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Our School System Hosts Russian Exchange Teacher

The hand of friendship was personally extended between the Soviet Union and the United States through a teacher exchange program here during the month of October. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood public school system has been the fortunate host to Mrs. Zoya Loshchinina, one of five teachers visiting this country as an observer of the American system of education.

Those unfamiliar with the Russian language quickly grasped the opportunity to call our guest "Zoya." Many invitations to observe in each of the schools were extended and visits to LaGrande, Brunner, Shackamaxon and Park were part of her agenda.

Zoya's primary purpose in visiting our system has been to observe the high school where she has been under the guidance of Mrs. Anne Zmachinsky, instructor of languages. She has taught several classes in Russian and has lectured to various professional groups and schools of higher education.

On a particularly clear autumn day Zoya spent a memorable morning at McGinn School where many similarities and some differences in the two philosophies of education were noted.

A briefing session was given by Robert Rath, school principal, who explained the introduction of team teaching at various levels and the regrouping of classes in areas of math and reading. He outlined the purpose as being to reach each child in the way he learns best so that he may develop to his fullest potential.

Zoya was introduced in the classes by a member of the host American Field Service Chapter who explained that her visit is under their auspices and that she is enjoying the hospitality of the John Fisher family in Scotch Plains during her stay.

Zoya then saw firsthand the various methods used to promote individualization of learning. She noted that in Russia all children learn the same subject at the same time. For the learner with difficulties, af-



MRS. ZOYA LOSHCININA

ter-school sessions are necessary. Special assignments for upper and lower ability groups constitute individualization in the Russian schools.

Zoya explained that the Supreme Soviet adopted a law this past summer mandating ten years of education for each Russian child starting in 1975. The system of education is government controlled with curriculum determined by the Ministry of Education.

In the Black Sea coastal city of Odessa where Zoya is an English Department chairman, there are five special schools in addition to the other schools. These special schools concentrate on a particular discipline such as Math, Science or English. Children enter these on the basis of aptitude determined through examinations.

Russian is the second language of the Ukraine where Zoya teaches, with Ukrainian being the

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Democrats Retain Two Borough Council Seats In Fanwood

School Milk Prices Drop!

Good news for parents, good news for cafeteria workers who've had an earful of complaints, and good news especially for kids who buy school lunch from their allowances! Mrs. Cam DePaolo, manager of the cafeterias at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High, Park and Terrill Junior Highs has announced that school milk will drop drastically in price, from 15 cents to seven cents per half pint. The milk had increased this year, due to a withdrawal of state subsidies. The state has resumed subsidy of the milk, hence the good news for milk drinkers. The new price is effective at all levels -- Elementary and high school.

High Honors For Fanwood Resident

Dr. Anthony Sartor, of 181 Vinton Circle in Fanwood, New Jersey, was recently selected to appear in the 1973 edition of OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA.



DR. ANTHONY SARTOR

He is one of a select number of men from the State of New Jersey who has been chosen for this distinct national honor. Sartor received this special recognition because of his dedication and service to his community and profession.

Dr. Sartor is a chemical engineer and is currently serving as Director of Environmental Affairs for the New York Power Pool. In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing studies dealing with environmental effects of power generation and transmission on a state-wide basis. Also, he is responsible for conducting research and development projects of an environmental nature of general state-wide interest for the New York utilities.

Sartor graduated cum laude from Manhattan College with a

Democrats Poll All-Time High Vote In Borough

Two-party control continues uninterrupted in Fanwood for another three years, as Fanwood voters retained the two existing Democratic seats on the Borough Council. Unlike recent elections, in which either Republicans or Dems have barely nudged each other out of or into office, the Tuesday elections represented a very positive landslide for the Democratic forces, with incumbent John Swindlehurst returning to office with 1834 votes, and running mate Carol Whittington joining him as Fanwood's first woman on the dias with 1819 votes. Mrs. Whittington replaces Stephen Ritter, who did not seek re-election. Republicans Joan Geer and Fred Howlett tallied 1415 and 1389 votes respectively.

In Scotch Plains, numbers had not yet been fully tallied but indications were that Scotch Plains voters liked Brenden Byrne by a landslide. There were no local contests, but Scotch Plains stuck with a local son, Bob Lee, running for county freeholder. Lee got the top vote of the six freeholder candidates.

