

'87 School budget discussed

by Pat DiMaggio
The Rahway Board of Education held a meeting to discuss the proposed 1987 tentative budget in the Louis Rizzo Board Meeting Room at the Intermediate School on January 12.

"We are certainly looking to provide what is expected of us for a thorough and efficient education," said Superintendent of Schools Frank Brunette. "The positions we have proposed will help us to accomplish that. We have positions in basic skills which are essential and positions in English as a Second Language that are essential. We have responded to parent and communi-

ty requests that feel the need for nursing service and vocal music."
Citing a survey sent to parents in the school system by the Rahway PTAO President Council, Brunette said concerns indicated were full-time nurses in all elementary schools, librarians in all schools and additional basic skills teachers. "In this budget we have tried to assure that we have met our responsibilities in those areas and also to respond to the indications that parents have given us on the survey," said Brunette.

The proposed budget includes allowances for 12 positions including five

basic skills teachers, one teacher for English as a Second Language, two elementary librarians, one music teacher, one special education teacher and two additional elementary teachers.

The tentative budget shows an increase of \$1,851,876 from last year's total of \$16,135,993 which was approved by voters. The total proposed budget for 1987-88 equals \$17,987,869. An additional meeting to discuss the budget is planned for Thursday, January 22, at 7 p.m. in the Louis Rizzo Board Meeting Room at the Intermediate School.

Dr. Lowenstein retires after 48 years' service

by Pat DiMaggio
Doctor Ernest C. Lowenstein, formerly of 259 West Milton Avenue, retired on January 1 after more than 48 years of service to his patients.

By his own count, Dr. Lowenstein delivered between 1800 and 2000 babies during his years of general practice with an emphasis on obstetrics. "So I know a few people in Rahway," he said. "I gave it up 15 years ago when I got tired of getting up in the middle of the night. Since then, I've emphasized my family practice."

Dr. Lowenstein began his practice in Rahway in 1938 on Elm Avenue. He moved to Main Street and then went into the service where he served as a Captain in the Army Medical Corps. He spent most of his time overseas in the South Pacific and in Burma before he came back to the states to settle down on Milton Avenue in 1946.

The practice of medicine has changed through the years, according to Dr. Lowenstein. "It is very oriented to the expense of health care," said Lowenstein. "Most doctors now practice in corporations and that has changed the aspect of medicine. Changes in the regulations and restrictions by the government and insurance companies have also forced changes."

Dr. Lowenstein also has a long association with Rahway Hospital. He has served in the positions of an attending physician in the Department of Family Practice, president of the medical staff at the hospital and is on the Board of Governors. For the last nine years he worked with the Clark Medical Association.

Even though he now lives in Jamesburg, Dr.



Dr. Lowenstein, served almost a half century

Lowenstein still travels back to Rahway for board and medical meetings.

Always a traveller, Dr. Lowenstein hopes to devote more time to this pursuit. "I plan to do quite a bit of travelling," said Lowenstein. "I always did, but now my conscience doesn't bother me as much." Living

in close proximity to Princeton University, he also plans to take some courses.

After 48 years of service to people, Dr. Lowenstein will be missed by the thousands of patients and friends touched by his concern.

Di Rini excels on tax exam

Mrs. Sally Ann Di Rini, Supervisor of Tax Accounts in the Rahway Tax Collectors Office, has been notified by the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, that she has successfully passed the examination held on December 13, for the position of Certified Tax Collector. She has also been informed that her passing mark of 97.5 was the highest score attained by 30 candidates from the entire state.

Mrs. Di Rini graduated from St. Mary's School in Rahway, St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth, and attended Union College in

Cranford for two years. She has also completed successful courses in the Principles of Municipal Tax Collection I, II and III, given by Rutgers, the State University, and prepared for her Certified Tax Collectors Exam with a two-day review at Rutgers College.

Mrs. Di Rini, a resident of Rahway for 37 years, is married to Carl P. Di Rini, Jr. and is the mother of three daughters, Michelle, Danielle and Nicole. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Charles Battista of Rahway. Mr. Battista is the former Assistant Collector of Taxes of Rahway, who retired after twenty years service in March of 1985.



Jerry Coleman

Youth Consultation Service appoints new comptroller

The recent appointment of Rahway resident, Jerry Coleman as comptroller of Youth Consultation Service was announced by Stuart Grant, Executive Director. Mr. Coleman is a Rahway City Councilman representing the First Ward and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Rahway Community Action Organization on which he serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Youth Consultation Service is a private, non-profit organization serving northern New Jersey from sites in Bergen, Essex, and Hudson counties. The agency, in existence since 1919, provides a comprehensive range of educational, resi-

dential, recreational, and mental health services to abused, neglected, dependent, delinquent and emotionally disturbed children and to adults and families in crisis.

Mr. Coleman was previously business manager for the Theater of Universal Images in Newark for three years and prior to that, was an accountant/consultant with the Newark firm of Walter Frye, Certified Public Accountants. He is a 1975 graduate of Montclair State College with a B.S. degree in Business Administration and Professional Accounting. Mr. Coleman and his wife Darlene are the parents of four children.

Hartnett raise divides council

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Rahway's Municipal Council voted Business Administrator Joseph Hartnett a raise over vocal opposition from Republican council members at their regular meeting held on January 12.

A resolution granting Hartnett an additional \$12,500 to his annual salary of \$53,400 was approved on a vote of six in favor with Councilmen James Fulcomer, John Marsh and George Wagenhoffer opposed.

