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REMEMBERING OUR FIRST THANKSGIVING - A Thanksgiving program was presented to the students in the sixth-grade classes at the Charles H. Brewer School in Clark by Walter Bonghi's "America, My Heritage" students. The program traced the history of the Thanksgiving holiday in America from the early Colonial days when Pilgrims first learned to survive in the new

land with the help of the Indians. The Colonial-era clad students explained how the Thanksgiving tradition has developed over the years. At the program, shown left to right, are Cherish Jones, Diana MacAvoy, Scott Sant'Anna, Lisa Venditto, Kathy Eoick and Debbie Newell as they tell of the first Thanksgiving.

Census study reveals increase in non-whites

The population of Union County has changed markedly over the last 20 years with an approximate 7% decline in the number of residents here from 1970 to 1980, according to a report prepared by Union County College's Office of Institutional Research.

Five significant trends in the population of the county are cited in the report entitled, "Population Characteristics of Union County for 1960, 1970 and 1980 and the Profile of Students at Union County College in Spring Term, 1982."

The report is based on statistics provided by the United States Census studies of 1980, 1970 and 1960. The report, prepared by Mrs. Patricia Bidar of Rahway, the director of institutional research, looked at changes in the makeup of the county's population over the last 20 years. The college will use the report to identify changing trends in the county, and then use that information to plan to meet the educational needs of students.

The report found the per-

centage of non-white residents is lower now than it was in 1960. The report also indicates the percentage of males in the county appears to be decreasing over time, in terms of racial/ethnic categories the white population is decreasing, while minority groups population is increasing. The number of individuals under 17 years of age has decreased by 45,624 from 1970 to 1980 with most of the decrease occurring in the racial-ethnic category of "white," and the number of individuals aged 65 years of age or older is increasing as well as the proportion of females comprising that group.

According to the study, all Union County municipalities experienced decreases in population from 1970 to 1980. The largest percentage of decline in population in Union County during that time were: Fairwood, 12.9%; Clark, 11.3%; Springfield, 11.3%; Summit, 10.8%; Cranford, 10.3%; and Kenilworth, 10.3%.

Hillside at .9%; Plainfield

at .3%, and Berkeley Heights at 4% evidenced the smallest percentage of change from 1970 to 1980. Hillside, Plainfield, Roselle and Rahway experienced a 20% or more increase in the number of individuals listed in a racial/ethnic category other than "white."

Hillside and Plainfield showed a decrease in the number of persons aged 65 years of age or older from 1970 to 1980, while Mountaintain, New Providence, Springfield and Union experienced increases of 25% or more in the number of individuals who were 65 years of age or older during the same period.

The report shows that Hillside, Elizabeth and Plainfield experienced the largest declines in population in the category of "white" during the past 10 years.

Hillside showed a decrease in its white population of 35.9% from 1970 to 1980. Elizabeth's white population declined by 30.1% during that time span, while Plainfield's

decreased by 27.4%.

The County College report also noted for the first time in the history of the census, Hispanic residents in Elizabeth were included in the 1980 numbers. The census noted Hispanics make up 26.7% of Elizabeth's population, with 28,305 of them now living in that municipality. That number is greater than the Black population in Elizabeth, which according to the 1980 census, is 18,622 or 17.5%.

The report shows overall the census found in the last 20 years Union County's makeup has changed significantly.

The current makeup of Union County, according to the 1980 census study, is 74.4% white, 15.9% Black, 8.1% Hispanic, and 1.6% in other categories.

The 1960 census showed the county, at that time, was made up of a very different population, which was 92.3% white, 7.5% Black and 1% in other categories, with no statistics available for Hispanics at that time.

Overpopulation haunts county animal shelter

By R.R. Fazzese
Although one major source of anguish for animal lovers, animal overpopulation, still remains a big problem in Union County, the treatment of stray animals is being improved upon.

It has been about one year since a Rahway shelter operated by the Union County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals switched to what is thought to be the more humane method of disposing of animals. It cannot keep in its quarters on St. George Ave. without exposing other animals kept there to contagious diseases, according to Iris Hondo, the manager of services at the shelter.

Last year several residents and officials in Rahway and Clark and surrounding communities threatened to force their municipalities not to renew their

contracts for warden services, the picking up of stray animals on community streets, if the shelter did not change from the use of a gas chamber for disposing of animals to the use of sodium pentobarbital injections.

