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## Waste-plant tour 'sells' resource recovery

By R.R. Faszczewski  
Rahway residents on a bus tour to the Signal-RESCO resource-recovery plant in Peckskill, N.Y., on May 2 were concerned about the number of jobs a similar plant proposed for Rahway, off Rte. No. 1 near Lawrence St., would provide and the effect of increased traffic from garbage trucks bringing trash from Union County's 21 municipalities into the city would have on their lives.

As on trips to the plant, which converts garbage to steam for electricity, taken earlier this year most of those attending were made aware Union County and the state face a crisis situation when it comes to a place to dispose of garbage. On the May 2 excursion it was pointed out by Joseph Coleman, a partner in the public relations firm of Coleman & Pallet, which has been hired by Union County to run an educational program on resource recovery for Rahway and other county residents, the state at one time had over 360 landfill sites and by last year that number had decreased to 11.

A few of those on the trip had lived near the old Rahway city dump, which was located near the proposed site of the Union County resource-recovery plant, and they said they were aware of the smell and other irritations caused by having an open landfill nearby—along with the fire hazard.

Those who had lived near landfills were very receptive to an alternative such as resource-recovery before the tour of the Peckskill facility, which disposes of 2,250 tons of municipal solid waste daily and generates enough electricity for 40,000 homes.

They were more supportive of the process after touring the Westchester County facility.

According to Richard Felago, the project manager for the Peckskill plant, who fielded questions on the facility, trucks enter the

plant and dump their refuse into a pit, where it is taken by overhead cranes to incineration furnaces to be burned at 2,700 to 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit and turned into ash which has had most of the pollutants removed.

Mr. Felago added the burning process destroys most of the combustible hydrocarbons in the trash, and the plant maintains a "negative pressure" ventilation system that prevents odors from escaping.

He noted emissions into the air are also odorless, invisible and non-hazardous.

On the tour of the plant itself there was only the smell of garbage in an observation area above the pit where the trash is actually brought in and an even slighter hint of a garbage-burning smell near the furnaces themselves.

There was no objection to the plant itself that was used for garbage incineration, except for the trucks, which were covered securely when they entered and carefully weighed.

Mr. Felago also pointed out workers stationed in observation areas high above the pit where the trash is brought in can get an overview of the entire dumping operation both with their own eyesight and with computerized monitors so any attempt to truck in potentially hazardous waste would be detected fairly quickly.

Over the almost two years the Peckskill facility has been in operation, the spokesman said, only once or twice has anything on a list of precluded substances ever entered and in those few instances it was removed rapidly.

Furthermore, he added, any hauler who brings in any of the prohibited substances may not be able to use the facility again.

Electrostatic precipitators remove most of the visible precipitants from the burning process and, according to the project manager, New Jersey's strict air-pollution standards would

force any contractor who builds a plant in this state to construct the facility to remove most of the acid gases, including 90 percent of the hydrogen chloride.

The New York laws do not require the strict acid gas removal facilities that are required in New Jersey and California, it was pointed out.

Mr. Felago explained the Peckskill plant has also been improved in two areas where problems had been found in an older operation owned by Signal-RESCO in Saugus, Mass.

First, a pit which catches the byproduct of the burning process cuts down on ash which had been lying around from trucks loaded right after the completion of the process in Saugus, and the air circulation system at Peckskill was re-structured substantially from that at Saugus to further improve on the elimination of possible pollutants.

Signal-RESCO, which has a total of five of the plants in operation, or under construction, including facilities in Florida, Baltimore and North Andover, Mass., in addition to the Peckskill and Saugus facilities, is one of six firms trying to contract for the Union County project.

Mr. Felago estimated the Union County plant would provide about 1,200 jobs during the construction phase and about 55 permanent jobs.

At present Union County trucks most of the 475,000 tons of garbage it produces annually to a single Middlesex County landfill and the state has sued Union County for not moving fast enough to resolve its garbage problems.

