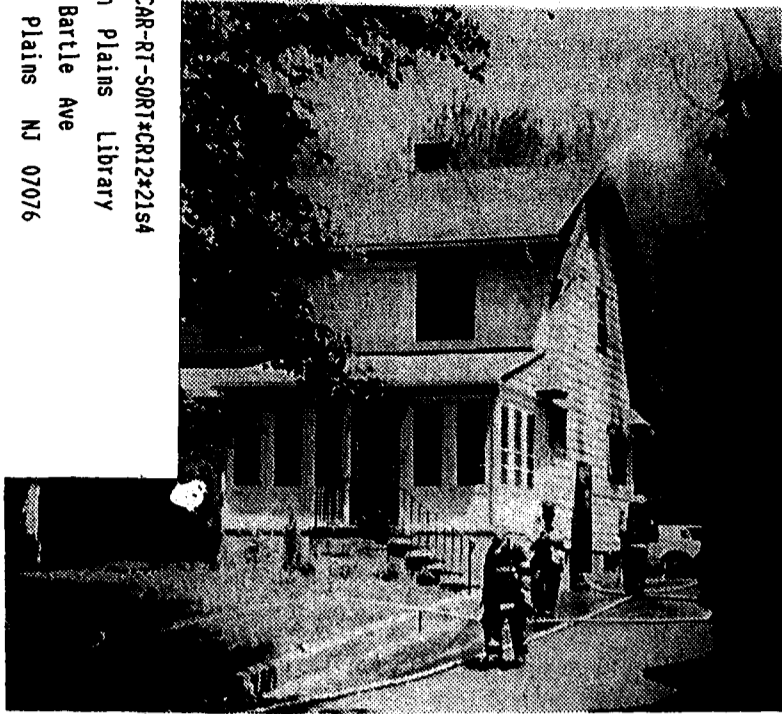




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A SMOKY SCENE...Fanwood firemen work to extinguish a fire, Thursday, June 9, at a residence on Terrill Road. The fire, which broke out shortly after noon, caused extensive interior damage.

STRATEGIC PLAN SHOULD BE IN EVERYONE'S HANDS SOON

Planning Committee of School Board Sees Number of Students Increasing By About 17 Per Cent by 1998-1999

Six Public Meetings During Summer at Various Locations in Township and Borough Will Seek to Explain Findings and Ponder a Possible Construction Program

By WILLIAM H. HAY, JR.
Specially Written for The Times

In a protracted public meeting lasting almost three hours, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education heard a report from the Enrollment and Facilities Planning Committee, a presentation by the Educa-

tion Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood and an update of the Strategic Plan's implementation for 1994-1995. Chaired by board secretary, Richard J. Marshall, Assistant Superintendent for Business, the 19-member Enrollment and

Facilities Planning Committee presented to a standing-room-only room the fruits of its one-year's labor.

The committee's "short conclusion" is that demand for classrooms will soon exceed the supply of available classroom space based on current district lines, grade configurations, available classrooms and class size limits.

The committee found:
• District elementary school enrollments will grow approximately 19 per cent over the period from 1993-1994 through 1998-1999 with an increase in total K-12 enrollment of 17 per cent over the same period.

• Although all elementary

schools will experience this growth in enrollment, the effect is expected to be most pronounced at Coles School, since most of the district's new housing construction falls within its boundaries.

• Middle school enrollment will increase by 23 per cent during that period and by 42 per cent over the period from 1993-1994 through 2002-2003.

The committee's report was thorough and professional, complete with opaque projections of data and full explanation of computer models and methods used to perform the study. An extensive period of questioning from both the board

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Borough Council Expects to Adopt Budget Prior to June 30, the Deadline for Tax Bills

Fanwood Councilmen Await State to Approve Its Budget, So It Can Get \$35,000 in Lost Aid

By TUCKER TRIMBLE
Specially Written for The Times

The state has to adopt its budget by July 1, Fanwood Mayor, Mrs. Linda Stender, said at the regular meeting on June 8, and, therefore the borough may have the final figures needed for its budget in time for the June 30 deadline for the tax bills.

