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Change in school election date said good for voters, officials

Everyone talks about the weather. . . now New Jersey is doing something about it, reports spokesmen for the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education.

Inclement weather has long been blamed for past years' success at annual school elections, which up until this year were held during the latter winter months. However, legislation was signed last year in October moving the date of school board and budget elections to the first Tuesday in April.

The new election date falls closer to the deadline for finalizing budgets for the coming school year.

For the first time elections for both regional and regional districts will be held on the same day. Previously, voters who reside in both had to vote on separate days for each level of district election.

Members elected April 3 will not take office until the district organizational meeting in May.

This six-week legislative period allows time for the senior board members to make budget, staffing and other decisions based on their experience with the district's needs and

City voters face two referenda, as five seek School Board terms

By R.R. Fanczewski

Five candidates will be vying for the three seats open on the Rahway Board of Education at the election on Tuesday, April 3.

City voters will also cast ballots on \$6,981,093 to be raised by taxation in support of the 1979-1980 current expense budget and \$237,567 in support of capital outlay.

In addition, two referenda will be on the ballot. One asks whether the Board will be authorized to spend of field bonds. The other asks whether the school body may spend up to \$150,000 for parking and recreational parking.

The candidates are: James J. Pulciner, 3000 S. St. Louis, is seeking his second term on the body.

James R. Colquhoun of 1966 is seeking his first term on the board.

Mr. Pulciner is the president of the Citizens Youth Recreation Committee.

Mr. Colquhoun is the president of the Rahway Education Association.

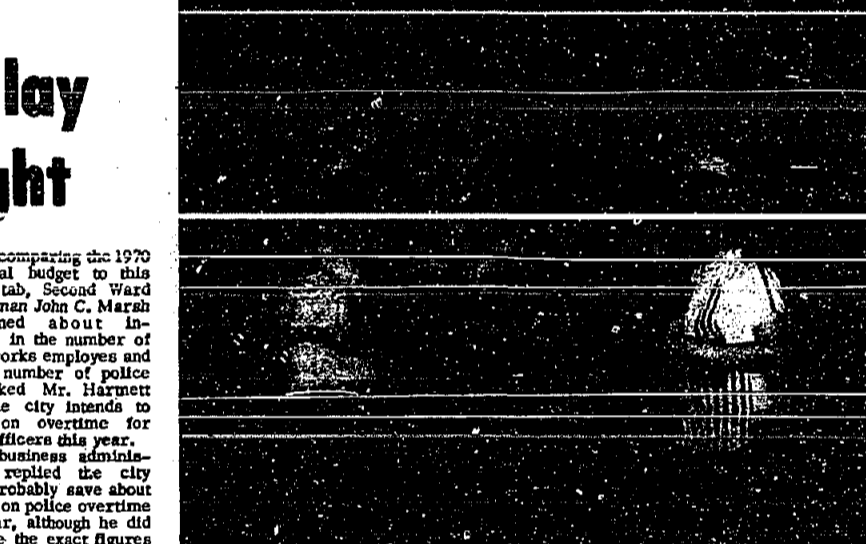
He is also a member of a parent-teacher organization of St. Agnes School in Clark.

Completing his 18th year on the Board in Louis R. Rizzo. He served as its president from 1963 to 1968 and from 1977 to last year. He was vice president for four terms and has chaired a number of Board committees.

Mr. Rizzo is the president of Town Hardware, Inc. of Clark.

Seeking a seat on the Board for the second year is a new Mr. Ronald C. Stansbury of 1343 Stone St. He came in fifth, but trailed the nearest victor by only 14 votes last year.

Please see pictures of the candidates on page 3



State aid amendments delay budget adoption to tonight

By R.R. Fanczewski

Amendments to the 1979 Rahway municipal budget which would change the amount of state aid from \$3,280,550 to \$3,330,000 will be introduced by the Rahway City Council March 21.

The change in the appropriation figure would also change the revenue total by the same amount.

Changes in the budget include \$68,450 in various aid anticipated from the state Dept. of Community Affairs and a total of \$5,416 in funds from the Public Health City Funding Act of 1977.

The \$76,866 increase provides health services to handicapped children.

The services to Clark are expected to provide \$4,550 of the funds and those in Wallfield are expected to result in \$60.

Business Administrator Joseph M. Harman explained the budget will mean approximately an eight-percent increase for the local portion of the budget. A 20-percent increase for the school budget and a 30-percent increase for the county budget for a total increase of 33 points.

Citing what he said were

Sideliners urge support for fieldhouse revamp

The Rahway Board of Education has placed a maximum bid of \$1,000,000 for the renovation and expansion of the fieldhouse at Veterans Memorial Field, and it has the support of the Sideliners Club of Rahway.