Meanwhile, Carteret is seeking approval from Middlesex County to build its own resource-recovery plant, which might present an alternative disposal site for Union County.

Mr. Coleman told the tour participants the best way for Rahway to have control over the truck traf-

fic and to get the financial benefits of a resource-recovery facility would be to have Union County use one constructed in Rahway. Rahway officials have said the city would get the truck traffic from a Carteret plant without getting any of the financial benefits.

Mr. Coleman told The Rahway News-Record Rahway officials would be able to negotiate financial benefits, such as payments by the facility in lieu of taxes and aesthetics to surround the facility itself, only if the plant were to be built in the city.

Unlike the Peckskill facility, however, the one proposed for Rahway would only handle about 1,200 tons of garbage daily. The Westchester County plant is situated along the picturesque banks of the Hudson River, just down the river from the Indian Point nuclear power plant.

Except for a 200-foot tall stack the facility looks very much like an office building. However, the Signal-RESCO plant in Maryland is close to mid-town Baltimore and has been constructed to fit in with the redesigning of the city's harbor and other rehabilitation.

Although the survey on the May 2 tour was an informal sampling, Mr. Coleman took a formal survey and the results of that effort are expected to be known shortly.

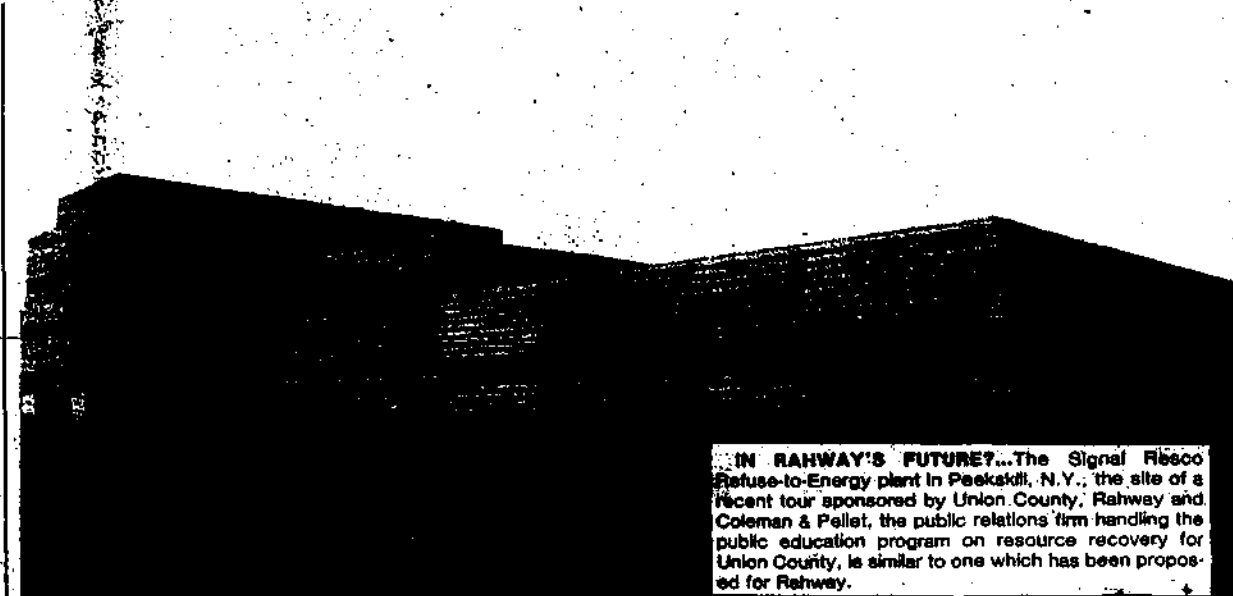
One of the peculiar things about trash, in general, is that it requires very little argument to support itself.

### Clark veterans plan Memorial rites

The Clark Central Veterans Committee, consisting of the American Legion, Clark Post, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, John L. Ruddy Post, met at the Clark Post to discuss the Memorial Day Program to be held on Monday, May 27.