The shelter did switch to the injections last December, and this past June officials from the state department of health gave the facility one month to remove all gas-chamber equipment from its premises.

Underlying the entire controversy, however, is the problem of overpopulation. Responding to complaints by some animal-welfare groups that the shelter is killing animals needlessly, the shelter manager explained the groups such as People for Animals, take in one or two strays at a time, and it is much easier to find a home

for them.

However, she added, the volume of strays Kindness Kennels gets from its warden service does not allow it the room to take care of all the animals as easily as many of the smaller groups.

The shelter manager pointed out under an operation separate from the warden service, Kindness Kennels itself operates an adoption service for stray animals.

The strays often develop Kennel Cough and other diseases which may be harmful or contagious to other animals in the shelter's care. Although state law says animals may be disposed of within seven days of being brought in, Iris Hondo noted the shelter tries to hold onto animals almost indefinitely if they do not pose a threat to the other animals because of disease.

The overpopulation pro-

blem was further emphasized by William Budziska, the business administrator of the shelter, who told The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot the warden service picks up about 12 dogs a day.

However, according to Mr. Budziska, all of last year 2,361 animals of all kinds were taken in. This year, the service, in just 10 months, has taken in 1,258 dogs, 1,502 cats and 1,170 wild animals such as raccoons and a snake, and it even got a call to dispose of a dead horse found in Rahway.

Of the 13 municipalities covered by the warden service last year, only three, not including Rahway and Clark, decided not to renew their contracts after the method of disposing of the animals was changed, he said.

In order to combat the overpopulation problem,

the kennels, in co-operation with the Animal Alliance Welfare League of New Jersey on Monday decided to offer free spaying and neutering for any animal adopted from Kindness Kennels.

Although the program is just beginning, the shelter manager said she expects it to continue as long as it is needed.

As for the injections, although Dr. Stanley Newman, a veterinarian with the Clark Animal Hospital, comes in twice a week to do them, there are also kennel wardens certified by Dr. Newman to take care of the procedure.

The cost for Dr. Newman's services-he is a consultant to Kindness Kennels-comes out of the contract price per year charged to each of the 10 municipalities for warden services.

Papers announce holiday deadlines

The offices of The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Friday, Dec. 24, and for the New Year's Eve holiday on Friday, Dec. 31.

In order to insure all editorial copy is processed in

time, copy for the issues of Dec. 30 and Jan. 6 should be in the hands of the editor at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, NO LATER THAN 9 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, for the DEC. 30 ISSUE and NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29 for the JAN. 6 ISSUE.

City tree lighting to be Dec. 9

For the second time, the Annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the front of City Hall, at the corner of Main St. and Milton Ave.

Once again the Chamber of Commerce and the merchants invited Rahway and surrounding-area residents to bring their families to the downtown area to participate in the festivities of the annual event of the official lighting of the Christmas tree.

An atmosphere of the early 1900's will be created with the help of the luminaria candles, which will decorate the plaza in front of City Hall. These candles have been donated by the Rahway Chamber of Commerce.

In keeping with the spirit of the 1900's a chamber spokesman suggested par-

ticipants bring their pennies, since they will find street vendors, in that period's dress, along Main and Cherry Sts., who will be selling chestnuts, apples, cookies and hot chocolate at the same prices as in those bygone days.

The tree at the City Hall Plaza will be lit at 7:30 o'clock, and there will be Christmas Carols and music to add to the celebration.

Immediately following the ceremony at the City Hall participants may stroll along Main St. to Cherry St. whose "gaslights," brick sidewalks and street vendors will be part of the festivities.

Last year's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was such a success, with crowds of residents meeting and greeting friends and neighbors, street vendors promptly sold out of their wares, and some celebrants were disappointed there were no "treats" for them to purchase. In anticipation of the turnout this year, the committees have gone all out to insure no one will be disappointed at this event, the spokesman added.

To coincide with the official start of the holiday season, the tree at the corner of St. George and Grand Aves. will also be lit at this time.

The Christmas Caroling Event, will also be held downtown in December, sometimes before Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24.



