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## MAGAZINE SUB DRIVE KICK OFF SEASON FOR MUSIC BOOSTERS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Music Booster Association is kicking off the 1986-87 school year with a magazine subscription sale and renewal program beginning Sept. 5th. If you are not contacted by a student in your neighborhood, but would like to support this event, please contact Chairperson Judy Shumway at 756-6378 or Sue Terista at 889-5485.

## WHY COOK TONIGHT?

Feast your eyes on Dine With Us on page 9 - it's sure to whet your appetite for the real thing.

## SEPT. 6 FLEA MARKET TO BENEFIT RESOLVE

A flea market to benefit Resolve, the family counseling agency, will fill the Fanwood Train Station parking lot on Saturday, September 6 from 9 to 4 p.m. There will be spaces for over 100 dealers to display such items as clothing, books, tools, knick-knacks, toys, antiques, jewelry, plants and crafts. Resolve will sponsor a white elephant booth and will sell refreshments as well.

Proceeds from the sale, will aid in meeting the annual budget for Resolve, a non-profit agency. The raindate for the flea market is September 7. Spaces for dealers are still available and may be reserved by calling the Resolve office at 322-9180.

## TROOP 203 PAPER DRIVE AT ST. BARTS

Boy Scouts of America Troop 203 will open its Fall season of paper drives on September 6, at 8 a.m., in the St. Bartholomew's Church parking lot. St. Barts is located on Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Newspapers, cardboard and other paper will be accepted for recycling, as well as aluminum cans. Papers should be tied in small bundles or put in paper bags for safety and ease of handling. Scouts will be on hand to accept the above items until 2 p.m.

Proceeds from the drive are used to purchase camping equipment and support summer camp and outings. Your support of the drive is appreciated by the Scouts and their parents.

## FREE BP CLINIC

The Township of Scotch Plains will hold the monthly Hypertension (High Blood Pressure) Screening Clinic on Wednesday, September 10, 1986.

The Clinic will be held in the Scotch Plains Public Library Community Room from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. and is free. The intent of the clinic is to identify new cases of High Blood Pressure. Those persons who are over the age of thirty and smoke or are overweight or have a family history of heart disease or diabetes and have not had their blood pressure checked recently are urged to attend.

## FANWOOD LIONS OPERATE RECYCLING CENTER THIS SATURDAY

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Center on North Avenue at Westfield Road will be open Saturday, September 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The Fanwood Lions will man the site, and will accept newspapers bundled with twine; aluminum cans, trays and foil; glass separated into clear, brown and green; and used motor oil in unbreakable containers.

Residents are asked to remove metal rings and caps from glass, and to keep baskets and bags used to transport their recyclables for future use.

# Pony rides may become extinct at Terry Lou Zoo

by Linda Case Gibbons

A gray barn cat sunned itself sleepily in the warm dusty yard, while an admiring 2-year old tried to feed him fruit roll-ups. In the background, out beyond the cars unloading strollers and laughing babies, little ponies went round and round the pony ring, through the covered bridge and back again, carrying their precious cargo back to beaming parents. Out by the pond, ponies munched together in companionable silence with a bunch of ducks, but today, there was one less pony.

"I wouldn't have thought to sell off a pony," says Terry Lou Zoo owner, Frank Terry. "Without this insurance thing, I wouldn't have done it. The only bright note is the pony has a new home on six acres with a little girl in Whitehouse."

Framed in what has been a natural habitat for him for 38 years, Frank spoke outside the zoo's red silo entrance about the dilemma that would touch a new generation of toddlers and their moms, dads and grandmas.

"My insurance went up 100% for the pony rides. The only decision I could reach was to cut them out." Happily since the time Frank first made this announcement, the rides have been reinstated. "The insurance company told me whatever return I would get by cancelling



18-month-old Tyler Starr with pony walker Jane Rapp.

would only be minimal, so I decided we'd keep going until next May and then worry about it."

Unfortunately spiralling liability insurance rates have become common fare for common people. Some small businesses have been forced to suspend operation, parks have eliminated jungle gyms, day care centers have shut their doors, the list goes on and on. And now Frank Terry is in turmoil about the future of the pony rides that encircle his zoo.

It isn't merely the money. Financial concern is part and parcel of running a privately owned zoo which boasts 287 residents and has a weekly food list which includes 180 pounds of bananas and 1-3/4 tons of grain. "It's enough for

us if we make ends meet," says Frank. "If I die tomorrow, I won't take a dime with me, will I?" he asks with a twinkle in his

Married

hung too heavy on his shoulders and taxed his health, a job his wife of 42 years readily assumed.

shortly after



Frank and Louise Terry, owners of Terry Lou Zoo.

eye.

But money does create its own stresses. Years ago Frank turned over the books and bills to wife Louise because the cares

World War II when Frank came home from the Air Force, today they work side by side, seven days a week to run their zoo. At points during the day, Louise takes time out to go next door to their home, adjacent to the zoo, where she is hand bottle feeding a baby jaguar, a process she repeats whenever there's a new baby animal to nurse. In the early mornings, Frank snaps on the radio inside the zoo and plays with the animals and gets them ready for their day, a slice of time he cherishes.

With many of the old gentlemen hereabouts who ran pony rides now deceased, the passing of the Terry pony rides would indeed mark the passing of an institution in Scotch Plains.

"The people all told me, raise prices. I don't Please turn to page 3



Terry Lou Zoo owner Frank Terry with 3-year-old Daniel Barth.