The following officers are arranging the program: From Clark Post No. 328, Comm. John Specht, Senior Vice Comm. Donald McArtale, Adjutant Ray Grimes, and Past Comm. Joseph Rybak; and from the Veterans of Foreign Wars: Comm. Norman Slink, Senior Vice Comm. William Hofschneider, Junior Vice Comm. Don Black and Chaplain Ralph White.

The veterans of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars invited all organizations in Clark which would like to get involved and to participate in this program to contact any member of the committee at their respective posts.



IN RAHWAY'S FUTURE...The Signal-RESCO Refuse-to-Energy plant in Peckskill, N.Y., the site of a recent tour sponsored by Union County, Rahway and Coleman & Pallet, the public relations firm handling the public education program on resource recovery for Union County, is similar to one which has been proposed for Rahway.

## Three Dem committee viers run off organization line

By R.R. Faszczewski  
In the Primary Elections on Tuesday, June 4 in addition to choosing candidates from the Democratic and Republican parties for governor, assemblyman, freholder councilman and state committee township residents will also select a man and a woman from each of the 16 election districts in Clark to represent them on the local level as members of the county party committees.

There are no challenges in either party, although there are a few districts where no nomination was made, and in the Democratic Party there are a few candidates not running on the organization line.

On the GOP side there were no nominations made in the First Ward, Third District, and for the male posts in the Third Ward, Fourth District and in the Fourth Ward, First District.

A male Democrat did not file a petition to run in the Fourth Ward, Second District. Running as Regular Democrat incumbents rather than on the Regular Democratic Organization of Union County line will be William J. Clancy of 74 Stonehenge Terr. in the First Ward, Third District, and Councilman-at-Large and Mrs. Bernard B. Hayden in the Second Ward, Fourth District.

In the districts where no one filed a write-in candidate will be eligible to win the seats. The remainder of the candidates, listed with the Republicans first and the Democrats second, in ward and district order, follow:

**REPUBLICAN**  
George B. Ebe, 140 Briarheath Ln., Grace Ln. Ebe, 140 Briarheath Ln., Charles E. Grunder, Jr., 69 Rutgers Rd., Gloria Ann Kopp, 29 Conner Way, Andrew Boytos, 48 Skyline Dr., Dobros Boytos, 48 Skyline Dr., Daniel B. Marshall, 65 James Ave., Carol J. Roe, 25 Sunset Dr., James A. Smith, 803 Featherbed Ln., Beatrice S. Smith, 803 Featherbed Ln., William A. Anderson, 35

Emerald Pl., Jean Anderson, 35 Emerald Pl., Nelson Korn, 35 Emerald Pl., Frances Dr. Gloria M. Oyater, 461 Taylor, 319 West La., Ruth De Luca, 319 West La., Bernard G. Varasavage, 21 Linda Ln., Carene Sanguiliano, 500 Parkway Dr., John R. Schneider, 1130 Maurice Ave., Evelyn Kassinger, 28 Colonial Dr., Pauline Yarem, 74 Joseph St., Rose Montefusco, 6 Prospect St., James E. Kehoe, 45 Wendell Pl., Barbara Bodnar, 622 Madison Hill Rd., Carmine R. Cristiani, 5 Ivy St., Gloria Cristiani, 5 Ivy St., and Brian P. Taylor, 319 West La., Virginia Neuhaus, 275 Madison Hill Rd.

### Township to give free dairy goods

Clark will be participating in the federal dairy program by giving to those Clark residents who qualify mix commodities consisting of flour and dry skim milk, reports Mayor George G. Nucera.

The distribution of the commodities will take place on Thursday, May 9 between noon and 4 p.m. at the Charles Brewer School Complex—side entrance of complex, at the senior citizen center.

Mrs. Lois Siessel, township welfare director, stated those who are eligible to receive the flour and milk are persons who receive aid to families with dependent children, Medicaid Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or food stamps or who participate in Women, Infants and Children program (WIC). They qualify with those whose income falls within 185 percent of federal poverty guidelines.