Mayor Daniel L. Martin, in a letter to council members, recommended the increase for several reasons. Union County towns with the highest paid administrators also pay law firms to negotiate labor contracts, said Martin. In towns where business administrators are paid \$70,000, the towns also pay for labor negotiating.

Martin also cited the salaries of educational administrators and pointed out that the school system also pays attorneys to negotiate contracts.

"Clearly, our administrator is worth far more to the taxpayers than the present \$53,400 top of his salary range," said Martin in the letter. The value of his labor negotiating abilities alone should place him in a much higher pay scale. Over the years he has unquestionably saved the taxpayers hundreds of thousands in today's dollars compared to what many other towns pay for labor negotiating.

Martin also pointed to the fact that Hartnett manages the Water Utility, the only administrator in the state to do so. He suggested the increase be paid from the Water Utility ac-

count, thereby resolving any impact on the City's overall salary structure. "In this way, the salary range for the position and the salary structure will not be affected and the City budget will not be affected," said Martin.

"Also in this way, the taxpayers will not pick up the cost, but those who use the most water."

"This resolution has to be labeled the biggest salary grab of 1987," said Councilman James Fulcomer in opposing the increase in compensation. "This City administrator, if he gets his way today, will be making more than the county manager."

Saying any increase for Hartnett would upset the salary structure for other department heads in Rahway, Fulcomer called the increase "unethical."

John Marsh was also vocal in his opposition, calling the raise "a plain political reward for handling the mayor's campaign."

"The City of Rahway is not in the position to afford it or bury it in the water department," said Marsh. "I am bitterly opposed."

Councilman George Wagenhoffer also cited damage to the City's salary structure if the increase was approved. "It's a poor precedent we're setting," said Wagenhoffer. "Other department heads, all the way down to members of council, if carried to an extreme, will be knocking on the door looking for an additional stipend. It puts our salary guide out of kilter."

Supporting the resolution was Councilman James Cadigan who said, "Joe is one of the top administrators in the state. He does his job professionally and he is excellent at it. Without

an assistant, even with this raise, he will still be only the third, possible fourth, highest paid administrator in the City."

Councilman Walter McLeod cited Hartnett's labor negotiating, saying, "Along with my other colleagues, I think Mr. Hartnett has proved his worth by saving the City thousands and thousands of dollars."

"There are two questions that must be answered before I vote for this resolution," said Councilman Max Shield. "One, does he do the work to deserve it? And, two, is there any legal impediment to prevent us from taking the money from the Water Utility? I look at the amounts he saved us by not hiring negotiators and find it's perfectly legal. Therefore, I will vote for this resolution."

"If Joe Hartnett were to leave this City as a business administrator tomorrow, what salary do you think we'd have to pay to replace him," questioned Councilman Harvey Williams. "I know I would not like to see us lose an excellent, competent business administrator for \$12,000 we could not afford to pay."

"I'm sure many of you know I was born and raised in Rahway," said Hartnett after the council voted on and approved the resolution

granting the salary increase. "I love Rahway. I would do this job for nothing, but we have to face realities. Most sincerely, I appreciate the support from elected officials. You are the type of officials who don't make decisions based on political experiences. Rahway has some of the best citizens and elected officials in the world."

In other business the council:

—Approved a resolution authorizing the final payment for the project entitled "East Milton Ave. Sanitary Spur."

—Approved a resolution authorizing the final payment for the project entitled "Resturfacing - 1986."

—Approved a resolution authorizing tax anticipation notes.

—Approved a resolution opposing the use of PVC Plastic as a food packing material.

—Approved a resolution commending Carol A. Kaminski.

—Approved a resolution commending Sally Ann DiRini.

—Approved a resolution commending Rahway Police Officer Chester Holmes.

—Approved a resolution commending the Theater of Universal Images.

Geriatrics Center honors employees

by Pat DiMaggio
Rahway Geriatrics Center saluted people who have been with the facility since it opened on November 30, 1983.

Honored in the "Family and Friends Express," the Geriatrics Center newsletter, were Carol Hermanski, Assistant Administrator, Eileen Mahler, Director of Nursing, Edward Lopez, Director of Housekeeping, Julia Alyward, Charge Nurse on the second floor, Winnie Jones, Assistant Director of Nursing and Dorothy Hollinshead Thompson, Supervisor Dietary.

Rahway Hospital's newsletter "Focus on Aging" listed sites where residents 60 and over can receive a full, hot midday meal, as well as take part in various activities. Rahway locations include the Golden Age Towers and the J.F. Kennedy Apartments. Meals are served Monday through Friday and a two day advance registration is requested. For further information, call 527-4873.

The Senior Citizen Medical Courtesy Program has been introduced by the Union County Medical Society in conjunction with the Senior Citizens Council of Union County. Eligible seniors will be provided with a card and a list of physicians who have agreed to accept Medicare payment and supplemental insurance, if any, as payment in full for services, less any deductible or co-payments required by law. To be eligible, seniors must be residents of Union County, at least 65 years of age, be enrolled in Medicare Part B, have an income of no more than \$13,250 if single or

\$16,250 if married and have no more than \$35,000 in liquid assets. To apply, residents are requested to call the Council at 964-7555.

Rahway AARP holds meeting; lists trips

Mrs. Deborah M. Hudgin, representing the Department of Insurance in Trenton, spoke before the members of Chapter No. 607 AARP at a regular meeting on January 8 on Medicare Supplemental Insurance. The program was well received and Mrs. Hudgin answered many questions concerning this confusing problem facing senior citizens, according to an AARP spokesman.