The Fanwood electorate exhibited an unusual voting pattern. At the gubernatorial level, Fanwood overwhelmingly favored Democrat Brendan Byrne, 2065 to 1131 votes for Republican Charles Sandman. Everywhere else on the ballot, the Fanwood voters chose Republicans, although by narrower margins than they chose the Democratic governor and the two local Democratic Councilmen.

The returns represent the strongest exhibition of Democratic support to date in Fanwood's overwhelmingly Republican history. In almost 80 years of municipal government, there had never been a Democrat on the Council until the election of the Swindlehurst-Ritter team three years ago. At that time, they won by a narrow margin.

Swindlehurst and his wife, Barbara, have lived in Fanwood for Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering. He received his Master of Science in Engineering, and Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Sartor was a recipient of a number of fellowships during his graduate years and is a member of a number of professional and honor organizations. Listed among these are the Society of Sigma Xi, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the American Chemical Society and Phi Lambda Upsilon.

He has been very active in community affairs and is a Commissioner on the Fanwood Environmental Commission. Also, he is President of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees and has served as a Director and Vice-President of that organization. While serving as a Director and Vice-President, he was selected as one of the outstanding individuals in those offices in the Northern Union County Jaycee District.

Dr. Sartor has also lectured extensively on the subject of the interaction of power generation and the environment.

12 years and have two children. Mr. Swindlehurst, who holds a BA from Rutgers and a Master's from Lehigh, is project manager for a New York City Engineering Consultant and is a licensed professional civil engineer. On the Council, Swindlehurst has served as chairman of the Building and Zoning Committee, is a member of the Planning Board, Chairman of the Building Code Appeals Board and council representative to the Board of Adjustment. He is also a member of the Finance and Public Works Committee.

Mrs. Whittington is a native of Louisiana. She attended Southeastern Louisiana College and was a legal secretary before marrying Bob Whittington. The Whittingtons have five daughters and have lived in Fanwood for five and a half years. Carol has been involved in numerous civic, educational, political, and religious activities in Fanwood, including PTA, Girl Scouts, Saint Bart's FLA, Joint Civic Committee, Cancer Crusade, United Fund, Democratic Club and Democratic Committee.

The two Democrats' platform highlights included a call for a public referendum on a new municipal building, enforcement of a strict conflict of interest law governing elected and appointed officials, public hearings on the annual budget, and opening Borough Hall for a Saturday Listening Post session.

See the Vote by District in Fanwood on Page 18.

Local Voters Were Factor In McDonough Win

Scotch Plains and Fanwood were key communities in the successful election bid of Assemblyman Peter J. McDonough in his bid for a state Senate seat. McDonough won by a final vote of 26,862 over Wright, with 24,535 votes.

The race results swayed back and forth throughout election night with McDonough the final victor early Wednesday morning. Included with Scotch Plains and Fanwood as key towns giving McDonough his close edge were Berkeley Heights and Chatham Township.

Plains Girl Is New York Murder Victim

Wanda Armstrong of 1615 Front Street, Scotch Plains, died on Sunday, November 4 at Saint Clare's Hospital in New York after surgery. She was shot when a car in which she was riding was involved in a sideswiping incident and Miss Anderson stepped from the car to attempt to copy down the license number of the side-swiping automobile. She was 18 years old.

According to police reports, Miss Armstrong and five friends from Newark were going to a discoteque in Manhattan when the auto incident occurred, at around 10:30 Saturday night. When another car sideswiped theirs, the girls followed the other car, and caught it. Miss Anderson was shot when she got out. An unidentified woman passenger in the other car shot her in the abdomen. The assailant also fired shots in the direction of the other passengers in the car, but none were hurt.

Miguel DeJesus, 39, of the Bronx, driver of the second car, was arrested and charged with hindering prosecution. The two other passengers, who included the woman who fired the pistol and another man, have not yet been found.

Miss Armstrong had lived at the Front Street address with her mother, Mrs. Amos Armstrong, and her three sisters and two brothers, less than a year. They moved to Scotch Plains from Newark after the violent deaths of Mr. Armstrong, the girl's father, and her brother, Christopher, 20, on Newark Streets. The father was a hit-and-run victim in September, 1972. The son had been shot and killed five months before that, just a block away.

The girl had been employed as a sales clerk at Hahne's department store in Newark, was a graduate of Barringer High School in Newark in 1972, and attended Drake College of Business until last June.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Perry Funeral Home in Newark.