Mrs. Siessel announced seniors who participate in the Pharmaceutical Assistance Program for the Aged (PAA) will not be automatically eligible for surplus federal commodities. Because of a ruling by the United States Dept. of Agriculture New Jersey was forced to drop PAA as an automatic eligibility category for commodities before it could conduct any further distributions.

Mrs. Siessel, who is the mayor's co-ordinator of the commodity distribution program for Clark, advised eligible seniors they will need to either bring proof of their income or participation in one of the above-mentioned programs, or be prepared to sign a self-certification form attesting to their income in order to receive the commodities.

Under the 185 percent poverty guidelines a single senior may have an annual income of up to \$9,213 and a couple may have an income of \$12,432.

**DEMOCRAT**  
A. Charles Walano, 265 Oak Ridge Rd., Lillian B. Krov, 51 Woodland Rd., Carmine Giordano, 101 Rutgers Rd., Theresa Minetti, 60 Conger Way, Patricia A. Clancy, 74 Stonehenge Terr., Jerome

### Hopefuls told release dates

ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE TUESDAY, JUNE 4 PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND THOSE WISHING TO COMMENT ON THE CAMPAIGNS.

The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will publish their election advance issues on THURSDAY, MAY 30. All biographies and pictures of the candidates which they would like to appear in the advance issues should be in the hands of the editor at 319 Central Ave., Rahway, N.J. 07065 NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 AT 5 P.M.

ALL CANDIDATES OR THOSE WRITING ON THE CAMPAIGNS WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO ONE-AND-A-HALF-PAGE NEWS RELEASES—TYPED

AND TRIPLE SPACE-PER WEEK DURING THE CAMPAIGN. In order to give candidates a chance to respond to any charges made by those opposing their views, NO CHARGES WILL BE ACCEPTED LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MAY 16 FOR PUBLICATION IN THE THURSDAY, MAY 23, EDITIONS.

THERE WILL BE ALL SOLICITING NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE DEADLINES, except in the case of an election cancellation, in which event the editor will have complete discretion as to which deadlines to impose and he will decide which material to use.

ALL RELEASES MUST FOLLOW THE AFFIDAVIT RULES PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPERS.

Goll, 109 Thomas Dr., Ann N. Murch, 347 Madison Hill Rd., Louis B. Mezzo, 45 Coldwin Rd., Edlen Mezzo, 45 Coldwin Rd., Marc Klemptist, 138 Lexington Blvd., Virginia Huska, 24 Cutler Pl., Sandford Krasky, 191-1 Gibson Blvd., Harriet O. Krasky, 191-1 Gibson Blvd., Joseph A. Foerst, 5 Crescent Parkway, Donna Mohyle, Fernia, 102 Glenwood Terr., Thomas M. Dunn, 29 Malvern Dr., Patricia A. Dunn, 29 Malvern Dr.,

### Papers set holiday deadline

The offices of The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

So that our staff members may enjoy the holiday, ALL COPY FOR THE THURSDAY, MAY 30, EDITION OF THE NEWSPAPERS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE

EDITOR, AT 219 CENTRAL AVE., RAHWAY, N.J. 07065 NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 22.

Any copy brought in after the deadline will automatically be held for the following week's newspapers.



STRIKE UP BAND...Five sixth-grade students from the Carl Kumpf School in Clark were accepted into the Elementary Honors Band by the Central Jersey Music Educators' Assn. This announcement was made by Mrs. Joann Kempton, elementary music instructor, left. Principals David H. Hart, right, and John L. Ruddy, top-rated musicians for being selected for this honor. The band members, from right, are: Nicole Jacobs and Michael Fucato, back row; Frank Pappalardo, Nicole and Thomas, Meier. They will perform in the regional concert at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles on Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m. One of the guest conductors at the special event will be Mrs. Lemenille, who will lead the honors band in "The Willing All Overture."