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Hello, my name is (first and last name). I'm (a student at/on the staff of) Rutgers University and I'm taking a (survey/public opinion poll) for the Eagleton Institute. I'd like your views on some important issues facing the state of New Jersey and the nation.

1. To begin with, for how many years have you lived in New Jersey, or have you lived here all your life?

- 1 LESS THAN ONE
- 2 1 OR 2
- 3 3- 5
- 4 6- 10
- 5 11 - 20
- 6 21-30
- 7 MORE THAN 30
- 8 ALL MY LIFE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

2. Some people are very interested in what's going on in government; others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?

- 1 MOST OF THE TIME
- 2 SOME OF THE TIME
- 3 ONLY NOW AND THEN
- 4 HARDLY AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

Let me ask you a few questions about the New Jersey State Government. First,

3. Overall, how good a job do you think the Governor of New Jersey-Brendan Byrne--is doing--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

4. And how good a job do you think the New Jersey State Legislature is doing--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

5. How good a job is the New Jersey Supreme Court doing-- REPEAT RESPONSE OPTIONS IF NECESSARY: excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD

- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

6. And how about civil service employees in the New Jersey State Government--(IF NECESSARY, Do they do an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job)?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

FORM 1 [ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE]

Now let's turn to some questions on the job Jimmy Carter is doing as President.

7. [SPLIT HALF- FORM B ASKED AFTER Q9] Overall, how would you rate the job Jimmy Carter is doing as President?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

8. [FORM A:] What is the most important reason why you say he's doing a (RATING) job ...[FORM B:] - What is the most important reason why you (approve/disapprove) of the job he is doing -- |

- A FIRST RESPONSE?
- B SECOND RESPONSE?

9. [SPLIT HALF - FORM B ASKED BEFORE Q8] So in more general terms, would you say that you approve or disapprove of Carter's job?

- 5 APPROVE
- 6 DISAPPROVE
- 8 DON'T KNOW

A10. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] For each of the following, please tell me whether you think Jimmy Carter's doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job -- How about Carter's handling of the problems of the economy?

A11. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] For each of the following, please tell me whether you think Jimmy Carter's doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job -- His handling of the nation's foreign affairs?

A12. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] For each of the following, please tell me whether you think Jimmy Carter's doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job -- Carter's handling of the nation's energy problems?

A13. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] For each of the following, please tell me whether you think Jimmy Carter's doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job -- How about his handling of the coal strike?

A14. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] Has Congress done an excellent, good, only fair or poor job in the past year?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A15. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] And how about the job Congress has done handling the nation's energy problems?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

B10. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of ... Carter's handling of the problems of the economy?

B11. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of ... His handling of the nation's foreign affairs?

B12. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of ... Carter's handling of the nation's energy problems?

B13. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of ... How about his handling of the coal strike?

- 5 APPROVE
- 6 DISAPPROVE
- 8 DON'T KNOW

B14. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress has done in the past year?

- 5 APPROVE
- 6 DISAPPROVE
- 8 DON'T KNOW

B15. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] And how about the job Congress has done handling the nation's energy problems?

- 5 APPROVE
- 6 DISAPPROVE
- 8 DON'T KNOW

16. As you know, the United States Senate now has to debate the treaties that President Carter signed granting control of the Panama Canal to the Republic of Panama in the year 2000. Do you approve or disapprove Of those treaties?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE

9 DON'T KNOW

17. Do you happen to know the names of the United State Senators from New Jersey-- What are their names-- IF ONLY ONE NAME GIVEN: Can you think of anyone else?

- 1 CLIFFORD CASE ONLY
- 2 HARRISON ("PETE") WILLIAMS ONLY
- 3 CASE AND WILLIAMS ONLY
- 4 CASE AND ONE OTHER
- 5 WILLIAMS AND ONE OTHER
- 6 CASE AND WILLIAMS AND OTHER(S)
- 7 CASE AND MORE THAN ONE OTHER
- 8 WILLIAMS AND MORE THAN ONE OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

18. One of New Jersey's Senators is Clifford Case. How would you rate the job Case is doing as Senator--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

19. DO you happen to remember if Case is a Democrat or Republican?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 INDEPENDENT (VOL. ONLY)
- 3 REPUBLICAN
- 4 OTHER (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

20. Would you describe Case as a liberal or a conservative-- [IF DON'T KNOW: Would you say Case usually leans more toward the liberal side or the conservative side]?

- 1 LIBERAL
- 2 LEANS LIBERAL
- 3 INDEPENDENT/MODERATE (VOL. ONLY)
- 4 LEANS CONSERVATIVE
- 5 CONSERVATIVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW [IF DON'T KNOW: Would you say Case usually leans more toward the liberal side or the conservative side?]

