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FOR DEDICATED SERVICE... Freeholder Gerald B. Green of Plainfield (left) joins Freeholder Walter McLeod of Rahway (right) in honoring one of Rahway's eminent citizens, Mrs. Lilien Hannibal. She was presented with a certificate from the Freeholder Board in recognition of her retirement after 24 years of outstanding, dedicated service as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Rahway Library.

Council paves way for Rt. 1 pool hall

Pedestrian safety remains a concern

by Pat DiMaggio
Rahway's Municipal Council amended an ordinance to pave the way for a new billiard room to be located on Route 1. City Attorney-Louis Raimone said there are no billiard room licenses currently held in the City, but plans for a proposed pool room to be located in the Granite Plaza strip center on the highway called for an update of the City's laws governing operations.

The ordinance sets a \$250 licensing fee with \$25 for each billiard table. Each licensee must maintain good order and prohibit gambling, and no one under the age of 17 may be allowed on the premises. Pool halls will be limited to B-4 or highway zones.

A public hearing on this ordinance will be held during the council's February 11 meeting.

In a previous meeting, some members of the council voiced their concerns over the safety of youngsters who might cross Route 1 to enter the proposed billiard room. Representatives of the company said they were also concerned with safety and would work with the council to alleviate their concerns. The license to operate the recreational facility has not yet been applied for or granted.

A graduate of Roosevelt High School, the former Junior High School and Rahway Senior High School, Kuc has also attended Rutgers University for courses covering the duties of the municipal clerk, records management and municipal finance administration and elections.

As clerk, Ms. Kuc's responsibilities will include serving as secretary to the council, preparing the agenda for meetings, recording minutes of the meetings and keeping records of all contracts.

"I love my job and I enjoy working with the public and council," said Kuc. "It's an interesting job, on a day to day basis, it is always different. Rahway employees are very cordial, we all work together."

Franks seeks repeal of resource recovery tax

Legislation presumes Rahway burn unit will never be built

Assemblyman Bob Franks (R-Dist. 22) has announced his introduction of legislation to ease garbage costs and provide tax relief by repealing the outmoded Resource Recovery Investment Tax.

Assemblyman Franks, along with Assemblyman Robert Shinn, co-sponsor of this bill, said a Florio administration freeze on new garbage incinerator projects renders unnecessary the 5-year-old resource recovery tax.

The bill, A-4312, would repeal the 54-per cent tax on garbage dumped in New Jersey and return the savings, including the account balance, to local governments to lower solid waste collection and disposal charges.

The action would result in an immediate \$50 million windfall for counties and their taxpayers and an annual savings of as much as \$20 million, according to Franks.

It makes no sense to continue to collect a tax to support solid waste incinerators that may never be built," said Shinn. "The original purpose for the tax is no longer valid."

The \$50 million balance in the resource recovery tax account would be returned to counties in proportion to the amount paid into the fund.

Franks stated, "The Florio administration has taken action to delay the building of the Resource Recovery facility in Union County. Therefore county taxpayers should not be paying into this tax fund."

KUC is new city clerk

Succeeds former boss

by Pat DiMaggio

Jean D. Kuc (pronounced "cook") will begin her tenure as Rahway's City Clerk on February 1. Appointed by the Municipal Council at its regular meeting on January 14, Kuc began as a secretary to retiring Clerk Francis "Bud" Senkowsky two years ago. While employed on behalf of the City, she completed all the course work mandated by the state to qualify as a Registered Municipal Clerk and was recently certified.



Jean D. Kuc

Board of Ed tackles busy docket

by Pat DiMaggio

School social studies teacher to be Jan. 2.

- Accepted Carry-Over Flow-Through Funds in the amount of \$6,243.83.
- Approved a Summer School Program for grades 9-12 at a cost not to exceed \$16,200.
- Approved the submission of a Chapter 12 application to the amount of \$14,572.82.
- Approved a Jersey City State College offering of a graduate level course "Drug Abuse Workshop" to be held at the High School for teaching staff members from January 14 through May 10.

Accepted a gift in the amount of \$25 from Margaret Mesko, class of 1945.

- Ratified the purchase of a 1991 Dodge pickup truck with plow at a cost of \$17,302, under state contract.

Payments in the amount of \$179,770.50 and \$52,210.20 were ratified for E.R. Barrett, Inc., Millington, for roofing work completed at Franklin and Roosevelt Schools and a change order in the amount of \$9,384.19 to E.R. Barrett, Inc. was approved for roof repair work not covered under the original specifications.

A payment in the amount of \$39,868.29 was also approved to Morton, Russo and Maggio, board architects, for professional services provided on the Bond Issue project, window work and roofing work.

