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VOTERS TO DECIDE FATE OF \$35,785,170 TAX LEVY THIS TUESDAY

Mr. Gillet, Mr. Saridaki, Mrs. Schoenbach Battle for Two Township Seats On School Board; Mrs. Simpson Challenged by Mrs. Manduca for Fanwood Spot

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Times

Scotch Plains voters will head to the polls Tuesday to select two members among three candidates to represent them on the Board of Education while Fanwood voters choose one member among two candidates.

Also on the ballot will be the tax levy for the school budget of \$35,785,170. School officials have said the proposed tax rate for the township is \$3.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation, an increase of 4 cents over last year. In Fanwood, the tax rate to support the school system would rise from \$3.52 to \$3.63 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The \$40,635,897 total spending plan, represents a 1.49 percent increase over last year.

As of Monday, there were 13,061 registered voters in Scotch Plains and 4,470 in Fanwood, according to a spokeswoman for the Union County Board of Elections.

The candidates for the Scotch Plains seats are incumbent Morris H. "Butch" Gillet of Raritan Road, Edward J. Saridaki, Jr. of William Street and Mrs. Gail Schoenbach of Warren Street. In Fanwood, incumbent Mrs. Jessica J. Simpson of Midway Avenue is being challenged by Mrs. Victoria C. Manduca of Arlene Court. Mrs. Manduca and Mr. Saridaki were unsuccessful in their campaigns last spring for the school board.

An 11-year resident of Fanwood, Mrs. Simpson was appointed to the board in May, 1992 to fill a one-year vacancy on the board. Mrs. Simpson was re-elected to a full three-year term in 1993.

Mrs. Simpson has been a claims representative with the Social Security Administration for the past 22 years. She is a graduate of the City University of New York with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Women's Studies. The candidate's three children are graduates of the local school system.

The candidate serves as Chairwoman of the board's Policy Committee and as a board representative to the Delegate Assembly, the policy-

making body of the New Jersey School Boards Association. She has served on the negotiating teams for the last custodial and supervisor contracts.

Mrs. Simpson also serves as a member of the Strategic Planning Team along with 35 other community members, elected officials, teachers, administrators, students and board members. Together they have set the district's long- and short-term educational goals.

She has also served on the Parent-Teacher Association Boards of School One and the Park Middle School and is a member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Music Boosters Association.

Mrs. Manduca owns a computer integration firm based in Union. She had worked for 17 years for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) in middle management positions.

She teaches Sunday school at the St. Bartholomew the Apostle Interparochial School in Scotch Plains.

The candidate has resided in the borough for seven years and has three children attending school in the district.

Mrs. Manduca also belongs to the Garden State Coalition of Schools and is a member of the district's Assessment Committee.

Mr. Saridaki has worked in the field of corporate financial management for over eight years and is currently a Financial and Network Controller with a Springfield-based publisher of non-fiction books for children and young adults.

The candidate coaches for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball and Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Associations. He teaches Sunday school at the First Congregational Church of Westfield and is a Cubmaster for Pack No. 34 at the Evergreen School in Scotch Plains.

He serves on the district's Technology Task Force, the Citizen's Budget Committee and the Strategic Planning Team.

Mr. Gillet, a 27-year resident, is

seeking a second three-year term on the board. He has served on the board's negotiating team for the supervisors contract and is presently chairing the negotiating team for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association contract.

Prior to his tenure on the school board, he was President of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association for two years, and President of the Terrill Music Boosters which he helped to form.

He is a member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent-Teacher Association and a past member of the Coles School and Terrill Middle School Parent-Teacher Associations. He served on the Ad Hoc Steering Committee for the Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

He is also a certified swimming official by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Mr. Gillet referees at high school swim meets in the state. He is also a Webelos Cub Scout Leader for Pack No. 98.

Mr. Gillet is a Past President of the Congregation Beth Israel (Temple Israel) and was Treasurer of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey.

The candidate operates Essel Paint and Wallpaper Company of Gillette.

Mrs. Schoenbach has been licensed for 10 years in the securities industry as a registered representative for the New York Exchange and the National Association of Security Dealer Quotes (NASDAQ).

The candidate has worked for Merrill Lynch for eight years. She currently is a sales representative for Prequities, Inc.

Mrs. Schoenbach recently moved to Scotch Plains and has two children ages 5 and 2 1/2. She is also a member of the Scotch Plains YMCA.

The election polls in Scotch Plains and Fanwood will be open from 2 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday. For the location of polling sites, please see the adjacent boxed story.



MORRIS H. "BUTCH" GILLET
Ballot Position No. 1
Scotch Plains



MRS. GAIL SCHOENBACH
Ballot Position No. 2
Scotch Plains



EDWARD J. SARIDAKI, JR.
Ballot Position No. 3
Scotch Plains

Polling Places Told For School Election

Miss Joanne Rajoppi, County Clerk of Union County, has announced the school election polling places for next Tuesday, April 16.

