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School Election
April 20th

Egg Hunt cancelled

The Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club Egg Hunt has been cancelled. Instead of the event, a candy distribution will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, April 16th at Brookside Park. Toddlers and children up to 7 are welcome.

Community Center will distribute commodities

The Scotch Plains Community Service Center located at St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Avenue, Scotch Plains, will distribute commodities April 20th and 21st from 10 am to 2 pm. You must have a current card registered with the Scotch Plains Community Service Center. For further information contact the Center at 233-4720 or 232-6972.

Fanwood Council holds per bag garbage meeting

A Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on April 19, 1993 at 8 PM, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, NJ, Mayor and Council Chambers, to update the residents on the per bag garbage issue welcoming comments from the public.

All residents of Fanwood are urged to attend to participate in the meeting.

Last chance to meet the candidates

The Friends of the Fanwood Library are sponsoring a "Coffee with the Candidates" program on Sunday, April 18th, 3:00 PM in the Library's meeting room. The program is offered to all Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents who would like this last opportunity to meet with the 6 candidates running for the Board of Education.

The format for the program will be informal. There are no prepared questions and no agenda has been set. Residents are encouraged to come with their questions and concerns. Last year a group of Fanwood residents held a candidates meeting with a similar format. It proved to be successful and a help to the voters who attended.

Five Scotch Plains candidates are running for 2 seats: Incumbents Dr. Dorothy Dallah and Mark Koster, Morris (Butch) Gillet, Frank Roe and Ruby Simmons. Jessica Simpson is running unopposed in Fanwood, but plans to attend the program.

Reminder: The election is on April 20th and polls are open from 2-9 PM. Please remember to vote.

Scotch Plains Council introduces budget

At its regularly scheduled meeting last Tuesday evening at the Municipal Building, the Scotch Plains Township Council introduced the current budget through the first reading of a resolution. There will be a public hearing concerning the budget on Tuesday, May 25 at 8:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building during which time residents are invited to attend and give their views regarding it.

The budget will be printed in its entirety in THE TIMES and an explanatory flyer will be sent to all residents in mid-May. The Council said that it was a line-item budget and should be easily comprehensible.

Included in the budget is the annual Spring clean-up which will take place in June. The town will be divided into four sections, and pick up in the first section will occur the beginning of that month, the same way as it has been done in the past. The contract for the clean-up was awarded to A. Fiore of Newark at a cost of \$197,800.

Margaret Brown was presented with a certificate honoring her for her service to the Health Advisory Board. Mrs. Brown is the wife of Councilman George Brown.

In other business, an ordinance was passed on second reading authorizing the disbursement of \$432,000 that had been held by the Township in trust and designated for Senior Citizen housing as a result of the affordable housing developer's agreement executed between the Township of Scotch Plains and Shackamaxon Estates, Inc. It was explained that the \$432,000 came from the developer as a result of permitting Shackamaxon Estates a zoning variation.

Mayor Joan Papen announced that Jackie Bass had been appointed to the Environmental Commission through the end of 1993.

Councilman Bill McClintock reported that

the Health Advisory Board may mandate licensing and rabies shots for all cats in the Township. He said that because of numerous complaints regarding dogs creating nuisances on properties, a "pooper-scooper" provision might be put into effect eventually.

During the "Address From The Floor" portion of the meeting, two residents discussed pro-

blems arising from the fact there would be no more pick-up of grass cuttings by some collectors and that although this was happening and recycling was reducing the amount collected, rates had not been reduced. Councilwoman Schmidt explained that the State has deregulated garbage collectors and that the Township had no control over the situation. She did say that the

Council was investigating other avenues to this situation.

This was the first meeting where residents who were watching the meeting on TV 34 could phone in questions to the Council. However, none were forthcoming. The next regular Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27 at 8:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Brown resigns from township council

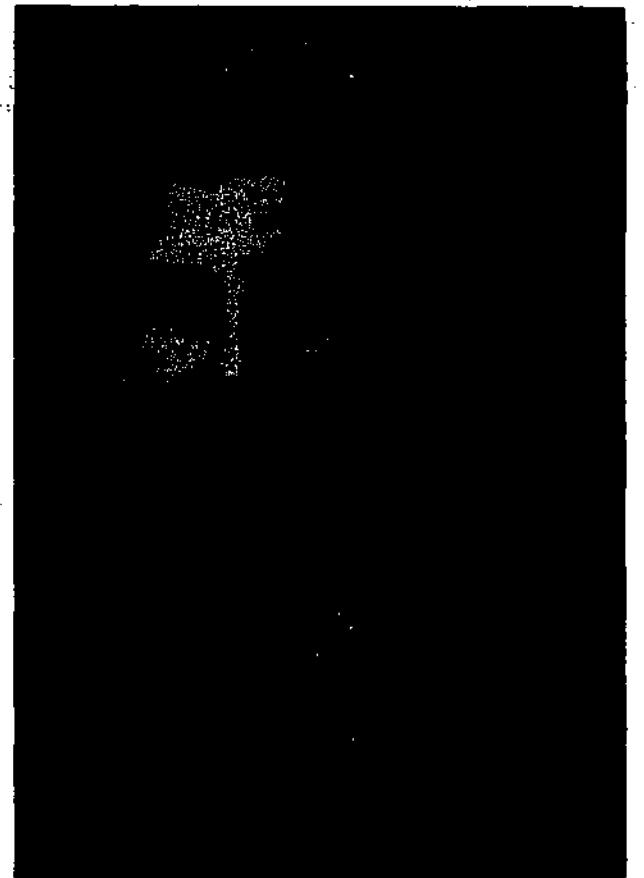
Scotch Plains Councilman George Brown announced his resignation from the Township Council this past Tuesday evening. The effective date of his resignation is April 30, 1993.

Brown is resigning because he and his family are moving to Nova Scotia, Canada, where he will become an innkeeper managing cottages in the town of Ingonish on the famed Cabot Trail.

His post will be filled either by a person selected by the Township Council, or at a "mini-convention" of Scotch Plains Republican district people. If the latter is the case, the person selected must be approved by the Township Council. That person will serve until the end of 1993, and the seat will then be filled in the regular Township election in November.

Brown was elected to the Council at the end of 1990 and served two years and four months. During that time, he represented the Council on several committees including the Recreation Commission, the Senior Citizens Corporation, the PTA Council, the Board of Education, Cultural Arts, the Environmental Commission, the Downtown Vitalization Committee and as liaison to the Scotch Plains Citizens against Aircraft Noise.

It was the last issue that



COUNCILMAN GEORGE BROWN

brought him to the Council. Determined to fight the FAA, he ran as a candidate assuming an adversarial role regarding the Council's efforts on noise control, only to discover after becoming a member that the Council agreed with his position and helped a great deal in, as Brown stated "stopping a runaway locomotive" referring to the FAA "and then working to put it into reverse."

Brown said his time on the Council proved to be "an invaluable experience" and he praised

the Council saying budgets were cost effective, and that the members were "approachable" and that they did listen. He commended them for not making "knee-jerk decisions" but rather taking the approach of a long term outlook for the town.

Brown was lauded by his fellow Council members and all said he would be sorely missed, particularly his astuteness, his dedication along with his wonderful sense of humor.