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Rensselaer County Economic Unit Director Submits Resignation

By MARTIN MYNLIAN The Rensselaer County Commission of Economic Opportunity is looking for a new chair-



IRVING D. GOLDSBERRY

man today, even though it has not accepted the resignation of the man who formerly held the post.

Irving D. Goldsberry submitted a letter of resignation to the board of directors of the group last night in which he stated "I no longer feel I can make a meaningful contribution as chairman."

The board however, at its regular meeting at Bethel Baptist Church, Troy, did not have a quorum to accept the resignation, and a spokesman said the matter would be taken up at the next session.

MR. GOLDSBERRY is chairman of the Troy Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and had served with the county commission since early last year.

Out Your Way

SCHODACK Boy scout Troop 253 of South Schodack will hold its annual clambake from 1 until 6 p.m. Saturday at the South Schodack Fire Co. grounds.

RENSSELAER The Redeemer Guild of the Church of the Redeemer will conduct a food sale at the church from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Oct. 4. Mrs. Henry Biddle and Mrs. Henry Benjamin Ehrlich are co-chairmen of the event.

NASSAU The Rensselaer County Rural Ears Citizens and Radio Club will hold its monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Nassau.

CASTLETON Rev. Arthur J. Richter will be installed as master of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church at 1 p.m. Sunday. A reception will follow the installation in the church parlors.

SCHODACK Assemblyman Raymond Skuse will be the guest speaker at the fourth annual Schodack Republican Club dinner at the Cordial Greens Coty Club at 7 p.m. Saturday. Mrs. Paul Blanchard is chairman of the event. Tickets are being sold by club members.

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Rensselaer County Democrats Seek 'Public Contributions'

Rensselaer County Democrats, citing "kickbacks" as a major factor in governmental corruption, have called for campaign contributions "directly

from the public and not indirectly through kickbacks." This proposal is one of several in a four-page platform statement on political ethics present-

ed Monday to a breakfast meeting of the platform committee. "It is the responsibility of the party to solicit funds from the public and it is equally the res-

ponsibility of the public to contribute in an honest and direct manner," the statement said. The platform committee in its statement noted that "if general

financial support for the parties is forthcoming, it would seem reasonable to assume that the temptation to solicit or accept large contributions from those

(who do business with the party in power), whose motivations are suspect, would be materially decreased."

The statement added that the problem of 'kickbacks' begins with "a weak politician and a greedy businessman" and "thrives in an environment consisting of a political party which the public does not support financially and a citizenry too apathetic to care about how the party gets its funds."

Coeymans Four Bids On Project Studied

Four contract bids on the Coeymans Hamlet Sewer District were opened last night in the office of Coeymans Town Supervisor Ralph Pape.

The low bidders: Callahan Road Improvement, Inc., of South Bethlehem, \$397,636, sewer system; Nalews Construction Co., Laconia, N.H., \$1,195,000, sewerage treatment plant; Castleman Electric Co., Albany, \$83,988, electrical contract; and the Wilbur Piping Corp., Delmar, \$30,670, plumbing and heating.

Although contracts have not been awarded to these bidders, pending review by Town of Coeymans engineers and approval by State and Federal health agencies, the four construction firms will be recommended, Supervisor Pape said last night.

Mr. Pape expressed optimism that the project will win final approval from the governmental agencies. Once this is done, he said, construction will begin immediately.

The supervisor traced the history of the project. Back in 1963, he said, the Town of Coeymans and the Village of Ravena joined with other municipalities in Albany County in a county-wide comprehensive sewer study. Ravena and Coeymans agreed to cooperate in the joint sewer project in their town.

Once the sewer system becomes a reality, Supervisor Pape said, it will "open up a lot of territory" in the Town of Coeymans. Extensions of the sewer district are already being considered by the Coeymans Town Board, he noted.

The Coeymans Hamlet Sewer District will be financed by both the Village of Ravena and the town, the supervisor said. "This is the first sewerage project which will go into effect as a result of the comprehensive study," he emphasized.

Fireman Injured

A Rensselaer fire engine en route to a call on Red Mill Road was forced off the road by an auto yesterday afternoon on Third Avenue in Rensselaer.

