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Judge conference views long-running school case

The Board of Education and the Board of Chosen Representatives of the Clark Township Schools met in a conference on Feb. 2 to discuss the long-running case of the Johnson Madrigals and the Girls Barber Shop Quartet. The case involves the school's refusal to allow the groups to perform at the school's annual concert. The board members discussed the legal aspects of the case and the school's policies regarding student organizations. The conference was held in a private setting, and the board members expressed their concerns about the potential legal consequences of the school's actions. The case has been ongoing for several years, and the board members are looking for a resolution that will satisfy both the school and the performing groups.



LEARNING BY TEACHING

Water-tank dispute links area residents

By R.R. Faszczewski

A decision in a long-running dispute over a proposed water tank near the Clark and Rahway borders will apparently have a local impact, according to a local official.

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ROVING MINSTRELS - Members of the Choral Dept. of the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark under the direction of Evelyn Bleeker recently performed at the Clark H. Kump School and the Charles H. Brewer School both in Clark. The singers began their performance with "Fly Little White Dove" members of the Vocal Workshop sang "The Banjo Man" the Concert Choir performed "Killing Me Softly" and "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Amy She Sweet was

sung by the Johnson Madrigals and the Girls Barber Shop Quartet performed "I'd Like to Teach the World a Song." The performance concluded with the Bel Canto singing a melody of "The Old Song" which included solos by Dawn Pereira, Eileen Richter, David Sosidka, Sally Shamy, Paul Josell, Tony Pava and Sue Kowalenko. Eric Seltzer center sang "Mary's a Grand Old Name" while playing the accordion.

Area hospitals share mobile computer scanner

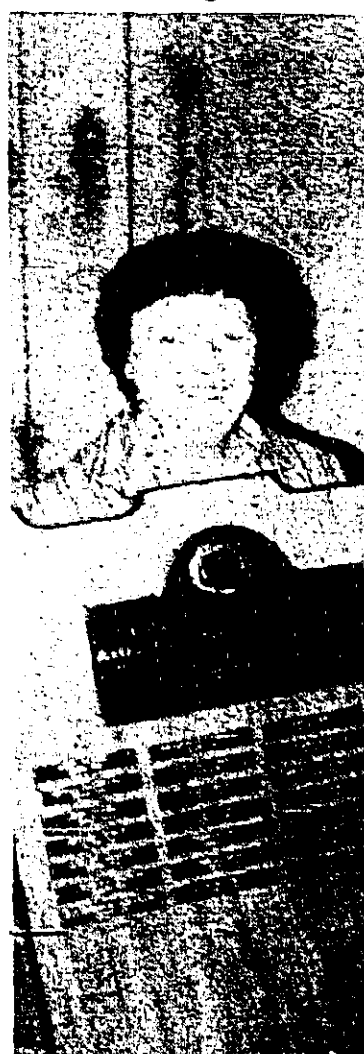
An arrangement which will be the first in New Jersey to become operational early this month when Elizabeth General and Rahway Hospitals will share a mobile computerized tomographic scanner. Both hospitals previously received Certificate of Need approval from the New Jersey Dept. of Health for a permanent in-house scanner. However, the mobile unit will permit the hospitals to provide this service to the community immediately. "There is a great need for this diagnostic service within the community," according to George F. Billington, the president of Elizabeth General Hospital. "Substantial waiting periods exist at area hospitals for non-emergency CT scans," he added, "usually as long as four to six weeks." Noting the unique arrangement between the two hospitals, David Wagner, the deputy commissioner of health, commented, "The willingness of hospitals to work out joint programs of this nature is always commendable." The hospitals' large volume of emergency-room visits, a combined total of

10,000 per year, was one of the factors that prompted the hospitals to apply to the Dept. of Health for this sophisticated equipment. The scanner is invaluable in the diagnosis of trauma cases, according to the hospital spokesman. Described as "the most significant new radiologic procedure to arrive on the health care scene" by both Dr. Robert Salbeck, the chairman of Elizabeth General's Dept. of Radiology and the president of its medical staff, and Dr. Theresa Smith, the chairwoman of the Rahway Hospital Radiology Dept., the mobile scanner will serve patients from Union, Essex and Middlesex counties. The scanner is an x-ray procedure that enables the physician to take a close, detailed look at any organ or area of the body. In a matter of seconds, the scanner produces a clear, cross-sectional view of the body part in question. With it, the physician can evaluate an injury, investigate tumors or other abnormalities and, in general, replace certain types of exploratory surgery. In a CT study of the brain, for example, the

physician can order a number of closely spaced scans or "slices." The slices can vary in density depending upon the size of the area in question. A computer gathers the information from each scan, and produces a series of pictures showing each slice. The entire series is painless and requires approximately 20 minutes. The mobile unit, leased from Mediq Mobile Services, is contained in a 45-foot long van. It is self-contained and will be parked adjacent to the hospitals. The unit will spend part of each week at both hospitals until in-house units are installed. The equipment in the van is the latest technology available. CT scanning has been available since 1976, and has already gone through four generations of improved technology. Both hospitals have ordered the same equipment for their permanent installations, each at a cost in excess of \$800,000. The projected dates for the installation of the permanent scanners are May for Elizabeth General and July for Rahway Hospital.

