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## Trump Close Vote In Fanwood

Fanwood Mayor Ted Trumpp, a Republican incumbent, squeaked into a second term on Tuesday by a very narrow 27-vote margin, besting Democratic Councilman John Swindlehurst 1608 to 1581. Trumpp's Republican running mate, incumbent Councilmen Robert McCarthy and William Winey, won by wider margins. McCarthy tallied 1673 votes to best Democrat Sam Dunn's 1521 votes. Winey tallied 1579, a 67-vote margin over challenger Ben Kuklo.

With such a close election, poll watchers pressed for absentee ballot information. Official results were not available on Wednesday from the office of the County Clerk. However, unofficial absentee ballot returns indicated the following totals for Fanwood: Trumpp, 1664, including 56 absentee votes; Swindlehurst, 1600 votes, including 19 absentees; McCarthy 1731 votes, including 58 absentee; Dunn, 1588 votes, including 17 absentee; Winey, 1633 votes, including 54 absentee; and Kuklo 1533 votes, including 21 absentee.

Following the trend of voters throughout New Jersey, Fanwood voters rejected all the state bond issues except the one favoring relief for senior citizens. On this issue, which was Public Question Number One, Fanwood voted 2158 yes, 834 no. The Equal Rights Amendment was turned down in Fanwood 1706 to 1358. Water Resources received 1541 no, 1371 yes, the Transportation Bond Issue tallied 1736 no, 1156 yes, Housing Assistance 1874 no, 1059 yes, Human Services Facilities 1871 no, 937 yes.

Elsewhere on the ballot, a wider margin separated Republican and Democratic ranks. Maguire and DiFrancesco tallied 1833 and 1873 for General Assembly, in contrast to Democrats Betty Wilson and Wolf with 1320 and 1149. In Freeholder ranks, Fanwood chose Republicans Heilman Jr., Oehrich, and Sinnott, 1768, 1801 and 1805 over Democrats Persceley, Almalfe and Rosenweig, 1273, 1306, and 1164.

The Fanwood campaign centered around a new Municipal

Building for the borough. Trumpp had pledged in his inaugural speech four years ago that he would seek a new facility to house the emergency services and administration of Fanwood. In recent months, a citizens committee had studied the potential of the Slocum property, a large tract on Martine Avenue, as the location for a municipal facility, and had recommended the tearing down of the existing home there and the building of a new building to house police, fire company, Rescue Squad and administrative offices.

Swindlehurst and his fellow Democrats campaigned on the issue of a referendum which would enable Fanwood voters to have a say on the cost of the municipal facility.

Trumpp said on Tuesday night that he plans to go ahead with the plans for a new building, but plans to "come out as economically as possible" in providing the facility. "We need the building as much now or more than we did four years ago. We're going ahead with a logical progression, there will be opportunity for citizen input along the way, including an 11 a.m. meeting this Saturday with the architect," Trumpp said. He invited the public to attend the session with the architect.

To date, no specific plans have been formulated for the building.

Trumpp stressed his appreciation to the Fanwood electorate which produced the votes for his new term in office.

## State Department Of Ed. Evaluators Postpone OK Of High School

### Plains Voters Are In The G.O.P. Column

Scotch Plains voters went to the polls in considerable strength, considering that no local candidates are up for election. Fifty percent of Scotch Plains 12,301 registered voters, or 6,504 people, went to the polls. They favored Republicans in their voting patterns.

Voting for Assembly members, the Scotch Plains electorate favored Maguire, 3634, and Don DiFrancesco, a Scotch Plains resident, 4122, over Democrats Betty Wilson, 2418, and Wolf, 2048. In Freeholder ranks, Scotch Plains people selected Republicans Heilman 3528, Ulrich 3694,



DONALD DIFRANCESCO

Sinnott, 4081 over Democrats Perselay 2201, Almalfe 2079 and Rosenweig 2025.

In the area of public questions, Scotch Plains followed the state - liking more aid to Senior Citizens by a very wide margin, 4141 to 1735, but turning down all other bond issues. On question number 2, Equal Rights Amendment, there were 3363 no, 2739 yes; on number 3, Water Resources, 2936 no, 2856 yes; on number 4, transportation, 3447 no, 2316 yes; number 5, concerning housing assistance and mortgages, there were 3487 no, 2424 yes; and on number 6, Human Services Facilities, 3412 no, 2160 yes.

