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Rahway 'disaster' keeps township squad on toes

In Rahway on Tuesday evening, Nov. 15 a disaster drill staged at the soon-to-be-opened Rahway Geriatric Center gave the Rahway Police and Fire Depts., seven local first aid squads and Rahway Hospital's Mobile Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Center personnel a chance to practice their procedures and evaluate their skills.

According to Lee Lanning, the director of the geriatric center, "This drill was a perfect opportunity for us to test our disaster procedures, which exist at this point only on paper. We felt by conducting a drill prior to the Dec. 1 opening of the geriatric center we could detect any flaws or problems before any employees or patients are in the facility."

This was the first disaster drill held on a community level in Rahway in five years and planning for it first began in August with the following Rahway groups involved: The police and fire departments, the first aid squad, the Office of Emergency Management, the geriatric center and the hospital.

A pivotal part of any disaster drill is having injured "victims" to evaluate and rescue.



BEING PREPARED - Local first aid personnel, left, look on as a "victim" is evaluated in the Rahway Hospital Emergency Center by hospital personnel, Joanne Yates, the nursing supervisor, in cap; Dr. Edgardo Tan, white coat, and unit clerk Barbara Zak, right.

Twenty-two volunteers (Rahway Boy Scouts from Troop No. 100, spouses of squad members and students) met at the geriatric center at 5:30 p.m. and were transformed into convincing "victims" through the skills of the Port Authority Moulage Team, a group of police officers assigned to Newark Airport whose expertise

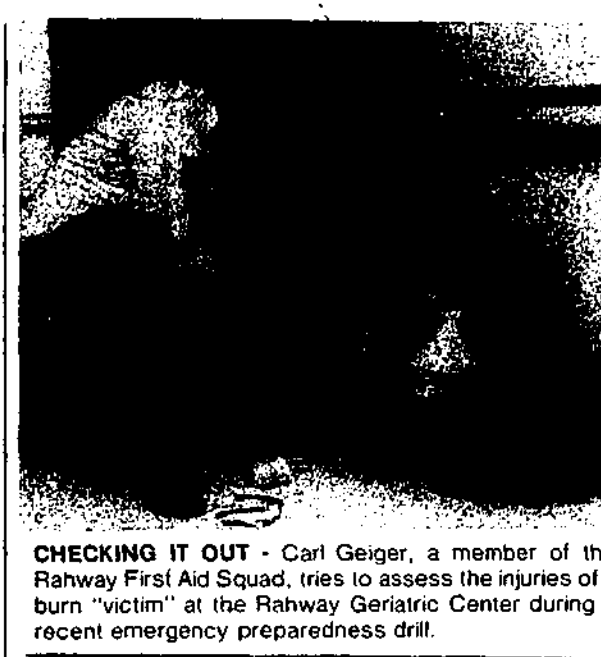
helps groups around the state in staging realistic drills.

By using fake blood, liquid starch and food coloring, Karo syrup and food coloring, Bruno Selzer, which makes wounds bubble; crushed charcoal for burns and an array of fake limbs, they managed to create a very convincing

group of casualties; re: is a spokesman.

The officers also gave each victim instructions on how he or she was to act, depending on the type and seriousness of the injury—instructions like "yell and scream a little and then go into unconsciousness" or "you'll be wandering around dazed, semi-coherent."

After all the victims were



CHECKING IT OUT - Carl Geiger, a member of the Rahway First Aid Squad, tries to assess the injuries of a burn "victim" at the Rahway Geriatric Center during a recent emergency preparedness drill.

made up and briefed, the six most seriously injured were placed in the boiler room, the scene of the supposed explosion. The others were scattered about on the first and second floors.

At 7:30 p.m., the call went out there had been an explosion and fire in the boiler room of the geriatric center. A little over two minutes later the Rahway Fire Dept. reached the scene and set into motion a chain of events that brought in first aid squads from

Rahway, Avenel, Carteret, Clark, Colonia, Linden and Winfield Park and the Mobile Intensive Care Unit and paramedics from the hospital.

Once the first aid squads started arriving the process of locating the wounded and transporting them to the triage area began. Here they were sorted and treated according to a system of priorities designed to maximize the number of survivors. The most seriously injured were the first



BRINGING THEM TO SAFETY - The members of the Rahway Fire Dept. remove the most seriously injured "victims" from the boiler room of the Rahway Geriatric Center during the Nov. 15 drill.

ones transported to the emergency center at the hospital, where a team of physicians, nurses and other personnel was standing by to assess injuries and render immediate treatment.

By 9:30 p.m. the last of the "victims" had arrived at

the hospital, where the Moulage Team was also waiting to retrieve its equipment and join the volunteer "victims" in the hospital's cafeteria for refreshments.

"The value of a drill like this cannot be over-emphasized," stated Don Banghart, the co-ordinator of the Mobile Intensive Care Unit at the hospital. "It really gave us a chance to test all of our systems and personnel on a community level,

so we will be ready should the real thing ever occur."

Lee Lanning agrees. "With so much bad press lately concerning nursing and boarding homes that have ignored safety procedures, we feel this was an excellent opportunity for us to demonstrate our commitment to the absolute safety of employees and the 120 residents who will be here as of Dec. 1."

Choral Club marks jubilee with concert

The Rahway Choral Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Monday, Dec. 12, at 8:15 p.m., when it gives its Annual Christmas Concert at St. Paul's Parish House at 80 Elm Ave., Rahway.

Earle Hartmann is the director and Miss Elizabeth Maury is the accompanist. Former members may attend. Tickets will be available at the door.

