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MERCHANTS HELPING STUDENTS. ... Sound-A-Rama located at 1483 Main Street, helped provide an incentive for Rahway High School students to improve their attendance. Eileen Horowitz, owner of Sound-A-Rama, is shown presenting a \$30 gift certificate to Jim Jernigan, a senior, of Rahway High School's Alternative Center for Education. This project is part of the Rahway public school's effort to improve the quality of education for students. The generous contributions of local merchants such as Mrs. Horowitz are an integral part of this program.

Solid waste plan on track authority/freeholders told

At a recent joint meeting of the Union County Utilities Authority (CUA) and the Freeholder Board, outgoing CUA Chairman and Freeholder James J. Fulcomer reported on the activities of the nine-member Utilities Authority since its establishment by the Freeholder Board last May.

Fulcomer noted that CUA members have been meeting on a regular basis since they were appointed last August, to implement three major elements of Union County's District Solid Waste Management Plan. These elements include the construction of a resource recovery facility in Rahway, development of landfills in Elizabeth and Linden and implementation of a countywide recycling program.

In order to effectively conduct these major activities, the CUA last month named Joseph E. Kazar, former director of the county's environmental affairs division, to a five-year term as executive director; Kevin Davis of Hillside to a one-year term as clerk; Kupper Associates of Piscataway to a one-year term as consulting engineers; and G. Richard Malgran of the law firm Rubin, Rubin and Malgran to a one-year term as general counsel. In addition, a 1987 budget has been approved. Funds for the budget will initially be supplied in the form of a loan from the county that will soon be replaced with Authority-issued debt, state grants and user fees. The Authority is expected to name a bond counsel as well as underwriters in the near future.

In his report, Fulcomer stated that the first task of the Authority was the negotiation of vendor contracts for the resource recovery facility. He noted that intensive simultaneous negotiations are now being conducted with the two

vendors whose proposals were ranked the highest — Ogden Martin Systems of Paramus and Research Cottrell, Inc. of Somerville. Other activities associated with the resource recovery project included:

- Submission of a Preliminary Environmental and Health Impact Statement to the state in November 1986, which is reportedly ready for approval.
- Execution of a Host Community Agreement with Rahway and the Freeholder Board on December 29, 1986.
- Receipt of a \$162,000 state grant that will assist in developing the project.
- Recommendation to the Freeholder Board to lower the ultimate cost of resource recovery to taxpayers by formally amending the District Solid Waste Management Plan to utilize the millions of dollars in the county's "Resource Recovery Investment Tax Fund."
- Initiation of the extensive permitting process that is expected to continue for another year.

Activities relating to landfill development, Fulcomer reported, have been minimal, although environmental analysis and negotiations are expected to commence in the immediate future. The landfill plan amendment, he noted, is currently being reviewed by the state.

As a result of the state's directive that Union County implement mandatory recycling, seven municipalities joined the county's regional program to be conducted by the Occupational Center of Union County. Under this regional system, there will be two curbside pick-ups of newspapers, aluminum and glass per month. The remaining municipalities elected to conduct recycling programs on an individual basis, generally collecting a single material. However, should

mandatory recycling become state law, Fulcomer said the Authority would expect additional interest in the regional program.

Thus far, municipalities have adopted recycling plans and municipal ordinances, while participants in the regional program have adopted Resolutions of Intent. Warehouse space is currently being sought, and program details are being finalized.

At the conclusion of his report, Fulcomer outlined the Authority's major activities projected for 1987. Activities associated with resource recovery include:

- Selection of a resource recovery vendor.
 - Execution of a construction agreement.
 - Approval of a 20-year operating agreement.
 - Filing of all major permits.
 - Negotiation of an energy sale contract.
- Activities associated with landfill development include:
- Negotiation of agreements with landowners and host communities.
 - Environmental analysis and permitting of sites.
 - Acquisition of a central warehouse, trucks and other equipment.
 - Execution of agreements among participants.
 - Collection of materials begin in May or June.

Mark this date!