John Soprano of Pumper No. 3, the driver of the fire engine, was treated and released from Albany Medical Center after his vehicle was forced off the road and hit a utility pole.

According to police the driver of the auto is unknown.

Science Grant For RPI

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy will use a \$110,000 National Science Foundation grant for continuing research in nuclear physics.

The funds will be used for equipment and facilities.

The faculty researchers are: Dr. Joseph Levinger and Dr. E. John Winhold, professors; Dr. Heinrich Medicus, Dr. Kongki Min, and Dr. Paul Yergin, associate professors; and Dr. Paul Stoler, assistant professor.

Fields of investigation will include disintegration of various atomic nuclei by photons, the deformed states of atomic nuclei, neutron scattering cross sections, and the nuclear three body problem.

This latest award is the seventh in a series of grants that NSF has made to this group of professors for their research in nuclear physics.

McGrath Renews Proposals For Massive Tax Surcease

By LONNIE MACK

Repeating his stand for a minimum 30 per cent tax reduction, Thomas McGrath, Democratic candidate for the County Legislature from the 8th District, charged that "county taxpayers have been shortchanged and victimized."

Speaking before members of the Nassau Democratic Club last night, Mr. McGrath said "under the hand of the county GOP machine, the county budgets have been rigged, payroll reimbursements grossly misrepresented and state and federal reimbursements misused."

"These charges are not new," Mr. McGrath continued, "responsible Democrats have been leveling them for the past five years."

"HOWEVER, until the SIC (State Investigation Commission) came on the scene, the GOP bosses made wisecracks about phantom auditors," the Democratic candidate said. He added: "I doubt it very many jokes are being made around GOP County Headquarters these

days concerning testimony given at the SIC hearings.

"Make no mistake on this score," Mr. McGrath stated, "there are more than a few Republican county officials in a panic over the prospect of being involved in future probes into county affairs."

Lashing out at the Republican majority in the Rensselaer County Board of Supervisors, the Democratic candidate said "County leader Joe Casey (Rensselaer County Republican chairman) is the product of a machine and the elected majority of the board of supervisors are the gears that make this machine work."

GETTING back to his proposal for massive tax relief, Mr. McGrath said "I am not surprised my call for a minimum 30 per cent reduction in the county property tax levy has gone unchallenged."

The candidate said his "demand" for meaningful tax reduction "has gone unchallenged" "because it has been based on undeniable facts and figures

documented by official records of the county."

Mr. McGrath explained that his proposal "is not based solely upon the projected \$3.7 million yield from the county sales tax."

"The primary basis for demanding a 30 per cent reduction in the county to levy is the fact that the \$1.5 million budget note issued in 1968 with the purpose of paying off welfare obligations has been paid in full by 1969 revenues."

"In other words the \$1.5 million note will not be a liability in 1970," he explained.

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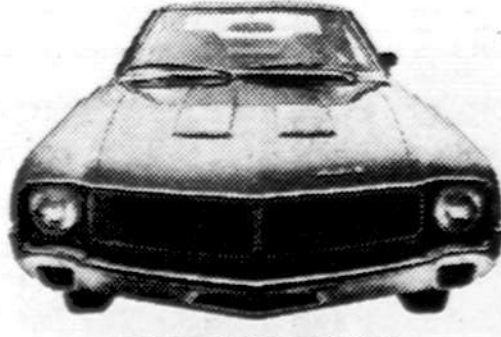
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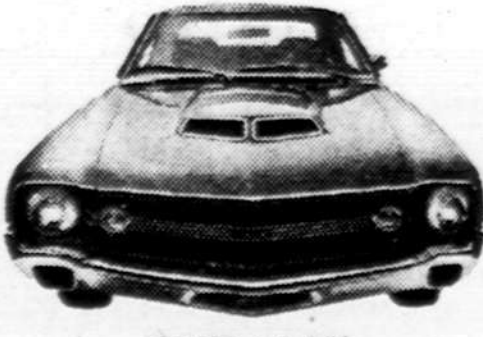
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