FOCUS ON COUNTY GOVERNMENT - Clark Township Council President Virginia Apelan, left, hosted the monthly meeting of the Union County Women's Political Caucus at the Clark Township Council Chambers. The main speaker was Arthur Graciano, who discussed many county governmental matters such as: Runnels Hospital and its different facilities and aims, the Union County Park System and environmental awareness, human resources, a final overview of the question-and-answer session held. The caucus is a multi-partisan organization generated from the federal level to the county. According to Councilwoman Apelan, it hopes to provide an opportunity for all local women to become aware of their political processes and to encourage them to take an active part in politics and government, regardless of party affiliation. Any woman, 18 years of age or over, who is interested in politics and good government may join the caucus. Those interested in becoming members may get in touch with Councilwoman Apelan, who is also the vice president and membership chairwoman of the caucus. Discussing some of the issues, with Mrs. Apelan and Mr. Graciano are Joanne Rajoppi, the president of the caucus.



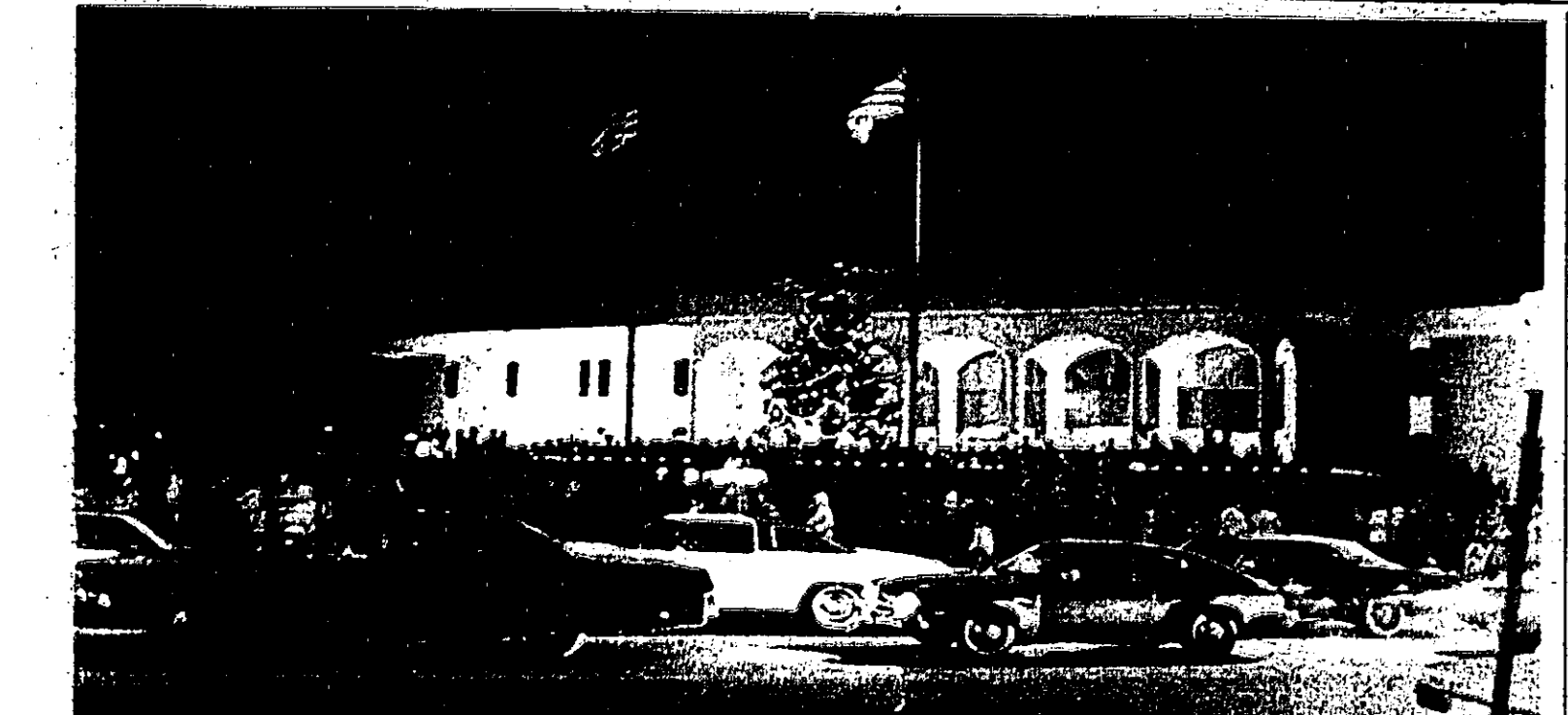
WORKING FOR NEEDY - A group of women meet at the Gran Centurions Club in Clark every Tuesday afternoon. They like to do things for others, and often initiate projects shoulder them, these women delivered 40 items to the Home for the Aged in Elizabeth. The ladies at the home were expecting the group, and hosted them to tea and finger foods. The woman who contributed their time and work for the ladies at the Home for the Aged in Elizabeth are: Helen Aierno, left, Mag Centolanza, Jane Veltri, left, Ann Fruciano, Katherine Cicero, and the chairwoman, Mary Bardo. The group members promised to return to the home and their new friends with a sampling of home-made Christmas cookies.