The Rahway Historical Society will host an open house at the Merchant's & Drover's Tavern on Sunday, March 8, 2-5 p.m. The Tavern will be open as well as the gift shop with many new items. Donation is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

Sale of City land spurs protests

by Pat DiMaggio

The sale of City-owned land was approved by the Rahway Municipal Council in spite of vocal opposition from area residents. A special meeting, held on February 11, was well attended thanks to the efforts of Republican Councilman George Wagenhoffer, who had flyers delivered to those neighborhoods affected by the sale.

More than 75 people attended the meeting to protest the sale of three parcels of land. The resolution authorizing the sale included Library Park, behind the Rahway Library on Pierpont Street and Central Avenue; a portion of Stein Field, between Concord and Murray Streets; and a 75 by 100 lot on Tully Field, Princeton Avenue.

General conditions of the sale specify a maximum of six one-family residences on Library Park, a maximum of eight one-family residences on the Stein Field property and one home on Tully Field.

Business Administrator Joseph Hartnett said the City hopes to realize \$1 million through the sale. "The money to be raised by this sale is equivalent to the hiring of 26 policemen and firemen this year, and three per year every year after," said Hartnett. "We are conservatively estimating a worth of 26 tax points. Ten for the Pierpont and Central Avenue property, four for Stein Field and two for Princeton Avenue."

Hartnett explained the reason for the sale is that the City is facing "the worst

budget crisis by far" this year. "Rahway, as well as other municipalities, has recognized that the infusion of revenue from these sales is critical to the survival of municipalities," said Hartnett. He explained that Stein Field and Tully Field will continue to operate as recreational areas for the City's youth.

Residents opposed to the sale cited the loss of park land and dangers of flooding if additional houses were built in the areas. Linda McTeague, of Pierpont Street, questioned the advisability of selling Library Park. "This is not fit for development; it shouldn't be considered surplus land," said Ms. McTeague in citing flood problems in the area.

The resolution was approved on a vote of six in favor, with Councilmen James Fulcomer and George Wagenhoffer opposed. John Marsh was absent.

"It seems to be real bad planning to give up something you'll never have again for what has been called a 'temporary crisis,'" said Fulcomer. "This land sale would greatly diminish the neighborhoods. Let's keep our parks for future generations."

"It is important that when the City government acts, we act with the eyes of the residents upon us," said Wagenhoffer. "This resolution should be voted down unanimously so 'George' doesn't have to go out dropping flyers. I'd rather leave my children with a City that has parks and trees. It's

time to vote this down. It's time to take a stand. Let's not mislead the people."

"Over the years we have been cutting services," said Councilman James Cadigan in voting for the resolution. "This may just be a stop-gap until Trenton straightens itself out (with aid to municipalities)."

Councilman Max Sheld said he asked residents of Princeton Avenue what they thought of building a house on the 75 by 100 lot located on Tully Field. "The neighbors felt new construction would enhance their property," said Sheld.

"I don't believe the sale of this property is going to be the answer to our problems," said Councilman Harvey Williams. "I will support it this time and I will vote my conscience

the second time," said Williams.

The resolution authorizes the advertising for bids for the surplus land. The actual sale of the land will come before the council for a final approval.

"We have fiscal responsibilities to residents," said Councilman Jerry Coleman. "We have to look at the longer overall picture. I think the development of wooded areas will enhance the value of Rahway."

Council President Vincent Addona said he would support the resolution to give the administration "flexibility."

"If the dollars come from Trenton, then I'll look at this resolution in another light. We are trying to stabilize this year's budget," said Addona.

Rahway attorney faces theft charges

by Pat DiMaggio

Rahway attorney Joseph Witkowski is in a Bucks County, Pennsylvania jail awaiting extradition to Union County to face charges of theft. Union County Assistant District Attorney Brian Gillette said Witkowski is accused of the theft of more than \$200,000 from area residents.

Admitted to the bar in 1974, the 40 year old Witkowski specialized in real estate law, with offices at 1492 Main Street. He is also the owner of Casey's, on Main Street, which has been closed since his arrest. Gillette credited Witkowski's capture and arrest on February 10 to the work of Rahway Detective William White III and Economic Crimes Unit Investigator Steven Seigel.

Witkowski is accused of the theft of money from clients who sought his services for house closings and refinancing mortgages. Gillette said that more than 21 complaints were received from area residents about Witkowski's failure to turn over monies received from clients seeking mortgages at area financial institutions.