### Group Cites Budgetary Problems. Another Visit In Spring Is Suggested

On October 14, a seven-man evaluation team visited Scotch Plains for a routine inspection tour undertaken every five years by the State Department of Education. The team found itself unable to recommend approval of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School this fall "because of concerns relative to budgetary problems and also a lack of philosophy from which to teach."

The team report recommends that, rather than suggesting non-approval for the high school at the present time, a return visit be scheduled for the spring of 1976 for a repeat evaluation for consideration of approval. The letter conveying the news of the postponement listed "some" of the concerns of the evaluators, leading to their decision not to recommend five-year approval at this time. Those concerns included philosophy of education, goals and objectives, additional supervisory help, curriculum development, and budgetary matters which have received considerable attention of late in light of recent budget cuts. The list also included recommendations for less lofty matters such as proper tagging of fire extinguishers, maintenance of grounds and buildings, storage for records, and heating and ventilation.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Principal Dr. Terry Riegel expressed dismay at the threat to approval of the high school. He said he has already passed along the 21-point list to department chairmen at the high school. The report will be discussed in individual departments and two in-service training days, one in December, another in January, will be devoted to working out reactions to problems and preparing courses of action where possible. Riegel said suggestions will be passed along to the Superintendent, Board of Education and County Superintendent.

However, the principal noted, much of what has been criticized within the list of recommendations is closely tied to budget cuts of the past year, and to the district controversy over a new philosophy of education. Riegel said that as things stand now, there are many areas where change cannot be implemented

under existing staffing and budgetary situations.

The local district will be provided with an opportunity to question, discuss and explain the various recommendations before next spring. Board President Richard Bard said he has no formal board reaction to the evaluation news at the present time, since the board has not had an opportunity to discuss the issue. He anticipated that it would be discussed at a future board meeting, and he voiced interest in finding answers to some of his personal concerns.

While Riegel pointed out that the district was in the throes of change of philosophy, Bard could not understand the evaluators' recommendation that a statement of philosophy and goals be prepared cooperatively by the board of education, professional staff, representative community groups and students. Bard said that although new philosophy is under study by a citizens' group and changes are pending at the board level, there was, in fact, an operative philosophy of education in effect in the district when the evaluators were here. He said that the board had introduced legislation to rescind the 1970 philosophy, but that rescission legislation has not reached the stage of second reading and final vote, meaning that it was the effective philosophy on October 14.

Riegel stressed the low morale of staff and student body on the day of the evaluation. The board of education had very recently introduced a new philosophy of education, widely divergent from the existent philosophy. Staff members were concerned over the philosophy, he said. He also pointed out some unusual conditions which exist this year.

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## Band Places Second In Tourney Of Champs

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Raider Marching Band, Marvin S. Miland, Director of Bands, won second place in the Class A category at the Tournament of Champions band competition held at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield last Sunday afternoon.

Perennial winner Governor Livingston High School of Berkeley Heights, one of the best field competition bands in the east, took first place. Madison High School placed third.

Musical selections included in the band's award winning performance were "The Thunderer" march, "Proud Mary," "That's Entertainment," "Take the A Train," and "March America."

The second place trophy was accepted on behalf of the Raiders by band member Tyrone Phipps. He was accompanied in the presentation ceremonies by Drum Major John Morris and Drum Major Heather Hahn.

The 160-member Raider band performed under the field direction of Drum Major Morris and Drum Major Heather Hahn. Squad captains

are: Jane Shuser, Twirlers; Pam Tucker and Cora Nutt, Color Guard; and Linda Lorf and Daryl Gauss, Flag Squad.

Participation in the competition climaxed a busy weekend for the band. On Saturday afternoon, the Raiders, performed for the first time before the people of Bloomfield at the half-time of the football game. Their show, entitled "Musical, Bicentennial Salute to Bloomfield, U.S.A.," was awarded a standing ovation by the appreciative fans.

On Friday night, the band led the Halloween Parades in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The band led the Fanwood people to La Grande Park where they played several selections before the costume judging began.

### The Vote In Fanwood

DISTRICTS	JOHN SWINDEHURST	PATRICK DUNNE	BENJAMIN KUKLO	FRED TRUMPP	ROBERT MCCARTHY	WILLIAM WINEY
1	188	183	189	213	213	203
2	168	143	145	177	197	186
3	338	325	319	208	223	209
4	193	187	177	235	246	235
5	173	181	175	238	245	215
6	276	270	261	269	284	270
7	245	242	246	268	265	261
	1581	1521	1512	1608	1673	1579