ON WITH THE SHOW - Troop Nos. 1455 and 1220 of the Clark-Westfield Area Girl Scouts held a fashion show entitled "Fashions of the 80's" on Nov. 2 at the Mother Seton Regional High School cafeteria in Clark. Proceeds of the show went towards the girls' "In-Between Patch."

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CHRISTMAS PARTY - Groups flock to last year's lighting ceremony at Rahway's City Hall Plaza.

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New lives given deaf by 'hearing dogs'

By R. R. Faszczewski
Deaf residents recently found out that deaf dogs can be trained to help a person hear. The deaf residents are now able to hear because of the help of their hearing dogs.

A demonstration given by the Central Jersey Club of the Deaf's Hearing Dogs Program showed how a hearing dog can be trained to help a deaf person hear. The hearing dog is trained to pick up sounds and alert the deaf person by barking or pulling on its harness.

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First Aiders seat slate for new year

At an Annual Installation Ceremony held on Dec. 4, the members of the Clark Volunteer Fire Association elected their officers for the coming year.

The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Fred Carlock; Vice President, Fred Carlock; Secretary, Fred Carlock; Treasurer, Fred Carlock; and other officers.

FIRE-WISE is on the way

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DRUNK-DRIVING ARRESTS CLIMB IN TOWNSHIP

