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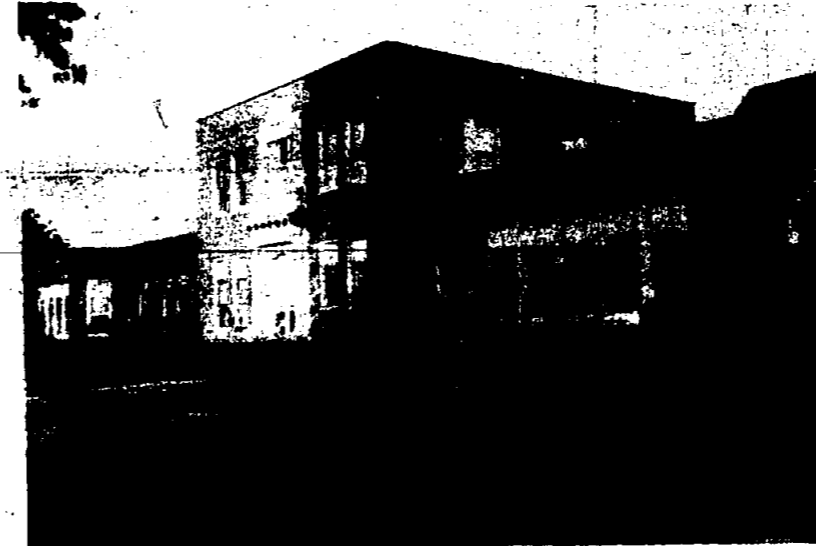
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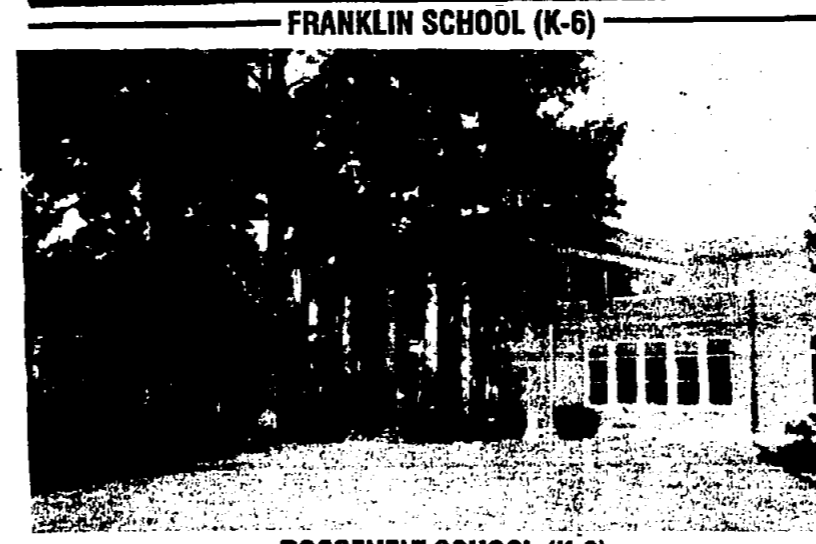
Schools reopen on Sept. 4 Repairs, renovations to greet returning students



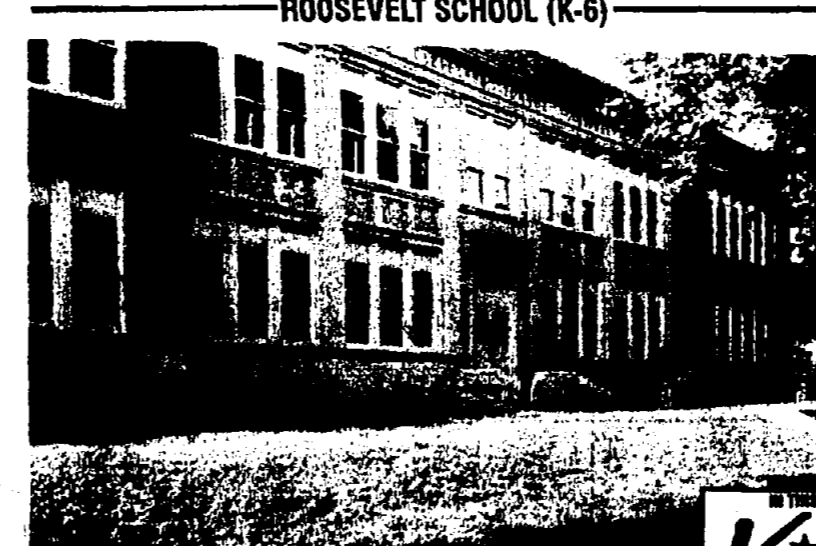
RAHWAY HIGH SCHOOL



INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (7-8)



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MADISON SCHOOL (K-6)



ROOSEVELT SCHOOL (K-6)



CLEVELAND SCHOOL (K-6)

by Pat DiMaggio

Students returning to school on Sept. 4 will be greeted with extensive repairs and renovations in district buildings. During the summer, Rahway's schools have undergone extensive repairs as part of the district's capital improvement program financed by a bond referendum approved by voters in 1990. The \$4.675 million bond

was approved to fund health and safety improvements at the Intermediate School and Madison, Roosevelt, Franklin and Grover Cleveland elementary schools.