In other business the board:

- Ratified the appointment of Sebaen Fox as a High School social studies teacher at \$29,685.
- Appointed Debra Melio to the extra service position of High School Yearbook production advisor at \$1,138.
- Appointed Arthur Lundgren as the District Desegregation Officer.
- Appointed Nicholas DeLmonaco as Working Paper Issuing Officer.
- Adjusted the salary of Sandra Murphy to \$39,346 for her attainment of 30 credits beyond the Bachelor's degree.
- Adjusted the salaries of custodian Carlton Stanton to \$20,107 and Isaac Brown to \$30,008 due to the successful completion of the Low-Pressure Boiler Operation course.
- Approved the move of the High School head custodian position from night shift to day shift.
- Revised the starting date of Kathleen Foley, High

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The Things War Deprives Us Of

Sam Glasziow of Rahway called the following item to our attention: In a reproduction of something that appeared in the "Business & Professional Directory" published by the Rahway Record in 1983, at the height of World War II, read in and imagine what the dollars being spent on the current war in the middle east might have bought:

STOP--LOOK--LISTEN

According to the Congressional Record, the money the World War I cost could have given every family in the U. S., Canada, Australia, England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany and Russia a \$2,500 house furnished with \$1,000 worth of furniture, placed on five acres of land worth \$100 an acre. There would still have been enough money left over to give each city of 200,000 inhabitants and over in these countries a \$5,000,000 library, a \$5,000,000 hospital and a \$10,000,000 university. Then, out of the balance, there would still have been enough money to have set aside \$100 million to create a \$1,000 yearly salary to 125,000 teachers and 125,000 nurses. And after all this, there still would have been enough money left to build a school in France and Belgium and everything else.

Incineration discussion

There will be a meeting of the Concerned Citizens for the Environment at the Rahway Public Library at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31. The public is invited to attend. Among issues to be discussed are alternatives to incineration.

Board of Ed honors sports stars

by Pat DiMaggio

Rahway's Board of Education honored students for achievements in their respective sports at the Board's January 15 meeting. The board commended the following members of the Varsity Football team: Brian Amaker - Daily Journal 2nd All-Metro; Daily Journal 2nd-All County; Star Ledger 3rd All-County, News-Tribune Honorable Mention; Richard Mendosa - Daily Journal 3rd All-Metro; Daily Journal 3rd All-County, News-Tribune Honorable Mention; Anthony Amaraudo - Daily Journal 2nd All-County, News-Tribune Honorable Mention; Bernard Fowler - Star Ledger 3rd All-County, Daily Journal Honorable Mention; News-Tribune Honorable Mention; Yusuf Galina, Star Ledger 3rd All-County,

Daily Journal Honorable Mention, News-Tribune Honorable Mention; James Dudek - Daily Journal Honorable Mention, News-Tribune Honorable Mention; Chester Komoroski - Daily Journal Honorable Mention; Eric Mills - Daily Journal Honorable Mention; Malik Wilder - Daily Journal Honorable Mention.

Amy Alfano was also recognized by the board for her efforts on the Varsity Girls Soccer team in compiling a record of Daily Journal 3rd All-County and Star Ledger 3rd All-County.

Eleventh grade student Marisa Quina was congratulated for her achievements in having been chosen as a member of the Central N.J. All Region Band.

Pray for Peace

St. Agnes to remain intact!

Clark parochial school has many Rahway students

by Pat DiMaggio
Parents and children in the St. Agnes School family are jubilant over recent news from the archbishop that the school will remain open.

Archbishop Theodore McCarrick notified school personnel that a co-sponsorship plan will not be enforced on the elementary school.

Over the past few months, the Archdiocese School Office was in the process of investigating the possibilities of co-sponsorship whereby communities in different parishes would be combined in cluster schools. Rumors circulated that St. Agnes would be closed and joined with St. John the Apostle School in Clark.

Rev. Eugene Marcone, pastor of St. Agnes located on Madison Hill Road in Clark, instead submitted his own configuration plan to the archbishop explaining why the school would not fit into the co-sponsorship plan.

Eventually, his presentation was successful because the archbishop realized the school last week that St. Agnes may continue operations as a separate entity.

Part of Rev. Marcone's presentation included plans for a full-day Kindergarten to begin in September of 1991 to be followed by a pre-Kindergarten program to be implemented in September of 1992.

"We are anxious to start our Kindergarten program," said Father Marcone. "The archbishop was pleased with the plan we set forth and with the support of the families and parishioners of St. Agnes, our school will continue its excellence."

St. Agnes School is a 1-6 grade elementary school with a current total enrollment of 157. Teaching staff includes eight full-time instructors with part-time science, music, gym, and art staff members. The parish of St. Agnes includes 1,600 families as communicants.

Rev. Marcone said projections for the Kindergarten program show 15 students the 1st year, 20 the 2nd, 22 the 3rd, 25 in 1994 and 25 in 1995. Additionally, population projections for the pre-K program show 12 students in 1992, 13 in 1993, 14 in 1994 and 15 in 1995.

A portable music building will be used as classroom for the upper grades, which will make those in the main building available for younger students.

With the archbishop's approval, members of the St. Agnes Church School family are committed to following through on future plans and programs. There is a groundswell of support for the school and students are braced for a high of relief over the decision to remain open.

"Parents' participation is important," noted Father Marcone. "They have demonstrated a high level of interest in their school. We are happy about the decision and I am confident we will continue to improve our plans and programs."

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