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FANWOOD NIGHT AT THE MEADOWLANDS... Fanwood Mayor, Mrs. Linda d. Stender, her family and friends meet with New Jersey Devils hockey star Ken Daneyko prior to the Monday, April 4 game against the Pittsburgh Penguins at the Meadowlands. The game night is designated as Fanwood Night.

Former Township Resident Shuns Praise for Hall of Fame Inventions

Retirement Proves Elusive for Engineer Committed to Bettering His Industry

"I'd like to go through my whole life where nobody knows who I am," said James Reynolds, the former Chief Engineer, President and now resident consultant to Croll-Reynolds Company of Westfield.

He'll never do it. Fame is seeking out Mr. Reynolds these days because his colleagues nominated him for the New Jersey Inventors Hall of Fame.

When he was accepted and received the New Jersey Inventors Award at the New Jersey Institute of Technology's Inventors Congress, the former Scotch Plains resident had to put modesty aside and accept a few plaudits.

One of them was a letter of congratulations from Governor, Mrs. Christine Todd Whitman, praising his contributions to "the scientific development of our state."

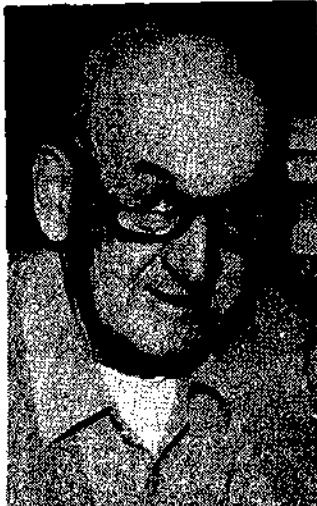
Invention and product development always have been a passion for Mr. Reynolds, a long-time resident of the township, who now lives full time in Island Heights.

On graduating from Duke University in 1948 as a mechanical engineer, Mr. Reynolds went to work in the firm his father co-founded in 1917.

Croll-Reynolds specializes in equipment for creating high vacuum for industrial purposes and in environmental control equipment.

Mr. Reynolds' career primarily has been devoted to the design and improvement of steam jet ejectors, equipment used to create vacuum and cooling.

He began as a test engineer, moved on to Design Engineer, Chief Engineer and Vice President, and in 1979 he was elected President of Croll-Reynolds.



James Reynolds.

In 1988 the inventor retired, leaving administrative work for his first love, research and development, as consultant to the company.

His steam "jets," the biggest ever built — were used to simulate the high vacuum of outer space in test chambers for the Lunar Excursion Module and other National Aeronautics and Space Administration projects.

"Some of those jets were long enough to stretch across a valley," Mr. Reynolds said.

And, since they were so much larger than anything that went before them, "Nobody knew for sure they would work until we built them — and if they didn't work, we didn't get paid."

Fortunately, the equipment worked just fine, and Croll-Reynolds still is supplying large jets for aerospace research.

Apart from helping to conquer space, Mr. Reynolds' inventions have served in many ways to help meet the earthbound needs of human society.

The "jets" are used to cool building materials for mammoth water dams in hot climates — in the Southwest, and as far afield as Iraq.

Vacuum-cooling equipment designed by Mr. Reynolds also is used by food growers and producers to boost the world's food supply. Truck-

Board Will Meet With Parents Groups

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will meet with representatives of the Parent-Teacher Association Presidents Council on Thursday, April 21, at 8 p.m. to discuss mutual concerns.

The meeting will be held in the board's Administration Offices at Cedar Street and Evergreen Avenue.

mounted jets go right into the fields to cool off and preserve leafy crops as soon as they're picked.

The jets also are used to vacuum-cool cooked foods and sauces to preserve high quality in packing.

The inventor's jets even enabled a small local company to expand production to the point where it now is the biggest supplier in the East of fresh potato salad.

The specific invention mentioned in Mr. Reynolds' election to the Inventors' Hall of Fame is a patent issued just two years ago for a modification to a "wet-wall precipitator."

The most recent of a long line of Croll-Reynolds environmental-control equipment, this new "scrubber" will help industries reduce pollution and remove acid mist.

Presently, Mr. Reynolds has several projects in the works.

Another of his duties has him "putting my design notebooks into the computer."

It looks as though the inventor, whose "years of retirement" still has plenty to keep him busy for a long time.