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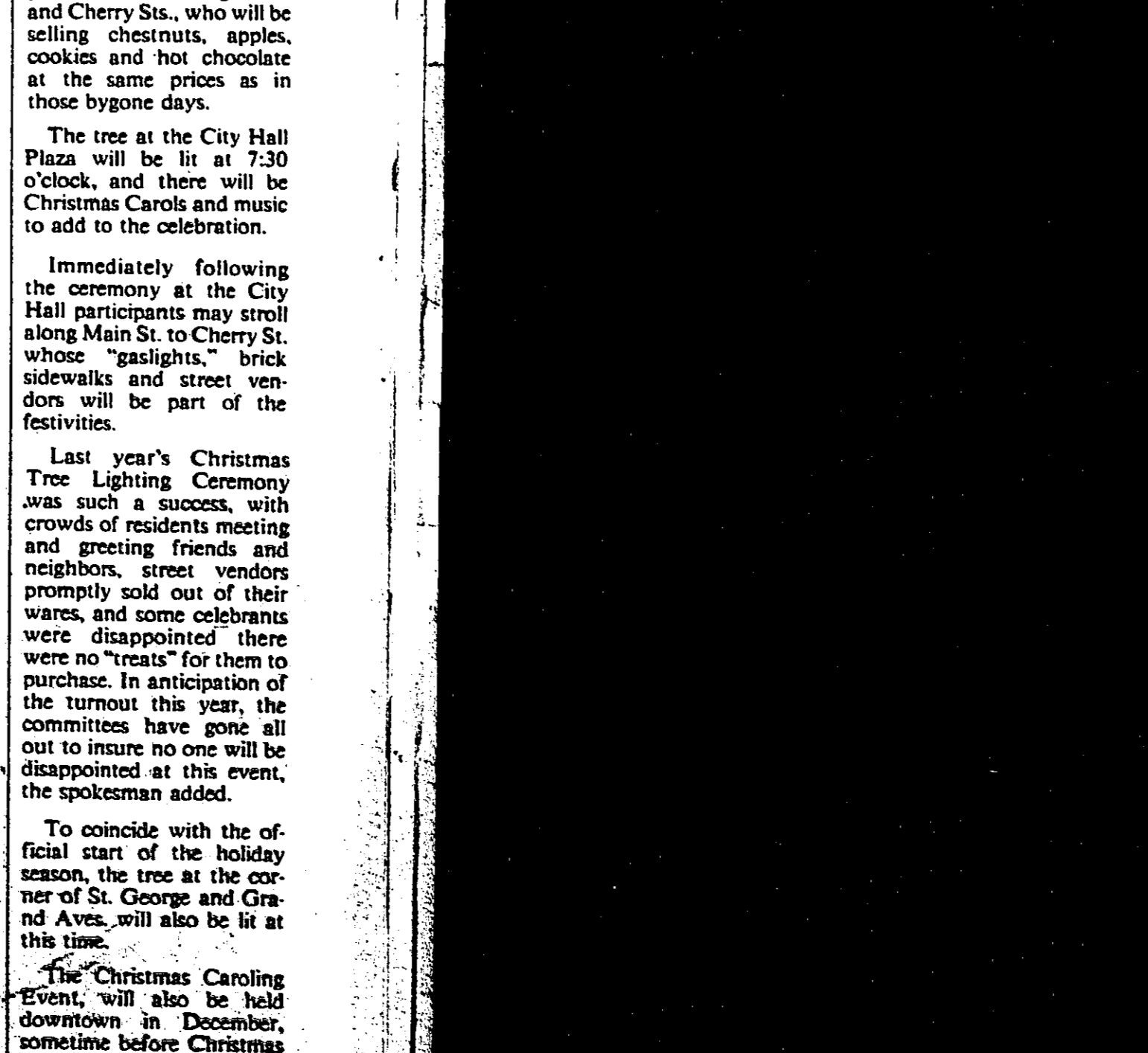
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