"We are asking for citizen support by voting yes. True the price has increased over the years, but the need still exists. Our football and baseball programs have grown tremendously and the fieldhouse is not big enough to gather at half-time or to store equipment. The Citizens Youth Recreation Committee and many community-minded merchants and businessmen. On behalf of the Sideliners, we encourage you to vote yes on referendum question No. 1 for the fieldhouse," the Sideliner president concluded.

Baseball field repairs authorized by Board

By R.R. Fanczewski

Repairs to the baseball diamond at Rahway Veterans Memorial Field because of damage caused by flooding were authorized by the Board of Education March 19.

Mayor Daniel L. Martin pointed out that the field has been in poor condition for some time. He said the Board also authorized a contract for window and door replacements in city school No. 1 for \$10,000 and an additional bid of \$12,000 at another portion of the project.

Accepting the resignation of Lewis J. Davis, executive of Rahway Junior High School, effective March 21.

Approved Kenneth Thomas, candidate at Colman School, to return to disability effective Friday, June 1.

Recognized the members of the Rahway High School Basketball Team and their managers and coaches for winning their second consecutive Washington Conference National Division championship.

Cited members of the high school varsity bowling team for capturing the conference championship and finishing in third place in the county and state tournaments.

Congratulated Gerald White, Tyrone Butler and Thomas Seiler for their achievements in state and regional wrestling championships.

Accepted the resignation of Robert B. Markey, executive director of the Y.M.C.A. There will be exhibit booths set up with the latest in home improvement products and service offered by local businessmen. The show is offered in conjunction with the National Assn. of Restorers Private Property Week - Sunday to Saturday, April 15 to 21.

at the school.

She is also active in church affairs as a member of the Friendship Baptist Church of Rahway and the Nurses' Unit Women's Auxiliary, Gospel Chorus and an advisor on the Youth Choir.

She served as the president of the Rahway Jaycees from 1975 to 1976 and was voted the outstanding president of the state Jaycees-ettes last year.

She received the Boy Scouts Award, the highest honor bestowed by the state Jaycees-ettes, last year.

She is a member of the Citizens Youth Recreation Committee on the Board, resident at 363 Koenig St. She is a Republican city commissioner in Rahway.

A life-long resident of the city, she is a graduate of Rahway High School and has a bachelor of arts degree in education. She is a substitute teacher at St. James School in Woodbridge and a former substitute teacher in the city school system.

A member of the Citizens Youth Recreation Committee, she is a girls' softball coach for the group. She also serves on the Union County Board of Education and is a former member of the St. Mark's Parish Council of Rahway.

There were approximately 14,000 registered voters in the city for the last General Election in November.

She has been employed at the school for 14 years. In 1976 she was voted the Most Outstanding Employee of St. Agnes School in Clark.

Board asks state to approve summer school

By R.R. Fanczewski

An application for a state-approved summer school for grades six to 12 will be submitted this year, thanks to a resolution adopted by the Rahway Board of Education March 18.

Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunette explained the application to the Board's action is to have a program, but is necessary to state state approval. In a resolution, he asked the school body to approve any specific program they want later.

Board member, Louis G. Koch, the chairman of the committee, announced the Board has reached an impasse in negotiations with the Rahway Education Assn. because they believe certain contract language may be illegal as a recent court decision.

He added the school body and the association are "far apart" on a number of key agreements and the changes will be made in the name of a state mediator.

In other action, Board members approved the resignation of Mrs. Christine Hadden and Mrs. Christine Lauer for the 1979-1980 school year in connection with the resignation of Mrs. Frances Bush, who is on child-rearing leave.

Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Rose Ann Palmer as clerk-optic for the junior high school volunteer tutor program, effective March 10.

Decided not to appoint Mrs. Janet Walker as 12-month clerk-optic in the office of student personnel services.

Hired Harry Retore for standby duty for Saturday, 16-school suspension at the high school for \$8 per day worked.

GOP taps DiFrancesco for Senate

The Republican endorsement for the State Senate candidate in the race to succeed State Sen. Paul J. McDonough, 3rd in the 2nd District, which includes Rahway and Clark, was won by the party's initial-convention March 24, by Assemblyman Donald J. DiFrancesco of Scotch Plains.

Assemblyman DiFrancesco, one of the two assemblymen from the district, declared the other assemblyman, William J. Maguire of Clark, AG-14, Assemblyman Maguire will now seek re-election with Robert Franka, 27, of Berkeley Heights, who was chosen for the other assembly post after three ballots.

Rahway State Ward Councilman James J. Pulciner was defeated in his bid for the Assembly membership.

Bids given to three on City Hall

The Rahway City Council in a special March 19 session, awarded bids to three contractors for work on the new City Hall-Police Headquarters complex.

