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## Bus service may be offered to malls

By R.R. Faccarello  
Remaining plans have been made to provide a chartered bus service to Maple Plaza and to Woodbridge Mall for senior citizens in Clark.

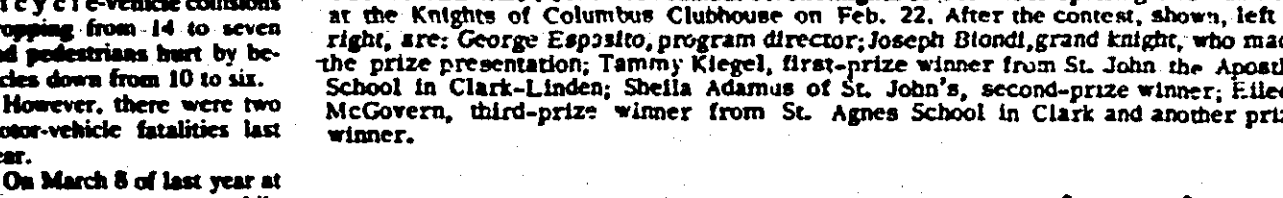


## Johnson softball field to be re-constructed

The softball field at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark will be re-constructed, thanks to a \$408 contract awarded to County Builders by the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education Feb. 27.

## Township youth praised in 1979 police report

By R.R. Faccarello  
The 1979 Annual Report of the Clark Police Dept. issued Feb. 5, provided some good news, although in juvenile arrests and police for the township youth.



## \$30,000 rise asked in regional budget

By R.R. Faccarello  
Although the Union County Regional High School District Board of Education No. 1 did not change the current-year portion of its 1980-1981 school year budget, it did boost the "possible" budget amount.

## Maguire raps governor's stand on casino

Gov. Brannen T. Dyre "erred grievously" with the power to kill casino gambling in Adams County, according to Republican Assemblyman William J. Maguire, who represents Albany and Clark.

## Board gives bus contract

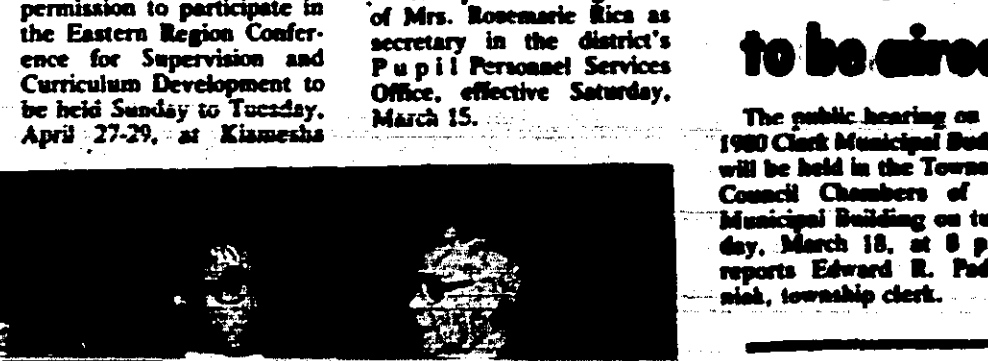
The Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education March 5 awarded a \$178,000 contract for a 12-month bus service to Haseman Bus Lines.

## Clark seniors to Sparta

The Senior Citizens Club of Clark is scheduled to meet at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Sparta, N.Y., on Tuesday, March 25, and on Wednesday, April 2, a trip to Atlantic City.

## Census data needed in Clark

The United States Bureau of Census needs to copy residents of Clark County in the 1980 Federal census.



## Budget to be aired

The public hearing on the 1980 Clark Municipal Budget will be held in the Township Council Chamber on Tuesday, March 15, at 8 p.m.

## February is the all-time driest,

Volunteers' volunteers. Mrs. Helen Ulrich of the Greenwood L.L. Clark, mayor of Clark, was named "Red Cross Volunteer of 1980" for her outstanding record of accomplishment.

