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TUNING UP THE CROWD - The Ramblers Barbershop Quartet, the winners of quartet contests in 1981 in Astbury Park, Westfield and Philadelphia, starred at the Dec. 3 Holiday Party for Railway Landmarks, Inc., the group trying to restore the Old Railway Theatre, sponsored by the Railway Chamber of Commerce at the Hoffman-Koon Furniture Store in Rahway on Dec. 3. (An entire page of pictures about the gala may be seen inside today's Rahway News-Record and Clark Patriot.)

'Skyrocketing costs' at compactor attacked

By R. R. Faszczewski
What one councilman called the "skyrocketing costs" involved in special services to maintain the township's compactor caused him to suggest on Dec. 20 that Clark might think about re-establishing a township recycling center, preferably outside the township.

According to Councilman-at-Large George A. Sanguiniano, a request by the Director of Public Works John Desch for \$10,000 in transfers from various accounts in the 1982 municipal budget to pay for the special services was substantially less than the \$18,000 Mr. Desch's department had requested earlier in the year.

However, the councilman said he was afraid the department head would come back to the Township Council later and ask for the additional amount because of the escalating costs of the special services, which mainly include compacting leaves.

Mr. Desch explained the \$10,000 would be used to re-condition a 13-year-old Caterpillar front-end loader used to load leaves and ot-

her refuse into the compactor and for snow removal. He added the lift mechanism of the Caterpillar was in a bad state of disrepair, and a South Plainfield firm could give the piece of equipment an overall which would put it in excellent running condition. Furthermore, the additional \$8,000 could be requested later to repair the brakes, which had been recommended by the repair firm.

The director pointed out the Caterpillar was considered the "Cadillac" of front-end loaders, and this was the reason it would be to the township's benefit to repair it and keep it in excellent working condition rather than leasing another piece of equipment or purchasing a new one.

In fact, he said in many respects the Caterpillar, when properly repaired, would probably work better than another model front-end loader the township purchased new earlier this year.

Councilman Sanguiniano also said the Governing Body had not been notified of the effect a \$9,000 surcharge on garbage hauling would have on the depart-

ment's budget at the start of 1982. Business Administrator Thomas Connolly replied the Council had cut the mayor's proposed budget for the department from \$80,500 to \$70,000, about the amount of the surcharge, and the mayor's projection of the amount of the surcharge "had been right on the money."

Asked by the councilmen which economies he was using in the compactor operation, Mr. Desch replied the department would have to use the compactor more in terms of the amount processed in order to save money. As it is, he added, the township site was only serving as a transfer station and the amount of volume handled now was out of control.

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He also said the township would put the contractor on notice, through its attorney, that it did not consider any extra charges levied on the contractor by the state charges which could be

passed through to the township for this service the contractor provides. In picking up full bins of compactors.

One of the public works employees, Leo Staudish, said the contractor should give the township better service. For example, according to Mr. Staudish, at the present time if the contractor is called to empty a dumpster at 7 a.m., he often comes at 3 p.m. He also suggested the compactor be used for leaves only and not for household garbage.

Christine Cwieka in 'Who's Who'

A township scholar, Christine Cwieka, is featured in the 16th Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Students are selected by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches or the company which publishes the volume based on their performance in scholarship-award contests or extra-curricular activities.

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group's attorney, Sheldon Siegel, saying the attorney was authorized "to do whatever it takes to keep Rent Control in Clark. The cost is no matter, the membership agrees," was not conducted as thoroughly as it should have been.

Mr. Siegel had filed a complaint with the prosecutor's office contending the letter, mailed in a piece of literature urging the immediate repeal of rent control, had been a complete forgery "deliberately and maliciously sent to damage myself and my law practice in Clark."

However, according to Assistant Prosecutor Harold Knox, who launched the forgery investigation, there was no way his office could pursue any further the preparation of the alleged forged letter because the letter was slipped under the door of John Amato,

the leader of the homeowner group, anonymously, and that group held a meeting and only decided to distribute it.

Meanwhile, despite the fact the Rent Control Ordinance has now been officially repealed, Mr. Amato says his group is needed by the tenants more than ever because the landlords have been raising rents quite high.

The tenant-group president added the association itself is still appealing the petition which placed the Rent Control question on the November ballot.

There are also several other technical matters relating to the status of the petition itself which the tenants group is pursuing on appeal.

Mr. Krasky said he expects the ultimate decision on the petition to be made in favor of the tenants based on a ruling in a recent case of a similar nature in Morris County.

