

New look gets boost in downtown

By R.R. Faszczewski

One symbol of the results going forward from the recently-completed business retention survey undertaken this past summer in Union County, including Rahway, had its ceremonial opening on Dec. 21, 1984 at the corner of Milton Ave. and Irving St.

Thanks to Hank and Helen Dombrowski, of Westfield, the owners of the property, which now includes seven stores and will be expanded to an eighth, the front of the structure has been remodeled with a new brick facade and arched-type roof.

Calling the property a "symbol of the confidence that's now in downtown Rahway," the city's community development director, Thomas E. Connell, pointed out one third of the cost of the renovation of the stores was financed through a low-interest loan of \$11,500 under the federal Community Development Program.

The rest of the money, approximately \$23,000, was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Dombrowski.

The project is the first facade undertaken since the beginning of the National

Main Street Program's Downtown Revitalization Project, which was presented to city officials in September, Mr. Connell pointed out.

He said there are four phases to the Main Street approach under which success is almost guaranteed: Organization, promotion, design and economic restructuring and diversifying.

According to the community development director, Rahway is pretty well along on the first three activities and is working on the fourth.

The city has already installed red Colonial-style brick on sidewalks in the downtown area and also helped finance a facade-painting program under which store fronts were painted in Colonial colors.

The building on Milton Ave. and Irving St., which the Dombrowskis bought four years ago, houses a pizza parlor, a photography shop, a pipe shop and a physical fitness center.

Another store is expected to go into the complex when a wall is broken through from a building currently housing a food store.

Mayor Martin, in a statement on the results of the business retention survey released last week, said the success of the survey is the direct result of the businessmen in downtown Rahway working with the Mayor's Business and Government Economic Development Committee.

Although the actual results of the survey are to be printed this month, the mayor cited the following actions already underway in response to the survey results: Free parking in the downtown area for this holiday season, formation of the Main Street Program in the city, authorization of the Mayor's Business and Economic Development Committee to act as the central organization of the Main Street Program, a video-conference held on Sept. 18 of last year at the city's expense to explain the major components necessary for revitalizing the downtown area; an increase in commercial facade loans to renovate the downtown buildings since the completion of the survey six store fronts have been completely done, two are 85% completed and an additional 10 stores have signed up for participation.

the annual tree-lighting ceremony, administered jointly by the business and government economic development committee, the Chamber of Commerce and the Rahway Businessmen's Assn., with about 5,000 in attendance; the city planning board and City Council have been asked to officially declare the downtown as an area in need of rehabilitation, thereby opening up more federal and state funding possibilities for the downtown area; preliminary efforts are underway to have the downtown declared a historic district to preserve the rich history of the area and preliminary efforts are underway to have a tax-abatement program instituted for those who renovate their buildings.

Of 100 merchants questioned in the survey 60 responded.

Image, lack of pedestrian traffic and inadequate parking were cited as major concerns.

Forty-one percent felt Rahway was a good-to-excellent business location, 65.5 percent felt optimistic sales will increase over the next five years, 69.6 percent bank in the downtown area and 94.4 percent would like to see local banks play a more active role in the area's revitalization, 94 percent were in favor of the proposed hotel/convention center and office complex behind City Hall, owners of 17 buildings plan to upgrade or expand present space and 81.4 percent have no relocation plans.

Asked about city services, 84 percent were satisfied with trash collection, 98.3 percent were satisfied with water service and 96.6 percent were satisfied with sewer service.



FULFILLING PLEDGE... it was a productive year for the Rahway Hospital Auxiliary as members presented a payment of \$100,000 towards the group's half-a-million-dollar pledge to the hospital's Expansion and Modernization '80s Program. Aida Vaata, the treasurer of the Auxiliary, is shown presenting a check to Nelson L. Taylor, Jr., the chairman of the Rahway Hospital Foundation. Looking on are Gordon Harris, left, the chairman of the board of governors, and John Yoder, the president of the hospital.