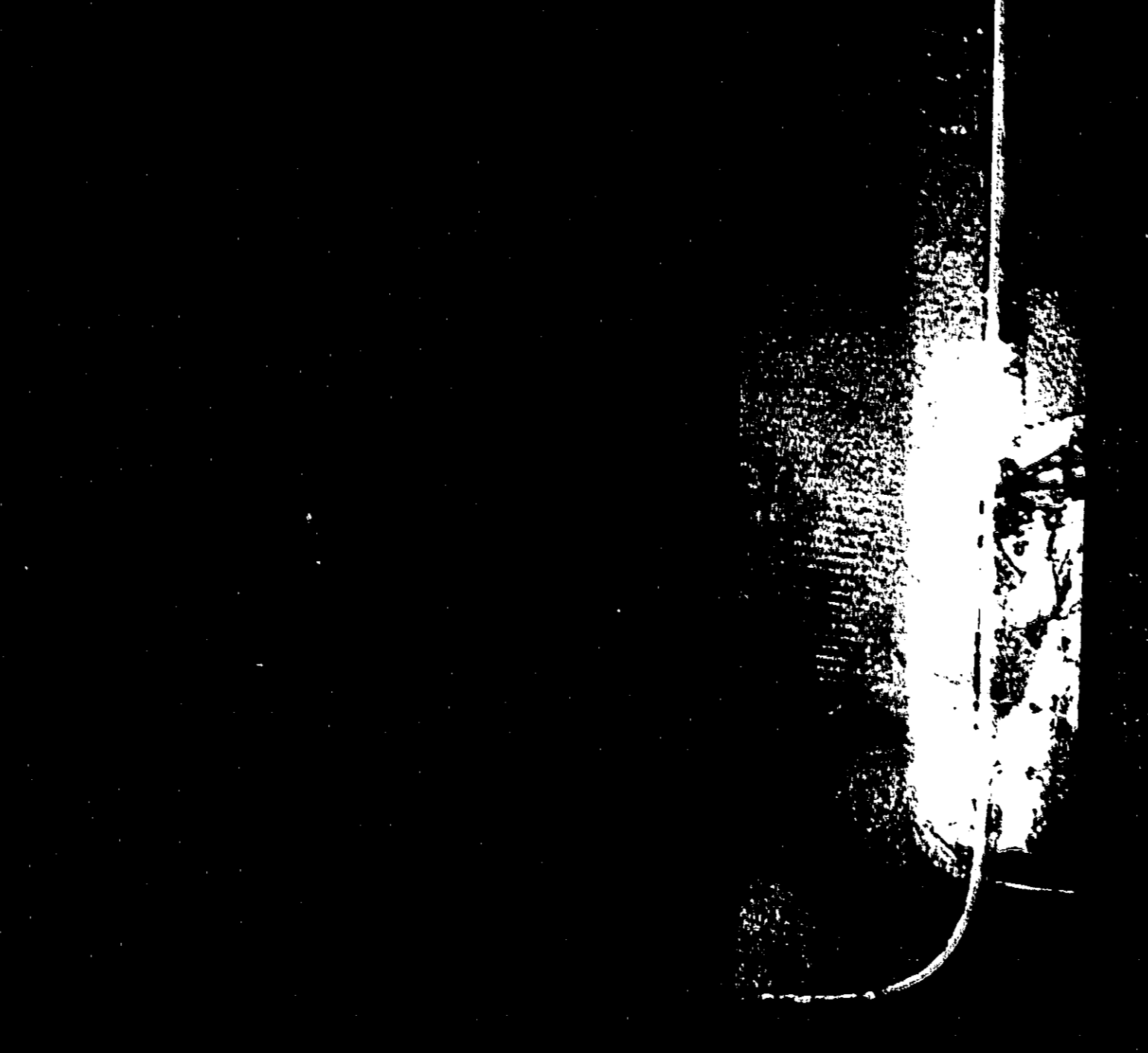
Portrait of a woman, likely related to the wedding or community news.



