

Brewer savings applied to Kumpf move

By Joan Gorzenik

A total 1983-1984 school budget of \$5,428,330, including \$4,548,720 in taxes to be voted on in the Tuesday, April 12, School Board Election, was adopted by the Township Board of Education March 8.

Also authorized, to be placed on the school election ballot, was a capital-outlay budget of \$150,000 for the completion of all roof repairs at the Valley Road School.

This is the first capital outlay item placed on the ballot in Clark in several years.

As a result of the School Board's contingency plan for the re-organization of the township's school system allowing for the closing of the Charles H. Brewer School, a total of \$107,839 was deleted from the tentative budget.

However, according to Philip Miller, business administrator and Board secre-

tary, this did not affect the total current expense portion of the budget nor the amount to be raised from taxation.

The deletions included the Brewer School account, which included salaries of one administrator and one secretary, supplies, repairs, professional books and periodicals, \$64,208; two custodians' salaries, \$24,900; four sevenths of a nurse's salary, \$12,936; the nurse account, \$1,540; food services, \$2,450, and the supplemental instructors' account which includes supplies and books, \$1,805.

According to the Board secretary, \$9,250 was added to an account to re-instate bus routes, while \$98,250

was included in the budget as part of an account which covers the renovations, architectural fees and moving costs of the Carl H. Kumpf School.

Dr. John T. Farinella, superintendent of schools, explained, "We have effectuated a change and put it in the budget and re-arranged monies as well as not appro-

riated funds."

The total savings because of the school closing was projected by the board as \$143,000, with the addition of one bus route bringing the actual savings down to \$133,000.

He said money realized as savings from closing the Brewer School was put back into the budget with the

\$25,000 difference between this and the savings reported above being used for a first-grade teacher position at the Valley Road School.

Also, a motion to approve the appropriation of \$90,000 from the free-balances portion of the budget to cover the costs of making the required changes at the Kumpf School for the housing of all sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students at that school starting Thursday, Sept. 1, was withdrawn.

Mrs. Eileen Mezzo, Board president, stated the proposed budget was to be submitted to the Union County Superintendent of Schools' Office for review by March 15, the deadline for submission, as per state law.

According to estimates in the 1983 municipal budget, the local school tax will drop by approximately one cent per \$100 of assessed valuation which would mean a \$5 decrease in tax for the average \$50,000 home in Clark.

In other action, the Board:

-Approved a motion for the employment and assignment of election workers for the April 12 School Election to be paid at the rate of \$4 per hour worked.

-Authorized the employment of Noel Musial, architect, to the Parkway Circle, West La. and Whittier Rd.

-Authorized a resolution enabling a transportation

ing work to accommodate all the sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students at the Kumpf School by Sept. 1, at a cost not to exceed \$14,500.

-Okayed transportation routes C-1, C-2 and C-3.

The C-1 route will be comprised of all streets in the Picton St. area plus all streets in the Riverside area bounded by the Garden State Parkway, Raritan Rd. and Walnut Ave.

The C-2 route will be comprised of all streets east of the north branch of the Rahway River, commonly referred to as the waterfall bridge, plus those students living on Hillside Ave., Elm St., Oak St., Pine and Park Sts., Maple St., Hickory Dr. and the portion of Parkway Dr. and Valley Rd. east of these streets.

The C-3 route will be comprised of the following streets: Ascot Way, Birch La., Blake Dr., Brandt Ave., Broadway, Claus Rd., East La., Emerson Rd., Franklin Terr., Gibson Blvd. (from the Garden State Parkway to Brandt Ave.), Grand St., Highland Ave., Linda La., Longfellow La., Lupine Way, Miller Ave., North La., Parkway Dr., Parridge Dr., Prospect St., Schmidt La., Spruce St., Sunrise Dr., Sycamore Rd., Union St., Valley Rd. (from Autumn Circle), West La. and Whittier Rd.

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-Approved Wednesday, June 22, as the graduation date for grade No. 8 for the 1982-1983 school year.

-Okayed the purchase of two Apple II Logo Capable microcomputers, disc drive with controller and 80-column board and two TRS-80 48K double disc drive microcomputers. The purchase will be made with block-grant monies.

-Approved the cancellation of the Tuesday, March 29, regular Board meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11.

Johnson PTA to sponsor parent night

Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Parent-Teacher Assn. will sponsor a Parent-Teacher Conference Night on Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 o'clock at the high school. Parents will be given the opportunity to follow their student's schedule and speak with his or her teacher during a five-minute private conference period.

The program will begin with a business meeting conducted by Mrs. Joyce Gresco, president.

