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First Aid squad chooses woman as new captain

The person who captained the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad for seven of the past 10 years, Joseph Shorn, was defeated by a narrow margin at a recent election of squad officers.

In the four decades of male captains, Mrs. Janet Standish is the first woman to achieve the rank of captain. She will begin her tenure for next year on Thursday, Jan. 1.

Mrs. Standish stated her election "showed women can be recognized and entrusted with high-ranking positions traditionally held by men. I plan to fulfill my responsibilities as captain in a democratic manner: one in which my subordinate officers will have more voice and where all members will have equal opportunity for greater recognition and input. With the cooperation I know I will receive from my officers and crew, I hope not only to improve the quality of our service to the community but also to reduce the average response time of emergency calls."

Other members elected were: George Geiger, Jr., assistant captain; Frank Haskley, Jr., first lieutenant; Miss Deborah Rice, second lieutenant; Alan Reilly, first sergeant; and Michael Santala, sergeant.

The Executive Board officers chosen were: Jack Quinn, president; Kevin Wray, vice president; Howard Curley, re-elected treasurer; Timothy Walsh, corresponding secretary; Mr. Santala, recording secretary; and George Geiger, Sr., trustee.

Mr. Quinn took the oath of office as president for the coming year at the squad's Annual Installation Dinner on Dec. 6.

Officers of Clark are needed to fill vacancies now existing in the membership roster of the volunteer squad.

Persons over the age of 18, male or female, and holding a valid New Jersey driver's license, who are interested in becoming members are asked to telephone James Law at 381-9927.



Members of the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad are shown in a group photo. From left to right: George Geiger, Jr., assistant captain; Frank Haskley, Jr., first lieutenant; Miss Deborah Rice, second lieutenant; Alan Reilly, first sergeant; and Michael Santala, sergeant.

State, local spending ranked 17th highest

New Jersey state and local government spending averaged \$1,174 per person last year, according to a report by the U.S. Census Bureau. The report ranked the state 17th highest in the nation.

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Rahway ponders waste plant in city

Rahway officials are studying the possibility of having the \$10-million recovery cover plant rejected by Linden voters built in this city.

"Maybe Linden isn't concerned with increasing taxes but Rahway can't let an opportunity like this go by without examining it," said Mayor Donald L. Martin.

The plant would turn the solid waste from 10 Union County municipalities into steam to be used as power for the Merck & Co., Inc. pharmaceutical plant in Rahway.

Although the facility would be a large taxpayer, Linden voters, hearing increased truck traffic, noise and pollution in the already heavily industrialized city, rejected the plant by an 11-1 ratio in a referendum Nov. 4.

Mayor Martin added he has had meetings with officials both from Merck and the Frazee Co., which would build the plant, and more meetings are planned for this month.

"We should have a good idea whether we want to actively pursue this plant by early January," the mayor added.

He said there are several steps in the city that "could possibly hinder this type of facility, but we have to determine the feasibility of this before looking at a site."

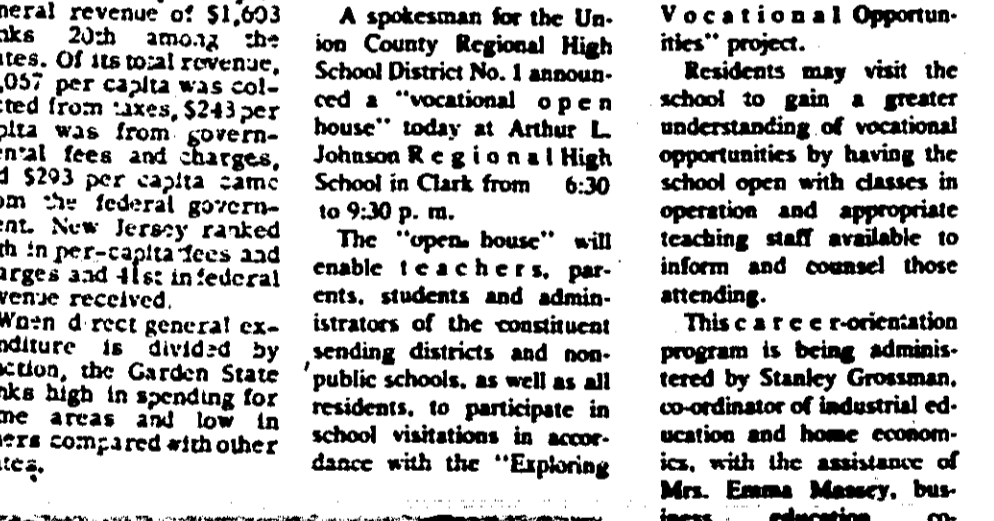
Making a site now would tend to create speculation and increase the cost of the project, he said.

"We have a good relationship with Merck so we would like to build this plant if it can be proved it would be beneficial," the official said.

Johnson to open house for vocations

A spokesman for the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 announced a "vocational open house" today at Arthur L. Johnson R. 6 in a High School in Clark from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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As part of a national relief program for the victims of the earthquake in Italy sponsored by UNICO National, Clark UNICO president, George A. Langhans, is coordinating efforts in the Clark-Rahway area, and will be visiting with Union County district governor and District No. 10 vice-chairman of the national program.

UNICO has set up several collection and distribution centers. Anyone interested in donating blankets, clothing, or money may obtain information regarding the nearest center by telephoning the Unico National chapter at 274-9927.