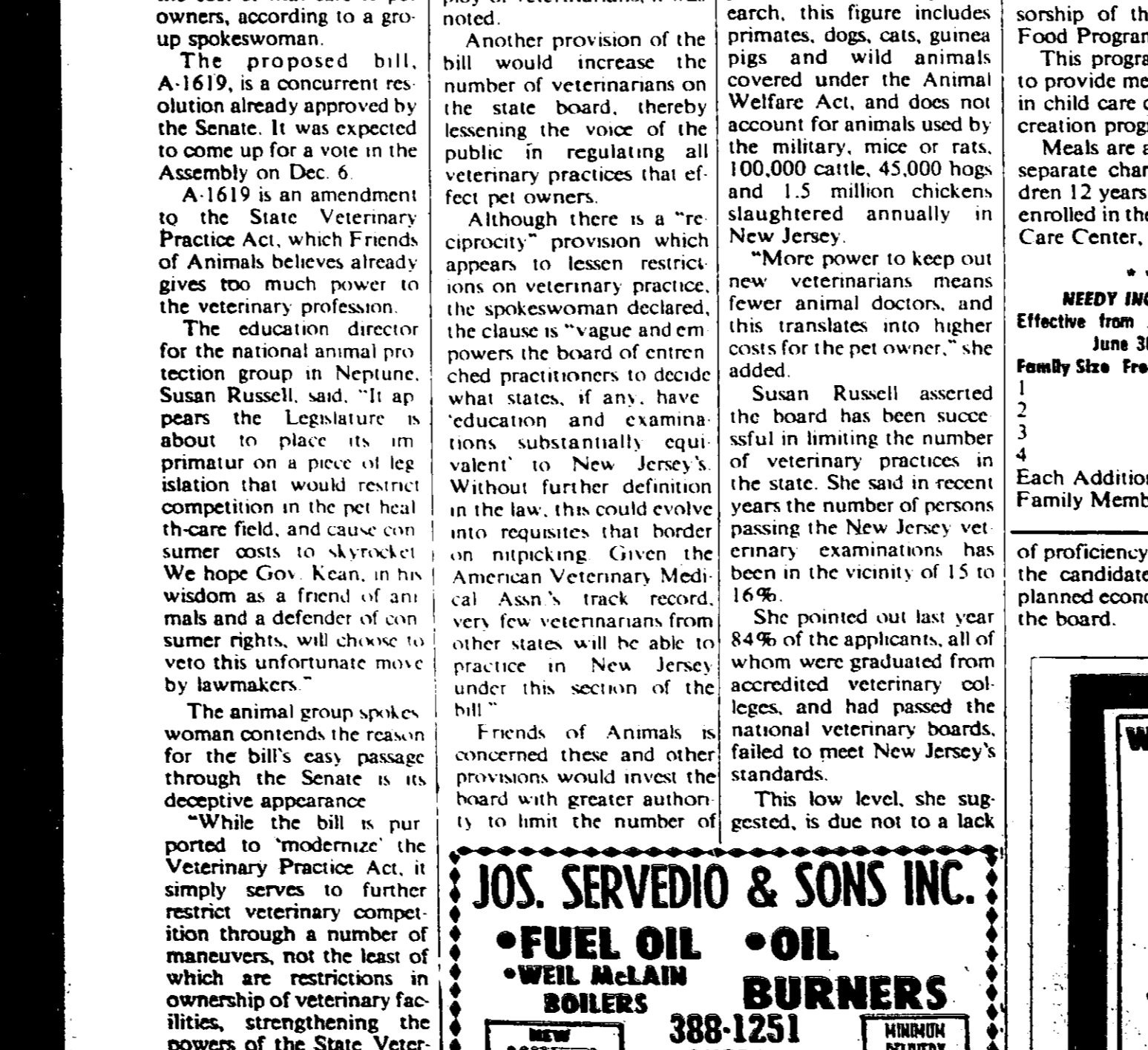
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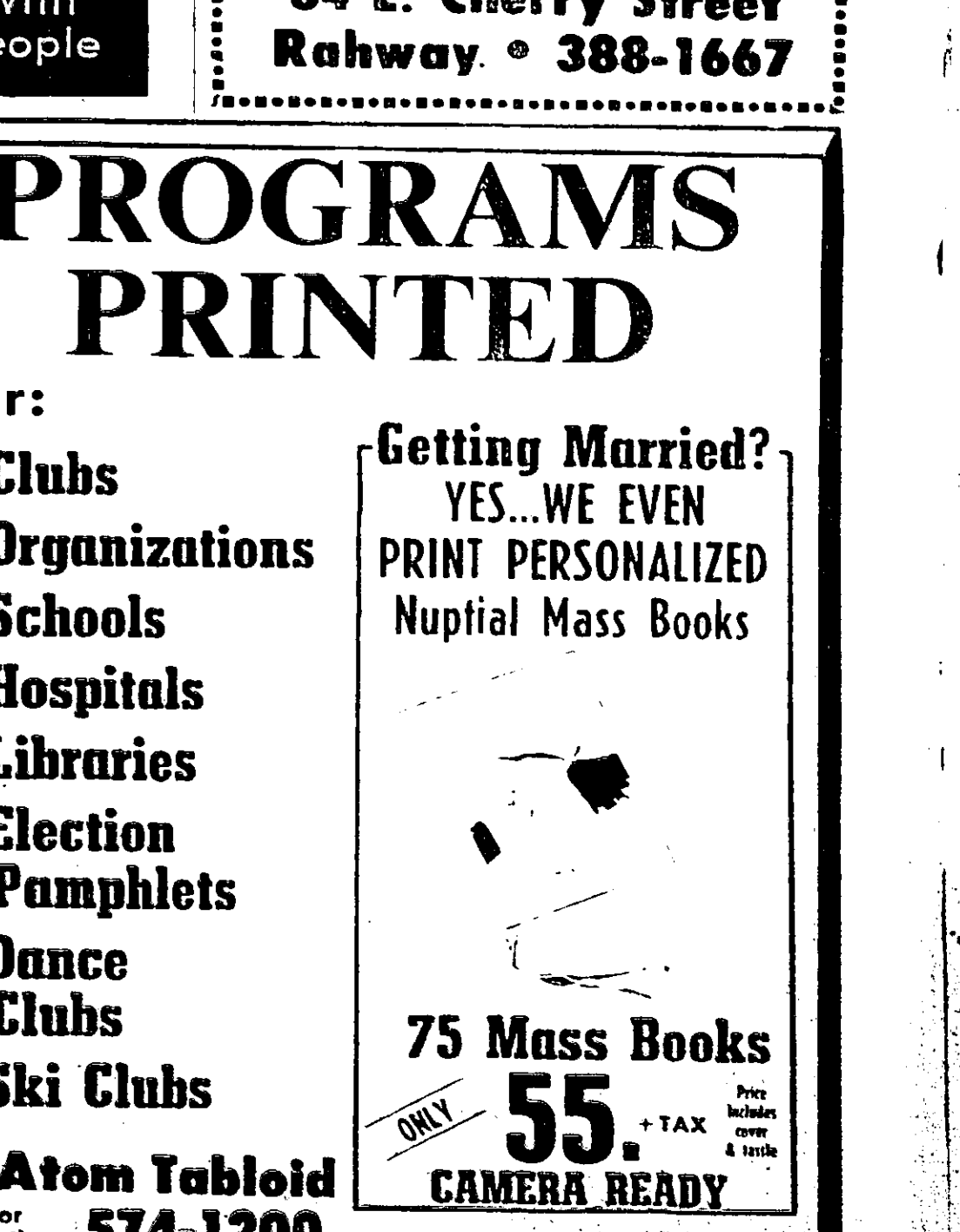
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