A \$440,000 contract for structural steel was given to Sabers Construction Co. of White Plains, N.Y., a plumbing contract to \$207,770 to the City of Newark and MAR Mechanical Contracting, Inc. of Highlands was given the heating, ventilating and air conditioning contract for \$28,851.

Should Uncle Sam control your mail box?

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LEADING THE WAY

New Jersey Human Services Commissioner Mrs. Ann H. Hagan, visited Highland's Mahberg Hospital, a 13-bed inpatient psychiatric center last week at the request of Assemblyman Maguire, who represents Rahway and Clark. Mrs. Hagan, who is also a member of the state legislature, was accompanied by other staff members from the state Department of Human Services. The visit was a part of a tour of the facility. The center is a 13-bed inpatient psychiatric center. The visit was a part of a tour of the facility. The center is a 13-bed inpatient psychiatric center. The visit was a part of a tour of the facility.

ON WITH THE SHOW

The Rahway Board of Restorers, which also includes members from Clark, will sponsor a home improvement show at the Rahway Young Men's Christian Assn. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 21, 22. The chairman of the event, Robert B. Markey, is shown, right, discussing it with Donald R. Keene, executive director of the Y.M.C.A. There will be exhibit booths set up with the latest in home improvement products and service offered by local businessmen. The show is offered in conjunction with the National Assn. of Restorers Private Property Week - Sunday to Saturday, April 15 to 21.

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Is your own mailbox yours or Uncle Sam's?

Have you ever gone around distributing anything that is against the law to place anything in the mailbox? If you have, you are in violation of the law. The mailbox is yours, but it is also Uncle Sam's. The law says that if you put anything in the mailbox that is against the law, you are in violation of the law. This includes anything that is obscene, libelous, or defamatory. It also includes anything that is a threat or a bribe. If you are caught doing this, you could be fined or imprisoned. So, think twice before you put anything in the mailbox. It might be yours, but it might also be Uncle Sam's.

Letters to the editor

Mr. Vogel: County probe of city should be made
 I have constantly demanded respect for the people's money. The people have a right to know about the management of their money. It is not just the city's money, it is the people's money. The city officials should be held accountable for how they spend it. A probe into the city's finances is long overdue. The people deserve to know if their money is being spent wisely and if the city is being run in their best interests.

Energy shortage needs bolder steps to stop it

President Jimmy Carter's promise of "bold new steps" to deal with the energy shortage comes some two years too late for most Americans. The energy crisis is still here, and it is getting worse. We need more aggressive action now. We need to explore all possible energy sources, including nuclear power. We need to improve our energy efficiency. We need to do whatever it takes to get us out of this crisis. The time for bold action is now.

County aides address fire unit

At the recent monthly guest speakers were from the Firemen's Wives Assn. The meeting was held at the County Office Building. The speakers discussed the challenges of being a fireman's wife and the importance of community support. The meeting was well-attended and provided a valuable opportunity for the wives to share their experiences and concerns.

School lunch menus

WEEK OF APRIL 1
RAILWAY JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS
ARTHUR L. JOHNSON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
MONDAY
 Lunches No. 1: Grilled cheese sandwich, French fries, vegetable soup, and fruit.
 Lunches No. 2: Chili dog on hamburger roll, French fries, vegetable soup, and fruit.
TUESDAY
 Lunches No. 1: Veal parmigiano on soft roll, French fries, vegetable soup, and fruit.
 Lunches No. 2: Hot mushroomed beef on soft roll, French fries, vegetable soup, and fruit.
WEDNESDAY
 Lunches No. 1: Macaroni with meat sauce, Italian bread and butter, vegetable soup, and fruit.
 Lunches No. 2: Hot mushroomed beef on soft roll, French fries, vegetable soup, and fruit.
THURSDAY
 Lunches No. 1: Veal parmigiano on soft roll, French fries, vegetable soup, and fruit.
 Lunches No. 2: Hot mushroomed beef on soft roll, French fries, vegetable soup, and fruit.
FRIDAY
 Lunches No. 1: Pizza pie, French fries, vegetable soup, and fruit.
 Lunches No. 2: Hot mushroomed beef on soft roll, French fries, vegetable soup, and fruit.

Miss Forsa wins award

Dr. Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School senior, Miss Laura Forsa, has won the award for the best student body officer. She was recognized for her leadership and dedication to her school and community. Miss Forsa has been an active member of the student body and has worked hard to improve the school environment for all students.

City Federal enters commercial paper field

The commercial paper market is a new area of activity for City Federal Savings and Loan Association. The bank has entered this market to provide a wider range of services to its customers. Commercial paper is a short-term debt instrument that is sold in large denominations. It is used by corporations to raise funds for their operations. City Federal's entry into this market is a sign of its growth and expansion.