21. This November, Case is up for reelection. Would you like to see Case as the nominee of the Republican party or would you rather see someone else?

- 1 YES, CASE
- 2 NO, SOMEONE ELSE
- 3 NOT A REPUBLICAN (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

22. Would you vote for Case if he were the Republican nominee or would you vote for the Democratic candidate?

- 1 CASE
- 2 DEMOCRAT
- 3 DEPENDS ON WHO DEMOCRAT IS
- 4 WILL NOT VOTE /NOT REGISTERED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

FORM 1 [ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE]

A23. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] (IF NECESSARY: The other Senator from New Jersey is Harrison Williams.) How would you rate the job (Harrison) Williams is doing as Senator--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A24. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] Do you happen to remember if Williams is a Democrat or Republican?

- 1 DEMOCRAT
- 2 INDEPENDENT (VOL. ONLY)
- 3 REPUBLICAN
- 4 OTHER (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

25A. There has recently been a good deal of public discussion about the civil service and government bureaucracy. On the whole, would you say that civil service employees in the federal government do an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A26. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] Do you think people in government should be encouraged to report waste and inefficiency, even if it reflects badly on their own agency?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.28A]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.28A]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 26A., ASK:)

A27. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] Should people who do this be given special protection, or do civil service employees have enough protection now-- [IF RESPONDENT ASKS "PROTECTION FROM WHAT," SAY, "from acts-of retaliation or harassment from their agency.]"

- 1 SPECIAL PROTECTION
- 2 HAVE ENOUGH PROTECTION NOW
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A28. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] Should secretaries who work for the government all be paid the same; or do you think their pay should take into account the higher or lower cost of living in different communities? (INTERVIEWERS NOTE: SECRETARIES AS IN TYPISTS, NOT SECRETARIES OF DEPTS. OF GOVERNMENT.)

- 1 SAME PAY
- 2 DIFFERENT PAY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A29. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] How about professionals who work for the national government, such as managers and supervisors. Would you rather see them get pay raises for the way they perform their job; or for the amount of time they have spent working for government-- (IF RESPONSENT SAYS "NO RAISES" PROBE: But if you had to choose....) ?

- 1 JOB PERFORMANCE
- 2 LENGTH OF SERVICE
- 8 OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A30. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] DO YOU think the United States government should give special treatment to veterans when hiring, or should all hirings be based only on merit?

- 1 SPECIAL TREATMENT
- 2 ONLY MERIT [Go to q.32A]
- 5 DEPENDS [Go to q.32A]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.32A]

(IF "SPECIAL TREATMENT" TO Q. 30A., ASK:)

A31. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] Should veterans get this special treatment only once, or for a fixed period such as 10 years, or for life--[IF RESPONDENT SAYS, "DEPENDS", PROBE: "Well just in general."]?

- 1 LIFETIME
- 2 FIXED (10 YEARS)
- 3 ONCE
- 5 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

A32. [SPLIT HALF FORM A ONLY:] Should veterans be given special treatment when an agency has to cut the size of its staff, or should they be considered in the same way as everyone else?

- 1 SPECIAL TREATMENT
- 2 SAME WAY
- 5 DEPENDS
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Now I'd like to ask you some questions on the Equal Rights Amendment.

B23. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] First, how much would you say you have heard or read about the Equal Rights Amendment, a good deal, some, a little, or nothing at all?

- 1 GOOD DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 LITTLE
- 4 NOTHING
- 9 DON'T KNOW

B24. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] Do you favor or oppose the Equal Rights Amendment--IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE; PROBE: "Are you strongly or not so strongly (opposed to/ in favor or) it--'IF UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW, PROBE: Well do you lean more towards favoring or opposing it--" ?

- 1 STRONGLY FAVOR
- 2 WEAKLY FAVOR
- 3 UNDECIDED THAN FAVORED
- 4 UNDECIDED THAN OPPOSED
- 5 WEAKLY OPPOSE
- 6 STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.26B]

(IF #1: 2, 3, 4, 5, OR 6 TO Q. 24B, ASK:)

B25. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] Why do you feel this way--PROBE: "What do you mean by that--" "Are there any other reasons--" |

- A FIRST RESPONSE?
- B SECOND RESPONSE?

B26. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] If the Equal Rights Amendment were to become law do you think it would have an effect on you or your families' lives, or don't you think it would make much of a difference?

- 1 EFFECT [Go to q.26C]
- 2 NO DIFFERENCE [Go to q.27B]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.27B]

(IF "EFFECT" TO Q. 26B, ASK:)

B26A. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] In general do you think the effects would be more harmful or helpful?

