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## Court sends tank case to Adjustment Board

By R. R. Faszczewski  
The controversy over the five-million-gallon storage tank proposed to be constructed by the Mid-Hudson Water Co. at its Madison Hill Rd. pumping station will apparently have to be resolved by the town's Zoning Board of Adjustment.

A decision had been made on March 23 by the Clark Planning Board, following several hearings on the utility's application to it for permission to construct the storage facility near its 500,000-gallon pumping station, that the matter be referred to the Zoning Board because it

constituted a non-conforming use. However, the utility decided to appeal the planning board's decision to Superior Court Judge Milton A. Feller, contending that the proposed tank would only be an extension of the pumping station, which is a permitted use.

Contacted by The Clark Patriot last Friday, Judge Feller said he had ruled in favor of sending the matter to the Board of Adjustment, thus upholding the Planning Board's decision. He explained the Clark ordinance did not allow the storage tank as a permitted

use, and also excluded storage yards for uses such as that proposed by the utility. The judge pointed out that there had been no evidence presented that the tank was necessary or that it would serve the public good.

Furthermore, he added, the New Jersey Constitution specifically states that in matters concerning municipal ordinances, cases should be liberally construed in favor of living up to the intention of the ordinance. The president of the water company, J. Richard

Tompkins, has reportedly vowed to appeal the issue to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities should the firm's application be struck down in any case.

Responding to this, the judge said it is possible a state agency might decide to supersede the ordinance, but would probably require some proof the proposed storage tank would be in the public good.

As to an appeal to a higher court, Judge Feller noted he had suggested, since the case was somewhat unique, if the parties wanted to take it to state Appellate Court they should.

Residents and officials of the town of Clark have opposed the tank vigorously, contending the proposed 45-foot high, 147-foot long tank might pose a dangerous precedent for additional development of the property by the water firm.

Additionally, the residents objected to its unsightliness and its potential detriment to their property values.

Resolutions from the townships of Westfield and Edison, which are served much more extensively by the utility than Clark, supporting the project, were introduced during the Planning Board hearings.



CHURCH FOR CHILDREN - Appearing at the Union County Baptist Church of Clark on Oct. 10, Super Sunday, will be "Church Program Ministries" with a puppet show for children. (Please see a story and another picture inside.)

## Aid squad responds to area 'disaster'

A crew and ambulance from the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad responded to the "disaster" at the Nursing Home in Scotch Plains for a simulated fire drill. The drill was to test the capabilities of area fire departments.

Eighty-five firefighters from the Scotch Plains Fire Department, including the chief, were on hand for the drill. The fire was simulated by a controlled fire in the building's kitchen.

Also on hand were the Paramedic Unit from the Scotch Plains Fire Department, the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, and the Girl Scout Troop No. 111, the Sub Junior Women's Club, Jaycees and Jayettes.

The final evaluation by Nick Wowchuck, coordinator of the drill, was everything had run quite smoothly, with excellent cooperation by all involved. The Clark squad spokesman concluded.

A simulated explosion at the nursing home triggered the initial call to Scotch Plains police.

## Mother Seton plans 'Open House'

Mother Seton Regional High School on Valley Rd., Clark, will hold an informal "Open House" on Thursday, Oct. 14, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for all seventh and eighth-grade girls and their parents. The program will be for girls who are planning to enter high school in the near future.

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## Extra teacher move at Kumpf School fails

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Despite protests from the parents in the Carl H. Kumpf School area at two of its meetings, the township Board of Education on Sept. 28 rejected two motions aimed at trying to remedy what the parents have called overcrowding in the fourth grade at the school.

There are presently 28 pupils in the grade, and proposals were made at the Sept. 28 session to hire an additional teacher at the school and to hire an aide to help the instructor already there.

When a Board member, Edward Dreyfus, moved to give the Superintendent of Schools Dr. John T. Farnella the authority to hire another teacher to relieve the overcrowding situation, he was seconded by a Board member, James E. Kahos, of trying to secure the position for his wife, who is on the list of teachers on the district's Reduction-in-Force list.

