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School plans narrowed to two for more study

By R. R. Faszczewski

From the total of 13 different school reorganization plans presented to it last fall, the township Board of Education Aug. 10 decided to narrow further study to just two plans.

The head of a school reorganization study committee formed last April, Board member, Thomas Faria, outlined for his fellow Board members the eight alternative plans the committee has been studying since it was formed.

Mr. Faria explained the committee, with the help of school staff members, the superintendent of schools and the school business administrator, had narrowed the number of plans down with the goal of keeping all four presently operating schools, Valley Road, Frank K. Hehny, Charles H. Brewer and Carl H. Kumpf, open.

Also on the committee are Board members, Edward Dreyfus and James E. Kehoe.

The plans, as presented by Mr. Faria are: No. 1, keep the schools the same as they are, Valley Road and

Hehny, kindergarten to fifth grade; Kumpf, kindergarten to eighth grade; Brewer, sixth to eighth grade; No. 2, kindergarten to fifth grade, Valley Road and Hehny; seventh and eighth grade, Kumpf; first to sixth grade, Brewer; No. 3, kindergarten to fifth grade, Valley Road and Hehny; kindergarten to sixth grade, Kumpf; seventh and eighth grade, Brewer; No. 4, Valley Road, Hehny and Kumpf, kindergarten to sixth grade; Brewer, seventh and eighth grade; No. 5, Valley Road, Hehny and Brewer, kindergarten to fifth grade; Kumpf, sixth to eighth grade; No. 6, Valley Road, Hehny and Kumpf, kindergarten to fifth grade; Brewer, sixth to eighth grade; No. 7, Valley Road and Hehny, kindergarten to fourth grade; Kumpf, fifth and sixth grade; Brewer, seventh and eighth grade, and No. 8, Valley Road and Hehny, kindergarten to fourth grade; Brewer, fifth and sixth grade; Kumpf, seventh and eighth grade.

All the plans except No. 6 could be placed in service for the 1983-1984 school year, according to Mr. Faria.

He said that plan would have to wait until the 1984-1985 school year to be implemented because it would not be possible until that time due to the large amount of enrollment involved.

The committee chairman then outlined the pros and cons for each plan, which involved considerations of proximity to Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, the program changes planned and the development of the middle school concept in the township.

It was pointed out by Mr. Faria that Nos. 5 and 6 were the two considered for further study because of the advantages of the middle school concept, staffing considerations and cost factors.

However, Mr. Kehoe, who had presented a plan for all schools but Brewer to become kindergarten-to-sixth-grade facilities, with Brewer housing seventh and eighth grades, last fall, asked that plan No. 4 be included for further study.

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Regional revises basic-skills budget

The Union County Regional High School District No. 1, Board of Education, which includes Clark, Aug. 3 approved a revised budget for its Basic Skills-Improvement Program.

In accordance with state Dept. of Education regulations and because of revised allocations for funding being provided to the district, the budget figures submitted were \$83,033 for Chapter I and \$55,550 for state compensatory education.

Board members also voted to submit an application to the state for adult education funding totaling \$64,600. Of the total, \$26,600 would pay for an adult education director, \$22,000 for adult basic education and \$4,000 for evening schools for the foreign born.

Another resident, George Amoruso of 136 Fadder Rd., said the tenants should not be isolated from the same inflation, the homeowners have had to suffer through. He added if landlords do not make what they consider a fair profit they may seek hardship relief-and thus the homeowners are forced to make up for any taxes the township doesn't get if the relief is granted.

The school body, in other action,

Appointed Peter Sochenki as maintenance foreman at the annual salary of \$19,000 for 1982-1983, effective Aug. 4 of this year.

Gave its approval for the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Football Team of Clark and its coaches to participate in a football camp at Camp Green Lane in Lansdale, Pa., from Tuesday to Sunday, Aug. 31 to Sept. 4.

Okayed a one-day Basic Skills Improvement Workshop for 13 staff members to be held on Thursday, Sept. 2, to discuss the implementation of instruction materials developed this summer which will be used in all basic-skills-improvement instruction for students.

Accepted the resignation of Charles Dreyfus as a teacher-supervisor in the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act-funded summer work-experience program.

Approved the transfer of Clementine Tabor from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield to Johnson.

Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Diane Zdanowski as a Spanish teacher, and changed Mrs. Mary Ann Ferrante from a part-time to a full-time teacher to take her place, at a 1982 salary of \$13,625, effective on Wednesday, Sept. 1, and a further adjustment when the 1982-1983 salary guide is established. Mrs. Ferrante will be transferred from the Clark school to Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights.

Approved Catherine Marauetz of Kean College as a student teacher in chemistry at the township school from Wednesday, Sept. 8, of this year, to Thursday, Dec. 23, of this year.



