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POST-TESTING ACTIVITIES IN PHYS. ED. CLASSES

This week is Physical Fitness Assessment Week, and students at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School are participating in Post-Testing activities in their physical education classes.

Beginning last Tuesday and continuing through May 9th, district students in grades 9-12 will measure their cardiovascular endurance by a mile run, their flexibility by sit and reach activities, their absolute strength by pull-ups, and their muscular endurance by sit-ups. Each of the three days involves a different assessment.

In September these same students took a pre-test in the four skill areas. The assessments are part of a physical education departmental goal to improve students' fitness levels.

TROOP 33 TO HOLD ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Boy Scout Troop 33 will hold its Annual Flea Market on Saturday, May 13 at the Fanwood Railroad Station, North and Martine Avenues from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Antiques, collectibles, crafts, clothing and many new and exceptional items will be available, plus food, soft drinks, baked goods and Italian ice. Don't forget to shop for Mother's Day, May 14. For more information, call Mr. Kim Frank at 232-4825.

FREE RABIES CLINICS SPONSORED BY HEALTH DEPT.

Free rabies clinics for dogs and cats - sponsored by the Scotch Plains Health Department - will be held on Tuesday evening May 16th, 1989 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Northside Firehouse (rear of Municipal Building) and on Tuesday, May 30th, 1989 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Southside Firehouse (corner of Martine Avenue and Raritan Road).

Dogs must be accompanied by an adult able to control the animal. Revaccination is not necessary for three years unless the dog or cat is between 3 and 11 months, which requires revaccination the subsequent year. Cats must be contained in a "cat carrier" or a box, and also accompanied by an adult.

1989 dog licenses will be available at the clinic. The cost is \$6.20 for dogs that are sprayed or neutered, and \$9.20 if they aren't. Please call 322-6700, ext. 309, for further information.

Meeting sparks vision of new beginning

A compromise settlement was reached by the merchants of Fanwood and Scotch Plains to unify the retailers into one organization. Twenty five merchants from both communities attended a meeting on Tuesday evening at the Stage House Restaurant to explore a solution to the existence of two separate retail associations, the Chamber of Commerce and the Retailer Association. The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Chamber of Commerce is affiliated with the 'umbrella' Suburban Chamber of Commerce which provides administrative and support services to the local Chamber. The Merchants Association expressed an interest in forming an autonomous Chamber which would be independent of a large group.

Two weeks ago, merchants met to express their concerns and it was unanimously decided to agree on one organization for Fanwood and Scotch Plains. On Tuesday, after a proposal was presented to form a separate Chamber, many felt that the administrative and support services provided by Suburban Chambers

was a distinct advantage while beginning a new Chamber would take several years to organize.

The compromise reached was that the merchants would continue as the

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Chamber of Commerce but as a separate retail organization. New officers will be elected at the next meeting and an activities committee will be

formed. The Suburban Chamber agreed that all dues monies paid by new members would remain with the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Chamber (ordinarily). Please turn to page 24

Scotch Plains names 'Outstanding Seniors'



Pictured from left to right are Alan Augustine, Township Liaison to Recreation, Madeline Meyer Ryan, John Losavio, Outstanding Senior Citizens for 1988, Valerie Fisher, chairman, Ad Hoc Committee, and George Oberle, Rec. chairman.

May, traditionally senior citizen month, honors all "golden agers", and locally, the Recreation Commission selects the outstanding male and female resident nominated because of

their accomplishments. This year, the Ad Hoc Committee, made up of Evelyn Whitehorn, president of the SP-F Service League, Inc., Ross Engellena, president of the local chapter of UNICO,

and Vi Debbie, local naturalist/environmentalist, and chaired by Valerie Fisher.

Madeline Meyer Ryan, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post Please turn to page 22

"Fanwood Bill" voted out of committee

The N.J. State Assembly's Committee on Housing voted 3-1 last Monday to move Assembly Bill A-3822 to the floor for a full vote by that legislative body. The bill, widely known as the "Fanwood Bill", would prevent developers from accumulating small parcels of land in established neighborhoods of single family houses, demolishing existing sound housing and increasing density beyond that permitted by local zoning laws by using Affordable Housing Laws as a lever.

The bill was introduced by Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden in response to a decision by the Council on Affordable Housing that projects on three such sites in Fanwood must move forward

because they were ready to go while the Borough's alternative plan (which involved rezoning a commercial area for higher density housing) offered

no immediate opportunities for the construction of affordable housing units. Assemblywoman Ogden argued that it was never the intention of the

state legislature that the Fair Housing Act should be used to alter the character of established neighborhoods in fully-developed communities. A companion bill sponsored by Senator John Lynch passed the N.J. Senate last week by a vote of 35-1

Opponents of the bill argue that its passage will continue the exclusionary zoning practices which the courts have ruled to be unconstitutional. They point out that the proposed bill would bar the demolition of sound housing for affordable housing purposes but would not prevent demolition for luxury housing, hotels or other projects a municipality might wish to encourage. Fanwood Mayor Patricia Kuran counters that claim Please turn to page 22

'We Have Not Forgotten' theme of annual parade

On Monday, May 29, 1989 the communities of Fanwood and Scotch Plains will hold their annual Memorial Day Parade. The theme of this year's parade is "We have Not Forgotten". More than 25 local organizations have signed up to march.

Antique cars, floats and a total of 8 bands, including the high school marching band, drill teams and twirlers will be featured at the parade. The elementary school

bands and the middle school bands will also participate.

In announcing its preliminary plans, the Memorial Day Parade Committee gave special thanks to the Scotch Plains Chamber of Commerce, the High School's DECA Chapter and American Legion Post 209 and VFW Memorial Post #10122. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Westfield Fife and Drum for the enjoyment Please turn to page 22