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## EIGHT NEW TEACHERS AND ONE NEW ADMINISTRATOR JOIN SYSTEM

# School Year Begins, as 3,950 Students Return, or 2.63 Per Cent More; Proposed Amendment Bill Would Require State to Pay for Its Mandates

Plan to require Recertification of Teachers Proposed by School Boards' Unit Receives 80 Per Cent Backing of Voters in Eagleton Po

By PAUL J. FEYTON  
Specially Written for The Times

Thirty-nine hundred and fifty students, or 100 more than last year, will hit the books Thursday, September 8, as the new school year begins at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools. The district has also hired eight new teachers and one new administrator and has promoted another.

Staff members report to work on Wednesday, September 7. An orientation day for new teachers was held August 31.

Work crews were busy over the summer completing a number of projects at the district's five elementary schools, two intermediate schools

## Police Kill Dog That Attacked Fanwood Man

Akita Also Threatened Woman Walking Her Dog

A Fanwood police officer shot and killed a 150-pound dog after the animal attacked a borough resident and was approaching another resident. Both the man and the woman were walking their dogs when they were approached by the Akita.

Published reports indicated that James LaBirt was walking his dog when the Akita attacked him on Old South Avenue. He was bitten on both arms and may have suffered nerve damage.

Police and rescue squads were unable to contain the dog which reportedly ran onto South Avenue where it approached the woman who was walking her 11-year-old dog.

Corporal Edward White was quoted as saying he shot the Akita twice with high velocity nine millimeter bullets.

The victim's wife said the animal, just one-year old, was the size of a female lion. Its owners were on vacation at the time of the attack.

Sergeant Thomas Jedic said the officer acted accordingly, based on the Union County Firearms Policy which states that an officer may shoot an animal if it poses a threat to the public.

The carcass was removed by the Garden State Kennel of Stirling about 25 minutes later. Garden State is the county's contracted animal control agency.

An inspector with the Westfield

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## Township Man Charged in Plan To Falsify Loans

Received Far Greater Amounts By Creating Fake Receivables

A 47-year-old Scotch Plains man has reportedly been charged with conspiracy and bank fraud for falsifying documents for his struggling metal-stamping company in order to increase the amount of his bank loans.

Richard F. Polese, President of Jorita Manufacturing Corporation of Springfield, is said by authorities to have had a revolving bank loan agreement with the Midlantic Bank under which the company could borrow 80 per cent of the total amount owed to its customers.

Polese, authorities said, made up false bills from his customers and forwarded them to Midlantic in an effort to make it appear Jorita was doing far more business than was actually the case.

The company's Sales Manager, Harold Roth, 52, of Clark, pleaded

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

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and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Most of the new teachers have replaced staffers who have retired. Donald Williams has been hired as the Supervisor of Mathematics and Business Education Department for Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Jeffrey Ross begins his new post as Director of Instructional Technology, a 12-month position, according to the district's strategic planning goals. Both Mr. Williams and Mr. Ross have filled vacant positions. Mr. Ross was Supervisor of Computers and Media last year, a 10-and-a-half-month position.

Another successful summer enrichment program was held this summer with 110 students taking advantage of this year's program.

Students will see some changes in the curriculum. One area of change is in mathematics at the kindergarten and first-grade level. The district is implementing the University of Chicago Mathematics program. This program will be expanded to grade two next year.

The program is also being used in grade eight, nine and 10 for pre-algebra and some levels of algebra and geometry.

"The program helps students to understand that math knowledge and thinking are important in everyday living. Students engage in many hands-on activities to increase their understanding of math concepts. The program involves real-life math activities and the use of calculators to encourage mathematical problem solving," according to Dr. Faith Spitz, Assistant Superintendent in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction.

"An emphasis on integrated curriculum will be highlighted as part of the strategic planning initiative. Technology will also play a greater role in fostering student learning," according to the district spokeswoman, Mrs. Cynthia Mendelson.

An example of this program was last year when a trip was taken by students to Ellis Island. In addition to being a social studies project, the trip served a dual purpose of being an English assignment. Students were required to do writing assignments on their experience.

In addition, curriculum reviews by department heads, this year will include health and physical education, home economics, foreign language and business education.

A reading intervention program for first graders to help them in their reading will begin in the elementary schools.

On the technology front, several assistants have been hired to aid students in furthering their use and understanding of computers, compact discs ROM and laser discs.

All-day kindergarten and before and after school programs and the high school foreign language programs will be studied throughout the year by Strategic Planning Action Teams, Mrs. Mendelson said.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol B. Choye, said the school principals and department supervisors are enthusiastic about the changes being implemented in this year's curriculum.

"I join in the excitement of the programs that have been implemented this year," said Dr. Choye.

## School Begins Thursday

ANOTHER YEAR...Scotch Plains-Fanwood Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol B. Choye, seated; Dr. Faith Spitz, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Richard J. Marshall, Assistant Superintendent for Business, review plans for the start of the new school year on Thursday, September 8.



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Maintenance projects completed over the summer included the repaving of portions of the driveways and parking lots at the high school, Park Middle School and the Evergreen School. Sections of curbing at each of these schools was also replaced and at the Terrill Middle School.

