

# School Official Cites Opposition To Stadium Plan

## 2 Women on Board Against New Plant For Neshaminy High

Opposition to the proposed 10,000-seat Neshaminy High School football stadium already has been expressed on the Middletown Township School Board, a member of the board, reported Monday.

The report came from William C. Van Tilburg, Middletown's representative on the Neshaminy Jointure's Athletic Committee, which is exploring the proposal.

Van Tilburg said he discussed the idea with the Middletown School Board, largest in the Neshaminy Joint District, and found two women members, Mrs. Marjorie Sweet and Miss Margaret Phillips, formed a core of opposition.

### **WOULD COST \$100,000**

The women said they felt the school district should give priority to needed educational improvements rather than athletic projects, Van Tilburg said.

The new stadium would cost an estimated \$100,000. It would replace the present field, seating 4000, on the high school campus on Old Lincoln Highway. Existing facilities have proved inadequate for the crowds which have numbered as high as 8000 at Neshaminy games.

### **STANDS OVERCROWDED**

Van Tilburg, who said he favored the proposal, said the new stadium might be financed through student activity ticket sales and general gate receipts—with the approval of the student body.

The \$100,000 might be considered a cheap price to pay for averting the possible tragedy of a collapse of overcrowded stands, Van Tilburg said.

Lee Merrick, chairman of the athletic committee, has stressed the committee is giving only "tentative" consideration to the idea. No action is expected before the end of the year.