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Public Hearing Tonight on School District Budget

This evening, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will hold its Public Hearing on the tentative school district budget for 1992-1993. The public is invited to attend to hear budget information and to provide input.

Following the Public Budget Hearing, the Board will conduct its monthly Agenda-Setting Meeting for March. Both budget and agenda sessions will occur tonight at the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, Evergreen Avenue & Cedar Street, Scotch Plains.

Evergreen School holds kindergarten registration

Registration forms for children entering kindergarten in September, 1992 are available in the Evergreen School Office.

These forms are to be completed in time for kindergarten registration which is scheduled for the following dates and times:

March 30, March 31, April 1, April 2 - 10:00-11:00 am, 2:00-3:00 pm.

To be eligible for admission to kindergarten in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Regional Schools in September, 1992, your child must become five years of age on or before October 1, 1992.

A night at the hop

Mark your calendars! The CYO Parents' Guild of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will hold its fifth annual dance on Saturday, March 28th from 8:00 PM to midnight. This event will be held in the Father Byrne Auditorium, 1571 So. Martine Ave.

The theme of this year's dance is a Sock Hop, so find your most comfortable pair and get ready to dance to music by the Pros. Trivia buffs can show their expertise as we draw on memories from the 50's to the 70's.

The menu will include subs, beer and soda, and old-fashioned floats and sundaes for dessert. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$30 per couple. Please call 889-6175 or 889-8224 for ticket reservations and plan to be a part of this most enjoyable night.

Walter DiNizo chosen as Public Property Director

On March 2nd, Scotch Plains Township Manager Tom Atkins announced that Walter F. DiNizo accepted the position of

Director of Public Property of the township, which will make him responsible for Scotch Plains' public works.

Atkins said that DiNizo is expected to begin work on April 6. The Manager stated that "quite a few candidates were interview-

ed for this very important position. After giving much thought to the selection process, I felt that Walter would be best suited to make the most significant contribution to the Township organization at this time."

DiNizo is a 1954 graduate of Westfield High and holds a B.S. degree in business from Fairleigh Dickinson U. He also did some graduate work there and at Fordham and became a certified public works manager through a Rutgers program. He has a background in shade tree management, sanitary sewer maintenance, etc.

DiNizo was Director of Public Works and Facilities for Mountain-side, and before that, he

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Former Mayor Newcomb concerned about flooding

(This is the third in a series of interviews with former mayors of Scotch Plains. Lawrence Newcomb served as a councilman for many years and was mayor in both 1980 and 1983.)

Interviewer: What are your thoughts regarding concerns for Scotch Plains?

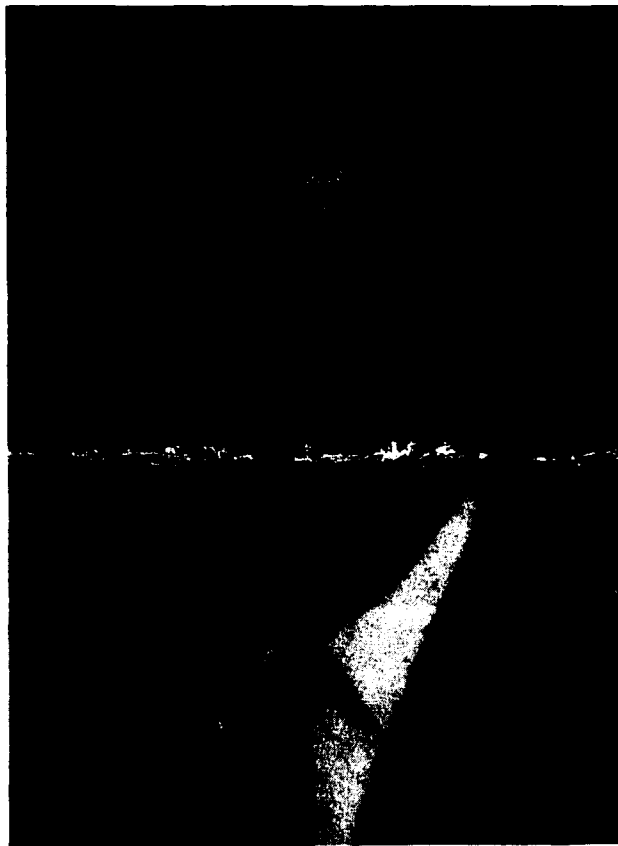
L.N.: The threat of flooding is still Scotch Plains' major problem. My introduction to this problem began when I was a candidate in 1971, the year of Hurricane Doria. Billed as a once in a hundred years storm, Doria left much of the northwest portion of the township devastated. Two years later, a second "once in a hundred years" storm hit us. This time, six lives were lost in neighboring towns in the Green Brook Basin.

I: That was 20 years ago.

L.N.: After the '71 floods, I said flood control was the biggest problem facing Scotch Plains. It still is. Despite the corrective work that has been done, if weather conditions similar to '71 or '73 were to occur again, it would be another disaster!

I: Is there nothing being done to prevent a repeat of '73?

L.N.: Scotch Plains alone cannot protect itself from major storms. Work will have to be done upstream to keep flood waters out of Scotch Plains. Efforts are underway to do just that. Even before the '71 flood, Scotch Plains was a member of the Green Brook Flood Control Committee. That committee is now a commission consisting of all the towns from Berkeley Hts. to Bound Brook. It has been working with the state and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to control flooding in this basin. The



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Army has developed a flood walls and levees, plan that would, through protect the towns. The a combination of dams,

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Fanwood Board of Adjustment Meeting

March 19, 1992
8:00 P.M.

Park Middle School
Park Avenue
Scotch Plains

DECA students exceed previous record with 98



DECA students displays awards at competition.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter, an Association of Marketing students, has in its 22 years of existence had a tradition of winning many awards in statewide and national competitions in

instructional areas the students learn in their Marketing class or their related on-the-job training, but, this year, the students' achievement in state competitions was nothing less than spectacular. The 62 member

contingent came home with an unbelievable total of 98 awards, by far the highest total of any level of competition. Competing against 1,300 students from 80 schools, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood

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