Legion unit plans meeting on April 4

The American Legion Post No. 1228 of the City of Newark is planning a meeting on April 4. The meeting will be held at the Legion building and will discuss the activities of the post for the coming year. The meeting is open to all members of the post and is an important opportunity for them to get together and discuss the future of the Legion.

PSE&G earnings hit \$40.1 million mark

A spokesman for Public Service Electric and Gas Co. reported March 28 that the utility's earnings for the first two months of 1979 were \$40.1 million, or 20.5 cents a share. This is a significant increase from the same period last year. The increase is due to higher rates and improved operational efficiency. PSE&G's strong performance is a testament to the company's commitment to providing reliable and efficient utility services.

Mayor Mancino cited at testimonial dinner

The chairman of the Democratic nomination for the City of Newark, Mayor Joseph P. Mancino, was cited at a testimonial dinner. The dinner was held in honor of Mayor Mancino's leadership and contributions to the city. The testimonial was given by a group of community leaders and officials who praised Mayor Mancino's dedication to the city and his efforts to improve the lives of its residents.

High school appoints education improvement units

The formulation of educational improvement units is a key priority for the Board of Education. The board has appointed several units to study and report on ways to improve the quality of education in the district. These units will focus on areas such as curriculum development, teacher training, and student assessment. The board is committed to ensuring that all students receive a high-quality education and are prepared for the future.

Relief of property tax short of expectations

New Jersey's Property Tax Relief Fund in fiscal 1980 will be offering its benefits to a smaller number of taxpayers than expected. The fund is designed to provide relief to low-income and elderly taxpayers, but the number of eligible taxpayers is lower than anticipated. This is due to changes in the law and the way the fund is administered. Taxpayers who are eligible for the fund should apply as soon as possible to receive their benefits.

First aiders oppose paramedic regulations

More than 200 people, representing various first aid organizations, are opposing new regulations for paramedics. The regulations would allow paramedics to perform more advanced medical procedures, but the first aiders believe this would devalue their own skills and services. They argue that paramedics should be held to a higher standard and that their training should be more rigorous. The regulations are still under review, and there is hope that the concerns of the first aiders will be taken into account.

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The Rahway Jaycees triumphed over the Newark Bears to win the Rahway Men's Basketball League championship behind a fine team effort which saw four players hit their double figures. A short first period saw the Jaycees with a 7-1 lead. Then a 22-point second quarter followed — with the Prospect center sight and Mike Bailey six. They built up a 39-16 half-time lead. Bill Clancy led for 17 points and 15 rebounds while Fred Poole led the game with eight points each, but his scoring with 10 points for a game high of 17. The other Jaycees scorers were Tony with 15, Bailey with 11 and Foster with 10.

Reynolds Foods catering was led by Clancy with 14, Williams with 10 and Lenzie Brownstein with eight.

In the consolation game McManus Athletic Club won third place by defeating Rahway Hospital 52-48. McManus built up a 24-10 lead in the first quarter. The game was tied up at 20-20 by the Prospect Brothers, Kevin and Lawrence, kept the Hospital in the game, winding up with 18 and 14 points each. Deanne a fourth-quarter Hospital rally. McManus held on to win paced by Reynolds with 17, Tom Leszczak with 12 and Gary DiLoro with 10.

The referees were James Ladley and Paul Greasyk.

City bowlers' best season finishes with 15-3 record

The Rahway City Bowlers' Bowling Team completed its most successful season ever this year with 15 wins in 18 individual competitions. In individual competition, Mike Pilot won the 1978-79 City Bowling Championship with a Big Spare. Members of the team in the state tournament were: Rick Tucker and

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Rangers crown Barons to take title in hockey

The Senior Division of the Rahway Recreation Dept. hockey team won the championship game against the Prospect Brothers. The Rangers took control of the game in the second period, scoring three goals. The Prospect Brothers fought back in the third period, but the Rangers held on to win 3-1.

The Rangers scored goals by Mike Bailey, Fred Poole, and Mike Pilot. The Prospect Brothers scored by Kevin and Lawrence.

City YMCA schedules basketball tournament

The Rahway Young Men's Christian Assn. is sponsoring an All-City Basketball Tournament to be held on April 1. The tournament will feature teams from all over the city and will be held at the YMCA.

Sidelineers plan meeting tonight

The Sidelineers club of Rahway will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the club's headquarters.

YMCA exercise class starts at township YFW

A spokesman for the Fairview-Scott Plains YMCA announced the start of an exercise class for young women. The class will be held at the township YFW.

Track team begins season

A 24-26 team began its season at the township YFW. The team will compete in various track events throughout the season.

Boatmen first for ice lacrosse

Boatmen will be the first to play ice lacrosse. The game will be held at the township YFW.

Ramble mountains with county hikers

A ramble, a hike and a bike ride are scheduled this weekend for members of the Union County Hiking Club. The hike will be held on the Ramble Mountains.

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