

# Penza will run unopposed; six city wards will have contests

For the first time in 16 years an incumbent mayor will run for re-election unopposed in Wisconsin Rapids.

Clarence Teske, 71, 1230 Chase St., mentioned as a possible candidate for mayor, decided Tuesday he would not run for the office. The spring election is April 2.

Nomination papers had been filed in the city clerk's office Tuesday before the 5 p.m. deadline but Teske failed to sign a statement of acceptance to assume office if he were elected. The nomination papers are invalid without his signature.

Teske said today he had no assurance of financial backing or if there would be a large enough working committee for a campaign. His papers were circulated initially without his "OK," Teske said. Anyone "can run around and get signatures," he added. The people who gathered the signatures in his name were "aware I didn't intend to run," Teske said.

His conditions of financial backing and a large number of working supporters were not met, Teske said adding that he plans to retire from public office. Teske is currently 4th Ward alderman and has served

on the Wood County Board of Supervisors as well as the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council. He had unsuccessful bids for mayor in 1954 and 1946.

Mayor Donald Penza, 41, will seek his fourth consecutive two-year term unopposed. The last mayor to run unopposed was Nels Justeson in 1958. Justeson, who was mayor from 1954 to 1968, also ran unopposed in 1956.

Other city incumbents who will seek new two-year terms unopposed include City Attorney Kenneth Hill, City Clerk Robert Boyarski and City Treasurer Donald Zager.

The following wards will have two or more candidates for alderman:

Ward 2, James Tomsyck (inc.), William McMahon;

Ward 4, Clinton Falkosky, Michael Hittner, Warren Winegarden;

Ward 7, Gerald Casey (inc.), Donald Melville (one year term);

Ward 12, Harold Zager (inc.), Dennis Polach;

Ward 18, Jayne Deering (inc.), Earl Appel;

Ward 22, Donald Timmerman (inc.), James Brandt.

The following aldermen will seek new two-year terms unopposed: Dever Spencer, 6th Ward, William Suckow, 8th,

Donald Holden, 10th, Frederick Brahmstedt, 14th, Carol Broker, 16th, and Edwin Cisewski, 20th.

## Windshields shot out of trucks

By The Associated Press

Windshields were shot out of three trucks near Youngstown, Ohio, Tuesday night as independent truckers continued their protests against soaring fuel prices.

But elsewhere in the nation, there were few reports of trucker protests as the deadline drew near for a nationwide shutdown urged by independent truckers.

The trade magazine "Overdrive" and newly organized truckers' groups scattered across the nation have called for a shutdown at midnight tonight, lasting until the federal government alleviates the fuel problem.

## Today's chuckle

Once there was a lady who complained to her husband that ever since they got their waterbed they've been drifting apart.