- 1 HARMFUL
- 2 HELPFUL
- 3 BOTH (VOL. RESPONSE)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

B27. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] I would like to read you a few statements that some people have made about the ERA. For each please tell me whether you agree a lot, agree a little, or disagree a lot or a little. First, ... do you agree a lot, a little, or disagree a lot or a little (START AT DESIGNATED POINT)|

- A Passage of the ERA would cause harmful changes in the structure of the family?
- B In general the ERA would serve to raise the status of women in American society?
- C Women have more to gain than to lose from passage of the ERA?
- D Passage of the ERA would weaken the institution of marriage?

E Passage of the ERA would undermine the traditional feminine roles of wife and mother?

F The ERA is necessary to guarantee that women will not be discriminated against?

- 1 AGREE-LOT
- 2 AGREE-LITTLE
- 3 DISAGREE-LITTLE
- 4 DISAGREE-LOT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Now I would like to ask you two questions about the women's movement in general.

B30. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] How much real change do you think there has been in the position of women in this country in the past few years--a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

- 1 A LOT
- 2 SOME
- 3 NOT MUCH
- 4 NONE
- 8 OTHER, DEPENDS (VOL. RESPONSE)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

B31. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] Some say that womens' rights people have been trying to push too fast. Other's feel they haven't pushed fast enough. How about you-- Do you think the womens' movement is trying to go too fast, too slowly, or are they moving at about the right speed?

- 1 TOO FAST
- 2 RIGHT SPEED
- 3 TOO SLOW
- 8 OTHER (VOL. RESPONSE)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

B32. [SPLIT HALF FORM B ONLY:] Do you think women should or should not be allowed to serve in combat units in the armed forces-- (IF RESPONDENT SAY, "DEPENDS," PROBE: "Well, just in general--") ?

- 1 SHOULD
- 2 SHOULD NOT
- 3 ONLY IN WARTIME (VOL. RESPONSE)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Now, turning to education.

33. How would you rate the job public schools are doing here in New Jersey-- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

34. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Public schools are teaching basic skills as well as they once did-- PROBE: Do YOU feel that strongly or mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 MILDLY AGREE
- 3 MILDLY DISAGREE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

35. At the present level of spending for public schools in your community, do you feel the citizens of your community are getting their money's worth or not?

- 1 ARE
- 2 ARE NOT
- 9 DON'T KNOW

36. In your opinion, is enough money being spent on public schools in your community or not?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

37. Since the income tax was passed, the state has been paying a larger share of the costs of local public schools. Do you think the state has also increased its control over local public schools, or hasn't there been any change in control of schools?

- 1 STATE INCREASED CONTROL
- 2 NO CHANGE IN CONTROL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

38. Do you think the state should have more say in how local schools are run, less say, or does it have about the right amount now?

- 1 MORE SAY
- 2 ABOUT RIGHT/SAME AMOUNT
- 3 LESS SAY
- 9 DON'T KNOW

39. Most public school teachers in New Jersey have tenure - that is after a three year trial period teachers cannot be dismissed unless they are given a formal hearing and are proved to be incompetent or guilty of misconduct. In general, do you approve or disapprove of this policy?

- 1 APPROVE
- 2 DISAPPROVE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

40. In general, do you think that teachers should have the right to strike, or not?

- 1 SHOULD
- 2 SHOULD NOT
- 3 DEPENDS (VOL. RESPONSE)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Turning now to television.

41. The New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority currently operates four television stations. In the past month have you watched any of these "NJPTV" channels 23, 50, 52, or 58?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.43]
- 9 DON'T KNOW[Go to q.43]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 41, ASK:)

42. Which ones (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY) |

- A Channel 23
- B Channel 50
- C Channel 52
- D Channel 58

43. (IF WATCHED MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Which do you watch the most?

- 1 CHANNEL 23
- 2 CHANNEL 50
- 3 CHANNEL 52
- 4 CHANNEL 58
- 5 NONE/ALL (VOLUNTEERED ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

44. Have you watched any of these "NJPTV" channels in the past week?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

45. Did you or any member of your family watch the New Jersey High School basketball championships a few weeks ago?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

46. Which county do you live in-- [IF RESPONDENT DOESN'T KNOW ASK, "DO you live in the Northern, Southern or Central part of the state--"]?

- 1 SOUTH JERSEY: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, Salem
- 2 NORTH, CENTRAL JERSEY - OTHER COUNTY

Now just a few more questions so we can classify your answers.

61. In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

- 1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.63]
- 2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.63]

- 3 INDEPENDENT
- 4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF #3, 4, OR 9 TO Q. 61, ASK:)

62a. Why do you consider yourself to be an (independent/something else)-- PROBE:
What do you mean by that?