Future trips were announced which included a Bavarian Festival on February 8 at Rock Oak Lodge, Sparta, featuring entertainment and dinner for \$30 per person, March 16, Platze Bra Haus St. Patrick's Party at Pomona, N.Y., \$36 per person; May 17, four-day trip to the Thousand Islands, the price of \$300 includes transportation, lodging, breakfasts, dinners, all gratuities and admissions.

Plans are underway for a trip to the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville and the Elvis Presley estate in Memphis in the fall. If interested in any of the trips, call Bernadette Acirno, 388-9078, or Charles Voss, 388-3765.

Chapter No. 607 meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center, Rahway.

RIS students to attend symposium

Two teams of Rahway Intermediate School students have been selected to participate in Symposium for the Arts, a state-wide program for artistically gifted students which interrelates five arts areas: creative writing, music, visual art, drama, and dance.

Under the direction of teachers Mrs. Adele Kenny Richards and Mrs. Brenda Hynes, the team members will participate in training sessions at the Intermediate School.

In April they will attend a two-day session on a college campus where they will have an opportunity to work in college performing arts facilities with both college staff and professional artists.

Symposium for the arts serves over 1,400 students annually through the National Talent Network which also sponsors such programs as Cognetics and Rogate for gifted and talented students.

Seventh grade team members include: Bryan Currie, Christina Ealey, Nieka Manczak, Marist Quinn, and Tylicsha Rainey.

Eighth grade members are: Jackie Chapman, Jill Horton, Tracy Patel, Clare Savard, and Starlette Smith.



RAHWAY DAY CARE CENTER WARMS UP WINTER!...On December 12 the tension rose as kindergarten student Guadalupe Hernandez reached into the box of raffle tickets and drew the winning ticket. The happy winner was Jerry Mancino, owner of Eagen's Deli on New Brunswick Ave., Rahway. Mr. Mancino won a round-trip for two to Barbados. All air fare, hotel accommodations, meals and gratuities are included for this eight-day, seven-night trip. When Mr. Mancino was told he was the winner, his reply was: "Who? me? I never win anything!" The Center will be offering a trip for two to Disneyworld, Florida in the Spring, and reminds people that "you have to be in it to win it!" Pictured, left to right, are Judi Munsey, Center Director, Guadalupe Hernandez, and Dr. Rick Stone, Donator/Coordinator of the trip.

Board meeting postponed

The Board of Adjustments of the City of Rahway has moved its meeting from January 19 to January 20, Monday, January 19, is a legal holiday.



A LIFE OF DEDICATION...Sol Abramson, M.D., discusses a case with Rahway Hospital Head Nurse Betty Shepherd, R.N. At 86, Dr. Abramson has been practicing for 60 years.

Rahway Hospital medical staff honors long-time physician

At its recent annual dinner, the Rahway Hospital Medical Staff paid special tribute to Sol Abramson, M.D., of Rahway, to celebrate his 60 years in medicine. Dr. Abramson has dedicated his life to the profession, as evidenced by his life's story, told by Dr. Barry Benisch, staff pathologist, at the dinner. At 86, Dr. Abramson, as sharp as ever, still practices medicine, though on a limited basis.

Dr. Abramson's story is also an odyssey which includes the upheaval and carnage of two world wars... and it represents the stories of others... wherever their nationalities or ethnic origin. It is a testament to their survival and ultimately, their success in a new land," said Dr. Benisch.

Born in Riga, Latvia, Sol Abramson was the youngest son of a middle class family of 13 children. During World War I, the Russians entered Riga, the Germans as they left, and the British as they entered. He was imprisoned and set to be executed, but somehow along his life was spared.

The family then emigrated to Leipzig, Germany, where he attended medical school and started practicing in 1926. Dr. Abramson places a great value on his education, which allowed him to go into medicine, and he thanks his father for helping him to finance it. "I always wanted to be a doctor," said Dr. Abramson. "I enjoy helping people and physicians are greatly respected," he said. He was inspired when he was a child by the family doctor, who was also a friend.

When the political climate in Germany began to change, he emigrated to Paris, the way station for people fleeing the east. Relatives in Pittsburgh persuaded him to come to the U.S. and he started his medical career here at Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh.

He later took his state board in New York, which gave him reciprocity to practice in New Jersey. After meeting and marrying his wife, Sarah, a school teacher in Amboy, they chose Rahway to settle in. Dr. Abramson thought that Rahway seemed like a "nice quiet place" to start off on his own.

He joined the Rahway Hospital staff in 1938 and quickly built up a general practice (performing his own radiological work) until 1943 when he entered the Army and was in charge of radiology at Beaumont Hospital in El Paso, Texas. He then went overseas, where he took care of casualties from the Battle of the Bulge, and because of his language skills, took part in the interrogation of prisoners.

He returned to Rahway in 1945, where he has remained ever since. Most of that time has been spent devoted to his wife of 50 years, who recently passed away. A general practitioner, he takes pride in taking care of patients throughout their entire lives, including those he has delivered although he is a gynecologist. He has delivered thousands of babies during his career.

In his lifetime he has seen a great deal of change in medicine reflected at Rahway Hospital. In his early years, the hospital was just one small building with a staff of a fraction of its current size. The employees who worked in the laboratory also doubled as an extra in ERG and X-ray.

