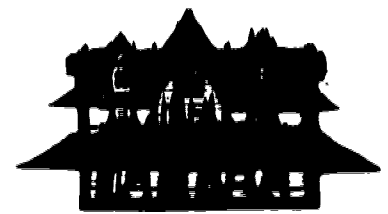


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Construction underway on railroad station building

by Karen F. Howell
Fanwood Mayor Patricia Kuran, Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden, Senator Donald DiFrancesco and New Jersey Transit officials gathered Tuesday for a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of Fanwood's new railroad station building.

Construction of the new building and installation of a new intertrack safety fence is the third and final phase of the modernization of Fan-

wood Station. The first phase occurred in 1984 when new asphalt platforms were built to replace the cinder walkways. Phase Two, completed in 1988, involved the construction of the new pedestrian overpass and installation of new lighting.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, NJT Executive Director Thomas Gagliano said, "New Jersey Transit crews will perform the majority of the work in the construc-

tion of the station. We at New Jersey Transit are proud of our employees and their dedication to improving the quality of New Jersey Transit's train stations."

While the stationhouse is being built, the trailer housing the temporary ticket sales office will remain open between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. on weekdays for the approximately 700 daily passengers who use Fanwood Station.

Signs will be posted in the parking lot to instruct passengers away from the construction area. NJT officials estimate that approximately 20 parking spaces will be lost during construction.

Fanwood Police Chief Anthony Parenti said alternate arrangements will be made for commuters who have Fanwood Station parking per-

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Pictured from left to right are Thomas Gagliano, New Jersey Transit Executive Director; Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden; Fanwood Mayor Patricia Kuran; Councilwoman Linda Stender and Senator Donald DiFrancesco.

MAYOR PAPEN RAISES \$\$ FOR CANCER SOCIETY



Scotch Plains Mayor Joan Papen was sentenced to jail! The American Cancer Society's jail that is. Mayor Papen participated in the annual Jail-A-Thon to help raise much needed dollars for the Cancer Society. "Bail" (fund pledges) was set at \$550 and she raised it quickly.

SOCCER CAMP OPENINGS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association announces that there are still openings for this summer's soccer camp run by Hills Soccer Camp. The instructional experience will run Monday through Friday, August 7-11 as a day camp. Contact Mr. Joe LaSpada at 781-1722 or 766-0568 for all details and registration. The Association is pleased to announce that for an additional \$10 this year's soccer camper can enjoy a daily swim at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. Transportation between Park Middle School and the Y is included.

CLASS OF '74 SOUGHT FOR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The Plainfield High School Class of 1974 is having it's 15th year Reunion, which will take place at Snuffy's/Pantagis Renaissance, Scotch Plains, N.J., on November 24, 1989. Members of the class and those interested should contact, the Reunion Committee at (201) 753-3968, 756-0857, 753-9851 or write P.O. Box 4114, Dunellen, N.J. 08812 for further information.

Solution to air traffic noise remains up in the air

by Patricia R. Mundth
Concerns for the quality of life and potential depreciation of property value brought more than 80 Scotch Plains residents to an extension of the Town Council's July 13th Caucus Meeting. At that time members of the Federal Aviation Administration had come to meet with the Council in order to discuss the problem of increased air traf-

fic and the attendant noise pollution due to a recent re-routing of aircraft over Scotch Plains.

Dan Peterson, Regional Administrator for the FAA, gave a brief summary of the events leading to the current flight patterns. In response to airline travelers' complaints of flight delays, the East Coast Plan went into effect two years ago. It created a high altitude

four lane highway and reduced delays by 23%. However, to accommodate the plan, planes were now brought over Cranford while still in their climb phase and then would split left. When Cranford residents complained the flight patterns were shifted slightly so that planes would pass over Colonia. Apparently, Mr. Peterson was ignorant of the proximity of South

Scotch Plains to Colonia. The FAA did not file an Environmental Impact Statement when implementing the East Coast Plan because it was concerned with airspace over 3,000 ft. "We do this in sort of a vacuum," Peterson said.

While Mr. Peterson brought radar readouts with him to prove that planes passing over Scotch Plains were passing over Scotch Plains. Please turn to page 14

Summer Series presents double feature performance

On Thursday evening, July 20, the Village Green Summer Series will present a double feature performance of the Happy Medium and the Harmony

Dancers at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee, the performance will take place on Park Avenue, Scotch Plains on the

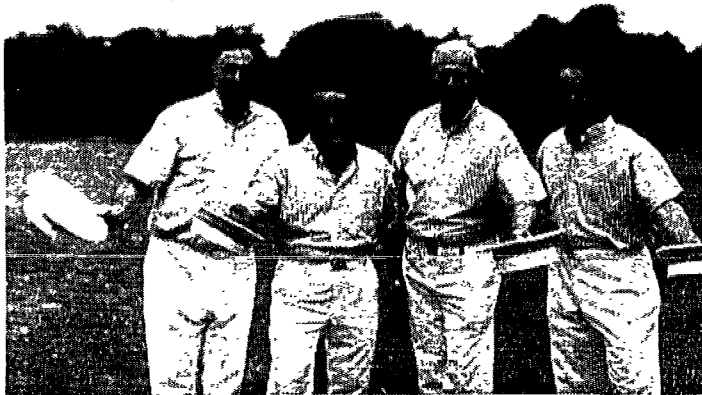
Village Green. Free to the public, this concert will be held in the Town Hall Court Room in case of rain.

The Happy Medium is a registered quartet which has performed in the Music Man in Union County and competitions in Washington and Virginia. This foursome of singers have a fine mellow blend of sound and experience to present the old songs in true barbershop style.

The Harmony Dancers, formerly called the Dancing Squares, are a dance

for fun group dedicated to the modern Western square dance. They recently performed at the Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade. Brian Fugere, the group's professional caller, calls for clubs in Central and Northern New Jersey. This type of dancing has been designated as the official dance of New Jersey.

Spectators are urged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for their comfort. For additional information call the recreation department at 322-6700.



HAPPY MEDIUM