

## Independents

Independent and minor party candidates cannot take part in Primary Elections. However, they may have their names on the General Election ballot provided they file the appropriate petitions at the County Clerk's office in Elizabeth at the same time party candidates file to run.



"Scotch Plains Municipal Building, Park Avenue"

## County Elections

Union County is governed by a Board of Chosen Freeholders composed of nine members elected at-large for three overlapping terms. The Freeholders exercise legislative power in the county while the County Manager, who is appointed by the Freeholders, supervises, directs and controls all county administrative departments. The five mandatory areas of county responsibility are: courts and law enforcement, welfare, education, roads, and the conduct of elections.

## State Elections

New Jersey is divided into 40 legislative districts, each of which elects one senator and two assemblymen. Scotch Plains is in the 22nd district. State Senators serve for four-year terms, except the term following each census which is limited to two years. Their functions are to legislate on a state level, to confirm or veto appointments of the Governor, and to act as a Court of Impeachment. State Assemblymen are elected in odd-numbered years for two-year terms. Their functions are to legislate on a state level, to originate revenue measures, and they have the sole power to vote impeachment charges.