"People were finding out that their mortgages were not being paid off, refinancing deals were not being paid and when they bought a new house, the seller was not paid," said Gillette. Witkowski was suspended from practice on December 22, 1986, by the New Jersey Office of Attorney Ethics.

Witkowski was supposed to turn himself in to the prosecutor's office on January 14, said Gillette, but he fled. "His capture in New Hope, Pennsylvania was due to the good detective work of White and Seigel," said Gillette.

Intermediate School offers free classes

Want to get a basic education free? If you need to improve your reading, writing or arithmetic to get promoted, a better job, pass basic skills test for college, or to help your children with homework, register for classes at Rahway's Adult Basic Education Program.

Classes are offered from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Rahway Intermediate School, no charge. Registration is open to any adult, whether or not they live in Rahway. To register, simply go to Room 103 of Rahway Intermediate School during class hours.

Seven seek board seats

by Pat DiMaggio

Seven nominees have filed petitions for three available seats on the Rahway Board of Education. Each position carries a three year term on the nine member board which sets the policy for Rahway's public schools.

Rick Proctor, Bryant Street, the only incumbent, is seeking his fourth term on

the board. Former board member Betta Jacobs, Russell Avenue, is looking to return to the board as is former board member Bernard Miller, Hemlock Street.

Other nominees include Jacqueline Fagan, Central Avenue, Roy Valentine, Stone Street, Rev. Donald Jones, Bryant Street, and Barry Henderson, Grove Street.

Mr. Valentine retired last year after 36 years as an

educator and principal of Rahway High School.

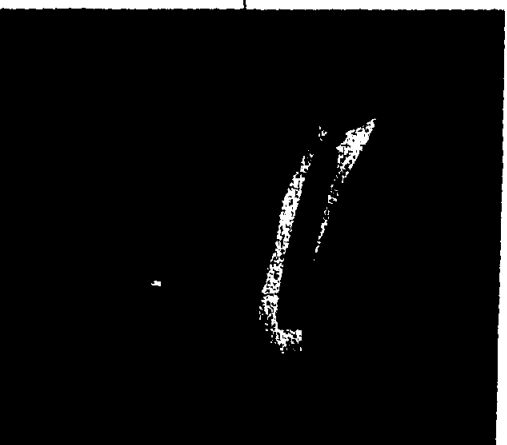
Rev. Jones is presently filling the unexpired term of Louis Rizzo, a long-term board member who died last year. Jones and Henderson, also a former board member, and a police captain in Rahway, are both seeking Rizzo's board seat.

Board members William Hoodzow and William Ulrich have decided not to seek re-election this year.



ALTAR BOYS from St. Mark's Parish, Hamilton St., Rahway, attended a special Mass in their honor celebrated by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick at St. Theresa's Church, Linden, on Feb. 6. The Mass, sponsored by the Serra Club International, was attended by Altar Boys from several Union County churches, and concelebrated by over 30 area parish priests. The

Serra Club awarded certificates to the boys at a reception afterward. Altar Boys pictured are Tom Moulton, Cesar Nieto, Jason Martin, Patrick Hanrahan, Andrew Andrzejczak, Jeffrey Shuster, Herb Glass, Wayne Martin, William Grant, Ben Gilbert, Kevin Karch, Kenneth Rengifo, Joseph Karch, and Paul Shuster.



CITY COMMENDATION ... Carol A. Kaminski has been officially certified as a registered municipal clerk by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services. Ms. Kaminski is shown accepting a resolution commending her designation from Mayor Daniel L. Martin at a recent council meeting. Ms. Kaminski has been employed as a secretary to City Clerk, Francis Senkowsky, for 2 1/2 years.

Religious News

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RAHWAY

Morning worship, February 22, will be observed at 10:30 a.m. with the Reverend Robert C. Powley, pastor, officiating. Special music will be by the Westminster Choir under the direction of James W. Masachio with Faye D. Wilder at the organ console. Following the Children's Service, the youth singing group will be expected to go to the Church Care Room for a supervised program. Child Care is provided during the worship hour for infants and children to those in second grade.

