

# Football Field Plans Cause Heated Controversy

## Two Argue On Sport 'De-Emphasis'

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The controversial plans of the Neshaminy School District to borrow \$100,000 to add to the facilities at Neshaminy High School's football field were heatedly discussed last night at a public meeting of the Middletown Township Board of School Directors in the Carl Sandburg Junior High School library.

Every seat in the library was taken during the hour-and-a-half that a delegation, headed by Samuel Fishbach, representing the Samuel Everett Elementary School's PTA, fired questions at the board.

### Disagreement

Clifford E. Grey, vice president of the Middletown school board, early in the meeting called repeatedly for order after quelling a disagreement between school directors. M. L. "Pete" Madway, favoring "de-emphasis of football," and Bernard Herman, who urged the board not to try to change the Neshaminy Jointure Athletic Field plans for fear of setting a "dangerous precedent."

Grey said that although "the dog is being wagged by the tail, there is no further action the Middletown school directors can take to dissolve the jointure motion to go ahead with the field addition."

### Doubts Authority

Madway said "this is a capital expense" and doubted that the jointure had the authority to borrow the money.

Before ending the field discussion Grey acknowledged Dr. Oliver S. Heckman, regional superintendent of the Neshaminy School District, who, speaking directly to the PTA delegation, reminded it that "our students want this athletic facility."

He said an indication of the zeal of the 1,800 Neshaminy High School students for the field was the \$2,000 contribution made by them recently for the purchase of athletic equipment.

Dr. Heckman recalled a report of the district's business administrator which said that during the last football season "the gates of the field were often accidentally electrified due to faulty wiring an inefficient maintenance characteristic of the outmoded field."

## Misses Pothole—Ends Up In 3-Car Collision



Passersby join Mrs. Arlene Goad, 41, of 60 Maple Lane, Magnolia Hill Levittown, in looking at the pothole which caused a three-car accident last night on the Levittown Parkway near Holly Hill. Bristol Township police reported Mrs. Goad's auto (pictured above was a "total wreck.") She told police she slowed down to avoid hitting the pothole but wound up in a collision. The

other cars in the mishap were operated by Mrs. Doris Conklin, 40, of 23 White Spruce Lane, Willowood, Levittown, and William Graeber, 19, of 408 Fairview Ave., Pennel. All three cars were traveling southbound on the parkway when the accident occurred at 7:14 p.m. No one was injured. (Courier-Times Photo)

## Publishers Say Government Deceived Public On Crisis

WASHINGTON (UPI) — News publishers, editors and broadcasters accused the government today of deceiving the American people during the Cuban crisis. They warned that this imitates Communist techniques.

The news media representatives told the House government information subcommittee that the government has no right to

ment can lie to the public. ANPA vice president Gene Robb, publisher of the Albany (N.Y.) Times-Union and Knickerbocker News, said "telling the truth is the highest and most desirable expression of our government's policy."

### Panel Discusses Problem

Robb was among 10 news media spokesmen who took part

in planning and development for the National Association of Broadcasters, said "manipulation and control of news must not be tolerated in time of peace or in time of crisis—and deliberate falsehoods should not be tolerated at any time."

—Walter B. Potter, publisher of the Culpeper (Va.) Star-Exponent, and chairman of the legisla-

## Deaf Father Of Eight Has Great Day

Yesterday was a great day for John J. Garvin, deaf father of eight children, who is studying for a doctorate in bacteriology.

Here's what caused all the excitement at 21 Dogwood Hollow, Levittown:

1—Gavin received word that he has been awarded a predoctoral fellowship by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

2—He came home from Rutgers University beaming over the fact that he had passed his French prose course in microbiology.

3—A check arrived in the mail from the McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., of New York City, as payment for a 42-page contribution on "Biological Methods" he wrote for the "Handbook of Analytical Chemistry."

4 — Congratulations and well wishes came from neighbors and friends who read of Gavin's glowing success on the front page of yesterday's Courier-Times.

### 18 Months Sooner

Receiving the fellowship, carrying a basic stipend of \$2,000 and \$500 for his wife and each dependent child (totaling \$4,500), Gavin will now be able to attain his doctorate by July of 1964, cutting some 18 months off his originally planned studies.

While his studies at Rutgers, his work at Norrisstown's Montsomery Hospital, and his growing family (No. 9 is expected in September) takes much of his time, Gavin is quite active in Catholic affairs in Lower Bucks.

A past president of the Holy Name Society of St. Michael the Archangel Church, he also is an active member in the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph the Worker Council, Serra Club of Lower Bucks and the Fathers Club of Bishop Egan High School.

On St. Patrick's Day of 1956 Gavin lost the hearing in one ear. A few weeks later he lost the hearing in the other ear. He has never heard the voices of his three girls, ranging in age from 21 months to six years. And he has never heard the youngest of his five boys, Timothy, 7, talk.

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