Mrs. Francene Bacek, nominating chairwoman, will present the slate of officers nominated for 1983-1984. Nominated for officers have been: President, Mrs. Gresco; vice president, Mrs. Gresco; recording secretary, Mrs. Wally Koch; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lois Donlin, and treasurer, Mrs. Barbara Ferrelli.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The installation of officers will be held in May.



Hopefuls told release dates

ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE TUESDAY, APRIL 12, BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS.

The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will publish their pre-election advance issues on Thursday, April 7.

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, MARCH 31.

Any charges to be made against opponents must be in the hands of the editor NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 24, so they may be answered in the ad-

vance issues.

FURTHERMORE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL CANDIDATES WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO ONE-AND-A-HALF PAGE NEWS RELEASES, TYPED AND TRIPLE SPACED, PER WEEK DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

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

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Terry Juliano named all-state

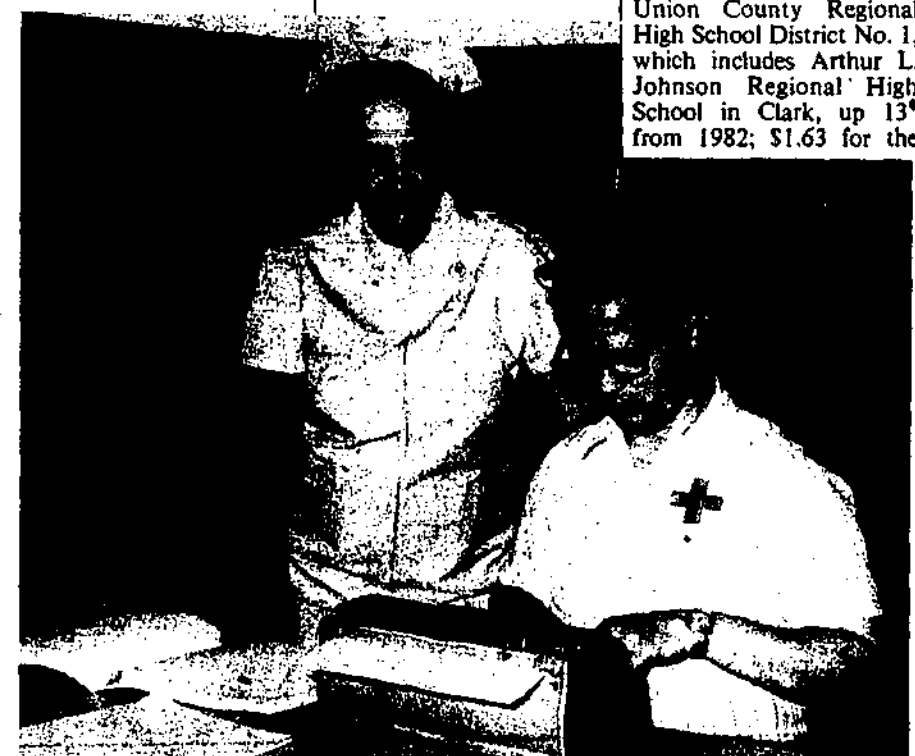
A Clark basketball player, Terry Juliano, was cited for her excellent play on this year's Union County College Women's Basketball Team.

The township girl was named to the Second Team All-Garden State Athletic Conference Team, and gained honorable mention All-Region No. 19 National Junior College Athletic Assn. team.

Terry Juliano had a fine year for the Lady Owls. The sophomore guard led the team in points with 352, assists, 93, and steals, 66. She also pulled down 65 rebounds for Union this year.

The point guard played in 24 games for the Lady Owls.

Union advanced to the Region No. 19 New Jersey Collegiate Athletic Assn. playoffs, for the ninth straight year under Coach Fred Perry. His squad was eliminated in the first round when it dropped a 70-46 decision to Mercer County College.



AT YOUR SERVICE - Mrs. Helen Uhrin, left, a volunteer with the Eastern Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross and a resident of Clark, announced March 15 Red Cross Month, and encouraged all citizens to become members of Red Cross. With Mrs. Uhrin is Edward Hran, one of her Braille students.

HOT OFF THE PRESS - Newspaper in Education Week finds Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark student newspaper staffers critiquing the latest edition of "The Crusader." Editors, shown, left to right, are: John Bowers, Cheryl Frost, Andy Tendler, Maria Rapoccolo and Dan Furness. The journalism workshop is

an elective offering at the school by English teacher, Jim Price, who estimates 20% of the newspaper staff goes on to careers in communications. Later this month the high school journalists will attend the three-day Columbia University Scholastic Press Conference in New York.

Council introduces \$5.1 million tab

By R. R. Faszczewski

The Clark Township Council March 7 introduced a \$5,123,249.02 1983 municipal budget, and increase of \$324,395.06 over last year's tab.