Immediately following worship all present are invited to partake refreshments in Davis Fellowship Hall. The Church Learning Hour at 9:15 a.m. will provide classes for those in kindergarten and adult study. At 11:35 a.m. the Celebration Bell Ringers will hold their rehearsal.

Meatless of the Week: Tuesday, February 23. Dens 3 and 4 Tiger Cubs meeting at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Senior Gymnasium. Monday, February 22: Girl Scout Troop 401 will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Gymnasium. The Ladies will gather for their weekly worship at 10 a.m. in the church library. Cub Den 2 meeting at 4:30 p.m. and Boy Scout Troop 47 meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the Senior Room. Abigail Circle members gathering at 8 p.m. in the church library with hostesses, Mrs. Robert Jones.

Wednesday, February 25: The Confirmation Commissioning Class meeting at 5 p.m. in the church library. Girl Scout Troop 9 gathering at 6:30 p.m. The Webelos meeting at 7 p.m. in the church library. The Abigail Circle meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the church library.

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

OSCEOLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. S. Timothy Preitz will preach at the 10 a.m. worship service at the Osceola Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Feb. 22. Fellowship hour follows downstairs.

Church school classes for all ages are provided each Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

The Old Testament Survey Course is held each Sunday from 9:50 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with Rev. and Mrs. Preitz as team teachers. The course covers one book of the Bible each week of class. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Thursday, Feb. 19: 3:45 p.m. - Junior Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m. - Christian Ed.; 7:30 p.m. - Sea Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall; 8 p.m. - Chanted Choir rehearsal; 8:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous, also meets Friday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20: Osceola Youth Group will attend the Tetra Christian Rock Group concert at Trenton Memorial Auditorium. They will leave the church at 6 p.m. and arrive back at the church approximately 10 p.m. Osceola Weekday Nursery School continues Monday through Friday each week from 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Walsh. The church is located at 1689 Raritan Rd.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RAHWAY

The Service of Worship will be conducted by the Rev. Thomas J. Donahue, Pastor, at 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday, February 22. Confirmation Class will meet at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. Fellowship meet at 9:30 a.m.

Meatless of the Week: Tuesday, February 23. Feb. 19 - Women's Sewing Group - 10 a.m. Feb. 20 - Lutheran Church Men meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 - Evangelism Committee - 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 - Choir rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

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SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RAHWAY

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

February 22 - Church school for all ages 9:30 a.m. supervised only room during worship; 11 a.m. Divine Worship - Interim Minister Robert Beach Cunningham will preach; "Evangelism that Counts with God."

Scheduled meetings include: February 20 - Pastor Nominating Committee meeting, conducting search of new permanent pastor, 7 p.m.

February 23 - Cadet Troop 756, Girl Scouts, 7:30 p.m. The leaders are Barbara McLaren and Barbara Ferrando.

February 24 - Rayway Women's Club Board: Choir Rehearsal, Robert Stasiak, Organist and Choir Director, 7 p.m.; Junior Troop 1051, Girl Scouts, 7:30 p.m. The leaders are Edna Solomon and Diane Lewis.

February 27 - Pastor Nominating Committee, 7 p.m. The "Church of the Lighted Cross" is located at the junction of Main Street and New Brunswick Avenue.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF RAHWAY

Sunday, February 22: The 11 o'clock Family Worship Service and Message will be conducted by the Pastor, the Rev. Donald B. Jones. Music will be presented 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 Class will convene at 9:15, followed by Coffee and Fellowship Time at 10:30.

Today, the Fair Workshop will meet at the church from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Senior Choir will rehearse at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 23: Mixed league bowling at 6:30; women's bowling at 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24: The United Methodist Women will meet at 7:30 p.m. for their general meeting and program.

Wednesday, Feb. 25: The Trustees meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF RAHWAY

The Reverend Thomas McNally will preach at the First Baptist Church of Rahway on February 22. Our time of worship is 9:45 a.m. Our Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Deborah L. Klum, Director of Music, will sing an anthem. Child care for young children is provided throughout the morning in the Nursery.

Our Christian Education program is at 11 a.m. There are classes for all age groups in the study of the faith.