Voters will cast their ballots at the following sites:

- SCOTCH PLAINS
 - District Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Park Middle School, Park Avenue.
 - District Nos. 4 and 5, Scotch Plains Library, 1927 Bartle Avenue.
 - District Nos. 6, 7, and 8, Evergreen School, Evergreen Avenue.
 - District No. 9, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Westfield Road.
 - District No. 10, Brunner School, Westfield Road.
 - District No. 11, St. John the Baptist Church, 2387 Morris Avenue.

- District No. 12 and 13, McGinn School, Roosevelt Avenue.

- District No. 14 and 15, Union Catholic Regional High School, 1600 Martine Avenue.

- District No. 16, Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, 176 Raritan Road.

- District Nos. 17 and 18, Terrill Middle School, Terrill Road.

- District Nos. 19 and 20, Coles School, Kevin Road.

- District No. 21, Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, 1776 Raritan Road.

- FANWOOD
 - District Nos. 1 and 2, Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue.
 - District No. 3, Children's Specialized Hospital, 330 South Avenue.
 - District Nos. 4 and 5, Terrill Road Bible Chapel, 335 Terrill Road.
 - District Nos. 6 and 7, Fanwood Library, North Avenue and Tillotson Road.

Polls will be open from 2 to 9 p.m.



MRS. JESSICA L. SIMPSON
Ballot Position No. 1
Fanwood



MRS. VICTORIA C. MANDUCA
Ballot Position No. 2
Fanwood
*Incumbent

Township Council Adopts Budget of \$14.7 Million

Spending Plan is \$781,728 or 5.5 Percent Over Last Year

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Township Council adopted its 1996 Municipal Budget of \$14.7 million Tuesday by a 4-0 vote.

Robert Swisher and Richard Moleen of the auditing firm of Suplee, Clooney and Company located in Elizabeth, along with Director of Finance Al Steinberg, were on hand to answer any budget questions.

The spending plan fits the state budget format, officials said.

The tax rate for local government proposes and the reserve for uncollected taxes will increase from 83 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to 87 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The average home in Scotch Plains is assessed at \$114,500. This home would have a market value of approximately \$225,000.

This 4 cent increase would translate into the payment of \$46 in logical government property tax for the average assessed home in 1996, officials noted. The proposed budget is \$781,728 or 5.5 percent over last year's spending plan.

According to Thomas E. Atkins, Township Manager, the total budget is approximately \$14,700,000.

Mr. Atkins said the most serious challenge Scotch Plains will face over the next few years will be funding for capital improvements to maintain the township's municipal buildings.

A resolution was approved authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign a certification from the state Department of Transportation to receive roadway repair funds.

A resolution was approved by the council regarding fines collected pursuant to the Uniform Fire Safety Act now being considered by way of a "rider" to the budget.

A resolution was also approved authorizing the Scotch Plains Fire Department to purchase a five-inch large diameter hose and appliances.

Deputy Mayor Mrs. Irene T. Schmidt gave a special report on the sixth annual John Shippen Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on Tuesday, May 28, at Shackamaxon Country Club.

There will be a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest sponsored by Custom Molders Corporation as well as a barbecue lunch. The awards dinner

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Councilman McClintock, Dr. Marks File Petitions for Township Council

Mayor Alan M. Augustine Decides Not to Seek Reelection

The Republican Committee of Scotch Plains filed the names of William F. McClintock, Jr. and Dr. Martin Marks as candidates for the Scotch Plains Township Council, according to Gabe Spera, the Scotch Plains Republican Chairman.

Mr. McClintock, an incumbent member of the council, is running for reelection. Dr. Marks will run for the seat currently held by Mayor Alan M. Augustine.

Mayor Augustine reconfirmed at the March 27 Republican Committee meeting that he could not be running for reelection this year so he could dedicate his time to his duties as a New Jersey Assemblyman. Mayor Augustine was elected to the assembly shortly after his last election to Township Council in 1992.

Councilman McClintock has been serving on the Scotch Plains council

since 1991 and served as Mayor in 1994. He had served on the Planning Board and the Environmental Commission prior to joining the council. He has lived in Scotch Plains since 1981 with his wife, Mrs. Patricia McClintock, and their two children. Councilman McClintock is President of William McClintock Associates, a firm that specializes in direct mail consulting.

Dr. Marks serves on the Planning Board, the Master Plan Committee and the Board of Managers of Runkell's Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights. He has lived in Scotch Plains since 1990 with his wife, Mrs. Lori Marks, and their two children. Dr. Marks is an endodontist with practices in Summit, Roselle Park and Union.

Councilman McClintock and Dr. Marks have selected Councilwoman, Mrs. Joan Papan, as their Campaign Manager.

"We have two terrific candidates in Bill and Marty," Councilwoman Papan said.

"They have the background and interest in this town that will help all the residents continue to enjoy the quality of life we experience in Scotch Plains," she said.

Councilwoman Papan said she will be putting a campaign team together over the next few weeks.

