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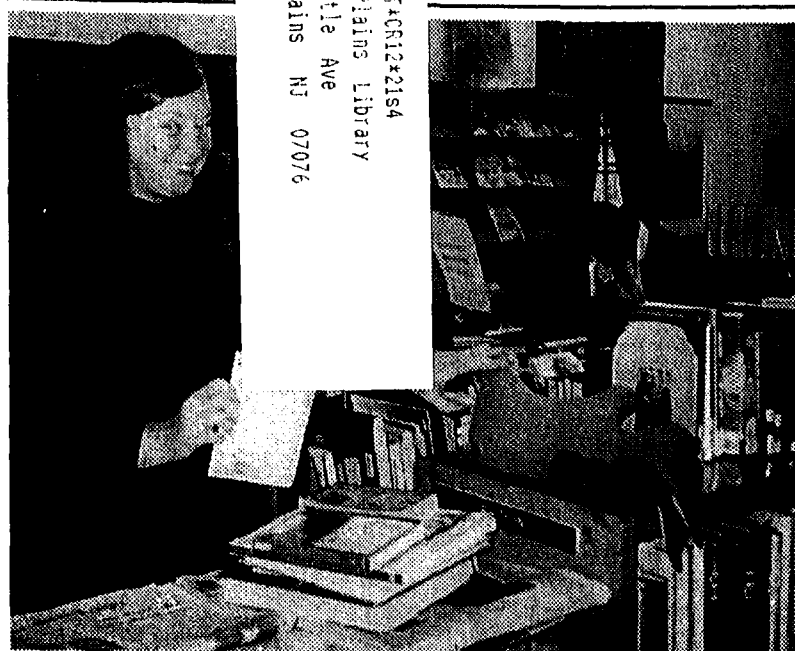
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SALE ON BOOKS...The Friends of Fanwood Library will hold their major fund-raiser on Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a raindate of September 24. Donations of books may be made after September 1. The Friends are accepting used books in salable condition and especially seek recent publications, paperbacks, children's books, games and toys. They will also take used commercially produced videos, compact disks and cassettes. No old textbooks, mildewed or damaged books or magazines are wanted. If you would like to help with the sale, please contact the library at 322-6400. A Fanwood resident, Mrs. Eileen Morris, is shown perusing items for sale at last year's event.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Senior Dies After His Car Is Struck by Another Fleeting Police

Police Arrest Plainfielder for Death by Auto; Drunk Driving and Aggravated Manslaughter Charges Expected

A 17-year-old Fanwood resident was killed early Saturday morning after his car was reportedly rammed in the rear while his car was stopped for a red light in Plainfield by another car that was

Deck, Shed Fences Okayed By Zone Board

One Fence to Mask Pool Located on King Street

The Thursday meeting of the Fanwood Board of Adjustment saw the approval of three new applications and one application which was "carried" from last month.

A variance was granted to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pearl of 27 Hunter Avenue to build a wooden deck off their porch. The upper level of the deck is to be 45 inches and the lower level 35 inches. The entire deck will measure 11 by eight feet, and lattice work will surround the upper level. A sideyard variance was sought because the ordinance provides for a 10-foot sideyard. Construction of the new deck will give Mr. and Mrs. Pearl a three-foot, eight-inch sideyard.

Aleem Sataur of 218 South Martine Avenue was granted a variance to reconstruct a shed in his backyard. The wooden shed will be 144 square feet and sit on an existing "pad." The new shed will be roofed and is to be sited in accordance with the residence.

Mr. Sataur has no garage on his property previously, the garage having been converted into a family room prior to Mr. Sataur's occupancy.

The new shed will be 12-feet by 12-feet and replaces an older nine-foot by six-foot metal one. The shed, which is not prefabricated, will have asphalt shingles and be eight feet high at its peak, though board members advised Mr. Sataur that for architectural and structural reasons they advised that this should be increased.