Merck names Vogel director of labor relations

Paul S. Vogel has been named director of labor relations for Merck & Co. Inc., according to the health products firm. Most recently, he is a member of the company's counsel for industrial relations and equal employment.

Vogel succeeds Michael Tarnow, who earlier was named executive director for corporate employee relations. In his new position, Vogel is responsible for advising all organizations within Merck on policy and Merck's relationship with its labor unions in the U.S. and abroad. He will participate in coordinating collective bargaining negotiations.

He joined Merck in 1977 as an attorney in the office of corporate staff counsel. He became senior advisor for labor relations in 1979 and worked for industrial relations in 1981. Vogel is a 1970 graduate of Rutgers University and received his law degree from Rutgers University School of Law in Newark.

He said, "I witnessed this rapid development, and have seen Rahway Hospital become the center of medicine for this area. Of course, the process of improvement is ongoing, and you can see it by the construction taking place."

He will continue to practice, he honestly admits that he never had the time to develop any hobbies, so he always full-time to me," he said. "Medicine is always full-time to me," he said. It has been his life for 60 years.

At the start of the new year, Rahway Hospital expanded its visiting hours to 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. daily. Previously, visiting hours were restricted to two, one-hour periods daily.

This change will allow visitors more flexibility and convenience. Catherine Dashewsky, Vice President of Nursing, said this will benefit the patients' visitors can provide them with emotional support, helping in their recovery," she said.

The extended visiting hours will also help to make parking more convenient, since visitors will be arriving at different times. Maternity Unit visiting hours are not changed by the new policy. Hours are restricted to 2 a.m. until 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., but fathers can visit from 9 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Visiting hours to patients in the intensive and coronary care units also remain the same. Visits are restricted to 30 minutes, two relatives only, at 10 a.m., 5 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 9 p.m.

Pediatric visiting hours for parents remain from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and are expanded to 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. for other visitors.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare income tax returns for area residents, including senior citizens. Returns will be prepared at the Clark Municipal Building, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or needing help on income tax returns should phone 382-4227 or 388-5600 for further information and an appointment, if you need to contact someone for help. All calls are confidential.

Ricoh gift helps expedite Arts Center news

A recent gift from Ricoh, the multinational camera and office equipment manufacturer, has made possible the "teletyping" of news releases of events at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

The gift consists of two reconditioned digital fax machines, which permit the transmission of printed matter over telephone lines at speeds of less than a minute per page. Through its "Rapicom" product line, Ricoh is the world's largest manufacturer of digital facsimile into the office environment and a leading supplier of state-of-the-art fax terminals.

Rahway Landmarks, a nonprofit corporation which owns and operated the Union County Arts Center (formerly the Rath Theatre, 1601 Irving St.) is a "volunteer" organization, many of whose active members work out of their own homes to perform their center functions.

A good example is Dan Costigan of Edison, who in his spare time, writes many of the arts center's news releases. He also commutes daily to a paying job in West Long Branch.

As a writer/technologist, Costigan literally "wrote the book" on the facsimile communication (fax) art — two books, in fact: "FAX" (Chilton Books, 1971) and "Electronic Delivery of Documents & Graphics" (Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1978). With one of the fax machines in his home and the other in the arts center, he can compose and type news releases at home on ready-to-go news release stationery, and transmit them to the arts center, where they are copied for distribution to local papers.

"The fax machines are a solution to the sometimes complicated logistics of getting my new copy of the arts center office in application for a subsequent mailing," Costigan explains. "Most news gets state wide local newspaper deadlines."

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Costigan is a member of the senior club of the Union County, which he has been active in since 1973. He has been a member of the Union County Arts Center since 1973.

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American Legion Auxiliary plans casino trip, dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary of James E. Mackie Post No. 499, Rahway, will sponsor a bus trip to the Tropicana Casino on Saturday, January 24. The bus will leave from the Post Home, 59-63 Main Street at 11 a.m.

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Advertisement for Scorpio Hair Designs, featuring Island Glow Tanning and a new dimension in tanning.

Advertisement for Marshall's 1 Hour Cleaners, offering various cleaning services like carpet cleaning and upholstery.

Advertisement for Bell Drugs of Rahway, featuring prescriptions, speciality items, and a 381-2000 phone number.

Advertisement for Mothers to meet, a support group for mothers of children with disabilities.

Advertisement for Fisherman's Smorgasbord, offering a variety of seafood dishes and appetizers.

Advertisement for Single social slated at Knights' hall, offering a social gathering for single individuals.

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Advertisement for Fisherman's Smorgasbord, detailing the menu and reservation information.

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Religious News

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RAHWAY

The Reverend Robert C. Powley, pastor, will conduct morning worship, January 18 at 10:30 a.m. Special music will be presented by the Westminster Choir under the direction of James W. Musacchio with Faye D. Wilder at the organ console.

Following the Children's Service, the youth, sitting as a group, will be excused to go to the Child Care Room for a supervised program. Child Care is provided, each Sunday, during worship hour for infants and children to those in second grade.

All present are invited to partake refreshments at the Coffee Fellowship Hour in Davis Hall immediately following worship. Parish Care and Evangelism and Staff Matters, Committees of session will meet at 11:30 a.m. The Celebration Bell Choir meeting at 11:35, director Faye Wilder.

The Church Learning Hour at 9:15 a.m. will provide classes for those in kindergarten to adult study. The third seminar, Sunday the 15th will be "Blessed Preterian — how we govern ourselves." Leader will be Mr. Charles A. Schultz.

