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## VFW offers scholarship

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10122 is offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Sons and daughters of all honorably discharged veterans of our country's military services are eligible to apply. Applications may be picked up at the high school Guidance Office and forwarded to Chairman Ross Engallena or Commander Frank Chupko Jr. The deadline for applications is March 1, 1993.

## Free income tax assistance

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is offering free income tax preparation to senior citizens and low income persons by appointment at the following locations:

St. Helens Parish Center, 1600 Rahway Ave. Westfield, 232-1867.

Scotch Plains Library, 1911 Bartle Ave., 322-5007. Westfield Community Center, 558 W. Broad St., 232-4759.

Westfield YMCA-Clark St. entrance, 233-2700.

A N.J. State Tax Form must be filed to qualify for a Homestead Rebate, even if you have NO taxable income.

## VALENTINE



## GIFT GUIDE

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## Kindergarten registration

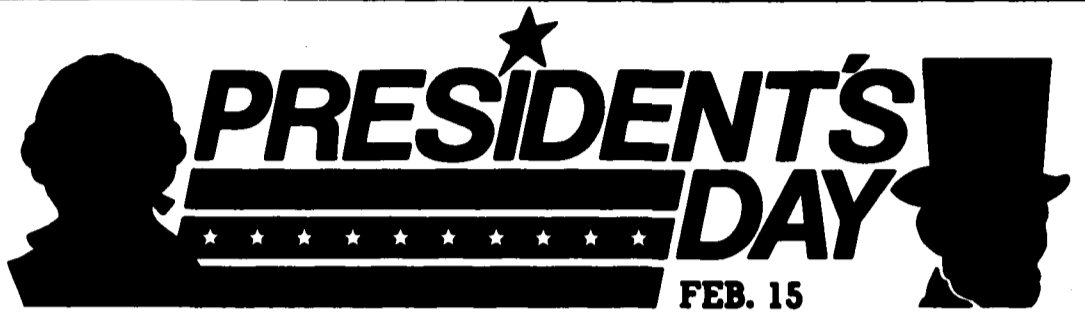
Children who will attend Kindergarten in Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools in September, 1993, are now being registered in each of the district's elementary schools. To be eligible, a child must be five years of age on or before October 1, 1993.

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 particular school as soon as possible. Following receipt of all initial registration forms, the schools will then inform respective parents of the procedures for completing registration.

## EDUCATIONAL UPDATE



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## Council up in arms over possible water rate hike

The Scotch Plains Township Council exploded over the possibility of a water rate hike by the Elizabethtown Water Co. In a resolution passed unanimously at its regular meeting this past Tuesday evening in the Municipal Building, the Council urged "the State Board of Regulatory Commissioners to scrutinize all documentation submitted by Elizabethtown" and that the resolution be sent to Governor Florio and all involved legislative groups.

The increase would cost the Township over \$45,000 additional in hydrant charges alone, and on top of that, each home in Scotch Plains could expect to pay over \$80.00 more per year for water. The Water Co. claims the increase is necessitated in order to finance capital improvement construction work at the Canal Road Water Treatment plant. Councilman George McClintock suggested that the work be funded by a bond which could be paid for over 20 years. This would certainly be less of a blow to Scotch Plains residents who would have to come up with over 2 million dollars in the next three years if the rate increase goes into effect as is.

Councilman George Brown urged that all Union County residents write letters to the Water Co. and to their county and state representatives demanding a full investigation into the matter and for citizens to "dig in their heels" in opposing the suggested rate hikes.

Another resolution was adopted on first reading requesting that the Union County Planning Board not insist on putting in a new sidewalk at the site of the historic Littell House

on Raritan Road. Councilwoman Irene Schmidt said that the new sidewalk would tend to destroy the ambiance of property. The county wants the new sidewalk, which would be concrete, put in so that should Raritan Road be widened, the sidewalk would not be an eyesore. The Council intimated it was against the widening of the road. Councilman Alan Augustine called upon those interested in preserving the colonial atmosphere of the Township

to write to the Union County Chosen Board of Freeholders at the Union County Administration Office at Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth 07207 or phone them at 908-527-4100.

Mayor Joan Papen explained that while nothing tells home itself, the fact that it has been designated an historic home should not be overlooked in dealing with the area where the sidewalk is.

In other business, Donald Truedson was ap-

pointed to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee and Walter Appel to the Union County Transportation Advisory Committee. It was noted the Police Lt. Thomas Dinitzio will attend the F.B.I. National Academy.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday evening, February 23 at 8:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building and will feature the annual DECA Youth-in-Government format.

## Business Action Committee will help those in need

Free Enterprise in action. That's what the High School DECA Chapter is hoping to see happen when the High School students host a continental breakfast for all business owners of Fanwood and Scotch Plains. The breakfast will be held on Wednesday morning, February 17, 1993 in the High School Cafeteria. The purpose of the breakfast is to form a 'Business Action Committee' helping those in need. Since DECA students have been working to help homeless and needy families for many years, the students have found there is increasing support

from the community. The students also believe that the communities' businesses can take a leadership role which would encourage many residents to help.

At the Feb. 17 breakfast, business leaders will be asked for input as to what can be done to help those in need. The students feel that businesses can make a major impact on getting more people involved with helping others. During the year, DECA has planned a Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the homeless, a holiday party for homeless children, a holiday party for children with cancer,

distribution of 85 food baskets for needy families, raising nearly \$1,500 for the victims of Hurricane Andrew and several other activities. DECA Chairperson Tim McGeough stated, "We are not asking businesses for money for this project, but for their input and ideas." McGeough added, "We're hoping there is support and this will be successful, but we also think this is a good opportunity for businesses to gain good will."

All business leaders are urged to attend the breakfast on Feb. 17. Please R.S.V.P. by calling DECA at 889-8600.