Construction of the shed will reduce the 10-foot sideyard requirement to 4.5 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Kamouth of 205 King Street were granted per-

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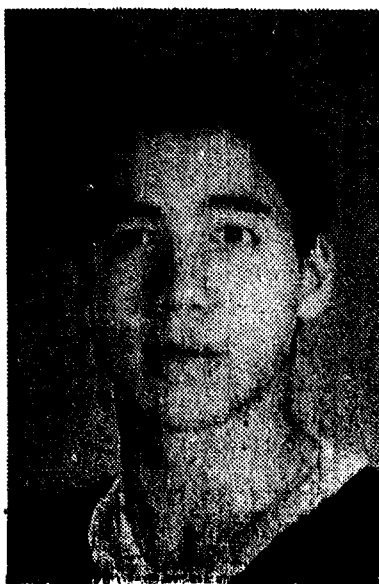
being pursued by borough police.

According to published reports, Adrian Andrews, 3rd, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident which occurred at East Seventh Street and Leland Avenue. The victim's 15-year-old brother, Daniel Andrews, who was a passenger in the car, was released from the hospital after being treated for his injuries.

Reports state that Matthew Cholewinski, 19, of Bound Brook, was arrested after he led police on a chase through Fanwood and into Plainfield that reached speeds of 70 miles per hour.

Cholewinski was initially charged with death by auto. Following preliminary tests, police reported he was legally drunk with a blood-alcohol level of .16.

Fanwood police reported the



Adrian Andrews, 3rd

chase began when Cholewinski rammed a patrol car driven by Patrolman Francisco Marrero at a

railroad overpass on South Martine Avenue. Cholewinski continued straight until LaGrande Avenue where he turned right and proceeded through the intersection of Terrill Road. The accident occurred where LaGrande Avenue becomes East Seventh Street.

The victim was reportedly driving his brother to his mother's house when the accident occurred. Daniel Andrews was told of his brother's death upon his release from the hospital.

First Assistant Prosecutor Michael J. LaPolla told reporters that Cholewinski may be charged with aggravated manslaughter and driving while under the influence of alcohol.

He was expected to be transferred to the Union County Jail in

and others over several months during 1993-1994 school year, has drawn fire from community members who charge that traditional classroom instruction will be replaced by what opponents call "outcome-based education," which they describe as the teaching of subjective values rather than facts.

The board, which has denied that the plan represents outcome-based education, defend the 276-page document as instrumental for equipping students in Scotch Plains and Fanwood to face the

career and social challenges of the 21st century.

Former school board member Thomas Fallon of Scotch Plains blasted the body for the way in which it organized the Strategic Planning Team last year, which he argued heavily favored board objectives, noting that only nine people on the team were not connected to the school board. Other audience members also criticized the board for what they felt was its failure to include sufficient input from the community.

The team included Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol B. Choye, three board members, two school principals, two board spouses and the Mayors of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Mr. Fallon also emphasized the responsibility of the parents, rather than school board members, to determine the course of their children's education and warned the elected body they would be jeopardizing the support of their constituents if they were to push the unpopular plan ahead.

The objectives of the plan, which are expected to unfold between 1994-1999 and will be subject to annual review, are to achieve excellence, diversity and initiatives through 10 strategies developed by the team. The team also outlined the plan's "mission," "beliefs" and "parameters" as the core philosophy for the way education programs will be utilized in the district.

In an emotional statement opposing the plan, Mrs. Grace Breen, a parent described how the revamped curriculum would turn teachers into "facilitators," moderating groups of students working cooperatively on projects without allowances for the needs of individual youngsters; how the learning of facts would be replaced with the mastery of certain behavioral modes and how emphasizing a "global" approach to academics would include studies ranging from alternative lifestyles to a cultural understanding of the communist or dictatorial regimes of other nations.

Dr. Choye, who said she empathized with the depth of Mrs. Breen's convictions, said the board did not plan to do away with traditional academic programs, noting that the current high school graduation requirements include two years of American history and that family lifestyle courses cannot be taught to students without their parents' consent.

The Superintendent stated that the plan called for accelerated reading programs for third and fourth graders and that classroom

computer instruction was expected to boost youngsters' writing skills.

The plan did generate a smattering of support from among the crowd, mostly by members of the Strategic Team and others involved with the formulation of the document, but also from parents.

Mrs. Mary O'Connor, another parent, said she felt cooperative group learning situations, for example, was an important basis for preparing children to interact in the corporate world later on.

Mr. Meade Says District Faces Reduced Funding, Higher Enrollment

New School Board Member to See Problems That Are Similar State-Wide

By TAM ST. ARMAND HENDERSON
Specially written for The Times

When Richard R. Meade was moving from Old Bridge and looking for a place for his family to settle and call home, he was doing a lot of research into the various school communities in Union County.

