy IFBD-Library Material Selection Policy dated October 16, 1969 as well as motions approving the first reading for adoption of the following policies: IFAAA-Instructional Materials dated April 17, 1986; IFBD-Library Material Selection Policy dated April 17, 1986 and KNBA-Complaints Concerning School Instructional & Library Materials dated April 17, 1986.

*A motion was approved to make an exception to Board of Education Policy KG-Use of School Facilities and Grounds to

allow Westfield Board of Education to use the high school field for three scheduled games subject to certain provisions. A motion was approved also to allow the NJ Bid Committee for International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous to use several classrooms and cafeteria in the high school for April 12, 1986.

*The Board approved a motion supporting the Resolution adopted by the Union County Regional School District on February 18, 1986 protesting Governor Kean's recommended State School aid reductions for 1986-87 and calling for the State of New Jersey to reimburse Boards of Education for all non-public school services in the same year that these

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