ROARING SUCCESS - The members of the Clark Bobcats Softball Team, shown, left to right, after a recent awards ceremony in the township are: Front row, Sue Peters, Carl Danco, Debbie DeFilippo, Donna Sherman and Leslie Harrell; second row, Sue Slowe, Donna Miller, Jayne Henze, Maureen Kennedy and Carl Pier-



PLYING THEIR CRAFT - Clark's Frank K. Hehny School recreation program offers arts and crafts each day. The children shown are Lisa Goodman, bottom left, Robin Frank, bottom center, and Karen Conacho. The head teacher is Mrs. Jane Penia, top center.

Public Service offers shares to public

Public Service Electric and Gas Co. on Aug. 12 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement for the sale of four million shares of common stock. The company expects to sell the shares on Tuesday, Aug. 24, to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Inc. and Kuder, Peabody and Co., Inc. who will offer the shares to the public.

Proceeds from the sale of the shares will be used for the payment of short-term debt incurred primarily in the company's construction program.

Mackie Post marks 10 years

Members of the James L. Mackie Post No. 499 of the American Legion of Rahway Aug. 8 celebrated the post's 10th anniversary at the post home.

Present were members of the Union County American Legion who had helped Post No. 499 get activated and obtained charter.

It was 10 years ago when Charles Brane and 15 others met with the county delegates in a garage where Post No. 499 was re-activated. Today it is located on the Main St. Rahway, in the old firehouse, which members have been renovating for the past two years.

Membership has grown to the present 146.

Paul Konic from Rahway Post No. 5 served as master of ceremonies on Aug. 8. National executive commit-

teeman, Warren Davies, and Douglas Barrow, department executive committee, were the main speakers. Also present were the Union County commander, Anthony Polari, and senior vice commander, Joseph Rybak.

The following charter members received 10-year certificates from post commander, Wilmer Toy: William Boatwright, Mr. Brane, Thomas Brown, Andrew and Jutson Bryant, James Cunningham, Raymond Farrar, Andrew Harris, James Jeter, James Jones, Albert Snowdon, Mark Smallwood, Vernon Ward, Samuel Hayes and Willis Rodgers.

Refreshments were served by members of the Ladies Auxiliary following the conclusion of the service, reports Mr. Rybak.

By R. R. Faszczewski

An issue which has caused controversy for over two years in the township came a step closer to resolution on Monday when the Township Council voted unanimously to hold a special meeting on Monday, Aug. 30, at 8 p.m. in the Council chambers of the municipal building to deal specifically with the possible repeal of rent control.

Clark's rent-leveling law, which has been on the books since the 1970's, was amended last fall to boost the yearly rent increases landlords were allowed to charge tenants from 3% to 8%, depending on whether utilities were furnished by the landlord or not.

The members of the Clark Tenants Assn. later filed suit against the Governing Body, claiming the amended rent law has been unfairly adopted, against the provisions of the so-called state "Sunshine Law" or "Open Public Meetings Act."

That suit was subsequently dropped by the tenants' group before it came to trial in Superior Court, earlier this year.

At the same time the tenants' suit had begun, some members of the Clark Taxpayers Coalition and other residents had started circulating signatures on petitions for a referendum to be placed on the ballot so residents could vote on whether or not rent control should stay.

That drive ended after this year when an attempt to repeal the law failed in the referendum.

Early this year, however, which drove the law contained over 1,000

to call to provide for future generations. However, the attorney for the hospital, Leo Kahn Rahway, disputed the plan presented to the council about the 1976 plan.

Kahn said the map had been rejected by the court. He also said city regulations require the hospital to be located before the Planning Board if the zone was changed.

At the city body, the attorney said, he was more surprised the residents than the Planning Board because a City Council representative the mayor was member of the planning board.

He said the body is in the body of the planning commission.

The plan was started in re-lation to the city Council on Feb. 16 and followed all normal pro-

STROKES OF GENIUS - Rahway Recreation Dept. art and painting winners at the Commercial Trust Co. exhibit on Third St. Shupp, left, last to right, are: black rock, Joseph Florsky, the youngest treasurer of the bank; Theresa Shupp, adult; Bonnie Resnick and Larry Silvers, the bank's senior personnel director and Mrs. Janice DeGroot; the art and painting director for the department; from row, Mrs. Alice Sparano, an adult; and Mrs. Joseph Florsky, the youngest treasurer of the bank; Theresa Shupp, adult; Bonnie Resnick and Jessica Miller.

Recreations capture county title: Inside

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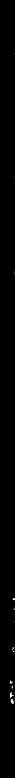
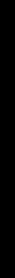

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