However, Mr. Dreyfus replied he had an obligation as a Board member to the township first to take action.

He added he had reviewed other options such as hiring an aide and redrawing the district lines so the pupils would be sent to another school, and found the teacher hiring to be the best solution.

The School Board Attorney John Higgins said the point of the Dreyfus motion was based on creating the position only, and did not deal with the person who was to fill it. There, Mr. Dreyfus had not been out of line in making the motion.

Another Board member, Mrs. Thelma Purdy, said pointing the finger of blame would not solve the problem, and she objected to Mr. Kahos's innuendoes.

When the vote was taken on giving Dr. Farnella the authority to hire the additional teacher, however, only two Board members were in favor of it, six were against it and Michael Doherty abstained.

Dr. Farnella, saying he believed the funds for hiring the teacher were available from surplus, agreed while the teacher seemed to be the best solution although it might create educational hangups for the children who were already adjusted to the present teacher.

He urged the Board to make a decision that evening, and not to keep the parents and the students hanging.

A motion was next made by Thomas Faria to create the position of aide at the Kumpf School to give the teacher the extra help she needed to improve the education of the students.

However, when it was pointed out by the Board vice president, John Fitzpatrick, and Mr. Dreyfus the creation of an aide position where the person might be performing instructional duties might create a conflict with the Clark Education Assn., Mr. Faria withdrew his motion.

The Board's president, Mrs. Ellen Mezzo, suggested Dr. Farnella meet with the school's principal, Philip Foster, and the representatives of the teacher

entatives of the teacher group to explore the possibility of some type of solution to the problem.

It had been pointed out earlier in the evening by a parent, Richard Bennett, a survey among the parents of the fourth-grade students at Kumpf had not elicited one positive response to moving the students to the Frank K. Hehly School, as had been suggested at an earlier Board meeting by some school body members.

Mr. Bennett added he thought the 17 boys and the 11 girls in the Kumpf grade were not getting a fair education.

Mrs. Mezzo replied the children in Kumpf would be advancing to Hehly next year, and it wouldn't be a hardship for the students to be transferred to the fourth grade at Hehly, which currently had 13 and 15 students each.

Mr. Dreyfus said it had been the consensus of the Board members to ask the parents whether they wanted the option to move their children to the fourth grade in Hehly this year.



RETURNING TONIGHT - Clark Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage's weekly cable television channel No. 3 show will return today at 5:30 p.m. The first guests will be Capt. George Schubert of the Clark Volunteer Fire Dept., left, and Jeff Belinger, rear, and Bill Dreyfus, second from left, of the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark. Other officers include George



GETTING THE TALLY - Mrs. Mariene West, left, the president of the Clark Crusaders Booster Club of the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, during which the athletes from the high school participated in a door-to-door campaign on behalf of the Booster Club. Looking on is Mrs. Gloria Francisco, the recording secretary of the club. This year's drive will be to raise money for a scholarship awarded every year by the club. The club meets the first Monday of every month at the high school, and the club members operate the refreshment stands at the Clark football games. (Please see other pictures inside.)

## Hopefuls told release dates

ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE TUESDAY, NOV. 2, GENERAL ELECTIONS. The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will publish their pre-election advance issues on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

All biographies and/or pictures of the candidates which they would like to appear in the advance issues should be in the hands of the editor at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, N.J. 07065 NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCT. 21.

Any charges to be made against opponents must be in the hands of the editor NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCT. 14, so they may be answered in the advance issues.

THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE, except in the case of an election cancellation, in which case the editor will have complete discretion as to which deadlines to impose and his usual discretion as to the material to be used.



LEARNER DAY - The students in Mrs. Irene Signa's fourth-grade class at the Valley Road School in Clark held an Indian Day in their classroom. While studying the life of the New Jersey Lenape Indians the students decided to incorporate the information learned into a re-creation of a day in the life of an Indian child. As part of this experience each student made, and displayed two Indian weapons, a tomahawk and a spear.