Choir rehearsal is on Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

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St. Mary's Church lists Lenten schedule

St. Mary's R.C. Church, Rahway, has announced the parish Lenten schedule as follows:

Ash Wednesday, March 4 - Liturgies will be celebrated at 6:30 and 8 a.m. and 12:10 and 7 p.m. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at each.

Weekday liturgies from Monday to Friday will be celebrated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6:30 and 8 a.m. and in the church at 12:10 and 7 p.m.

Lenten evening prayer services will be held on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings at 8 p.m.

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Holy Name Society slates breakfast

A Communion breakfast will be held Mar. 6 by the St. John the Apostle Holy Name Society at Clark VFW Post 7363, 6 Broadway, Clark, after the 9 a.m. mass in the church in Clark.

The Rev. Stephen Kopacz will be the guest speaker. Father Kopacz is chaplain/teacher at Essex Catholic Boys High School, Newark.

Door prizes will be awarded. For more information call Frank Mazur, 381-7565.

Thomas Winters will be toastmaster.

The Rev. Alfonso M. Armino, Pastor of St. John's and Spiritual Moderator of the Holy Name Society, will give the invocation and the Benediction.

Tickets will be \$3 for young men under 14, and \$5 for adults.

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ST. AGNES CHINESE AUCTION... Mrs. Mary Blessing, chairman of the Chinese Auction, presents the first ticket to Miss Elizabeth Anne Komar, principal of St. Agnes School in Clark. The Chinese Auction is held annually for the benefit of the Reverend Denis J. Whelan Scholarship Fund, which is awarded to the two highest average students attending Catholic high schools. It will be held on Thursday, March 12 in St. Agnes Auditorium. Tickets are now available at \$3.50 at St. Agnes School during school hours or at Schifferstein's Farm Market during the weekends. Many local and national merchants, plus many friends, have donated gifts for the benefit of the auction, and gifts are still being accepted.

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Petti elected president of hospital med staff



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Matthew Petti, M.D., a pediatrician with a practice in Colonia has been elected President of the Rahway Hospital Medical/Dental Staff. Franklin Morrow, M.D., was elected Vice President, and Frank Light, M.D., was elected Secretary/Treasurer. They all will serve two-year terms.

Dr. Petti has been on the Medical Staff since 1959 when he started his practice in Colonia. He won his medical degree from St. Louis University Medical School and interned at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City.

He served his residency at St. Michael's Hospital, Newark. Before joining Rahway Hospital, Dr. Petti served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Dr. Morrow, a board-certified urologist, has practiced in Roselle Park and Rahway. He has been on

the staff since 1973. He won his medical degree from New York Medical College and interned at Roosevelt Hospital, New York. He served residencies at Beth Israel Medical Center, New York and Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center, The Bronx, N.Y. Dr. Morrow is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a clinical instructor of urology at New Jersey's University of Medicine and Dentistry.

Dr. Light, chairman of the hospital's Anesthesiology Department, has also been on the hospital Medical Staff since 1973. After receiving his medical degree from the New Jersey College of Medicine, he took internship and residency at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Staten Island. Dr. Light is a Fellow of the American College of Anesthesiologists.



Franklin Morrow, M.D.



Frank Light, M.D.

Russo commends Meals on Wheels extension

Senate President John F. Russo commended the governor for including funds in the proposed fiscal 1988 budget to make the Meals on Wheels program available on weekends and holidays.

Senator Russo is the sponsor of legislation that would appropriate \$1 million to make home-delivered meals available for sick and disabled senior citizens on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The legislation, S. 2662, passed the Senate 38-0 in December, but has not yet been posted for a vote in the General Assembly.

"There are too many people forced to go without food all weekend because the Meals on Wheels program operates only five days a week in many areas of the state," Senator Russo said.

"I certainly commend Governor Kean for his foresight in setting aside \$1 million in his budget proposal to fund the extension of this worthy program," Senator Russo added. "I urge the Assembly to act quickly on my bill so it can be signed into law as soon as possible."

Senator Russo explained that many elderly people with special nutritional needs or medical conditions such as diabetes need a meal program that is available seven days a week.

