



THE ORIGIN OF THE BLUE RAIDERS. Until the 1940s, the high school teams were known as the Plainsmen. As part of the war effort, students decided to raise funds to buy a B-17 bomber. History teacher Catherine Mingle organized the sale of decals to promote this ambitious goal. This decal was designed for the project, and the teams became known as the Blue Raiders. Though it was Scotch Plains High School then, Fanwood sent its students there.



THE YMCA ADDITION. Although the local YMCA is in Scotch Plains, it has always served both communities. When the YMCA outgrew its facility on Grand Street, a new building was constructed on Martine Avenue in 1971. An addition was built in 1993. Here, director John Ciambrone, board member Carol Wood, and board president Tom Luciano break ground for this new complex. Wood was from Fanwood and also served on the borough council.