He was trying to get his hands on as much information as possible because he knew what factors he was looking for. Ethnic make-up and balance was one of them.

"One of the things that impressed me about the Fanwood-Scotch Plains district is that it has a significantly greater share of ethnic diversity than some of the surrounding communities. I think it is important for my children to grow up in that kind of environment because that is what tomorrow's world is going to be, and we all need to deal in a culturally diverse world."

Two years after moving to Fanwood, Mr. Meade is experiencing the mechanics of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains school district first hand. After serving on the district's Enrollment and Facilities Planning Committee, he decided he wanted to do more and thus applied for the recently, vacated seat of James L. Martin on the Board of Education.

Residents were alerted to the vacancy by articles submitted to *The Times*. Five people applied for the opening. The individuals all appeared before the board, in public, in a question-and-answer format. A week later, the board

voted in favor of Mr. Meade to fill one of two seats representing Fanwood.

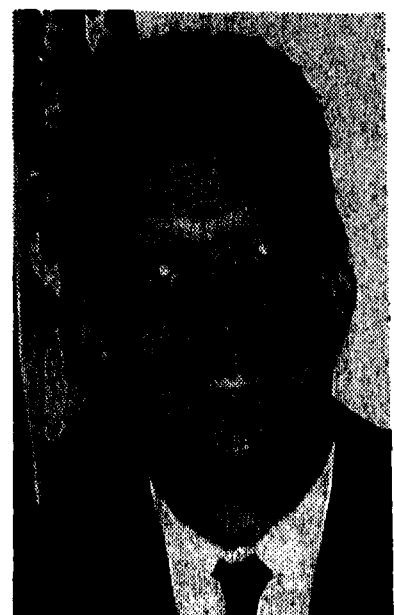
Mr. Martin said there were several reasons for his resignation.

"First and foremost the board takes a lot of time, up to 30 hours a month," he said.

Mr. Meade said he was also somewhat disappointed and thought that things, "could have been done better" and said the board should set up a formal plan to speak to students to see how the various programs the board implements impacted them.

He said that a lot of board members spoke to the students on an informal bases but added, "We never spoke to the constituents on a formal basis."

Mr. Meade was officially ap-



Richard R. Meade

pointed to the board on June 23 and will fill the seat until Mr.

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SIXTEEN IN A ROW...The Highland Swim Club Swim Team of Fanwood wrapped up its 1994 Union County Outdoor Swim League season with a 31-1-13

win over Westfield's Manor Park. This win marked the 16th consecutive undefeated season for the Highland Sharks. Highland is coached by Bill Reichle.

Italian Festa On Weekend Of Labor Day

Event Honors Those Who Came To Scotch Plains From Italy

The 20th Annual Labor Day Italian Festival will be held on Friday to Monday, September 2 to 5, from 5 to 11 p.m. each day on the grounds of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church on Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The festival, hosted by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chapter of Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, Opportunity, or UNICO, an Italian fraternal organization, in conjunction with the church, celebrates the community's Italian-American heritage.

The Italian Festival began as one honoring St. Nicholas, the patron saint of the township's sizable Italian-American population coming from Montozoli in the province of Chieti. The festival was resurrected after a 10-year hiatus to honor the traditions of the Italian-American population and to share those traditions with the community. The event has been held without interruption since 1975.

The church parking lot will be transformed into an old-fashioned street festival. Booths will offer Italian delicacies of mussels, clams, pizza, calzons, zeppoli, pasta, steak sandwiches, pepper and sausage sandwiches and Italian pastries.

There will be rides and games throughout the four-day event. Off premises raffle tickets are being sold for a 50/50 drawing scheduled for September 5 at 10:30 p.m. on the church grounds.

Tickets for the 50/50 can be purchased at the church rectory by calling 322-5192.

Last Village Green Concert Is Tonight

The last concert of the Village Green Summer Series will take place on Thursday, August 25, at 8 p.m. on the Village Green, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains. The 24-member Imperial Concert Band will perform a salute to John Philip Sousa.

The Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee, which sponsors these concerts, featured many new bands this summer as well as a successful block party.

In case of rain, this free concert will be performed in the Scotch Plains Court Room. For further information, please call 322-6700, Extension No. 220.

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