City seen in lead in business expansion

Rahway's merchants, buoyed by the pending designation of the downtown as a national historic district, are investing in Colonial restoration of storefronts to attract shoppers to the retail business district.

This example is a direct result of creating "a favorable atmosphere for business" in Union County, an area which is beginning to show positive signs of economic recovery.

This sign is part of the initial results of a Business Retention and Expansion Study announced on Dec. 18, 1984 by Union County, Union County College and the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. along with Rahway, aimed at improving communication between municipal officials and local businesses.

"Today marks another phase of the long-range revitalization of Union County's economic base," said Louis J. Collett, Union County manager. "Gathering current information on the municipalities will be the key to retaining existing businesses and helping others to expand within Union County. Jobs, rentals, investment expansion and new construction are all in Union County's immediate future."

"The initial phase began in 1983, when New Jersey

Bell and the state's department of Commerce and Economic Development initiated a study of business retention and expansion to Union County," according to William McKinlay, New Jersey Bell's community relations manager.

"We brought the mayors of Union County together in May, 1983 and proposed a model program designed to identify the needs and perceptions of local business people," Mr. McKinlay said.

"Using simple surveys, administered by local volunteers, municipalities can inventory the local economic base. Once collected the data is tabulated and analyzed to establish a blueprint for municipal action," he added.

The data is tabulated and analyzed by computers at Union County College in Cranford, under the direction of Dr. Derek Nunney, college president.

Rahway's study focused on the downtown retail business district, where about 35 volunteers surveyed 100 merchants and about 60 of those responded.

"The revitalization of Rahway's business district actually began about five years ago when the street lights and streets were renovated in a Colonial theme," said Thomas Connell, city community development director.

"There has been significant private investment, as well as new senior citizen housing and a new firehouse."

With the area to soon receive historic district status, the resulting tax breaks will help owners refurbish building facades. Five facades have already been improved and 10 more are in the works in what has been termed the "Main Street Project."

James Petrucci, the owner of a catering and restaurant business who is also the president of the Downtown Rahway

Businessmen's Assn. coordinated the volunteers and feels the study has served to "set merchants in Rahway enthused about the future of their businesses in this city."

The most important result of the study, according to Mr. Connell, was it "fostered a co-operative effort between the merchants themselves and between the merchants and City Hall."

An example of this was a Christmas tree lighting that attracted some 5,000 people to City Hall to kick off the Christmas shopping season. In conjunction with that, the city allowed free parking in the area for the first time. Similar promotional events will be scheduled throughout the year to encourage pedestrian traffic.

A conference center previously planned for Rahway will have the positive effect of bringing both private investment and business traffic to the downtown area, according to Mr. Connell.

Plans include a six-story hotel and three professional office buildings. Merchants voiced overwhelming support for this project in the survey.

"If we are to draw shoppers away from the malls, we must appeal to the public with what we have and what we have is over 85 buildings dating back to the Civil War or beyond," the city's community development director said.

"We have suffered from a poor image in the past, but through this study some merchants have decided to remain in Rahway and become part of the image-building process." In addition to the Rahway study and one in Linden two others are underway in Mountainside and Scotch Plains and more are planned in 1985.

Elizabeth, the county seat and largest city, conducted a study in 1981.

According to Mr. McKinlay, business retention committees have conducted studies in more than 40 New Jersey municipalities where over 2,300 chief executives or business owners have been surveyed over the past five years.

Recent reports in the media indicate a resurgence of economic growth in this area. The county's population has grown by 2,000 to 506,000 and, according to a local daily newspaper (Oct. 18, 1984), Elizabeth ranks second among New Jersey's ten largest cities in experiencing an economic recovery.

In July the newspaper reported Union was one of eight New Jersey counties in the midst of an "economic upsurge," where the number of new jobs has increased significantly (July 28, 1984). The same eight-county area was cited by the newspaper as a dominant force in the high-technology job market (May 9, 1984).