Clarkite at Union

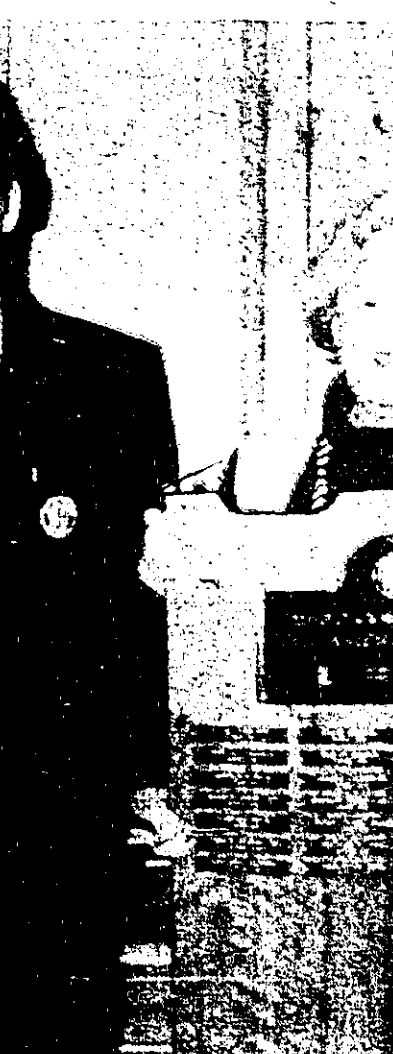
A Clarkite, Amy Czar, 43 Malvern Dr., began her college career as a full-time student at Union College this fall.



LEGION OF LEGION - The members of Clark Unit No. 326 of the American Legion Auxiliary presented Comm. Joseph Rybak with new past commanders and past presidents plaques listing all the names of past commanders and presidents since 1946 and 1948, when the post and Auxiliary were founded. Making the

Pingry cites Mr. Hubbard

A Clark resident, Philip Hubbard of Conger Way, was named to the honor roll during the first marking period at The Pingry School in Elizabeth.



presentations were the Auxiliary president, Mrs. Steven Horin, right, and Mrs. William Cox, left. Mrs. Cox was the fund-raising chairwoman for this project. The members of the Auxiliary sold candy bars for two and a half years in order to obtain the funds to purchase these plaques.

Regional offers adult courses

A spokesman for the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Clark, announced the spring term of the Regional Adult School. The school is scheduled to begin the week of March 8 at all four regional high schools. According to Harry F. Linkin, the director of Adult and Continuing Education, area residents may register in person at the regional high school offering the courses they desire on Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 6 to 9 p.m. New courses being introduced this term include "Clothing Alterations," "Intermediate Typing," "Yoga for Men," "Yoga for Women," "Speechcraft," "Formica Construction," "Deck Design and Construction," "Vegetable Gardening," "Introduction

STITCH OF HISTORY - On Jan. 22 students in the fourth and fifth grade classes at the Carl H. Kump School in Clark were treated to a slide presentation entitled "A Day in the Life of a Colonial Family." The story is set in the Ogdon Belcher Mansion in Elizabeth, and depicts colonial life in our area in the 1700's. The program was brought to the school by Victoria Chancery, the Junior League of Elizabeth Planfield. Along with the slide presentation, various items were presented from the speaker's Suitcase Museum to enhance the students' studies of Colonial America. In the photograph are a handmade quilt and a piece of parchment being shown by the speaker to the fifth graders, Scott Kocis and Kelly Kohn and a fourth grader, Michelle Davidson.

to Sailing," "Chinese Cooking," and "Automobile Mechanics for Women." Returning will be foreign languages, "Aerobics," "Shinastics," "Volleyball," arts and crafts courses, automobile mechanics, typing, shorthand, bookkeeping and accounting, upholstery, Scholastic Aptitude Test preparation, computer science, types of needlecrafts, "French Cooking," cake decorating, golf, tennis, racquetball and salt water fishing. The Adult and Continuing Education Brochure will be mailed early this month to all area residents with information regarding class listings, descriptions and schedules. For additional information, please telephone the Office of Adult and Continuing Education at 376-6300, ext. 99.