62b. Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican
Party?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- 2 REPUBLICAN PARTY
- 3 OTHER
- 4 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

63. Regardless of the political party you might favor, do you consider yourself
to be a liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

- 1 LIBERAL [Go to q.65]
- 2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.65]
- 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

(IF #3 OR 9 TO Qa 63, ASK:)

64. Do you lean more toward the liberal side or more toward the conservative
side?

- 1 LIBERAL
- 2 CONSERVATIVE
- 3 OTHER/NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

65. Is your name now recorded in the voter registration book in the election
district where you now live?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.67]
- 3 NO, BUT ABSENTEE BALLOT OR I GO HOME TO VOTE (VOL. ONLY) [Go to q.67]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.67]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 65, ASK:)

66. Are you registered as a Republican or a Democrat?

- 1 REPUBLICAN
- 2 DEMOCRAT
- 3 INDEPENDENT (VOL. ONLY)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

67. Have you ever voted in a party primary-- IF YES, ASK: Which Party?

- 1 YES, DEMOCRAT
- 2 YES, REPUBLICAN

- 3 YES, OTHER
- 4 YES, BOTH DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN
- 5 YES, DON'T KNOW WHICH
- 7 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

68. Do you own or rent your apartment or house?

- 1 OWN
- 2 RENT
- 3 LIVE RENT FREE WITH PARENTS/RELATIVES
- 4 BOTH OWN AND RENT
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

69. Is the chief wage earner in your household regularly employed?

- 1 YES
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 NO [Go to q.71]
- 4 RETIRED [Go to q.71]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.71]

(IF YES TO Q. 69, ASK:)

70. Does the chief wage earner get paid at an hourly rate, paid a salary, or is the chief wage earner self-employed?

- 1 HOURLY (AND PIECEWORK)
- 2 SALARIED (AND COMMISSIONS)
- 3 SELF-EMPLOYED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

71. Are you or a member of your family employed by the New Jersey or United States civil service?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

72. Are there any school-age children now living in your household-- (IF NECESSARY: By school-age, I mean grades Kindergarten through 12th grade)?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.74]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.74]

(IF "YES" TO Q. 72, ASK:)

73. Do they attend public or nonpublic school?

- 1 PUBLIC
- 2 NON-PUBLIC
- 3 MIXED OR BOTH
- 9 DON'T KNOW

74. How would you rate your child's school--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

75. Are you or anyone in your household a union member?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

76. Are you or a member of your family a veteran?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

77. What was the last grade in school you completed?

- 1 8TH GRADE OR LESS [Go to q.80]
- 2 HIGH SCHOOL INCOMPLETE (Grades 9, 10, and 11) [Go to q.80]
- 3 HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETE (Grade 12) [Go to q.80]
- 4 SOME COLLEGE
- 5 COLLEGE GRADUATE
- 6 GRADUATE WORK
- 9 NOT DETERMINED [Go to q.80]

(IF #4, 5, OR 6 TO Q. 77, ASK:)

78. Did you attend a state college in New Jersey?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO [Go to q.80]
- 9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.80]

(IF YES TO Q. 78, ASK:)

79. [Did you attend a state college in New Jersey] Which one was that?

- 1 Thomas Edison
- 2 Glassboro
- 3 Jersey City
- 4 Kean
- 5 Montclair
- 6 Ramapo
- 7 Richard Stockton
- 8 Trenton
- 9 William Patterson
- 10 Rutgers
- 11 Other

80. What was your age on your last birthday?

(Code # of years; 99=refused And Code)

81. In which of these age groups are you (READ CHOICES)?

- 1 18 - 20
- 2 21-24
- 3 25 - 29
- 4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)
- 5 FORTIES (40 - 49)
- 6 FIFTIES (50 - 59)
- 7 60 OR OVER
- 9 NO ANSWER/REFUSED

82. What is your religious preference?

- 1 PROTESTANT
- 2 CATHOLIC/ORTHODOX
- 3 JEWISH
- 4 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 5 NONE
- 9 REFUSED

83. What is your race?

- 1 WHITE
- 2 NEGRO/BLACK
- 3 OTHER (SPECIFY)
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

84. So that we can group all answers, what is your total annual family income before taxes: under \$5,000; \$5,000 to \$10,000; \$10,000 to \$15,000; \$15,000 to \$20,000; Over \$20,000?

- 1 UNDER \$5,000
- 2 \$5,000 - \$10,000
- 3 \$10,000 - \$15,000
- 4 \$15,000 - \$20,000
- 5 OVER \$20,000
- 9 REFUSED/DON'T KNOW

85. Where do you live--in what township or municipality?

85a. In what county is that?