A special meeting will be held later this month to finalize the borough budget, once the state completes its budget.

Anticipating only half of the promised amount from the gross receipts and franchise revenue of \$69,455 from the state, Mayor Stender said the funds could be made up by using surplus or raising taxes.

"We are entitled to this money by law," stated Mayor Stender, to offset property taxes. "Our problems are not going to get any easier."

It's possible the aid would be entirely eliminated in 1995, reported Councilman Kevin E. McGonigle, and that possibility should be addressed this year.

Mr. McGonigle suggested the council convene for a special meeting and a public hearing soon to discuss further all the options to make up the difference the lack of state aid has caused, totaling approximately \$35,000.

Because the borough has no official budget, the council was forced to adopt a temporary capital budget and temporary emergency appropriations, which it did unanimously.

In other business, the council approved resolutions for a professional services contract to Schwartz, Sterling and Associates, liquor license renewals and a resolution authorizing a new Fire Department member.

Resolutions were also approved to apply for a supplemental fire safety grant.

The grant for safe neighborhoods, explained the Council President, Mrs. Maryanne Connelly, provides part of the salary of one of Fanwood's patrolmen.

Councilman Andrew J. MacDonald

said the borough spends a lot in taxes to "get back a mere pittance," referring to the grants. "We pay a high price to receive this," the councilman added.

Mayor Stender responded by telling Councilman MacDonald property taxes would have to increase to pay for the services from the grants, otherwise.

"The only thing worse than getting this money is not getting it," said Councilman Bruce H. Walsh. "I hope we get more."

The council also approved a resolution for professional services to Gem Engineering Inc. for work on Helen Street. Councilman Louis C. Jung told the council, "This is a project that is due."

Councilman Jung also said the approved authorization for an application for a recreation grant for disabled individuals would match five dollars for every dollar supplied by Fanwood.

In other news, the Mayor announced Tegra Rosera received the highest Girl Scout award, the Gold Award, and cited her for her contributions in painting signs at the Fanwood Recycling Center.

Mayor Stender also announced the appointment of Jack Molenaar to the Downtown Redevelopment Committee. Mr. Molenaar, she said, is a resident and licensed planner.

Borough Attorney Dennis Estis brought the council up to date on the Plainfield Joint Meeting issue. The Middlesex Counties Utilities Authority has been exceeding their flows

Fanwood Democrats Flea Market Is This Saturday

The Fanwood Democratic Committee will hold a Flea Market on Saturday, June 18, on the grounds of The Fanwood Community House at the north side of the Fanwood Railroad Station from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An assortment of dealers are expected to provide a selection of bargains for shoppers. The committee will barbecue hot dogs and hamburgers and serve them with a choice of coffee, tea, or soda. Donuts will be available for early shoppers and dealers.

Bargain hunters can expect to find deals on tools, baseball cards, costume jewelry and cosmetics.

For further information and dealer information, please call 322-4877 or 322-5067.

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Goals of Schools Sought Through a Strategic Plan

Board Policy Has Raised Some Parental Concerns

Over a year ago, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education adopted as a goal for the 1993-1994 school year the development and implementation of a multi-year plan for the district, the board publicist explained.

Soon thereafter, the process called Strategic Planning was launched. Simply described, Strategic Planning attempts to direct an organization's future through proactive leadership, creativity and group decision-making and is aimed at concentrating available resources on mutually predetermined, measurable objectives, the publicist continued.

"Information on Strategic Planning was disseminated to the school staff and the entire community through presentations, press releases, information sheets and 'Perspective,' the district newsletter. The call went out for volunteers and nominations for the Planning Team. Ideas were solicited from anyone who wanted to see them incorporated into the planning process," the publicist added.

"The community met the challenge! A 35-member Planning Team was established from among more than 200 staff, community and student volunteers," he said.

"Over a full weekend in December of last year, the Planning Team met for intense and concentrated discussions that would define the beliefs,

mission, parameters, objectives and strategies that will guide the district for the next five years. Under the direction of Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol B. Choye and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Faith Spitz, this diverse group — representing a wide range of ages, backgrounds and personal and educational ideologies — worked long and hard to reach consensus on a final document that all members of the group could support and present to the Board of Education and the community," the publicist explained.