Consultant Recommends Zone Change for Parcel

Business Use Recommended for Lot Near Golf Course

By AUDREY KAPLINSKY
Specially Written for The Times

John J. Lynch, a professional planner from the firm of Quale & Lynch, presented an analysis and zoning recommendation regarding vacant undeveloped property located north of the Scotch Hills Country Club between Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road to the Scotch Plains Planning Board at its meeting on April 9. The area is currently zoned for industrial use.

Mr. Lynch noted he reviewed the development and land use characteristics of the surrounding area as well as a consideration of the types of uses which might be compatible in the location with minimum detrimental effects on nearby uses.

His report informed the board that one of the purposes of zoning is that it "be drawn with reasonable consideration to the character of each district and its peculiar suitability for particular uses and to encourage the most appropriate use of land."

Mr. Lynch stated the character of the area showed a mix of uses that were reasonably separated from each other. For example, to the northwest of the site there is a neighborhood of single family homes with a vast majority of lots falling in size between 5,000 and 5,500 square feet.

He noted the area across Plainfield Avenue is a public parcel which appeared to be a park.

North of the site, on the opposite side of Jerusalem Road, is a residential (R-2) district which permits homes on 13,500-square-foot lots.

The Elizabethtown Water Company property lies across Jerusalem

Road from the site, Mr. Lynch explained.

Between Jerusalem Road and Plainfield Avenue, south and east of the site, is a small mixed-use area which is zoned for industrial use.

Most of the land lying between Jerusalem Road and Plainfield Avenue is the Scotch Hills Country Club golf course.

The Scotch Plains Public Works building is located adjoining the site. The property in question is approximately five acres in size.

Mr. Lynch stated that after a careful analysis, he believed the zoning district for the area in question appears to be inappropriate.

He recommended a zoning district be considered which would provide "flexibility" in allowing uses which would address the transition issue most effectively.

Mr. Lynch noted, in reviewing the zoning ordinance, it appeared the business use (B-1) district would provide for the transition. This district allows for single-family dwellings on lots of 7,500 square feet and permits business and professional offices, townhouses and garden apartments.

He recommended a zone change from "M-1" to B-1" for the property in question.

Mr. Lynch stated retail uses would be inappropriate for the site, he gave several reasons. First, there are no such uses located close enough to provide a basis for such a designation, and second, the impact of retail use on adjoining properties as well as access problems led to a conclusion

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CAMPAIGN BEGINS...Scotch Plains Republican Chairman Gabe Spera, left, has announced that Councilman William F. McClintock, Jr., second from left, and Dr. Martin Marks, right, will be this year's township council candidates. Councilwoman, Mrs. Joan Papan, second from right, will serve as the Campaign Manager.

Memorial Service for Walter J. Murphy This Saturday at Terrill Middle School

Fanwood Resident Killed in April 3 Plane Crash With Commerce Secretary Brown

Walter J. Murphy, 52, an American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) sales executive, died Wednesday, April 3, in a plane crash in the Balkans while accompanying United States Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown there as part of a trade delegation.

Mr. Murphy, a resident of Fanwood, was Senior Vice President of Global Sales for AT&T's Submarine Systems, Inc., in Morristown, which designs, engineers, installs and repairs undersea fiber-optic communications systems.

"AT&T has lost a valued executive and a good man in Walter Murphy," said Chairman Robert Allen in a statement released by the company. "Speaking for all the people of AT&T, I am deeply saddened by this terrible loss."

"Walter Murphy was on that trip because of his knowledge of what it takes to help rebuild a telecommunications infrastructure like the one so badly damaged by years of war in Bosnia. He had just taken his current job and in his typical pattern, was enthusiastic about the challenge," Mr. Allen stated.

Born in Glens Falls, New York, Mr. Murphy held a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh and a Masters of Science Degree in Management from Pace University in New York.

In 1970, he joined Southern Bell's marketing department in Columbia, South Carolina. After holding several marketing positions there, Mr. Murphy joined AT&T in 1974. Throughout his career, he held a broad

range of posts, including leadership positions in marketing and sales to United States and international customers, maintaining relationships with governments and industry groups here and abroad, business development and human resources.

He had been instrumental in implementing the company's globalization strategy, establishing AT&T's first international human resources organization and its first overseas government affairs office. Mr. Murphy also represented the company on several international policy-making groups, including the International and Investment Task Force of the Business Roundtable.

In a statement released through AT&T, Mr. Murphy's family said,

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Committee Plans Annual Parade For Memorial Day

Memorial Day Parade Committee Chairman John Kovalick recently announced that plans for the 1996 Fanwood-Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade are now underway. This year's parade will be held on Monday, May 27.

"The parade has a rich tradition of excellent support from the people of Fanwood and Scotch Plains. All civic, school and community organizations are invited to participate in the parade to honor America's fallen heroes," according to a committee spokesman.

The theme for this year's parade is "America the Beautiful." Trophies will be awarded to those entries which best depict this theme.

Those interested in participating in the parade are asked to call Mrs. Carolyn Sorge of the Memorial Day Parade Committee at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building at 322-6700, Extension No. 314.