All of these factors combine to formulate an encouraging picture for the future economy of Union County. A foundation which fosters and nourishes growth, and gives both large and small businesses the confidence to remain in this area could mean an end to the "Sun Belt" exodus from the northeast in the past two decades, officials believe.



CÉLEBRATING CITY PROGRESS... At the Dec. 21, 1984, ribbon-cutting ceremony for the first storefront facade project to be completed under the Main Street U.S.A. Program in Rahway, at Irving St. and Milton Ave., shown, left to right, are Stephen Rosa, a rehabilitation specialist from Robert E. Rosa Associates, Rahway's city planning consultants; Thomas E. Connell, Rahway Community Development director; Mr. and Mrs. Hank Dombrowski, the owners of the property; Mayor Daniel L. Martin and James Lewandowski, the executive director of the New Jersey State Conference of American Polonians.



BEFORE... The renovation of a group of stores at the corner of Milton Ave. and Irving St., Rahway under the Main Street U.S.A. Program this is the way the property looked.

Miss Scaturro in teen pageant

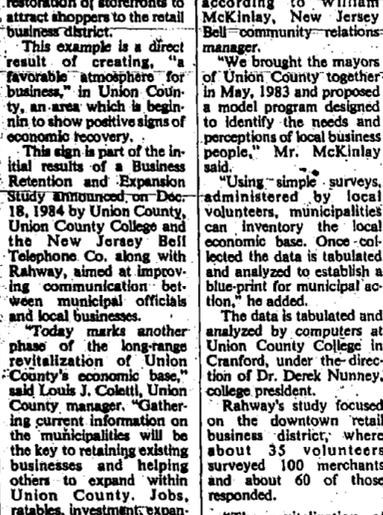
A Rahway resident, Miss Joanne Scaturro, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Scaturro, was selected as a finalist in the 1985 Miss Northern New Jersey National Teen-Ager Pageant, to be held at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick from Friday to Sunday, Feb. 22 to 24.

Contestants will compete for cash awards, savings bonds, over \$46,000 in tuition scholarships, a tiara, a banner and a trophy along with sponsorship to the Miss New Jersey National Teen-Ager Pageant. The Miss New Jersey National Teen-Ager Pageant is the official state pageant for the Miss National Teen-Ager Pageant in August.

During the three-day event she will participate in rehearsals and meet other contestants from around the state. Each contestant will participate in the Volunteer Community Service Program which teaches teenagers to share and participate in school and civic affairs.

Participants will be judged on scholastic achievement, poise, personality and appearance. The talent/essay division is separate and will not affect the overall scoring. Included will be a stage appearance in a party dress where contestants will be escorted by their fathers.

The Miss National Teen-Ager Pageant is in its 14th year. This past year the program awarded over \$3 million in tuition and cash scholarships to participants in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



Miss Joanne Scaturro

DRIVE SLOW DRIVE SURE

AFTER... The renovation of a group of stores at the corner of Milton Ave. and Irving St., Rahway, owned by Hank and Helen Dombrowski of Westfield. This is the way the property looks now that it has been re-conditioned under the Main Street U.S.A. Program.

Contentment is a matter of reducing your wants and desires.

Take this to heart

Stop smoking.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Religious News

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF RAHWAY

On Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 6, the 11 a.m. Family Worship Service, conducted by the pastor, The Rev. Donald B. Jones, will be the Wesley Covenant Service of Holy Communion. Music will be provided by the Senior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Judy Alvarez. Adult-supervised Nursery Care will be available for infants and young children. Greeting the congregation will be Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Underwood. Church School and the Adult Bible Class will convene at 9:15 a.m. followed by Coffee and Fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in Asbury Hall. Meetings during the week: Tuesday, Jan. 8, Missionary Men's Club Dinner Meeting and Program 6:30 o'clock Asbury Hall; Wednesday, Jan. 9, Finance Committee 8 p.m., Church. The church is located at the corner of E. Milton Ave. and Main St.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RAHWAY

The Services of Holy Communion will be conducted by The Rev. Thomas J. Donahue, the Pastor, at 8 and 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 6, 1985.

