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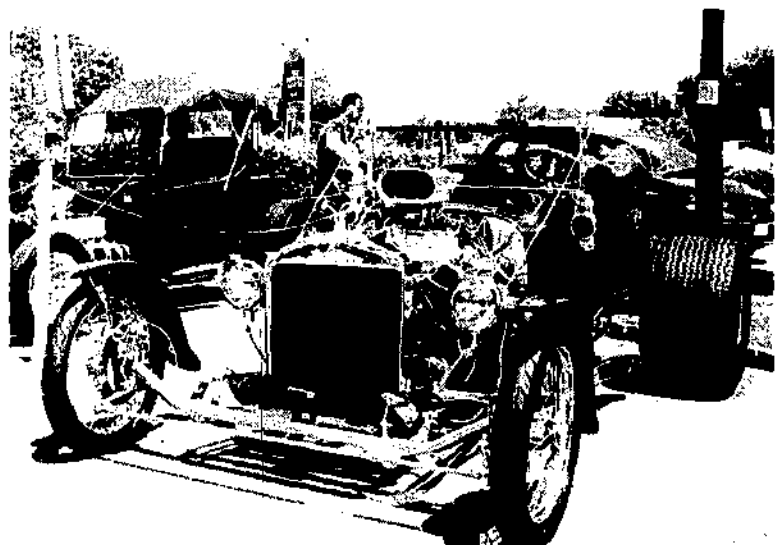
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**SUPER MODEL T...** This exquisite red 1923 Model T owned by James Preziosa appeared at the Antique and Classic Car Show sponsored by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association in Scotch Plains on June 8. Nostalgic music, delicious food, unique arts and craft booths, beautiful cars and a superb sunny day provided a perfect atmosphere for the event.



**SPECIAL T-BIRD...** When Kenneth Hoffman of Scotch Plains bought this 1957 Ford Thunderbird many years ago in Newark, it was not nearly in the condition that it is today. Hoffman rebuilt it from scratch, had it painted azure blue, installed two four-barrel carburetors and a 312 V-8 engine. This classic appeared at the Classic Car Show and Craft Fair sponsored by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association in Scotch Plains on June 8.

### HE WAS MOST KNOWN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF GREEN BROOK FLOOD COMMISSION

## Township Mourns Loss of Former Scotch Plains Mayor Boyd Lawrence Newcomb at Age of 70

By JEANNE WHITNEY  
Specially Written for The Times

Remembered as "the ultimate volunteer" by Councilwoman Joan Papan, former Scotch Plains Mayor Boyd Lawrence Newcomb was eulogized by the Township Council Tuesday, after Mr. Newcomb suffered a stroke and died on June 3 at age 70. It was known he had had heart bypass surgery several years earlier.

In remembering Mr. Newcomb, Mayor Irene T. Schmidt noted that, "Larry worked very hard and was very devoted to Scotch Plains. It's a great loss to the town."

State Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine, who first met Mr. Newcomb in 1969 and served on the Township Council with him in the 1970s and early 1980s, described him as a "very dedicated" Councilman who had "a good rapport with everyone." As fellow Republicans, Mr. Newcomb and Mr. Augustine were running mates for the council.

When Mr. Newcomb was first elected to municipal government in 1971, the township was run by committee. In 1973 he saw the township through a change to the present style of governing with a Mayor, council and township manager. He was part of the groundbreaking for the present municipal building in 1971. When he was Mayor in 1980 and 1983 and Deputy Mayor in 1979 and 1982, he began sporting a good-sized handlebar mustache that he never gave up.

Republican State Committeewoman Elizabeth Cox, who knew Mr. Newcomb nearly 40 years, said, "He was proud to be a Councilman. Proud as can be."

Mrs. Cox said Mr. Newcomb had

been a Young Republican National Committeeman in his early political years and served as a delegate to a national convention in the mid-1960s.

"I remember that he persuaded me to vote for something at a convention that I didn't really want to," Mrs. Cox said.

Brook project.

Born in Abington, Pennsylvania, and a 1950 graduate of Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Newcomb was an Industrial Safety Engineer who dealt with the potential dangers of hazardous materials, or HAZMATS, long before it

the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association. He also served as a Trustee for the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Councilman William F. McClintock noted that Mr. Newcomb "was never asked to volunteer when he didn't accept. We're all going to



Courtesy of Thomas E. Atkins

**HAPPIER TIMES...** Former Scotch Plains Mayor B. Lawrence Newcomb, second from left, is shown at the groundbreaking of the new municipal building in 1971. Pictured with him, left to right, are former Councilmen William Kitz, Alan M. Augustine, Walter Grote and Al Theurer. Mayor Newcomb died suddenly on June 3.

