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TAKE TRAIN TO CIRCUS

The New Jersey Transit Department is inviting surrounding communities to the city to become part of an innovative excursion to view the Ringling Bros. Circus at Madison Square Garden on April 22nd.

The Recreation Department in Scotch Plains is eager to become part of this special, and interested residents are urged to call the department at 322-6700 and reserve a train seat and circus ticket NOW. Tickets are \$13.00 for children 11 and under, and \$17.00 for adults. These prices include the train ride as well as entrance to the performance at 10:30 a.m. In order to formulate more definite plans, it is important to know how many parents (one parent must accompany every two children) and children plan to enjoy this new experience.

The group will have a guide accompany them, a box lunch may be eaten on the train, and circus performers will "visit" with the contingency prior to the circus commencing. All must advise whether or not they will buy tickets for the April 22nd event, since this is the only time it will be offered.

CHILDREN'S VIDEO COLLECTION AT FAN. LIBRARY

The Fanwood Memorial Library would like to announce the beginning of its circulating Children's Video Collection. Starting February 16, the Children's Department will circulate these videos to Fanwood residents, eighteen years of age and older, who have a valid library card and no overdue books or outstanding fines.

Each family may borrow up to two videos at one time. A service charge of \$1.00 per day will be payable at the time of pickup for each videocassette. Videos may be borrowed anytime during regular Children's Department hours. These hours are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Monday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00.

Come to the Children's Department of the Fanwood Memorial Library and check out this new service.

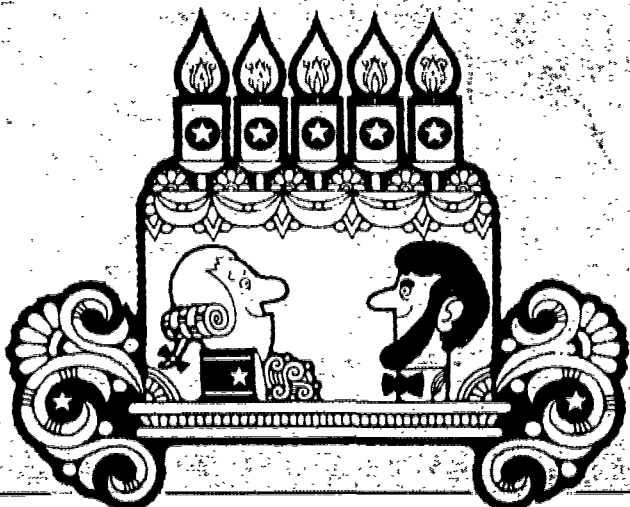
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children who will attend kindergarten in Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools in September, 1989, are now being registered in each of the district's elementary schools. To be eligible, a child must be five years of age before December 1, 1989.

Initial registration forms have been given to parents of children currently attending elementary schools in the district. Families who have not yet had a child enrolled in Scotch Plains-Fanwood Schools can obtain an initial registration form from the elementary school in the attendance area in which the family resides. The form should be returned to the schools as soon as possible. Following receipt of all initial registration forms, the schools will then inform respective parents of the procedures for completing registration.

EARLY TIMES DEADLINE

Due to the President's Day holiday on Monday, February 20th, all copy for the February 23rd issue of THE TIMES must be submitted by Friday, February 17th at 3:00 P.M.



Proposed school budget slashed by Bd. of Ed.

Following weeks of review, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has made additional reductions in the proposed 1989-1990 public schools

budget. In early December, district administration in presenting the initial budget draft to the Board of Education, had sliced the budget by

some \$1,100,000. After further discussion and deliberation with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert J. Howlett, the board reduced it almost

\$400,000 more.

These additional cuts, which will affect all areas of the budget, were made by the Board of Education in recognition of the very tight fiscal situation facing the school district. Scotch Plains-Fanwood has no free balance to appropriate next year, as it has had in previous years to offset increased taxes. The Governor's proposed budget for 1989-1990 does not include full funding for school districts as required by law. In Scotch Plains-Fanwood this means a loss of \$300,000 in state aid. The escalation of health insurance and garbage disposal costs in the current budget, in excess of \$400,000 over the anticipated amount, and the projected increase for 1989-1990 are additional factors in this tight fiscal situation.

It is the Board of Education's intent to present a responsible budget program to the community for its consideration on election day April 4. According to Dr. Howlett, "This is the most stringent budget that we have ever

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Clergy trip to Israel brings promise of unity



Gathering for a leisurely moment during their recent Inter-Faith Study Mission to Israel are: front row (left to right) Rev. Barry Foster, Alvin, Texas; Rev. Larry Bethune, Austin, Texas; Rev. Timothy Pretz, Clark, N.J.

Standing (left to right) Rev. Richard Rowe, Cranford, N.J.; Mr. Arthur Kreyling, Rosalind Kreyling, Westfield, N.J.; Mrs. Helen Kucharik, Clark; Rabbi Moshe Samber, Plainfield.

Last row (left to right) Deacon Ottis Poe, Alvin, Texas; Rev. Joseph Kucharik, Clark, N.J.; and Rev. David Buck, Scotch Plains, N.J.

Also present on the trip but not pictured was Rev. Jack Norrie of Plainfield, N.J.

by Donna Hendel

The Bible speaks of brothers dwelling together in peace and harmony. That's exactly what happened to the participants of the Inter-Faith Study Mission to Israel during their recent trip in January. Sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey and the Union County Board of Rabbis, representatives from the Christian and Jewish faiths embarked on an adventure that proved to be a never-to-be-forgotten spiritual experience.

Travelers on the eight-day Mission included members of the clergy and their wives from throughout the Central New Jersey area, as well as clergy representation from the Lone Star State Texas. Participants included: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kreyling, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Please turn to page 13

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American Automotive



Owner Paul Mannino, left, and Service Manager Glenn Nochenson.

Paul Mannino became interested in automobile mechanics as a hobby when he was sixteen. He spent a lot of time working on high performance machines and received a great deal of satisfaction in seeing vehicles run well. That feeling has stayed with him and he still works hard to keep automobiles, mid size rack body trucks and vans in good repair and on the road. His best advertising is basic to his business and it is called "word of

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