Sunday Church School will begin at 9:15 a.m. Fellowship will meet at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday will be the Epiphany of Our Lord and Family Worship Sunday.

Meetings during the week: today, Women's Sewing Group, 10 a.m.; Prayer and Praise Group, 7:30 p.m.; tomorrow, Property Committee, 7:30 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 7, Christian Education Committee, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 8, Exercise Class, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 9, Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

The church is located at Elm and Esterbrook Aves.

Holy Trinity sets Yule rites

Holy Trinity Eastern Orthodox Church of Rahway will celebrate Christmas under the direction of the Rev. William Dych, who studied under Karl Rahner, will conduct a workshop on "Sacraments: Signs of God's Kingdom" on the Feb. 10-11 weekend at the Cenacle Retreat House in Highland Park.

Those interested in exploring ancient Catholic signs against the backdrop of the current technological age may attend.

For information and reservations please telephone the retreat office at 411 River Rd., Highland Park, N.J. 08904 at 249-8100.

Retreat to aid parental care

A Day for Those Caring for Aging Parents is planned for Sunday, Jan. 6 at the Cenacle Retreat House in Highland Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Adult volunteers are available to care for a parent at home. Please telephone early to arrange for parent care. For information please telephone the retreat office at 411 River Rd., Highland Park, N.J. 08904 at 249-8100.

Retreat set for separated

A Retreat for Separated and Divorced Women and Men is planned for the Feb. 8 to 10 weekend at the Cenacle Retreat House in Highland Park.

Maryknoll Father Larry Lewis will join Cenacle Sisters Dorothy Merritt and Barbara Regan in conducting the retreat.

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CLARK ALLIANCE CHURCH

Sunday School for all ages will be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 6, 1985, with Morning Worship at 11 o'clock. Choir Practice will begin at 6 p.m. The Evening Service will commence at 7 o'clock.

Meetings during the week: Tuesday, Jan. 8, Ladies Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 9, Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.

For further information, please telephone the pastor, The Rev. David Underwood, at 386-2722.

The church is located at 2 Dennis Ave.

TEMPLE BETH TORAH OF RAHWAY

Today Morning Services will be held at 7 o'clock. Services during the week: Tomorrow, Late Services, 8:30 p.m.; Rabbi Jacob Rubenstein to conduct services and preach. Hazan Solomon Sternberg to chant Liturgy. One Shabbos after services: Saturday, Jan. 5, 1985, Services, 7 a.m.; Sunday, Jan. 6, Morning Services, 8:30 o'clock; Monday, Jan. 7, Services, 7 a.m.

Jan. 9, Adult Discussion Group with Rabbi Rubenstein, 7:30 p.m.; Synagogue Library.

The temple is located at 1389 Bryant St.

EBENEZER AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RAHWAY

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11 a.m. Morning Service on Sunday, Jan. 6. The Rev. Rudolph P. Gibbs, Sr., the pastor, will deliver the sermon. Music will be presented by the Celestial Choir under the direction of Mrs. J. Sturge Parker and Mrs. Vera Bergen, the organist. The Sunday Church School will commence at 9:30 a.m. The pastor of Mr. Zion Freewill Baptist Church in Edison will be the guest preacher, accompanied by a choir and members of the congregation, at the 7 o'clock Evening Worship Service.

Meetings during the week: Today, Prayer Meeting, Church, 8 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 7, Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 9, Bible Study and Men's Club, both 7:30 p.m.; Senior Usher Board, 8 p.m.

The church is located at 253 Central Ave.