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CLARK, NEW JERSEY, THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1980 USPS 115-190 20 CENTS

## Council votes small increases for use of swimming pool in 1980

By K. C. Bauer

Township Council members voted unanimously during Monday night's meeting to increase slightly the charges for membership in the Municipal Swimming Pool facility. Council members voted to increase the charges for membership in the pool as follows:

- Family, \$15 per season.
- Child, \$10 per season.
- Senior citizen, \$10 per season.
- Student, \$7.50 per season.
- Adult, \$15 per season.

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In the non-resident category, membership for families and for husband and wife were each raised by \$5. Single adults were increased by \$2.50. Fees for senior citizens in the out-of-township category were also raised to the same \$2.50 level.

A late fee will be imposed in all categories for membership late fees than May 15th.

Other fees to be charged in 1980 as approved by Council are:

- Guest fee, \$5 on weekdays per authorized guest and \$3 on weekends and holiday per authorized guest.
- Lost membership card, \$5.
- Senior 110-saving course, \$15.
- Junior 110-saving course, \$12.50.
- Swimming lessons, \$5 per child.
- Swimming lessons, \$3 per child.

The following schedule of fees will be imposed for non-residents:

- Family, \$15 per season.
- Husband and wife, \$10 per season.
- Child, \$10 per season.
- Senior, \$10 per season.

The breakdown, showing year, project and anticipated cost, is:

- 1980, Westfield Ave., as previously approved by the Board and Council, \$140,000.
- 1981, resurfacing of Valley Rd., Lake Ave., Skyline Dr., and 10th St., \$140,000.
- 1981, Post Rd. resurfacing and drainage, Lincoln Blvd. resurfacing and drainage, and resurfacing of 5th and Hayes Ave., \$140,000.
- 1981, resurfacing of Broadway, John St., Emerson Pl., Lincoln Blvd., Gibson Blvd. and Hillside Ave., \$140,000.

Denis R. Kiber was appointed to serve as a member of the Clark Board of Adjustment, filling in James Flood's vacant seat which will expire on Dec. 31, 1980. Mr. Kiber will be a resident of the township for at least one year before he can be elected to the Board.

Mr. Kiber, who resides at 225 Lexington Blvd., Apt. No. 16, Clark, had previously served as an alternate member to the body.

## Five newcomers in race with incumbent Board trio

By R.E. Fazzarelli

There are eight candidates running for the three seats open on the township Board of Education in the Township March 23 School election.

The president of the board, Mrs. Thelma Purdy of 27 Grand St., will be seeking her sixth year term on the school body. She has been a township resident for 23 years.

Serving as president for the past three years, she has been a member of the Board of Education since 1957 and is presently the chairman of the Public Information and Communications Committee and a member of the Education and Personnel Committee.

Mrs. Purdy served as president of the Abraham

Clark School Parent-Teacher Assn. and of the Clark Assn. of Parent-Teacher Assns. She is also the president of the Friends of the Library Services in Clark and a member of the Clark Art Assn.

A graduate of Temple University in Philadelphia, she has worked as a social case worker for the Board of Child Services in Elizabeth and as a freelance correspondent for a daily newspaper in Union County.

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## State booklet explains public meetings law

By R.E. Fazzarelli

The declared purpose of the "Open Public Meetings Act of 1975" which took effect on Jan. 19, 1976, is to insure the right of all citizens to have advance notice of and to attend all meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon, with certain exceptions.

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## John A. Cuff enters Fourth Ward Dem race

By R.E. Fazzarelli

At the regular Clark Democratic Club, Inc. meeting on March 13 at the residence of Patricia Cuff, John A. Cuff announced his candidacy for the Fourth Ward Democratic position on the Township Council.

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## Board of Education member questions recreation aide stipend

By R.E. Fazzarelli

The employment of a teacher, James Cavallone, as director of recreation for the 1980-1981 school year as an extra stipend of \$4,200 was approved unanimously by the Board of Education March 11.

However, Board members questioned increasing the salary for the position each year and asked for an evaluation of the program.

Board member, Mrs. Ellen Mezzo pointed out the school body has approved increases for the past two years and the fee was stipulated to have constant increases for a period of three years.

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## Less state aid, state mandates cause budget rise: Farinella

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"The 1980-1981 school budget as developed after months of planning, discussion and careful analysis of the use of each dollar included, represents a plan for continued excellence in education for the children of Clark," reports Dr. John T. Farinella, superintendent of schools.

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