Meetings of the week:

— Jan. 15, 15: Cub Deas 3 and 4 and Tiger Cub meeting at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively. The First Presbyterian Bell Ringers rehearsing at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room. The Westminster Choir convening at 8 p.m. Members of Ruth Circle meeting at 8 p.m.

— Friday, January 16, Girl Scout Troop 716 meeting at 7 p.m.

— Saturday, January 17, the Alcoholics Anonymous group meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Squier Gymnasium.

— Monday, January 19, Girls' Senior Troop 235 and 450 meeting at 7 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., respectively.

— Tuesday, January 20, the ladies will gather for their weekly Workshop at 10 a.m. in the church library. Cub Deas 2 meeting at 4:30 a.m. Boy Scout Troop 716 meeting at 7:15 p.m.

— Wednesday, January 21, Phoebe Circle meeting at 1 p.m. Mrs. William Rind at hostess. Confirmation Commissioning Class members meeting at 5 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 9 meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Board of Trustees convening at 7:30 p.m. in the church library.

The church is located at the corner of West Grand Avenue and Church Street.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RAHWAY

Second Presbyterian Church's worship and programs are open to people of every race, culture, and nationality.

Rev. Robert Becht Cunningham is the Interim Pastor. January 18 — 9:30 a.m., Church school for all ages; 11 a.m., Divine Worship — The sermon will be "You are important."

Scheduled meetings include:

— Jan. 16 — Pastor Nominating Committee, searching for a new permanent pastor, 7 p.m.

— Jan. 17 — Rev. Leroy Holmes, "Outcasts," this is a supportive program working with families of those in prison. 10:00 a.m.

— Jan. 18 — Meeting of proposed Elders and Deacons and the church school. This is a briefing session for new members of the church and deacons — 7:30 p.m.

— Jan. 19 — Board of Deacons, 7:30 p.m. Deacons are committed to a ministry to the sick, the friendless, and to any who may be in distress.

— Jan. 20 — Women's Association Sewing Day, 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. Bring a sandwich, Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., and director and organist, Robert Stasak. — Junior Troop No. 1051, Girl Scouts, 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Leaders are Ed Johnson and Diane Lewis.

— Jan. 23 — Pastor Nominating Committee, 7 p.m.

The "Church of the Lighted Cross" is located at the junction of Main Street and New Brunswick Avenue.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CLARK

This Sunday the worship service with the celebration of Holy Communion will be at 10:30 a.m. officiated by Pastor Joseph D. Kuchark. A Voice's Meeting will follow the service at 11:30 a.m. followed by a ziti dinner, prepared by the Luther League at 12:30 p.m.

Scheduled meetings: Thursday, Bible Hour, 8 p.m.; Monday, Confirmation Classes, 6:30 p.m.; Christian Education and Sunday School, 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Choir, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, Dialog Evangelism, 8 p.m.

Lecture series on Jewish history planned in area

Dr. Kenneth Libo, author, will be the kick-off lecturer on Saturday evening, January 17, at the Community Lecture Series, sponsored by Temple Beth Or, Clark, Congregation Anshe Chesed, Linden and Temple Beth-El, Cranford. The first lecture will be at 8 p.m. A dessert gift will follow the opening lecture.

Dr. Libo will be presenting "Pioneer Jewish Men and Women of America." He is the author of "We Lived There Too," a history of Jews in the American West. He is a former editor of "The Jewish Daily Forward" and has written for numerous publications, including "The New York Times," "The Saturday Review," and "American Jewish Archives." Dr. Libo is a Dartmouth graduate and has a Ph.D. from the City University of New York.

The complete series includes David Schoenbrun, television commentator, who will speak on Sunday evening, February 1, at 8 p.m. in the Anshe Chesed, Linden. His topic will be "Israel, The Jews and America." The second lecture will be on Sunday evening, March 22, at Temple Beth Or, Clark. His topic will be "An Encounter Between the Talmud and the U.S. Constitution." A ticket information is available, call the Rectory at 354-0023 for tickets.

Baby's HAS ARRIVED

It's A Boy!

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It's A Girl!

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rodolfo of Franks are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth, born Dec. 26, 1986 in F.I.R. Hospital. Elizabeth weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 19 inches. The maternal grandparents are Tom & Mrs. William Merrifield of Woodbridge. The paternal grandparents are Rich & Louise Colony of Woodbridge.

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OBITUARIES

Sophie Dryka, 65; school cafeteria worker

Sophie Dryka, 65, died Jan. 4 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Elizabeth, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Dryka was born in Elizabeth and lived in Linden eight years.

She was a cafeteria worker for the Linden Board of Education at School Number One 12 years, retiring three years ago.

Mrs. Dryka was a communicant of St. Theresa's R.C. Church and a member of its Rosary Confraternity and Ladies' Auxiliary.

She was a member of the Polish Legion of American War Veterans Post 91, Elizabeth, the Senior Citizens of Linden and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph Dryka, two sons, Ronald of Edison and Joseph of Phoenix, Ariz.; a daughter, Mrs. Michele Hegedus of Linden; three brothers, John and Stanley, both of Elizabeth, and Raymond of Clark; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Kosba of Rahway and Mrs. Jean-Genevieve of White Hall, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

Surviving are five sons, Henry A. of Clark; three sisters, Miss Emily Kohler and Mrs. Elsie Eberhardt, both of Whiting, and Mrs. Anna Snyder of Point Pleasant.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11, at St. Theresa's R.C. Church, 1000 N. 10th St., Elizabeth. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Elizabeth.