It was in the spring of 1933 the Rahway Men's Glee Club and the Rahway Women's Choral Club gave a joint concert under the direction of Melvin Reed. Miss Margaret Collyer served as the accompanist. The chorus was sponsored by the Rahway Elks and proceeds benefited the Crippled Kiddies' Fund of the Elks.

The Men's Glee Club disbanded, but the Women's Choral Club continued giving concerts and was for a time under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Weinheimer. Mr. Hartmann became the director in 1947.

Mrs. Earl Walters accompanied the group for a number of years. Miss Maury, a local piano teacher, has been the accompanist since 1957. She was also a member of the original chorus in 1933.

The Women's Choral Club belonged to the National Federation of Music Clubs and performed many times in the annual festivals of that organization.

For most of the 50 years two concerts were given

annually—one in the spring and the other at Christmas time. The songs have included religious and secular music. A selected group of men interested in singing joined the group at each spring concert making full harmony in the presentation of these tunes, reports a spokeswoman.

In December, 1970 the participating men joined the Women's Choral Club officially and the new club became the Rahway Choral Club. Thomas Cregge is the current president.

A display of past events will be posted at the concert on Dec. 12. Audience carol singing will be included. The chorus will sing "Gloria in Excelsis" by Vivaldi; "Martens, He is Born," a French Christmas carol; "Born in a Manger" by S. Rogers with soprano soloist, Virginia Pierson; Sicilian Bagpipers' Carol" by K. Davis; "The Carol of the Star" by H. Simeone and "Gesu Babe" by P. Yin, with Jean Trolaro, a soprano, as the soloist.

Also: "Angels are Singing" by Coggins; "The Bell Song" by G. Young; "Glad Tidings" by D. Wagner; "It's Christmas, Once Again" by H. Simeone; "Let's Have an Old-Fashioned Christmas" by J. Herman and "The Twelve Days After Christmas" by Frederick Silver.

The concluding number will be "O Holy Night" by

Adolphe Adam with James Timko and Jean Trolaro as the soloists.

The members of the chorus are: Mrs. Constance Brewer, Mr. Cregge, Mrs. Emily DeDecius, Mrs. Doris Dedicus, Mrs. Trolaro, Warren Eggers, Mrs. Ruth Gaydos, Mrs. Nina Gibb, John Hopkins, Miss Linda Jackson, Mrs. Janice Witheridge, Mrs. Astrid Johannessen, Mrs. Jean Laughlin, Mrs. Judi Munsie, Mrs. Virginia Pierson, Mrs. Eileen Reynolds, Mrs. Mitsy Richards, James Smith, Mrs. Alberta Smith, Mrs. Marj Spidel, Miss Ivy Storch, Mrs. Helen Timko and James Timko.

Clark to open its tax books

The Clark tax assessment book will be open to the public for inspection at the Clark Municipal Building on Tuesday, Dec. 13, and Wednesday, Dec. 14, between 9 and 11:30 a.m., reports Theresa R. Enright, the tax assessor.



Mr. Cilento 'SHARES' for future

A Clark student, Alexander Cilento, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander C. Cilento of 48 Rutgers Rd., is participating this semester in the SHARE program sponsored by Locomotive College's Career Development Center of Williamsport, Pa.

The SHARE program (Students Having A Real Experience) provides students with a work experience that assists them in selecting a career. Each student with an interest in a certain field is matched with a person already working successfully in that career.

Mr. Cilento's sponsor is a personnel director of Koppers Co., Inc.'s Sprout Waldron Division. He is sharing the sponsor's daily activities for three to four hours a week for six weeks. During this time, the student is observing and performing assigned tasks that reveal the "ups and downs" of that field.

By participating in SHARE, he will have the opportunity to test a career and apply theories learned in class to practical problems found in the world of work. In addition, he is becoming a more attractive candidate to prospective employers by broadening his range of experiences, reports a college spokesman.

The senior business administration and economics major is one of more than 30 students involved in SHARE during the fall.



CRITICAL ATTENTION - Mike Eckert, a member of the Rahway First Aid Squad, kneels over "victim," Kevin Monahan, a junior in-service volunteer from Rahway Hospital, to evaluate his injuries during the recent emergency preparedness drill.

College cites Miss Macaluso

A Clark student, Kathleen Macaluso, was awarded a Union College Foundation Scholarship on Nov. 17 at a luncheon hosted by the foundation at the college's Cranford campus.

She will receive \$800 a year, which will cover full-time tuition and fees at the college. The stipend are awarded for a two-year period.

This year's recipients were designated "Jubilee Foundation Scholars" in honor of the celebration of the college's 50th anniversary.

They were selected based on academic achievement on the Scholastic Aptitude Test for having a combined score of at least 1,000 or on the basis of their artistic or specialized talent.



NEW PLACE IN HISTORY - Clark Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage, right, congratulated the Clark Historical Society on being the recipient of a national award conferred by the American Assn. for State and Local History of Nashville. The award acknowledges and commends the outstanding achievements of the Clark Historical Society in the restoration of the Dr. William Robinson Plantation Museum in Clark. At the Township Council meeting on Nov. 21, 1983, James Mumford,

second from right, and George Robinson were presented a resolution by Council publicly acclaiming and congratulating the society for its achievements. This award is the only one to have been presented in the United States. The only other was made in Canada. At the presentation, left to right, are: Council President Joseph Pozniak, Mrs. Lynn Mumford, Mr. Mumford, the president of the Clark Historical Society and Mayor Yarusavage.