"Action Teams, with approximately 200 volunteers, were then set in motion to develop the action plans to accomplish each strategy as determined by the Planning Team. Between January and April, the educational debates continued among Action Team members — struggling sometimes against tight time lines and always against the winter weather — as they shared ideas, concerns, beliefs and hopes in the areas of Excellence, Diversity and Initiative," the publicist said.

"A second Planning Team session was held to review and approve the Action Plans and thus complete the Strategic Plan for presentation to and

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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.



FOR ART'S SAKE...The 67th annual commencement of duCret School of the Arts in Plainfield was highlighted by an art exhibition showcasing the work of this year's graduates. Also adding excitement to the event was the presentation of the duCret Legion of Honor Medal to Dr. Furman J. Pinek, Dean of the School and a portrait artist. Checking out the work of Jonathan Dowling of Elizabeth at the art exhibition by 1994 graduates of duCret are fellow graduates, Kathleen M. Trolano and Donna Ann Gebauer, both of Scotch Plains.

Train Station Improvements Are Detailed

New Jersey Transit officials told the borough last week that it plans to make several improvements at the Fanwood Train Station.

The improvements will include two replacement high level platforms with canopies, the installation of two elevators and the construction of two shelters.

The improvements will meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, officials said.

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Distributes \$18,000 to Many Organizations

This Figure Includes Six \$1,000 Fanwood-Scotch Plains High School Scholarships

The Gifts and Donations Committee of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League met at the home of Mrs. Mary Graham, Chairman, to offer recommendations for this year's donations. The Thrift Shop, maintained by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League, at 1730 East Second Street, Scotch Plains, is marking its 20th anniversary.

To commemorate this birthday the decision was made to donate \$500 each to the Fanwood Recreation Commission and the Scotch Plains Recreation in recognition of each body's work with children.

Scholarships to six students in the township and borough of \$1,000 each was presented at the Scotch Plains High School Scholarship awards ceremony.

Total donations for this year totaled \$18,000 and were distributed in the following fashion:

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| Association for Retarded Citizens | \$200 |
| Center for Hope Hospices, Inc. | \$200 |
| Children's Specialized Hospital | \$200 |
| Children With Aids | \$200 |
| Contact-We-Care | \$200 |
| Fanwood Library | \$200 |
| Fanwood Recreation | \$500 |
| Fanwood Rescue Squad | \$200 |
| Girl Scout Encampment | \$200 |
| Historical Society | \$200 |
| Interfaith Council for the Homeless | \$200 |
| Mental Health Union County | \$200 |
| Mobile Meals of Westfield | \$200 |
| Muhlenberg Hospice | \$200 |
| Overlook Hospice | \$200 |
| Resolve | \$200 |
| Scholarship Foundation | \$1,000 |
| Scotch Plains Library | \$200 |
| Scotch Plains-Fanwood Police | \$200 |
| Scotch Plains Recreation Committee | \$500 |
| Scotch Plains Veterans | \$200 |
| Starfish | \$200 |
| Specialized Water Interest Movement | \$200 |
| Tiny Tim Fund | \$200 |

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| Trailside Museum | \$200 |
| Union County Rape Center | \$200 |
| Westfield Day Care Center | \$200 |
| Women for Women | \$200 |
| Young Men's Christian Association | \$1,000 |

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| Young Women's Christian Association | \$200 |
| Eastern Union County | \$200 |
| Aiding Retired Women | \$200 |
| Youth and Family Counseling Service | \$200 |
| TOTAL | \$18,000 |

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A LOT OF HELP...Members of the Gifts and Donations Committee of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League, left to right, are: Back row, Mrs. Joanne Augustine, Mrs. Betty Berry and Mrs. Mary Graham; front row, Mrs. Katherine Meyers and Mrs. Dianne Loder. Also serving, but not pictured, was Mrs. Helen Ricker.