Joseph Sarica, 64, was mold sculptor

Joseph A. Sarica, 64, of Linden, died Jan. 8 at Freeland Area Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Sarica sculpted plastic molds for American Mold and Tool Co., Linden, for eight months ago. Prior to that, he was a tool and die-maker for the former Singer Manufacturing Co., Elizabeth, 10 years, after working as a machinist for Akos Aluminum, Edison, 33 years.

Mr. Sarica was a communicant of St. Theresa's R.C. Church, Linden.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Judith R. Sarica; two sons, Joseph A. Jr. of Linden and John S. of Roseland; two daughters, Ms. JoAnne Torocello of Kenilworth and Mrs. Barbara Oranovsky of Rahway; three brothers, Dominic and Anthony, both of Elizabeth, and Guido of Roselle Park; and four grandchildren.

Denise Tutela, 24

Mrs. Denise A. Mulare Tutela, 24, died Jan. 6 at Sloan Kettering Hospital, New York, after a long illness.

Mrs. Tutela was born in Elizabeth and lived in Clark before moving to Linden a year ago.

She was a collection correspondent for Sears Credit Central, Cranford, seven years.

Mrs. Tutela was a communicant of St. Adalbert's R.C. Church, Elizabeth.

She was a graduate of the Arthur Johnson Regional High School, Clark.

Surviving are her husband, Raymond Tutela; her sons, Raymond and Mrs. Jean Mulare of Clark; a sister, Mrs. Deborah Mulare of Clark; and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Jean Apalinski of Rahway.

Joseph Stefens, 94; Native of Russia

Joseph Stefens, 94, who died Sunday at St. Elizabeth Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Stefens was born in Russia and came to Elizabeth in 1927.

He was a partner for the former Singer Manufacturing Co. 17 years, retiring in 1964.

Mr. Stefens was a communicant of St. Peter & Paul's Lithuanian R.C. Church, Linden.

He was an Army veteran of World War I.

Mr. Stefens was a member of the American Legion Argonne Post 6, Elizabeth.

Surviving are a stepson, Adolph Dobar of Los Angeles; and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Viora A. Stiefel of Clark.

Helen Wood, 86; was a member of Rahway Women's Club

Mrs. Helen Kukul Wood, 86, died Jan. 6 at the Rahway Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Hungary, Mrs. Wood was brought to this country in 1904. She lived in Kearny and Elizabeth before moving to Rahway in 1921.

Mrs. Wood was a member of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Church.

She was a member of the Rahway Women's Club.

Her husband, William H. Wood, died in 1985.

Surviving are two sons, William H. Jr. of Jupiter, Fla.; and Ronald H. of Morristown; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on the Veterans Administration National Cemetery of Massachusetts, Bourne.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Heart Association, Cape and Islands Chapter, 115 West Main St., Hyannis 02601.

Helen Wesley, 68; in Clark 40 years

Mrs. Helen R. Wesley, 68, died last week at St. John the Apostle R.C. Church, Linden.

Her husband, Adolph Wesley, died in 1984.

She was a member of St. John the Apostle R.C. Church, Linden.

Surviving are a son, Sgt. Arthur of the Clark Police Department; a daughter, Mrs. Christine Wesley of Clark; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Spick of Plainfield; and a grandson.

People with respiratory problems can enjoy cruise to Bermuda

The glamour and luxury of a cruise ship vacation need no longer be off limits to people with emphysema, asthma or other chronic lung conditions.

The Respiratory Health Association, headquartered in Paramus, in cooperation with the Better Breathing Club of Norwalk Hospital in Connecticut, is offering the opportunity for those people to enjoy an exciting vacation that is planned with their needs in mind.

The cruise "to the Bermuda Islands" will depart from New York on Saturday, May 23, returning May 30. The eight-day sea voyage will include a stopover in Bermuda.

Mr. Kohler was born in Newark and lived in Verona most of his life, moving to Clark seven years ago.

He was a supervisor for Union Imperial Laundry, Newark, 43 years, retiring in 1970.

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Start thinking about this year's garden

It's not too early to start thinking about this year's garden. Good planning can get you started on the right foot, including something new each year adds interest and expands your knowledge.

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Phobia seminar set at hospital

The Crisis Intervention Program at Union Hospital, Union, will offer a discussion on phobias on Jan. 20 as part of its monthly lecture and film series.

According to Allan Boyer, program director, the series, which will be held in the hospital's main classroom, is designed to address current mental health topics and treatment available to the general public.

The discussion, which will be presented by a clinical specialist from Psychiatric Management Services, will address such topics as what phobias are, how they can be treated, and the most common phobias. Free refreshments will be served during the discussion.

Other lectures and films to be offered in the series include Family Violence, Suicide and Depression and "Careful, He Might Hear You."

For further information, contact the Crisis Intervention Program at 687-7777. Union Hospital is located at 1000 Galloping Hill Rd., Union.

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EBENEZER AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RAHWAY

On Sunday, January 18, the 11 a.m. Episcopal Service. The Rev. Rudolph P. Gibbs, Sr., the pastor, will deliver the sermon. Music will be presented by the Celestial Choir with Mrs. J. Stanley Parker, director, and Mrs. Vera Bergen, the organist. The Sunday Church School will commence at 9:30 a.m. Evangelist Vera Bergen will be the preacher at the 7:30 a.m. Evening Worship Service. Music will be presented by the Gospel Chorus with John Danek, pianist/director, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday will be observed throughout the day.