More recently, he had been campaign manager for the Union County Surrogate, Mr. Newcomb also had volunteered with Congressman Bob Franks in the 1970s, according to Mrs. Cox.

But Mr. Newcomb was most often cited for his work in establishing the Green Brook Flood Control Commission with neighboring communities after six area residents died and the township suffered thousands of dollars' worth of damage from severe flooding in 1973. His efforts paid off as the Army Corps of Engineers recently moved ahead on a \$362 million area flood control project.

In 1986, Mr. Newcomb was the first to volunteer for the newly formed township Environmental Commission, Councilwoman Papan said. He was the first Chairman of the annual Scotch Plains Day. He continued to regularly attend council meetings up until his death and often furnished *The Times* with updates on the Green

became fashionable. He had worked for National Lead in Sayreville and Fairmount Chemical Company in Lyndhurst before retiring.

Others remember Mr. Newcomb's 25 years as a volunteer umpire with

miss him." Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins, who was first hired during Mr. Newcomb's tenure as Mayor, agreed, saying "Who gave more time to this town than he did? Very few."

## Scotch Plains Council Prohibits Lefts Onto Quimby Off Raritan

By JEANNE WHITNEY  
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Township Council moved ahead with measures to prohibit left-hand turns onto Quimby Lane from Raritan Road during morning and evening rush hours even though one resident called it "a short-sighted solution."

"I think the solution is a traffic light," Connie Clok of Lake Avenue said, "and I'm opposed to these roads being treated as private."

Council members emphasized that the township police, area residents and the council determined it was a safety issue when speeding traffic cuts through residential neighborhoods to avoid tie-ups at Raritan and Lamberts Mill Roads. Officials noted that controlling speeding traffic has been a police priority of late.

When Mrs. Clok asked whether the township would consider adding sidewalks to residential streets, Mayor Irene T. Schmidt said, "I'm vehemently against sidewalks. We lose trees, for one thing." Mayor Schmidt said the council would consider the necessity for a traffic light in the vicinity.

Officials said the penalty under the no-left-turn ordinance onto Quimby Lane is a moving traffic violation fine.

On a separate matter, the council asked New Jersey Historic Trust offices for a \$35,000 grant last Friday toward a \$70,000 project to restore the Osborn Cannonball House at 1840 Front Street. The project proposes replacing the wood shingle roof, painting the exterior and repairing foundations and windows. The township has owned the pre-Revolutionary War house since 1971 and the following year began leasing it to the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Once the proposed restoration is finished, preservation of the museum would be shared by the Historical Society and the township.

The council agreed to appropriate \$200,000 in grant funds from the state Department of Transportation for road improvements to East Second Street from Willow Avenue to Terrill Road. The township is taking bids for the work.

On a different matter, the council said it is looking to define standards for towers (such as for cellular telephones, modem lines, etc.) that communications companies hope to erect in the township. Councilwoman Joan Papan wants to ask the Planning Board for input. Township attorneys said the burden should be on communications companies to use the "latest technology" when bringing services into communities.

A Smith Street resident asked the council for a remedy to the parking of commercial trucks along neighboring residential streets. Angela Williams said the "disruptive" trucks were from a business, on Jerusalem Road. The council said it also would look at whether the business had appropriate shrubbery as screening between the commercial and residential zones.

The council rejected bids a second time for township firehouse garage doors over budget constraints. Officials said new bids would be taken Thursday, June 19.

Resident and Secretary to the Township Manager, Carolyn Sorge, became the township's first female firefighter this week after graduating from Union County Fire Academy in Linden. Ms. Sorge, 24, is also a member of the Scotch Plains Volunteer Rescue Squad.

The council recognized the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA) along with DECA Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School marketing students for their work in producing a directory for the township. Every resident and business in the township will receive a free copy by mail soon, President of SPBPA, Ray Pardon of Nuts n' Plenty, said.

The council passed a resolution urging the Union County Board of

Chosen Freeholders to implement a study of traffic congestion along Route 22 and Interstate 78 in the Scotch Plains area. Council members are concerned over traffic snarls in the township caused by traffic exiting onto Park Avenue off these two highways.

At the township auction last week the township received revenues of \$1,560. Councilman Martin Marks served as auctioneer. Items auctioned included items as bikes and office furniture.

## Scotch Plains Resident to Be Sworn As Superior Court Judge Tomorrow

By ALEXANDRA JELKES  
Specially Written for The Times

Summit attorney Scott J. Moynihan, has been involved in the legal process for over 14 years, first as an attorney, practicing in the areas of commercial and corporate law, criminal defense, and personal injury.