Is he enjoying it?

"Indeed I am — 46 years went by awful quick!" he says.

Mr. Reynolds has been honored by Rotary International with their Paul Harris Fellowship Award.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have been married 45 years. Their daughter is an attorney.

Their two sons both work for Croll-Reynolds, J. Buzz Reynolds as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, and Phillip Reynolds following in his father's footsteps as Vice President of Engineering.



CRAFT TIME...At a recent American Home Department meeting of the Scotch Plains Women's Club members worked on various crafts taught by Mrs. Elfriede Bunger, the Chairman of the department. Please see another picture on Page 2.

BODY MEMBERS SAY IT'S NEEDED FOR HIGH STANDARDS Resident Tells Education Board Of His Concern Over High Costs Generated by Proposed Budget

Scheduling of Test on Passover Day Also Brings a Protest From One Man; Officials and Citizens Honor Several Retiring Teachers for Their Service

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specialty Writer for The Times

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education fielded concerns and criticism from area residents last Thursday regarding its tentative budget for the 1994-1995 school year and other matters, while also devoting a portion of the evening as a tribute to five retiring teachers.

The board had adopted its proposed budget of \$40,271,562 with a 7-1 vote March 21, calling for a 2 per cent increase, or \$797,000, over last year's figure. The tentative budget would increase property taxes by 4.2 per cent.

John Zarelli of 1517 Ashbrook Drive, Scotch Plains, an Assistant School Superintendent in Staten Island, voiced concern over the proposed tax increase, which he attributed to what he described as above-average per pupil costs of about \$10,000 for Scotch Plains-Fanwood, and cited another Union County school district's lesser figure as a comparison.

Mr. Zarelli also called for residents to have a broader forum with which to have input into the budget.

He acknowledged, however, the board had held several public meetings prior to adopting its tentative budget and taxpayers would have another opportunity to speak during a public hearing on the budget slated for Thursday, April 7.

The budget, which board members have defended as necessary to maintain the educational standards and services to district students, is approximately \$850,000 below the state cap, which would have allowed local taxes for the school budget to increase up to 4.88 per cent.

Mrs. Carol Campbell, another district resident, asked whether the board had been able to allocate any additional funds toward increasing school library resources.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol B. Choye, replied the board had not, but that officials were exploring other areas for boosting the libraries' services.

In addition to budget comments, the board also heard from Steven Schwartz of 13 Michael Lane, Scotch Plains, who protested one teacher's decision to schedule a test this past Monday, which would coincide with

Passover, placing Jewish youngsters in the difficult position of having to choose between their religious and academic obligations.

He argued since the district honors observances of such holidays as Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday and Good Friday, the same consideration should be accorded to holy days of the Jewish faith, particularly in light of recent anti-Semitic activities which have cropped up around the country.

Dr. Choye responded the board was looking into the matter, but it was not known at the time of the meeting whether the teacher in question had decided to reschedule the test.

District resident, Mrs. Agnes McLean, challenged the board to live up to promises which administrators had made last year, alleging they had failed to reflect sufficient multiculturalism in their hiring of staff, and urged them to make a greater commitment.

She also recommended teachers in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District, some of whom have brought students to see the Holocaust drama *Schindler's List*, likewise introduce youngsters to the film *Sankofa*, which deals with the heritage of blacks. The

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County's Republicans Choose Former Mayor

Ex-Freeholder Boright Loses Out on Democratic Nod

Former Cranford Mayor Edward Force will join incumbent Republican Freeholders Frank H. Lehr of Summit and James F. Keefe of Roselle on their party organization ticket for Freeholder in the June Primary Election, members of the Union County Republican Committee decided at their convention on Saturday.

The county's Democratic leaders, meeting on Monday night, selected the Reverend Robert Everett of Union, the President of that community's Board of Education; former Hillside Mayor Peter D. Corvelli, who ran unsuccessfully for Freeholder last year, and Walter McNeil of Plainfield as their candidates for the county board.

At Saturday's Republican convention, Freeholder Keefe led the tallies of votes taken from committee members with 445, followed by 404 for Mr. Force, 381 for Freeholder Lehr and 174 for former Freeholder Louis A. Santagata, who lost his party's nod for reelection in last year's Primary to Harry P. Pappas of Springfield.

