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FOR SERVICE REMINDER — Township Councilman-Large James S. Doss is shown, center, receiving a plaque and a copy of a resolution recognizing his 25 years of service on the governing body and previous service on other community groups in Clark from Council President Joseph F. Parnell, left. Township Clerk Edward R. Palmucci is shown presenting the retiring councilman with a scroll to signify Mr. Doss' service as Council president from 1973 to 1974. The councilman did not seek re-election this year.

Three-year township police contract receives final Council approval

By R. E. Faszczewski

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Blake Dr. - Clauss Rd. drains get Council funding approval

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A total of \$17,300 for storm-water drainage improvements on Blake Dr. and Clauss Rd. will be approved by Township Council, which it adopted as a resolution on Dec. 15.

The funds, \$16,500 of which will be in the form of bonds or notes, will be used to construct two detention basins connected by a strip of piping. It had been reported at a Council executive session last month.

Also adopted was a memorandum to the township salary schedule which will set the salary of the township clerk at \$25,000 next year and increase it to \$28,142 in 1972, and set that of the township treasurer at \$22,301 next year with an increase of \$24,021 the following year.

The salaries of civil servants employed in Township Hall will be increased 6% next year and those of the captain and chief of police by 10% because of another salary survey which was adopted.

According to Second Ward Councilman Bernard E. Hayden, the salary increase for the civil servants will be part of the final year of a three-year contract with Clark Local No. 8 of the Civil Service Union.

A fourth measure will prohibit parking along the western side of Madison Hill Rd. near Jarvis Terr. from its northern curbline to a point 102 feet from there.

The two salary measures were declared in effect immediately when Mayor Bernard G. Yarnagor signed the proper resolutions.

Therefore, effective Thursday, Jan. 1, of next year, the township clerk will be paid \$25,000 and the treasurer will be paid \$22,301.

The following salaries will also be paid, effective Jan. 1, that is to the resolution adopted Dec. 15:

Administrative secretary, township clerk's office, \$14,778.

Account clerk typing, \$14,778.

Municipal court clerk and collection clerk, \$14,025.

Deputy municipal court clerk, \$12,194.

Administrative secretary, \$14,709.

Senior purchasing assistant-manager of vital statistics, \$14,645.

Principal clerk typing, \$13,228.

Principal clerk typing, \$13,202.

Principal clerk stenographer, \$13,204.

Principal engineering aide, \$14,325.

Principal account clerk, \$14,000.

Cashier, typing, \$12,222.

Senior assisting clerk, typing, \$12,150.

Parishman, Class D, \$16,420.

Parishman, Class C, \$18,120.

Parishman, Class B, \$19,715.

Parishman, Class A, \$21,310.

Police sergeant, first step, \$21,400.

Police sergeant, second step, \$22,790.

Police lieutenant, first step, \$22,979.

Police lieutenant, second step, \$23,372.

Police captain, \$25,000.

Police chief, \$29,000.

Police detective, \$800.

Communications operator No. 1, \$11,500.

Communications operator No. 2, \$9,360.

The stipend for detective is to be paid in all police officers and sergeants while in addition to their annual salary.

Hourly rates for part-time employees of the township will be:

Building maintenance worker, Philip Melina, \$4.85.

Building maintenance worker, James Lake, \$4.55.

Sanitary inspector, \$7.90.

Tentative budget increase set at 8.9% by regional

The Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education Dec. 15 voted a tentative budget for 1970-1971 calling for an 8.9% increase over the current year.

In a budget totaling more than \$18.7 million, \$17.5 million is designated for operating expenses with 70% of that figure going towards the salaries of the 20 teachers in the district.

The budget now goes to County Superintendent James Clancy for approval and then will be reviewed in a public hearing on Tuesday, March 3, after it goes to the voters on Tuesday, April 7.

Board president, Charles E. Vialle, Jr., stressed the budget adopted Dec. 14 is tentative and subject to change.

"There may be changes," he added. "Public input may affect it."

Excluding an anticipated \$2.9 million in state aid, the budget calls for an average increase of approximately seven cents per \$100 of assessed property, according to Mr. Vialle.