Council members Apelian, Campana and Anderson were defeated in this year's General Election, while Councilman Labella did not seek another term.

All four were presented with congratulatory plaques by Township Clerk Edward R. Padunjak.

Harry E. Goett in 'Dean's List'

A Clark student at Upsala College, Harry E. Goett, 30, has been included in the Fifth Annual Edition of "The National Dean's List."

Students are selected for recognition in the national publication by their deans or are on their school's dean's list.

Students learn real job skills

A new vocational course entitled "Institutional, Home and Community Services" was offered at Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School this school year.

It prepares students for entry-level positions in the following professions: Residential aide, consumer aide, home health aide, social worker aide and housekeeping-management assistant.

The course is a two-year course which provides training in specific job skills in the junior year, and in the senior year provides general job-behavior skills and an opportunity for a paid, cooperative work experience in the community.

The students who take this course will earn 15 credits towards graduation in both their junior and senior years.

As part of the course they must become involved in the national home economics club, FHA/HERO (Future Homemakers of America) and Home Economics Related Occupations. The club trains the students in leadership skills and this year has as its theme, "Reach Out and Touch."

The institutional, home and community students, in co-operation with the men-

bers of the FHA/HERO school club, have been busy with a variety of activities. As part of this year's theme, the students visited the pediatric ward in Rahway Hospital on Halloween, and read stories to the children. They also helped a group of trainable, mentally-retarded students carve a pumpkin and play Halloween games.

At Thanksgiving they helped these same students prepare a Thanksgiving meal.

During the Christmas holidays they made plans to make cookies with the same students, and answered letters to Santa Claus sent to the local post office by young children in the community.

The students also demonstrated donut making at a senior citizen center in Elizabeth, and also demonstrated to the senior citizens how to make various Christmas ornaments. These experiences helped them to develop an understanding of people of different ages, groups and ability levels, and it also helped them develop an awareness and experience with jobs in community services, reports Marlene Toth, a home economics teacher at Johnson.

distribution of the literature.

When contacted by the Clark Patriot on Monday, the assistant prosecutor said there was probably no criminal action which could be pursued since his office had dropped the matter.

Although admittedly not an expert on civil court matters, Mr. Knox did say there might be some action which could be taken on that front if the tenant leaders decided they wanted to question the

Doing the honors of introducing resolutions for all four, Councilman-at-Large George A. Sanguiniano called retiring Third Ward Councilman Donald Labella, "The Dean of the Council," he has served since Nov. 7, 1973 and cited Councilman Labella's two terms as Council president, in 1977 and 1978-and his service on every committee of the Governing Body.

The First Ward Councilwoman and this year's Council president, Virginia Apelian, was praised for her loyalty and dedication for serving as an appointed councilwoman-at-large in 1976, and for representing her ward since being elected in 1978.

Compassion and loyalty were the qualities used to describe Fourth Ward Councilman Peter M. Campana, who served for two and a half years after being appointed in the summer of 1980.

Elected to an unexpired term in 1981, Second Ward Councilwoman Jean Anderson was hailed as bringing "new and unique insights" to the Council, and, according



SANTA COMES TO CLARK - Committee members and their children gather around Santa Claus to celebrate the Annual Children's Christmas Party held on Dec. 12 at the Gran Centurions Club in Clark. This holiday party is given for underprivileged children, five entertainment were offered. In addition, Santa Claus delivered gifts to all the children. Adults, shown, left to right, are: Standing, chairman, Rosemarie and Charles Macaluso, Geraldine and Dr. Jerome Pumo and Valerie and Frank Barro. The children pictured around Santa Claus, played by William Sokorak, left to right, are: Cara Macaluso, Jerry Pumo, Chuck Barro, seated with Santa, Angela Pumo and Melissa Barro.



AREA ACCUMULATES HONORS - William Lanten, the president of the New Jersey Association of Realtors, is shown, left, congratulating George F. McCutcheon, Jr., as Realtor-Associate of the Year, and Elaine Kozlowski, right, as Realtor-Associate of the Year, through the commendation of the Rahway-Clark state association was Patrick Kelly, left, also honored at the convention of the midatlantic in the Second District of the association. Stanley Fink, the attorney for the Lynch's Tony and Eve Pascale, Mrs. Peter Campana and Mrs. George McCutcheon, who also attended the ceremonies.

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CROSSING NEW HORIZONS - Maria Guido, left, and Holy Smar, right, students in the Institutional, Home and Community Services course at Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, practice some of the

skills they would use as recreational aides by teaching senior citizens how to create their own Christmas ornaments. (Please see another picture inside.)