Mr. Pappas subsequently lost in the General Election, which saw Fanwood Mayor, Mrs. Linda d. Stender, a Democrat, take one of the three seats along with Republican incumbents, Miss Linda-Lee Kelly of Elizabeth and Mrs. Linda DiGiovanni of Union.

Although figures were not available from the Democratic selection

process, through which the Municipal Chairman choose those the organization will endorse, one source in the party said former Democratic Freeholder Walter G. Boright of Scotch Plains screened for the nod but did not receive many votes.

The Democratic organization did not select candidates to endorse for any other office during the Monday gathering at the Fountain Restaurant in Union.

County Republicans, meeting at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, endorsed Assembly Speaker Garabed "Chuck" Haytaian over former State Senator Brian T. Kennedy in the Primary to determine who will take on incumbent Democratic United States Senator Frank R. Lautenberg in the fall.

They also unanimously endorsed Representative Robert D. Franks, whose district includes Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood, for a second two-year term in the House of Representatives.

Elizabeth businessman James Ford was selected as the organization candidate to run against incumbent

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DEADLINES HELP PAPERS SERVE YOU

Those preparing press releases for submission to *The Westfield Leader* or *The Times* are reminded all copy should be in the hands of the Editor at 50 Elm Street, Westfield, by 4 p.m. on the Friday before the Thursday on which they wish it to appear.

Leader releases also may be mailed to Post Office Box 250, Westfield, 07091, and Times releases to Post Office Box 368, Scotch Plains, 07076, to meet the above requirements.

For events which happen the weekend prior to publication, press releases should reach the Editor by Monday of the week of publication at 10 a.m.

Obituaries will be taken until Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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

The above deadlines are meant to enable us to prepare your copy carefully.

Mrs. Claire B. Snow Assumes Reins as the President of Hilltop Tennis Club

By HARRY P. "SKIP" UNGAR
Specialty Writer for The Times

In its bi-annual election, the Hilltop Tennis club of Fanwood elected Mrs. Claire B. Snow of Fanwood as its President.

In the same election, Mrs. Betty Vliet of Scotch Plains was elected Secretary and Stowell Symmes of North Plainfield was re-elected Treasurer.

Mrs. Snow only is the second woman to head the club in its 72-year history.

She long has been associated with tennis, having organized the Single Players Group, a tennis club in the Westfield-Plainfield area.

She also runs Snow Business Services, which is a shared-office facility in Scotch Plains.

Her company provides all secretarial services including word processing, tape transcription, newsletters, reports, resume service, telephone answering, office and cubicle space for start-up businesses, sales managers and down-sized companies.

Mrs. Snow commented, "For fun and relaxation, or angst, I try to play tennis and am looking forward to becoming involved in Fanwood through Hilltop Tennis, and by serving on the Centennial Committee, which is planning a year of celebration for Fanwood's big 100th birthday in 1995."

Although the club dates back to the early 1920's, it has the reputation of not taking itself too seriously.

The minutes noting the conclusion of an annual meeting in the 1930's stated that meeting was terminated due to completed business and the beer keg being empty.

And only last year, after the Monica Seles affair, an executive order by the then sitting President stated, "No knives or similar type weapons will be allowed within 14 feet of the court."

And because he was attending a Scout meeting and could not be present to defend himself, club member Richard Hatfield, who happened to be Mayor of Fanwood at the time, was elected President.

It was noted he served with distinction but never missed another club meeting.

The house that abutted the land where the club would someday be built was owned by Fanwood's Police Chief. Since, at that time before the turn of the century, Fanwood had no jail, the chief converted the top floor into a temporary jail which served as a holding cell until his prisoner could be transferred to Elizabeth.

The house was sold to the Wickett family and the single hartue court was built in 1903 by a man named Lambertsen, the grandfather of Edward and Robert Lambertsen of Fanwood. The young Lambertsens later would build the club's mammoth picnic table which was so large it had to be constructed at the site.

The Wicketts would invite friends over to play.

In 1922 when the house was sold, the court was retained by the family, and their friends formed the Hilltop Tennis Club.

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CHANGING THE GUARD...The new President of the Hilltop Tennis Club of Fanwood, Mrs. Claire B. Snow, center, is shown with former Scotch Plains Mayor, Mrs. Irene, left, and Mayor, Mrs. Linda d. Stender, of Fanwood.