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Alcoholics to get renewal

Recovering alcoholics (women and men) may attend a Day of Renewal for Recovering Alcoholics on Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Cenacle Retreat House in Highland Park.

The Rev. Jerry Browne will conduct the program, which will begin at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. Anonymity will be safeguarded.

For information and reservations, please telephone the retreat office at 411 River Rd., Highland Park, N.J. 08904 at 249-8100.

Retreat based on St. Ignatius

A silent retreat based on "The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola" is scheduled for the Jan. 18 to 20 weekend at the Cenacle Retreat House.

Cenacle Sisters Edith Janusz, Dorothy Merritt and Barbara Regan will lead the retreat, which is open to all women and men.

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Seminar teaches better living

The Effective Living Seminar will be held at the Cenacle Retreat House in Highland Park from Friday to Sunday, Jan. 25 to 27, at 411 River Rd., Highland Park, N.J. 08904 at 249-8100.

Cenacle Sister Rita Anne Houlihan will conduct the retreat, which is open to all women and men.

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SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RAHWAY

The sermon at Sunday Morning Worship at 11 o'clock on Jan. 6 will be by The Rev. Gregory Kocaman, the interim pastor. Sunday Church School for Beginners to those in the Senior High Dept. as well as the Pastor's Bible Class will be held at 9:30 a.m. Upper Room Bible Class at 9:40 a.m. will be led by Francis E. Nelson. Cris Room Care at 11 a.m. will have Mrs. Lois Keegan in charge.

Meetings during the week: Tuesday, Jan. 8, Circle Dances, Church, 1:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 9, 8 p.m.; Circle Lydia, home of Mrs. Nicholas Reale. The church is located at 1221 New Brunswick Ave.

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HELPING HOSPITAL GROW - Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Young, the owners of A & M Industrial Supply on Campbell St., Rahway, listen as the president of Rahway Hospital, left, points out construction progress at the hospital. A. M. Industrial Supply pledged \$6,000 to the hospital's expansion and modernization "80c Capital Campaign."

RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL AND MOTHER SETON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULES TODAY
 Swimming - Rahway at Union, 3:45 p.m.
 Bowling - Cranford versus Rahway, 7:30 p.m. TOMORROW

Wrestling - Scotch Plains at Rahway, 7:30 p.m.
 Boys basketball - Immaculata at Johnson, 8:30 p.m.
 Girls basketball - Johnson at Immaculata, 4 p.m.

Boys track - Johnson at Cranford, 4 p.m.
SATURDAY, JAN. 5
 Boys basketball - Rahway at Westfield, 2 p.m.
 Girls basketball - Westfield at Rahway, 2 p.m.

Wrestling - Johnson at Gov. Livingston, 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY, JAN. 7
 Swimming - Union Catholic at Rahway, 3:30 p.m.
 Bowling - Union Catholic versus Rahway, TUESDAY, JAN. 8

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 Wrestling - Rahway at Roselle Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
 Swimming - Neptune at Irvington, 7:30 p.m.

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 Boys basketball - Johnson at Roselle Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
 Girls basketball - Johnson at North Brunswick, 3:45 p.m.
 Clark Millburn at Clark, 3:45 p.m.

Indians triumph on Staten Island
 by Ray Hoagland
 Coach Tom Lewis' Rahway Indians traveled to the Tall Cedars Basketball Tournament at the College of Staten Island and defeated Port Richmond 69 to 58 in the opening round on Dec. 26, 1984.

City wrestlers pin Tigers' ears
 Rahway's wrestling team recently beat Linden 44-23. The results follow:
 98 pounds - Orlando Washington of Rahway pinned Ed Kaminski in one minute and 35 seconds.
 105 pounds - Scott Bridgeforth of Rahway won by default.
 112 pounds - Vincent Rodriguez of Rahway won by a pin over Mark Francini in one minute and five seconds.
 119 pounds - Hecy Eichenhower of Rahway won by default.
 126 pounds - Nick Soutari of Linden defeated James Huxford 11-10.
 132 pounds - Rusty Marlette of Rahway pinned George Soles in two and a half minutes.
 138 pounds - Pat Scanlon of Linden pinned Adrian Limbrick in four minutes and 55 seconds.



