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Council introduces ordinance requiring dog owners to clean up after pets

By R.R. Faszczewski
Business will be picking up for township dog owners if the Township Council adopts an ordinance it introduced at its Jan. 17 session.

According to Councilman-at-Large Fred Eckel, who introduced the measure, the new law would prohibit dog owners from

allowing their pets to defecate or cause damage to any public area, and would also force them to clean up after their animals.

Councilman Eckel, who credited former First Ward Councilwoman and Council President Virginia Apelian for spearheading the effort to get the measure on the

books, noted the law would impose a jail term of 90 days or a \$500 fine on those who violated it.

However, Second Ward Councilman George Nucera, who abstained on the vote for the first reading of the ordinance, said there was already an ordinance on the books prohibiting

dogs from running free in the township, and the new law might create another problem for law-enforcement authorities, who are having a big enough problem trying to stop residential burglaries.

Both Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage and Township Attorney Joseph J. Triarsi pointed out the provision to be added under the new law would specifically charge dog owners with picking up after their pets.

Mayor Yarusavage noted many residents have complained of people from out-of-town coming into Clark, dropping their dogs off to defecate on residential or

public property, and then leaving.

First Ward Councilman Raymond Krov said most of the residents he surveyed supported the measure, and, in fact, were disappointed it would be discriminatory because it did not apply to cat owners.

Utilities set fund for nuclear cleanup

The leaders of an association of America's privately-owned electric utilities told New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, they have agreed to urge their members to provide \$150 million for a clean-up of nuclear contamination at the Three Mile Island power plant.

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DiFrancesco seeks reforms in jury system

Legislation to reform New Jersey's jury-selection system has been introduced by Senate Minority Leader Donald T. DiFrancesco, who represents Clark.

One bill would broaden qualifications for serving on jury duty. Another bill would provide increased compensation for jurors, and make other changes to improve participation in the jury system.

The legislation implements recommendations made by a special judicial study commission on the jury system of which Sen. DiFrancesco was a member.

"It is obvious the present jury-selection system is inequitable, and must be reformed," the senator said. "The system allows far too many individuals to be excused from jury duty. As a result, the same people are called to serve time and time again."

The special Supreme Court committee on jury reform, chaired by Supreme Court Justice Robert Clifford, spent 18 months studying the system, and concluded jury selection is unfair because it depends on too few citizens, and expects indefinite service for low compensation.

"This reform package is designed to expand the number of people who serve on jury duty and reduce the amount of time they must serve," said the Union County legislator.

The legislation would make some significant changes in the jury-selection process including:

-Elimination of many exemptions from jury duty based on occupation, residency and age;

-Establishment of a uniform policy for excusing potential jurors based on showing "severe hardship" would result from service;

-Providing a \$10-per-day compensation for jurors, and

-Preventing residents from being penalized by their employer for jury service.

Gala luncheon to honor Edward Ayers

Clark's Edward S. Ayers will have his 90th birthday celebrated on Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Clark Ramada Inn with a luncheon to be given in his honor at 1 p.m. by the Clark Kiwanis Club which is sponsoring the affair for the benefit of the Clark Public Library.

Mr. Ayers was one of the leaders behind the establishment of the library in 1961, and for 20 years served as the president or trustee of the Library Board until he was named Trustee Emeritus in 1981.

Tickets for the Sunday luncheon may be obtained from Kiwanis members or at the Clark Public Library.

The complete, edited text of a resolution honoring Mr. Ayers on his birthday, which was adopted unanimously on Jan. 17 by the Clark Township Council, follows:

WHEREAS, Edward S. Ayers, born in the City of Rahway in 1893, and a resident of the Township of Clark since 1938, has attained his 90th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ayers has, for most of his adult life, devoted himself unselfishly to the betterment of the Township of Clark and its residents, having

been the moving force in the creation of the Clark Public Library; and

WHEREAS, the township resident through his activities with the library saw and shepherded the library from its infancy through to its existing quarters as part of the governmental complex of the Township of Clark; and

WHEREAS, Edward S. Ayers was acknowledged by his peers for his work with the Free Public Library of the Township of Clark by having been named "The Library Trustee of the Year" for the year,

1966, for the efforts he exerted on behalf of public libraries in general and particularly, the Clark Free Public Library; and

WHEREAS, in January, 1967, Mr. Ayers was the recipient of the Clark Jaycees' annual citizenship award for his unselfish devotion to so many community endeavors, among which are service to the library and the Clark Historical Society; and

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Edward S. Ayers

RIGHT IN TEMPO - Kindergarten children at the Frank K. Hehny School in Clark, recently combined skills learned in mathematics with the fun of singing a favorite holiday song. Showing off the creations, left to right, are: Chris Rudnicki, Karl Alder, Tara Isquiedo, Dawn Dufour, Michael Kizoulis, Carly Kaminsky and Scott Schortje; kneeling, Stephen Cicotelli and Daniel Madden. The teacher, Miss Lynn Harko, is shown in the rear.

JC-ettes still seek baby beauties

Entry forms are still available for the Clark Jaycees' Beautiful Baby Contest at the A and P Supermarket in Clark. Contestants must be 36

months of age or younger as of Tuesday, March 1, 1983. Prizes will be awarded, and all proceeds will be donated by the Clark Jaycees to benefit the mentally handicapped and local charities.

For a copy of the rules and entry blanks please write to: Clark Jaycees-ettes, 352 Oak Ridge Rd., Clark, N.J. 07066.

Hehny students end year with festivities

Dec. 23 of last year was a day of festivity at the Frank K. Hehny Elementary School in Clark. Among the holiday festivities was the performance of the play, "Pinocchio," a choral and band production and a holiday luncheon.

The luncheon was planned by the students of Mrs. Florence Knudsen's class and their student teacher, Miss Karen Pretto. The students were able to expand on their social-emotional skills by interacting with their peers and adults on a social level.

Each of the students' parents were asked to prepare a salad, main course or dessert enough to feed eight children. The students helped to prepare the food. Several guests were invited to the luncheon. All of the students assisted in the making of table cloths and holiday decorations, and setting up the buffet-style luncheon.

Several of the parents attended the festivities along with a guest appearance by Santa Claus, played by Joy McGrath, one of the Clark van drivers.

Sisterhood slates Rummage sale

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth O'r at 111 Valley Rd., Clark, will hold its Annual Winter Rummage Sale on Sunday, Jan. 30, from 1 to 5 p.m.

All types of clothing, toys and household items will be available.

Erratum

In an article on Rahway Chapter No. 607 of the American Assn. of Retired Persons in last week's Rahway News-Record and Clark Patriot the name of the group was incorrectly reported.