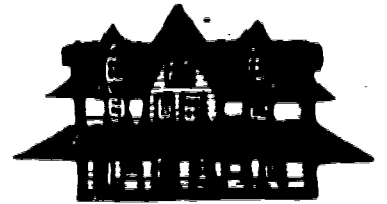




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Belfast visitor joins Girl Scout tradition



Christine Lawless of Belfast, Ireland (left) with Jane, Susie, and Judith MacLellan at Camp Sinawik run by Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

When Mrs. Judith MacLellan of Scotch Plains read a local news story about Project Children, she was moved to respond. Judith and her family volunteered to host a child from Belfast, Ireland, for six weeks. Project Children helps place Belfast children with families here to give the children a positive summer experience away from the "troubles" of home.

Christine Lawless joined the MacLellan family and found out that she would be attending Girl Scout Day Camp for four of her six weeks. It wasn't a comforting prospect for Christine who is a city girl with more than the usual fear of bugs. But Day Camp is a MacLellan Girl Scout tradition; Judith has been the director for thirteen years, and each of the four MacLellan children has been at camp. So when July 12 rolled around Judith, her two daughters, Jane and Susie, and their Irish "sister", Christine, headed for camp. For Christine, the four weeks at camp turned out to be a wonderful experience away from swimming, boating, the sleepover in a tent, cookouts, and all the fun of a typical camp. She even survived the New Jersey mosquitos. "Her summer not only offered Christine the opportunity of being with a family in America but also gave her an understanding of nature as we have it," observed Mrs. MacLellan.

SCHOOL BUS



It's Back To School You Go!

by Karen F. Oliver-Howell

Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are coming to an end for the almost 3,800 children who attend Fanwood-Scotch Plains schools. Vacation ends and the new school year begins next Wednesday, September 6.

In an informal survey, the student body seems to be split 50-50 on the question of whether it is a good idea to reopen the schools. David Howell, 7, a student at Evergreen School, was not happy when told that school begins next Wednesday. "I have fun in the summer. When I go back to school I won't have any more fun. I can learn at home," said David.

Kimberly Karlen, a second grader at Coles School, said she enjoyed her family vacation at

Chautauqua Institution in plained.

Upstate New York, but she's ready to go back to school. "I missed my friends during the summer and I'm looking forward to seeing them again," Kimberly said.

Her brother, Alexander, 7, took a scholarly approach. He enjoyed summer vacation, but also missed school. "School is fun. You can learn there. I missed my girlfriend Courtney, and my friend Joshua Fox," he said.

"I'm not looking forward to going back to school," said Jackie Klimek, a fifth grader at School One. I like summer vacation because I can go to bed late and get up late.

Teachers give too much homework," she com-

But whether they like it or not, all students in the district have to get back to school next week. First through fifth-graders at all five elementary schools in the district must report to school for single sessions, 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6th and on Thursday, September 7th. The first full-day of school for students in grades one through five will be on Friday, September 8th.

So far, 257 children have been registered for kindergarten at the five elementary schools. They will follow a slightly different schedule the first week of school. Children who are enrolled in the morning kindergarten session will report to school at 8:45 a.m. and will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6th, and on Thursday, September 7th. Children who attend the afternoon kindergarten session will report to school at 10:45 a.m. and will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6th and on Thursday, September 7th. Kindergarten will begin their regular schedule on Friday, September 8th.

The opening week schedule for children enrolled in the Chapter One Pre-School Handicapped Program are being mailed to parents.

Half-day schedules also will be followed in Park Middle School and Terrill Middle School on Please turn to page 15

Free drug abuse book offered by pharmacy

As part of its longtime commitment to the community, Scotchwood Pharmacy is offering free, to the first 100 people, a copy of Union Hospital Foundation's book on teenage substance abuse. The book, entitled "Teenage Drug Abuse: 100 Most Commonly Asked Questions About Adolescent Substance Abuse" is part of Union

Hospital's educational and fundraising efforts. Co-authored by Ron Gaetano, director of the hospital's Drug and Alcohol Program, and James Masterson, Union Hospital's public relations director, the book addresses drug and alcohol abuse as a "dilemma" for which there are currently no permanent or satisfactory solutions. It also of-

fers strong guidance for parents in dealing with their children who may have a drug or alcohol addiction.

Scotchwood Pharmacy is buying and giving away copies of this authoritative new book FREE (cost is \$5.00 from the hospital or bookstore) to the first 100 people who come in with a coupon from their current ad. "We're doing it as a

community service. Because we're parents. We care and we want to do what we can to help," said Bob Horowitz, owner of the 25 year old pharmacy.

The major purpose of the book, according to the authors, is to clear up any misconceptions associated with drug and alcohol use. Combining scientific terms with slang phrases Please turn to page 19

EARLY TIMES DEADLINE

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 4th, all copy for the Thursday, September 7th issue of THE TIMES must be submitted no later than Friday, September 1st. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.