At the Intermediate School, windows and exterior doors have been replaced. The roof has been repaired, and six lavatories were renovated with new floor tile, urinals, sinks and ceilings. Unit ventilators have also been replaced.

New ceilings with new lighting have been installed in corridors and in some classrooms and offices. The fire alarm system has been upgraded to bring the school into compliance with the state's uniform fire code.

This upgrade also includes new interior doors to stairwells, which will be electromagnetically controlled. Asphalt removal has also been completed.

At Roosevelt School, two student lavatories in the old section of the building have been renovated. New water lines have been installed above the ceiling level. All corridor and classroom ceilings in the original building have been replaced. The fire alarm system has been upgraded to comply with the requirements of the fire code. The corridor near the main office entrance has been redesigned due to code requirements. The playground area on the Lake Avenue side of the building was expanded, with new fencing installed. On the Stanton Street side, new sidewalks have been installed from St. Georges Avenue to Pierpont Street. The second parking lot on Stanton Street has been repaved and the blacktop area around the rear of the school has been expanded. The area behind the

building, new fountains will be installed in the corridors. Four lavatories will also be renovated.

Madison School has undergone extensive work. New sidewalks have been installed in front of Madison School and the High School. The driveway between the two schools has been resurfaced, with new curbing installed. The blacktop has been extended completely around Madison School to allow better access to the buildings. The fire alarm system at Madison School and the High School have also been upgraded.

"Schools will open on scheduled Sept. 4," said Board of Education Chairman Administration Director Rocco Jr. "There may be some areas not totally completed, but we anticipate that all work will be finished by the end of October."

Measure combining police, fire introduced

by Pat DiMaggio

An ordinance creating a Department of Public Safety was introduced by Rahway's Municipal Council at a meeting held last week. The ordinance begins the process of the City's attempt to combine the Police and Fire departments into one unit under direction of a public safety director.

The final step for creating

the consolidated department will take place next month at a public hearing scheduled for the council's Sept. 9 meeting.

Rahway's Department of Public Safety will consist of the Division of Police, the Division of Fire and other divisions that may be established by the City, Mayor Jim Kennedy has designated Police Chief Barry Henderson as Director of Public

Safety. According to the ordinance, the director will be responsible for the proper and efficient coordination and management of public safety, emergency and emergency-related matters.

Upon retirement of Fire Chief James Heller, command of the Fire Department will be turned over to a superior officer to be chosen from one of the department's deputy chiefs, said the mayor. According to the ordinance, the Commander of the Fire Division will be named by the Director of Public Safety.

Rahway library shut for month

The Rahway Public Library will be closed from Monday, Aug. 26, through Saturday, Sept. 28, for the installation of new carpeting.

Patrons should feel free to use their Rahway Library Card at any libraries in Union and Middlesex Counties.



They Depend On You

As the first day of school arrives, many young children will be travelling to and from school for the very first time. This is a completely new experience for them. They are excited about going to school, seeing friends and making new ones.

Unfortunately, many of these children have not yet learned the dangers associated with the traffic environment. They do not understand the hazards of crossing streets or the consequences of not paying attention to traffic. As a result, young children have the highest pedestrian accident rate of any age group. That's why you - as a driver - need to be especially alert this time of year.

Since the majority of young children lack the capacity to understand danger, the driver must take the lead in preventing pedestrian accidents among school age children. You can prevent pedestrian casualties by using extra care when driving in areas where children may be walking to or from school. Obey adult crossing guards. Observe school zone speed limits. Be ready to stop for a school bus and children darning into the roadway.

Young children depend on us for so many things. Make sure a safe trip to and from school is one of them.



1991 FISHING DERBY WINNERS ... From left, front: Brian Kasprzyk, Michael Corso, Michael Holobinski, Douglas Corso, Jay ... Back: Terry O'Reilly, Summer Playground Director; Chief Ernie Ulich, Rahway Police Department; Larry, Summer Playground General Supervisor; Charles ... and Sue Baumann, Superintendent of Rahway Recreation Department.

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