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Municipal and county officials now involved in preparation of annual budgets for calendar-year 1981 find themselves in a quandary caused by uncertainty of action by both federal and state law-smakers and administrative officials, observes a New Jersey Taxpayers Asan. spokesman.

Uncertainty about federal general revenue-sharing funds is one problem. The agenda of the concluding sessions of the Second major area of uncertainty involves the municipal and county spending and tax-limitation of the spendin sistion to extend general revenue-sharing and appropriate funds for the next several years.

Enactment of legislation will shift the responsibility to the administrative agency which must determine funding allocations for each qualifying govern—

In wor caps, Many officials are concerned over the same of concerned over the same over the same of sevices under a law which authorizes a 5% increase in a period of inflation currently in excess of 12% over the past year.

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the township throughout 1980 and providing other services to our advertisers and subscribers.

Our reading audience will continue to receive the quality attention we have provided this year during 1981.

To the newly-elected officeholders we wish long and productive terms in office.

We hope they will live up to the trust the votershave placed in their very action.

To the minority members of both Governing Bodies we wish the same and hope they will serve and hope they will serve tive suggestions and constructive suggestions and constructive criticism when called for.

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to the trust the votershave placed in them and bridge events inrough their cocontinued progress and service to both communities.

We also wish the same to those who have been recently appointed and to any new appointees who may be mamed during the coming year.

To those who chose not so see re-election or who were not chosen to serve again this term, we wish a productive, rest period from public life, and hope they will continue to serve their communities in some capacity in the future.

ger the news of current overnts inrough their cooperation is too long to be included entirely here.

However, we do wish to thank Joseph M. Hartnett, business administrator in Rahway; Edward R. Padusinistrator in the township, and the members of the Boards of Education in Rahway. Clark and the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 and their administrative staffs.

Without the assistance of these able civil servants it

capacity in the future.

Those who continue to serve receive our thanks give our two family communities the kind of served during the passware communities the kind of served during the passware.



Union County has asked the New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection to extend its deadline to give it time to secure a contract with Rahway to build a solid-waste recovery facility in the city.

Dept. of Environmental trongled for the generation of electricity, the report continues.

The purpose for the extension by the county, reports Mr. Kazar is to allow more time for study News - Record and The Clark Patriot the site will Protection spokesman had explain the reason for lobe in a heavily - industrial to the country it must cating the plant in the city, trialized area if the profacility by today to avoid being locked into a long-term contract with Mideless County where some determined. diesex County, where some Union County communities are currently dumping their solid waste.
The principal planner for

Property-tax rates

the county's Dept. of Engineering and Planning, Jo seph Kazar, expressed
confidence the state would
support the modified schedule after he met with General property tax rates in 477 of New Jersey's 557 municipalities were higher in 1980 than 1979, reports a New Jersey Taxpayers Assn. spokesman. In 83 municipalities the tax rate decreased, Trenton officials Dec. 22. According to Mr. Kazar, state support is there for a resource - recovery pro-ject and he hoped the prowhile seven had the same rate as last year.

The overall state average general property tax rate rose from \$3.60 per \$100 assessed valuation in 1979 to \$3.67 per \$100 in 1980, the first such posed Rahway plant can be built as the first one in

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Because property tax rates are calculated on the basis of assessed valuation of property, as well as tax dollars needed to finance school, county . and municipal budgets combined, a rate decrease does not necessarily result in a lower tax bill. Periodic property revaluations or reassessments in a taxing district usually result in higher property valuations and lower tax rates. Of the 52 municipalities which had revaluations or reassess municipalities which had revaluations or reassessments effective in 1980, 49 had lower tax rates than in 1979.

General property tax rates shown on the municipal tax bill are unequalized, that is, they do not reflect differences in local assessment levels. If "equalized" property tax rates are calculated using a true or market value of property as determined by the respectite county Boards of Taxation, a more uniform comparison can be made.

Using an equalized basis, tax rates in only 175 municipalities increased in 1980, while 379 declined and 13 remained the same. The state average equalized tax rate dropped from \$2,79 per \$100 true value plant could bring Rahway as much as \$3 million an-

ized tax rate dropped from \$2.79 per \$100 true valuin 1979 to \$2.68 per \$100 in 1980.

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In addition, during the height of the construction period, some 300 to 350 has caused the market value of property to increase at a greater rate of growth than property taxes. Thus, total local property taxes in New Jersey rose \$301 million or 8.6% while equalized property valuation increased \$10.3 billion of 13%.

This statistical analysis serves to demonstrate to taxpayers judging the tax rate by itself can be misleading. The tax rate is the end result of a calculation than includes the valuation placed on property by assessore and

Another major proposal by the special legislative committee, as well as the istmas trees

This statistical analyses of city of the construction of the additional approach of the additional spending even though it may not received the control the received of the additional approach of the additional spending even though it may not received the control the received even the cost of the received the receive serve receive our thanks give our two "family" for the co-operation received during the past year is sometimes difficult, but always rewarding times, The loss of Robert W. Schrof as city clerk and Mrs. Ann Moffittas assistant coverage the part of the corresponding to the communities of the communities of the control of the trees for more years than any other dealer in governmental units in New Jersey and the extreme wariations in governmental units in New Jersey and the extreme wariations in governments, cording to the literature of the trees for more years of the trees for more years than any other dealer in governmental units in New Jersey and the extreme wariations in governmental problems and financing ability are among reasons for the difficulty in obtaining acceptable the big trees are less popular than the smaller ones, according to the Yule merchants as though and the big trees are less popular than the smaller ones, according to the Yule merchants.

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Thus we bring 1990 to a close and look forward to a brighter and more prospective form the taxpayer spokes—man.

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such rulings require a major reduction in the base on which the amount of

annual budget increase is calculated, state officials are expected to introduce legislation to delay the annual budget timetable and local officials can be ex-

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governor, is to exclude annual appropriations from current funds for capital purposes from the cap.

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Every year his five sons helped with the sales and his two dangitters made fir and balsam wreaths. [After his last day, the Clarkite took off for Florida -to-thes out and rememberhis years in the tree busi-

JUNGOR GRAPPLEES ... Participants in the Checles H. Brewer School Wrestling To shown, left to right, are: Top row, champions, John Pacaga; Michael Mochant Sernocki, Todd Slinger, and Salvatore Schiffens. (Not shown is Al Anger; second the up, Seen Conely: Richard Chamit; David Sineradah; Josh Glantamb; William Kill d with the senior class trip Engage Masse; first row, official timers and searchaspers, Duckel Show; Mark its student and or the parent. scent Pervire, and Peter Colletti. (Please see story on sports page.)

Rahway, which would buy the energy produced has a current need for 1.4 bil-