THEY GIVE A HOOT - On Dec. 7, 1984 the students of Dale Osef's sixth-grade class at Rahway's Roosevelt School were treated to an informative program concerning the evils of New Jersey. The program was presented by Len Soucy, left, the president of the New Jersey Paper Assn. With Mr. Soucy are students, Monique Wilks and Fred Laeger.



DONATING HAPPINESS - Ann Plakoy, left, the co-owner with her husband, Fred Plakoy, of a fashion store in Linden, helps Michael Ona, six, of the Philippines, open a Cabbage Patch Doll the Plakoy's donated. Michael Ona was visiting relatives with his mother, Mrs. Norma Ona, right, when he became ill and had to be hospitalized in the pediatric unit at Rahway Hospital. This meant he and his mother couldn't return home in time for Christmas. However, he now has Douglas Kendall, his Cabbage Patch Doll, to keep him company on the return trip.



FOR THE KIDS - Dr. Miller Newton, the president of KIDS of Bergen County, is shown, center, at a recent Parent-Teacher Assn. convention in Atlantic City, with Arlene Rohenberg, left, the new drug awareness chairman for the New Jersey Parent-Teacher Assn., and Marya Unger, vice president of legislation for the National Parent-Teacher Assn. Dr. Newton ran a special-interest conference on adolescent and drugs, dealing with the school's role in the problem. KIDS of Bergen County is a new program dedicated to rescuing adolescents who are out of control with drugs and alcohol, eating disorders and other compulsive behaviors.



FLASHBACK - Rahway youngsters buy some candy from one of the many vendors who were selling their wares in downtown Rahway during the City Hall Christmas tree lighting ceremonies last year.

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FOR ISRAEL'S LIFE - Admiring the "Tree of Life" Award presented to Alan J. Karcher, center, Rahway's director of law and the speaker of the New Jersey Assembly, are: William Greenberg, left, the chairman of the award dinner, and Alon Ben-Meir of the foundation.

'Tree of Life' blooms for Karcher

Rahway's director of law and the speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, Alan J. Karcher, Dec. 6, 1984 received the Jewish National Fund's highest award, the "Tree of Life" Award, at the Hyatt Regency Princeton. Over 400 esteemed guests attended the testimonial dinner, including leading figures from the government and industry and community leaders.

William S. Greenberg, one of the chairmen of the dinner and a close friend of Mr. Karcher's, stated how honored he was to address Mr. Karcher.

Speaker Karcher is a "defender of Israel, a pro-

tection of human rights and friend to the people of New Jersey," he said. Mr. Greenberg also read a resolution, unanimously passed in the Assembly and State Senate congratulating Mr. Karcher on receiving the award.

Upon receiving the award, Mr. Karcher stated how special the award is to him.

"The 'Tree of Life' Award," explained Speaker Karcher, "is about things growing and prospering; thriving and enduring. It is nothing less than a total spirit."

The Jewish National Fund is the official agency in Israel responsible for ar-

forestation, land reclamation and site development. Since 1901, the foundation has reclaimed the land of Israel by draining swamps, establishing forests—160 million trees—planted—preparing land for farms and orchards, building over 3,100 miles of roads and highways, developing recreational parks and protecting the restored ecological balance, reports a spokesman.

The "Tree of Life" Award is presented by the foundation in recognition of outstanding community involvement and dedication to the betterment of human life.



JOB WELL DONE—Mrs. Virginia Apellan, the former Clark-Township Council president, after receiving her "Certificate of Recognition" for community services is congratulated by Union County Superior Court Judges, left to right, Assignment Judge Edward W. Beglin, Jr., Presiding Judge William J. McCloud, Family Division Judge John J. Callahan and Family Division Judge James J. Walsh.