Under the bill, any state resident who is at least 60 years old and homebound because of illness or disability, or otherwise isolated, would be eligible for the Meals on Wheels program. Each participant would

be asked for a confidential donation based on their ability to pay for the service. However, the program would not be denied to senior citizens who are unable to pay for it.

The bill requires the commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs to allocate the \$1 million to county offices on aging according to a formula established in the 1965

Older Americans Act. The bill also specifies that each county must match the aid it receives under the program with cash or services equal to 20 percent of the state grant.

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Rahway Hospital honors 70 junior volunteers

More than 70 Rahway Hospital junior volunteers have received awards for 100 or more hours of service to the hospital.

Junior volunteers work throughout the hospital. They deliver flowers, make beds, run errands, feed patients, and do office work. They give up their holidays, weekends, and time after school to serve. Some come to the hospital as early as 6 a.m. weekends to deliver newspapers. They all attend a special training program taught by registered nurses before they can serve.

Those who have achieved 100 or more hours of service are:

Kristen Ponczek of Cranford; Karen Dashevsky, Kathleen Cosmas, Denise Favor, Kathleen Dobbin, Steven Gelman, and Bryan Walsh of Clark.

Susan Palmucci, Donna Abrams, Patricia Prezioso, Susan Farrar, Theresa Shupp, Richard Jotz, Joseph Karch, Judy Madas, Brenda Martin, Laura Guidi, Nancy Palmucci, Elsa Amaral, Martha Barnhart, Donna Dalko, Brian Deeds, Lori Everson, Karen Fortune, Yvonne Harmon, Natasha Harris, Celeste Hudzik, Timothy Jones, Melanie Lubin, Paula Rooney, Phyllis Ross, Katrina Toney, and Cindy Wilson, all of Rahway.

Robert Rucinsky, Michelle Bartkovich, Robert Foxe, Lisa Lim, Heather Rogers, Jill Zweig, Jeanine Bayus, Jean Musachio, Joseph Russo, all of Colonia.

Susan Haber, Laura Rato, Susan Baykowski, Soo Jin Yun, Ann Oldenboom, Lisa Czarniak, Jennifer Londino, Jill McPartland, Gina Boechiaro, Janet Kornberger, Michelle Novak, Suzanne Sarra, and Joan Wietrzykowski, all of Linden.

Gail Gillespie, Jennifer Soltesz, Peggy Gavin, Jessica Silakowski, and Jennifer Urban, all of Woodbridge.

Cathy Timko of Westfield.

Michael Lordi, Sonya Ristau, Lesa Arny, and Romona Ristau, all of Avenel.

Laura Brzychewy of Fords.

Lore Capaci of Middletown.

Nadine Milford, of Roselle.

Susan McDonald and Jeanine Rybeck of Garwood.

Karen Rankin of Metuchen.

Junior volunteers have an opportunity to help people, make friends, and try out career plans. Those between 14 and 18 interested in learning how to become a junior volunteer can call the hospital's volunteer office, 499-6037.



SERVICE WITH A SMILE...Rahway Hospital junior volunteers, from left, Donna Abrams of Rahway, Jill McPartland of Linden, and Theresa Shupp of Rahway are three of 70 who have received awards for service to the hospital.



CLASS CLOWNS? Not quite! These fourth grade Gifted/Talented students are preparing for the OM League Tournament. OM, formerly known as Olympics of the Mind, is a creative problem solving competition. The Valley Road/F.K. Hahnly Schools Gifted/Talented program is hosting a League Tournament on Thursday, February 26, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ten schools from the Northern Region of New Jersey OM will be coming together to solve four long term problems. The four best solutions in each problem will go on to the Regional Competition at Ramapo College on Tuesday, March 24. Left to right are Dara Slack, Amy Drosowski, Robert Goldberg, Seth Axelrad and Ben Axelrad.

Free lecture by Dr. Papadopoulos

Dr. Walentyna Papadopoulos, practicing pediatrician in Montclair, and director of the pediatric department at the International Longshoremen's Association Medical Center in Newark, will speak about "Treatment of Maternal

Addictions and Childhood Diseases" at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark, Friday, February 20, 8 p.m. Admission is free, and the public is invited. The foundation is located at 177 Broadway.

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