Meetings during the week: Today, New Believers and Refresher Course, 6:30 p.m., Prayer Meeting, Church, 8 p.m.; Monday, January 19, Youth Choir Rehearsal, 8 p.m.; Tuesday, January 20, Men's Chorus Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, January 21, Bible Study and Steward Board, 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF RAHWAY

The Reverend William L. Fredrickson, Minister, will preach during the Service of Worship on Sunday, January 18, 11 a.m. An anthem will be sung by the Choir, which is under the leadership of Mrs. Deborah L. Klimm. Mrs. Klimm is also at the organ console. A child will be presented throughout the morning for young children.

At 11 a.m. the Christian Education program of First Baptist is held. There are classes for all ages in the study of the Bible. The Book of Hebrews is the study material for the Bible Study Fellowship on Thursday, at 12:30 p.m. at the church.

Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays, at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

On Sunday, January 20, the Maye Howard Circle will gather in the home of Mrs. Ruth Jennings, at 7:30 p.m.

The First Baptist Church of Rahway is an American Baptist Church located at 177 Elm Avenue.

Catholic singles plan game night

The Young Single Catholic Adults Club will hold a game night on Saturday, January 24, 8 p.m. to midnight at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Marine Avenue. Featured will be Trivial Pursuit, Monopoly and Scruples. Cost is \$6 which includes pizza and beverages.

The club is open to singles, 21-35. Phone 382-0122 for further information.

Church slates fish dinner

St. Patrick's Church, 209 Court St., Elizabeth, will hold a fish dinner on Friday, January 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.

The Argyre Restaurant of Kearny will prepare and serve a hot dinner of fish and chips in the church hall. Also included will be home made cakes and coffee. Take out orders will be available. Call the Rectory at 354-0023 for tickets.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF RAHWAY

Sunday, January 18, the 11 o'clock Family Worship Service and Message will be conducted by the Pastor, the Rev. Donald B. Jones. Music will be provided by the Senior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Judy Alvarez. Adult-supervised Nursery Care is available for infants and young children. Church School and the Adult Bible Club will convene at 9:15, followed by Coffee and Fellowship Time at 10:30 in Ashbury Hall.

Today, the First Wesleyan will meet at the church from 10 until 2. The Senior Choir will rehearse at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 19, Mixed league bowling at 6:30 p.m.; women's bowling at 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: The Afternoon Circle meeting will be held at 1 p.m. in Ashbury Hall.

The church is located at the corner of E. Milton Ave. and Main St.

Singles plan racquetball, wallyball night

The Catholic Alumni Club of North Jersey, a Catholic Singles Club, will sponsor an evening of Racquetball and Wallyball on Saturday, January 24, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Route 46 East, Clifton. There will be a demonstration of Tai Chi Chuan Club afterwards.

Call Pat (829-0925) for information and reservations or Mary Jane (388-8965) for information and reservations by January 23.

Did You Know?

In Chinese, "chopsticks" are K-wai-size meaning "the quick ones."

UNION COUNTY BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARK

On Sunday the main Worship Service will be at 11 a.m. and the Evening Service at 6 o'clock. Sunday School for children, youth and the mentally handicapped will begin at 9:45 a.m. and at 10 a.m. for the adults.

Children's Church will be at 11 a.m. Meetings during the week: Tuesday, Ladies Visitation & Fellowship 10 a.m.; Wednesday, Mid-Week Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Thursday, Visitation, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Visitation, 10 a.m.; Singles Fellowship 7:30 p.m. Transportation is available by calling 574-1479. Nursery care will be provided at all services.

The church is located at 4 Valley Road, at the Clark Parkway Circle, Exit No. 135 of the Garden State Parkway.

Dr. Frank Papanicolaou is the pastor.

HOLY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST OF RAHWAY

On Sunday, January 18, Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. Morning Worship will begin at 11 a.m. officiated by the Pastor, Reverend Robert L. Bragg. The music will be conducted by the Men's Chorus under the direction of Sr. Steele.

Every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m., Prayer and Bible classes are held. Regular service is held every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, January 18, the men of Holy Mountain will celebrate their Annual Men's Day at the 11 a.m. service. Reverend Robert L. Bragg will bring the Men's Day Message and at 4 p.m. Men's Day will conclude with a message from Elder Ingram from Mason Memorial of Trenton. All are invited. Deacon Robert James is chairman.

The church is located at 220 East Grand Avenue.

Ebenezer Church plans tax session

On Wednesday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m., Robert S. Jacini, Certified Public Accountant and Financial Consultant, will be the speaker at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, 253 Central Ave., Rahway, to provide information concerning the new tax laws and how they mean to the individual taxpayer.

Mr. Jacini will provide this service at the request of the NAACP-Rahway Branch. Reverend Robert L. Bragg will bring the Men's Day Message and at 4 p.m. Men's Day will conclude with a message from Elder Ingram from Mason Memorial of Trenton. All are invited. Deacon Robert James is chairman.

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Annual food drive

Volunteers aid area needy

The Kiwanis Club of Rahway, aided by the Rahway High School Key Club, Rahway Golden "K" Kiwanis Club, The Rahway Retired Men's Club and other volunteers, delivered food parcels on Saturday, Dec. 20, to over 75 families in this area. The food helped make the holidays brighter for 85 adults and over 175 children.