He emphasized that the actual increase in the tax differs for each of the six municipalities in the school district serving the region.

The president noted the number of students each community sends to the regional high schools as well as the amount of realties each municipality processes serve as the determining factors in assessing the exact amount of increase in taxes for each community.

Commenting on the state cap, Mr. Vialle said the state formula for determining each district's cap. He said the method was particularly detrimental to the regional system.

He added the cap, which in part is based on the average cost of educating a student in the state, shortchanges high school districts in northern New Jersey.

The secretary attributed the impetus to the higher cost of operating expenses in the northern part of the state as well as the higher cost of educating high school students as opposed to elementary school students.

The Board also asked due to the higher cost of living in northern New Jersey, teachers demand higher salaries and costs such as utilities are also greater.

The formula for determining caps currently employed by the state compares the assessed property value in a school district with the average expenses of the state director of education and accounting, the New Jersey School Boards Assn.

According to Mr. Vialle, the state currently sets \$2,242 as the annual average cost of educating a student.

He said the cost of educating students in the regional district runs considerably higher.

More than 4,200 students attend the four high schools in the district, including Arthur L. Johnson in Clark.

Regional Board requests speed in aid payments

The state director of budget and accounting has been petitioned by the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education, which includes Clark, to speed state aid payments on the first of the month, when they are due under state statute.

According to a resolution adopted Dec. 15 by the Board, the payments of \$14,011 in aid due to the district this year are not received until Dec. 12, causing great inconvenience and hardship to the Union County Regional High School District.

Copies of the resolution were sent to the governor, the state director of budget and accounting, the New Jersey School Boards Assn., the state commissioner of education and all state senators and assemblies from Union County.

In other action, the Board:

—Elected its Tuesday, April 7, 1971, meeting to be held at Gov. Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21, 1970.

The director of health, physical education, driver education and activities at Gov. Livingston, Nicholas Santalucia, will be the year's tournament director.

Boys and girls volleyball basketball teams from the four regional high schools, including Arthur L. Johnson in Clark, will participate in the tournament. Tickets will be presented to the participants in both M.S.E.C. students selected for the state team.

Tickets will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and will be available at the door.

Gas firm cautions on fires

A spokesman for Elizabethtown Gas Co. today issued a warning regarding the connection of multi-fuel furnaces and wood, coal and oil-burner solid-fuel-burners stores being hooked up to a common line with gas-fired units.

Elizabethtown's general manager of customer service, Jack MacNaughton, said there were two recent examples of persons being overcome by fumes from such hookups. One was a stove installed by a contractor and the other was a homeowner's handyman installation. The first case resulted in a near death by asphyxiation.

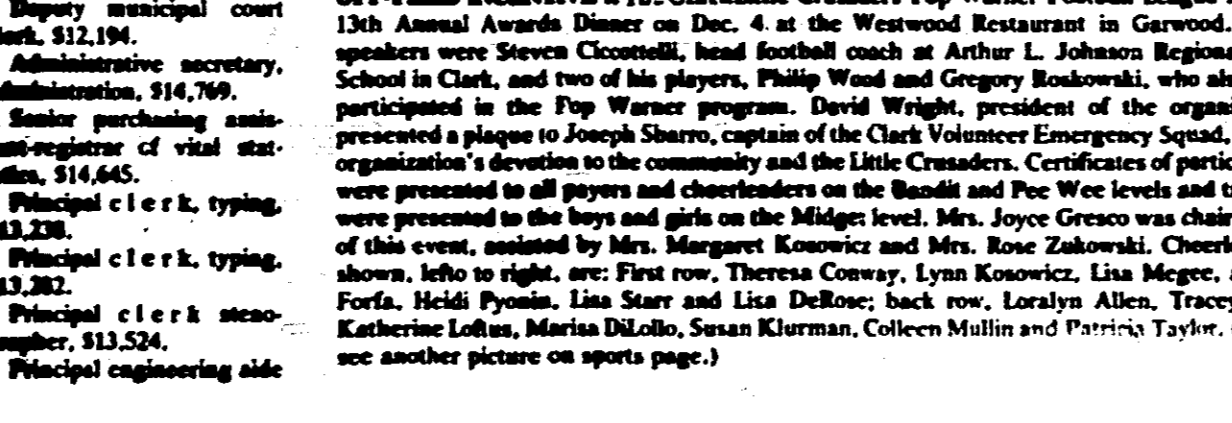
"Our company has had no reports of hookups such as these and we prefer in the interest of safety, any multi-fuel unit or solid-fuel-burning stove should be hooked up to its own separate line," Mr. MacNaughton noted.