Township students score high in regional tests

Students in the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Clark, are passing tests with flying colors.

That's the word from Dr. Frank Kenney, director of curriculum and instruction, who told the Board Dec. 2 according to a recent battery of tests. Students in the district are meeting the "challenge" and "efficiency" standards set by the state.

The Board received the report at its meeting at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

"Our students are achieving at a very high level based on comparison with the national norm," said Dr. Kenney. "The vast majority are achieving above average."

The three-hour tests, which measure reading and mathematics skills, are currently administered annually to freshmen and juniors. According to the curriculum director, 50 schools in the state fall into the same socioeconomic classification with which such schools as Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark is compared.

The level of education in the community, parents' occupations, and income are among the criteria the State Dept. of Education considers in determining the classification. A high school falls into a category, according to Dr. Kenney. These factors in part, affect the amount of state funding derived from census figures.

The favorable results were attributed in part to coordination between the district's four high schools and elementary schools.

"We're working together with elementary schools developing basic skills down to the elementary level," Dr. Kenney said. "Our parents entering the ninth grade have very good basics."

He added, however, although test scores were high, a different set of tests given solely within the school district indicate students can do even better.

Guidance and curriculum changes will be considered by the Board as a strategy to increase motivation and Board President Charles E. Vitale, Jr.

"This Board is fortunate," he added. "We have education on that provide support we wouldn't expect to have." Board members John E. Collins and David M. Hart are elementary school principals and Mrs. Margaret D. Hough is a teacher.

More than 4,200 students

Council rejects bids on \$610,000 bonds

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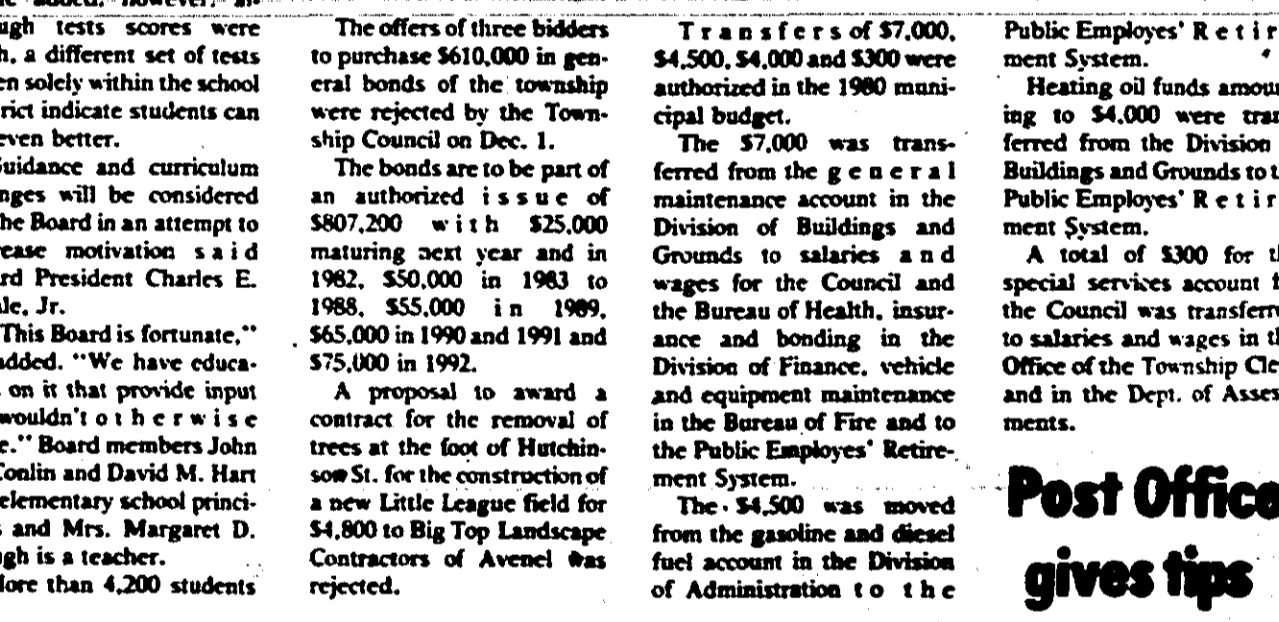
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BACK TO SCHOOL... At the Union of Human Schemes, principal of Rahway Junior High School, the Rahway Clark Board members were given an opportunity to see the facilities and students at work in the school on Nov. 25. A discussion of the city school system was given by Superintendent of Schools Frank D. Schmitt. A holiday program was presented by Assistant Superintendent Anthony Russo, Jr. The Board members took the tour during the testing program by the protection by the Walter Kilde Co. During the tour, shown, left to right, are: Susan Charney-Eaton, President of the Rahway Board of Education; Mr. Russo; Mr. Russo and Mr. Schmitt; standing, Mr. and Mrs. George McCutcheon, past Board president; Peter M. Campana, Board president-elect; Mrs. Hannah Lynch, and Fred Barth of the Board of Education.

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Post Office gives tips for Yule

For the best service this Christmas season postal customers should be sure to place their return address in the upper left corner of the envelope and use proper postage, reports a New York Postmaster Joseph J. Ratz, Jr.

It is important, the postmaster said, families check envelopes and cards to be certain proper postage is affixed. Envelopes without postage will be returned to sender, if possible, or destroyed by postmaster's employees.

"When the return address is placed on envelopes, postal holiday greetings will help to insure delivery of cards to correct addressees."

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