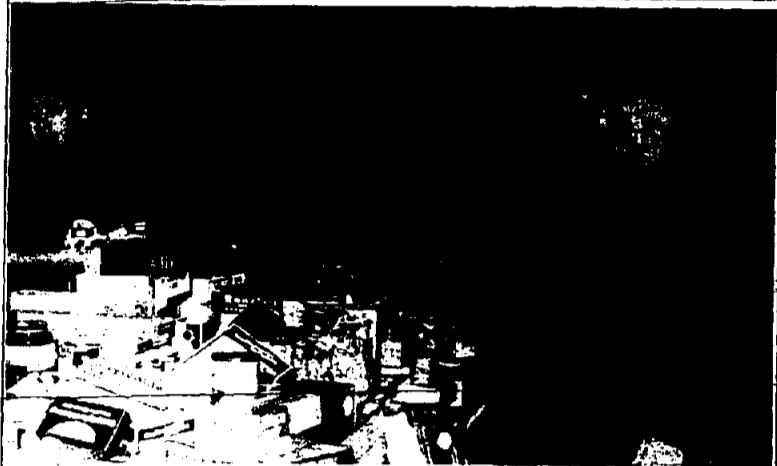
This program, started over six years ago by the publishers of *The Atom Tabloid* and *The Rahway News Record/Clark Patriot*, has grown steadily. The Kiwanis Club of Rahway has been involved for four years, handling the deliveries.

This year has seen a more widespread involvement of more groups helping to collect, sort, pack and deliver the food.

The food was collected with the aid of the Rahway elementary schools, Carteret High School, Woodbridge High School, Colonia High School, J.F.K. High School, Linden High School, St. Thomas Church, the Rahway postal workers and the generous readers of these newspapers.

Monies to buy food were donated by the Kiwanis Club of Rahway, Rahway AARP, Rahway postal workers and contributions were also made by our readers.

Programs such as this are positive proof that we do care about those that are underprivileged in a time when there is so much available to most of us.



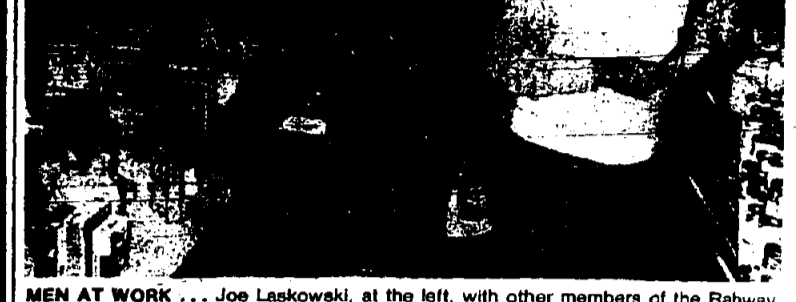
BUSY HANDS ... Rahway High School Key Club members were busy helping to sort and pack food parcels. President Christine Zapotocky is at the left.



HELPFUL "K'S" ... Harry Hanf and Ed Cwirko, members of the Rahway Golden "K" Kiwanis Club, helped with sorting canned goods.



OVERSEER ... Rich Vossler, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Rahway, prepared cartons and delivery instructions for volunteers.



MEN AT WORK ... Joe Laskowski, at the left, with other members of the Rahway Retired Men's Club, were involved with sorting and packing packages of food.



Clark boys hold first wrestling match

Mayor George G. Nucera announced that the Clark Youth Wrestling Team, sponsored by the Clark Recreation Department, had its first match against Hillside on Saturday, January 10.

The following boys registered wins for the Clark team: Craig Mahon, Tim Pitta, Jeff Olsen, Brian Brazzydo, Len Rothband, Taso Lysistris, Roy Pitta, Roy George, Rich Velotti and Rich Demarocki.

The team practices every Tuesday at Brewer School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and has matches against other towns on Saturday mornings.

Any boy from 5th through 8th grade interested in wrestling is welcome to join the team.

Carter finishes USAF course

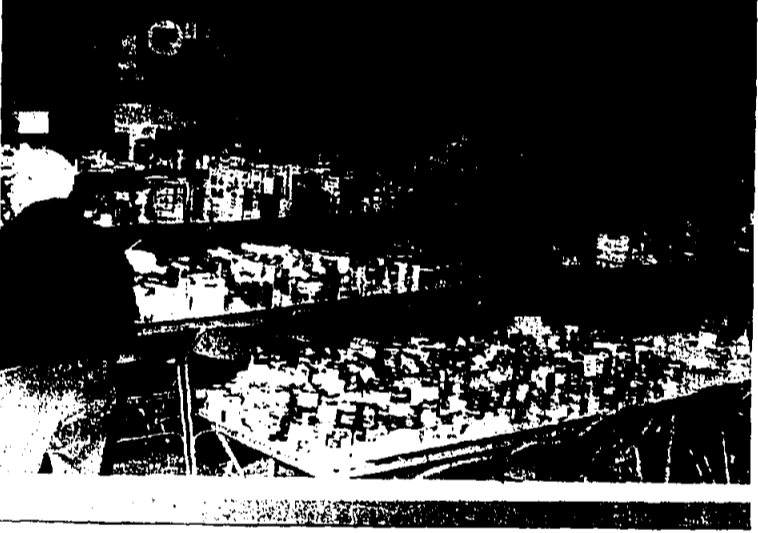
Airman Valiant C. Carter, son of Betty Carter of Capobianco Plaza, Rahway, and William J. Carter II of Union St., Linden, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force avionics communications systems course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Graduates of the 20-week course learned how to install and repair airborne communications equipment, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1984 graduate of Rahway Senior High School.

Did You Know?

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