He indicated any improper hookups discovered by Elizabethtown service personnel during normal gas-appliance service work would be disconnected.

Doll house door to be library topic

The Clark Public Library will present a program entitled, "Hats on Paraphernalia a Doll House" on Monday evening, Dec. 29, at 7:30 o'clock.

The woman, whose Victorian Doll House has been on display in the library this month, Miss Marie Kaminski, will share her knowledge with those interested in the miniature world of doll houses.



OFF-FIELD RECREATIVE — The Clark-Like Crusaders Pop Warner Football League held its 12th Annual Award Dinner on Dec. 4 at the Westwood Restaurant in Garwood. Guest speakers were Steven Ciccotilli, head football coach at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, and two of his players, Philip Wial and Gregory Babinetti, who also participated in the Pop Warner program. David Wright, president of the organization, presented a plaque to Joseph Shavers, captain of the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, for the organization's devotion to the community and the Like Crusaders. Certificate of participation were presented to all players and cheerleaders on the Bands and Pop Warner levels and trophies were presented to the boys and girls on the Midway level. Mrs. Joyce Green was chairwoman of this event, assisted by Mrs. Margaret Kromer and Mrs. Rose Zakowski. Cheerleaders, shown, left to right, were First row: Theresa Conway, Lynn Kromer; Lisa Magno; second row: Heidi Pomeroy, Lisa Starr and Lisa DeHoff; back row: Lorayne Allen, Tracy Lona, Catherine Lofano, Maria DiLillo, Susan Krumm, Colleen Melina and Patricia Taylor. (Photos see another picture on sports page.)

'Times of Your Life' on loan from library

Nostalgic songs and original compositions are featured on a new record, "The Times of Your Life," now available on loan from the Clark Public Library.

The "Up with Popcorn" group performs a number of songs such as "We Are Mary, We Are Ours," "The Times of Your Life," and an original composition, "Part of the Picture," on the record.

The 10 side features songs by Paul Jahn such as "The Times of Your Life" and other standards such as "Green, Green Grass of Home" and "Suzie, Q. U. E. S. T." from "Fiddler on the Roof."

The record has been set to nearly 7,000 libraries in the United States.

Regional updates facts on contract

Updated information was recently received from a spokeswoman for the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 concerning the contract negotiations with the teachers represented in the Dec. 15 action of the Clark Board.

The new six-day policy has an option to end the days in the pay, and the extension of the closed shop to cover teachers' maintenance will not go into effect until Friday, Jan. 1, 1971, according to the spokeswoman.

The spokeswoman was contacted in his bid for a second term in the November General Election.

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get, and cancelled a 1969 appropriation for other ex-

—Granted Joseph Bernaschi, a senior public works spokesman, a leave of absence with pay, retroactive to Dec. 1 of this year, for 120 days.

—Authorized the issuance of a bonding-allowance for next year to Clark Lines at 140 Central Ave. for a fee of \$25.

—Authorized the transfer of \$2,816.70 from salaries and wages, capital outlay, maintenance expenditures and state unemployment insurance in the utility budget to the utility's account for other expenses.

—Added a category for contracts for right-of-way to the swimming pool budget.

—Appointed a debate coach, a forensic advisor and a writer-illustrator coach for the current school year at the Clark school.

—Granted two Johnson teachers additional leaves of absence for the 1981-1982 school year, effective on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1981, and continuing to Wednesday, June 30, 1981 with Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1982 as the date of return. They will receive 50% of their salaries according to the 1981-1982 salary schedule.

—Approved the district's Annual Plan for the Education of All Handicapped Children.

Regional to hold cage fit

A spokesman for the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Clark, announced the district's Second Annual Regional Basketball Tournament will be held at Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21, 1970.

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