Mrs. Apellan cited for juvenile aid

The Superior Court, Family Division of Union County, on Dec. 5 of last year sponsored a "Recognition and Appreciation of Services" function, which took place at the Honorable Judge Edward W. Beglin Jr.'s main courthouse office.

Speakers included members of the judiciary, representatives of the prosecutor's office and members of the Family Court.

Mrs. Virginia Apellan, the former Township Council president of Clark was invited and honored as one of the Juvenile Conference Committee members for her dedicated service and time given to the Clark Juvenile Conference Committee.

A swearing-in ceremony for all committee members from different municipalities took place, led by Judge William J. McCloud, the presiding judge.

Refreshments were served and thereafter there was a question-and-answer period pertaining to family and juvenile matters, led by Sandra Thaler-Gerber, the director of Family Intake Services and the master of ceremonies for this function; Harold C. Knox, the assistant prosecutor, and Robert J. Fitzpatrick, case manager.

The Juvenile Court of Union County became Superior Court, Family Division on Jan. 1, 1984.

Red Cross sets course in city

The American Red Cross Advanced First Aid class will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Rahway Senior Citizen's Center.

This course will give five-point certification in advanced first aid and emergency care, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), defensive driving, extrication and emergency childbirth. It will run every Tuesday evening from Feb. 5 to June 11, from 7 to 10 o'clock.

Fees for the courses in CPR and advanced first aid are \$3 and \$7 respectively. Please telephone the Red Cross at 353-2300, safety services, to register.



FOR THE NEEDY—Clark Police cadets donated food baskets and toys for Christmas for needy inner-city families in the area. Getting the baskets together, shown, left to right, are: Bottom row, Cadets Leo Uro, Sal Bove and Dave Starr; top row, advisors, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kuch; advisor, Ed Gasmann, as Santa Claus, advisor, Jodi Stoddard and Clark Councilman-at-Large Fred Eckel.

"I was obliged to be industrious. Whoever is equally industrious will succeed...equally well."

Johann Sebastian Bach

Rahway to host courses for seniors

The Senior Citizens Studies Center conducted by Union County College will offer a free credit course in "Spanish Conversation" on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and one in drawing at 1 p.m. on Thursdays at the John F. Kennedy Community Center in Rahway during the Spring Semester, which will open on Monday, Jan. 21.

The courses are offered as part of a program developed by Prof. Oscar Fishtein, the co-ordinator of the center. Both credit and non-credit courses are offered by the center for the convenience of seniors, at such places as senior citizen housing complexes, community centers and other locations where seniors congregate.

Registration will be held the first day of class. Taught by Union County College faculty, the courses meet once a week for two-and-a-half hour sessions, all during the daytime. Students may take courses for credit or they may audit, which means no homework or examination requirements.

For further information on courses for seniors please telephone Prof. Fishtein at the Cranford Campus at 276-2600, extension 274 or 311.



R.J. Tomshaw paramedic

A Rahway resident, Richard J. Tomshaw, recently received his certification as a paramedic from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Mr. Tomshaw received his didactic training at Union College in Cranford and completed his clinical training in co-operation with Rahway Hospital. He received his sponsorship from Rahway Hospital and began his training as a volunteer driver with Rahway Hospital's Mobile Intensive Care Unit.

In addition to his paramedic training Mr. Tomshaw is a police officer with the Rahway Police Dept. serving in the patrol division for the past seven years.

Luck is often the product of attention and ability.



HERALDING HOLIDAYS—One of the highlights of the holiday show at Clark's, Carl H. Kumpf School was the performance of "Golden Trumpets," sung by the chorus and featuring the musical accomplishment of, left to right, Michael Pucko, Danny Nydick and Eric Samowski. Bringing the program to a traditional finale was the performance of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

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