Workers replaced sidewalks at the high school and at Park, Coles and Evergreen schools. In addition, maintenance crews refinished the metal facial and canopies at the Coles and McGinn Schools. The same improvements were still to be completed at the Evergreen and Brunner Schools and at the Terrill Middle School.

The 30-year-old boilers at the high school will be replaced this month. Exterior doors will be installed at all the schools within the next few weeks, as well.

The doors and the boilers have been ordered and are expected to arrive shortly. The district is also waiting for three handicap platform lifts, two for the high school and one for Terrill Middle School, which have also been ordered.

Students entering the Park Middle School auditorium will notice that it has been painted.

For the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District as a whole, the following initiatives were undertaken this summer:

- Ja-Ce, a private enterprise, will assume the management of the school cafeteria with the same employees as in years past and charging the same lunch price.

- Using approved bond referendum monies, facilities repairs were made, including paving, new side-

walks, and boiler repair at the high school.

The district's principals and supervisors shared the following news regarding some of the programs that they look forward to implementing or continuing in their schools:

- Reading Recovery, a prevention program to help some first-graders improve skills in reading, will be provided by a trained teacher in each of the five elementary schools.

- At the Brunner School curriculum changes will include:

- The Accelerated Reading Program in first through fifth grades will be expanded with the school librarian.

- Teachers have been trained and are ready to use laser disc technology. The Windows on Science program will be utilized in grades kin-

# Twelve Single-Family, One Multi-Family Unit Proposed for Terrill Road Site in Fanwood

To Be Called Terrill Commons, the Project Is Part of the Mt. Laurel Settlement

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY  
Specially Written for The Times

While there were other items on the agenda, the sole item discussed at Wednesday's meeting of the Fanwood Planning Board was a proposal by developer, Michael McCabe, to build 12 single-family units and one multi-family unit consisting of three "Mt. Laurel" townhouses on six lots located on Terrill Road near Mary Lane and the Plainfield border.

The new development is to be called Terrill Commons. The applicant was represented by Scotch Plains attorney Robert Kraus.

Testimony was taken from the projects architect, Frank W. Hahne of Red Bank, a licensed professional

civil engineer, who was quickly qualified by the board as an expert.

A developer's agreement has been signed between Mr. McCabe and the Borough of Fanwood, and the proposed project sits on 2.72 acres. The flat land is presently mostly vacant except for one existing residence.

Mr. Hahne testified access to the single-family site would be through a new road with a cul-de-sac at the end.

A separate drive would service the three townhouses which would be connected with each other. A new sewer would be installed at Terrill Road as would a new water main.

Two fire hydrants are proposed — one at the circle which would service the single-family units and another to

service the multi-family unit.

According to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and energy, the site contains no wet lands and no toxic materials.

In addition to Fanwood's approval, the applicant must also obtain the approval of Union County, since Terrill Road is a county thoroughfare. Mr. Hahne stressed that measures will be taken to conserve the soil in building the project.

A new sidewalk on one side of the

street is to service the single-family dwellings. The site has "extensive drainage," with Mr. Hahne, representing that abutting property owners will set no increase in run-off. Water is to drain into a basin located in Plainfield.

Mr. McCabe proposes a five-foot board-on-board, double-sided fence to buffer the multi-family townhouses from the single-family units. The fence would serve as a visual block.

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## Township Will Conduct Limb and Brush Pickup

One-Time Event to Be Held on September 26

The township is planning a tree limb and brush pick-up program starting on Monday, September 26, at 7 a.m. Since the employees of the Department of Public Works will be going through the township once, all tree debris must be placed at curbside by this date.

"We will be picking up tree limbs and shrub parts only. Grass, weeds, leaves, stumps and other materials will not be picked up. This is our second year offering this program, and we are asking for everyone's cooperation with this additional service," a Public Works Department spokesman said.

"As you probably know, the fall is an excellent time to prune trees and shrubs before leaf season and the upcoming winter months. The township thought this service might be helpful in view of the fact the state has mandated that this debris be recycled," the department spokesman added.

"The program will be conducted in the same manner as our leaf collection. We will be working on the

northside and southside simultaneously with our own personnel. Therefore, it is very important to have your tree parts at curbside by September 26. We cannot establish a schedule because we do not know how much material will have to be picked-up at each location," the spokesman said further.

"Tree parts will be picked up in the same manner as our residential clean-up program in June. Tree parts must be placed in bundles not to exceed 50 pounds and four feet in length. It would be to everyone's advantage if the limbs are bundled with the cut ends facing the same direction. This allows us to chip the material at a faster rate, and, as a result, the practice gives all our residents better service. It is vitally important the bundles are not tied with metal wire of any type," the spokesman added.

"In case of inclement weather, we would have to temporarily suspend pick-up. However, we will resume services as quickly as possible," he added.



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GUT CHECK...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team began practices last week. Linebackers and linemen learned the proper blocking techniques from their coaches. The Raiders will open their season Saturday, September 24, with a 1:30 p.m. game at Summit High School. The two games after the opener are against Rahway High School on Saturday, October 1, and on Saturday, October 8, against Cranford High School, both at home. The team is coached by Steve Cicotelli and his assistants, Eric Rosenmeier, John Muggio, Scott Miller and Rich McGriff.

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