Tomorrow, Friday, June 13, Mr. Moynihan will enter another sphere of the legal arena when he is sworn in as Judge of the state Superior Court in Union County during a 4 p.m. ceremony at the Union County Courthouse. He will be assigned to the Family Division, Matrimonial section.

Mr. Moynihan, whose appointment by Governor Christine Todd Whitman was approved last month by the State Senate, said he chose law as a career because he was raised in a background where to be an advocate was to be a champion.

He said he is "so excited" about his new position that he has not had a lot of time to reflect about the changes. The Elizabeth native graduated from the Seton University School of Law in Newark. He started his career as a law clerk with the firm of Rinaldo & Rinaldo in Elizabeth. Mr. Moynihan is currently a partner in the Woodbridge firm of Palmisano & Goodman.

Mr. Moynihan said he has always wanted to be a public servant, stating that he believes this is his chance "to facilitate a healing process in the courtroom." He explained that his purpose as a judge "is to bring finality to a situation."

He believes he has vitality to bring to the bench. At only 39, Mr. Moynihan said he feels privileged to serve his community in this

capacity. He said he is not worried about being called too young for the job, noting his experience in his practice shows his "ability to persevere." His main purpose, once he begins his new job, is to settle down and learn how to be a good judge, Mr. Moynihan explained.

"It's such a quantum leap to the bench," Mr. Moynihan said, that he "wants to put all his concentration on his new appointment."

Mr. Moynihan said he is a firm believer in the legal profession.

"There are 63,000 lawyers in New Jersey, some bad, a lot good, and some great ones. People who deal with lawyers are in stressful situations. The lawyer's duty is to try to get for their client what is just," he explained.

Certainly, the judges he knows always try to do justice; they facilitate the process, Mr. Moynihan explained. He said he believes in the process that once litigants are heard, they get satisfaction from the experience.

Mr. Moynihan briefly explained the long process involved in becoming a judge. Procedurally, the process began with the state Senator which represents Scotch Plains, Donald T. DiFrancesco.

"In my situation, Senator Donald DiFrancesco nominated me for this

## Council Eyes Possible Impact of Retirement Law on Fanwood Chief

By SUZETTE STALKER  
Specially Written for The Times

During its agenda meeting on June 4, the Fanwood Borough Council addressed several key issues, including responsibility for fallen trees, prospects for Police Chief Anthony J. Parenti to remain with the force past mandatory retirement age, and pending

improvements to the municipality's infrastructure. The council also heard a brief presentation concerning garbage collection.

Steve Scioscia, the owner of Fanwood Disposal, told the governing body that he was seeking input from residents concerning service, including per bag, curbside and backyard pickup options. Fanwood Disposal recently merged with White Brothers and G. T. Colavito, with the consolidated entity serving all borough customers. The council is expected to gather information to determine the types of service preferred by residents.

Among other topics discussed by the council was the potential impact of a decision made by State Attorney General Peter Vermeire last September to reinstate mandatory retirement for police and fire personnel who have reached the age of 65. The issue is of particular interest in Fanwood since Chief Parenti turned 65 last month, which would call for him to retire by July 1.

Officials touched on possible avenues for the chief to remain on the job, which he indicated he would want to do during an interview with *The Times* last February. At the time, a State Assembly bill was under review which would have allowed police and fire personnel to postpone mandatory retirement by adding up to five years of past military service onto their tenure. That bill has since become obsolete.

Another bill, Assembly Bill No. 2574, is expected to be voted on today, Thursday, June 12, by the Assembly's State Government Committee whereby police and fire personnel who turn 65 on or before June 30, 1999, would be allowed to work up until July 1, 1999, according to a representative for Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine of Scotch Plains.

It also would allow personnel who have turned 65 but have not yet served for 25 years to work until they have reached that milestone, with a maximum cap of five years, the representative said. Assemblyman Augustine represents the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Fanwood and Scotch Plains.

The issue of responsibility for fallen trees, which has been discussed by the council on several previous occasions, was prompted by an incident two months ago in which a tree belonging to a Fanwood resident fell across a local street and on to a car. It was determined that the resident was responsible for the cost of having the

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Scott J. Moynihan

### Deadlines Told For Submittals To The Times

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Sports stories which occur prior to the weekend must be in by the Friday deadline. Weekend sports events must be submitted by noon on the Monday prior to the publication date. Obituaries will be accepted up to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

All copy must be typed, double-spaced, no more than 500 words in length, and include a daytime telephone number where the submitter can be reached.

For events which are planned months in advance, we encourage submission of stories as early as possible prior to the event.

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