If the budget is adopted as is, after the public hearing slated for Monday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m., township residents will have to pay a tax rate of approximately \$4.49 per \$100 of assessed valuation, up 29¢ per \$100 from last year's rate.

The \$4.49 total breaks down to approximately \$1.32 for support of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, up 13¢ from 1982; \$1.63 for the

township's elementary schools, down 1¢; 91¢ for county taxes, up 2¢, and 63¢ for local purposes, up 15¢.

This will mean a total tax of about \$2,245 on a home costing \$50,000.

A total of \$168,746.24 would be appropriated for the municipal swimming pool for 1983, up from \$162,950 expended last year.

According to First Ward Councilman Raymond Krav, the chairman of the Governing Body's Swimming Pool Committee, it is anticipated the pool will have about a \$43,000 deficit.

Although Councilman Krav explained the pool had about the same deficit

at the start of last year about \$20,000 of it was offset by township financing of a swimming program conducted at the facility.

Making up the figure of \$168,746.24 will be about \$22,000 owed to the township for funds expended to keep the pool operating last year by an emergency appropriations and \$146,000 in actual costs, according to the First Ward councilman.

Total appropriations outside the state "cap" limit on spending will be in the amount of \$4,615,249.02, up from \$4,299,853.96 last year.

There will also be a \$508,000 reserve for uncollected taxes.

Anticipated revenues other than (taxes) will bring in \$3,291,717, it is estimated.

The total local tax for municipal purposes will be \$1,831,532.02, up from \$1,385,207.57 last year.

Among the "split" expenditures those with some sections limited by "cap" and some not, will be: Contributions of the Social Security System, \$97,114 inside the "caps" and \$28,000 mandated for a total of \$125,114; Salaries and wages for the construction official, \$13,690 inside the "caps" and \$4,330 mandated for a total of \$18,020; Public Employee Retirement System, \$42,782 inside the "caps" and \$1,091 mandated for a total of \$43,873; Police and Fire Retirement

System of New Jersey, \$132,261 inside the "caps" and \$584 mandated for a total of \$132,845; and police salaries and wage, \$1,086,669 inside the "caps," \$29,559 for other expenses and \$1,192,372.27 offset by state and federal revenues.

In accordance with a new state regulation, allowing the 1983 municipal budgets to exceed last year's appropriations by as much as 7.5%, instead of the previous limit of 5%, the councilmen also introduced an ordinance outlining the areas where they want to utilize the new limit.

These areas were: Insurance and bond premium, in the amount of exactly \$162,357.31 limit under the

old "cap" and \$183,548 under the new "cap" for a difference of \$21,190.69; group insurance, \$115,000, old "cap," and \$140,000 new "cap," would be \$25,000 difference; purchase of vehicles, \$25,190, old "cap," \$33,190, new "cap," \$8,000 difference; Bureau of Roads, other expenses, at \$131,110, old "cap," and \$135,110, new "cap," for a \$4,000 difference; fire, other expenses, \$50,664, old "cap," and \$63,664, new "cap," for a \$13,000 difference; and police, other expenses, \$69,751, old "cap," and \$79,751, new "cap," for a \$10,000 difference.

The new "cap" ordinance is also set for adoption and public hearing on April 4.

Merck sees record research spending

A spokesman for Merck & Co., Inc. of Rahway today said the firm expects to spend \$374 million on research and development in 1983, up 17% from last year and again a record for the health-products company.

"Merck is planning to introduce a substantial number of new products from our laboratories over the next five years," John J. Horan, chairman and chief executive officer, said in the 1982 annual report, being mailed to stockholders this week.

"This spring will mark the 50th anniversary of Merck's strategic commitment to scientific research

as the key to the company's growth. This is still our philosophy," Mr. Horan added.

The largest product-development program in the company's history is now under way, the report said. Far advanced in clinical trials are enalapril (MK-421), an angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor to lower blood pressure, and a potent diuretic, MK-286, that has the advantage of not elevating uric acid in the bloodstream to abnormal levels.

Research on anti-infectives is concentrated on MK-787/MK-791, an injectable product which, in worldwide clinical studies, the

report said, continues to demonstrate a broader spectrum of activity than any antibiotic in medical use today. This is a combination of the antibiotic imipenem, a derivative of thienamycin, with an inhibitor of a kidney enzyme.

An oral antibacterial, norfloxacin, has shown excellent clinical efficacy against urinary tract infections, and studies are now under way to determine its utility in other conditions.

Under its previously announced agreement with AB Astra of Sweden, Merck is developing for the U.S. market a number of products from Astra's laboratories, including 'tonocard,

for abnormal heart rhythm; budesonide, a topical anti-inflammatory; and 'Zelmid,' an antidepressant.

New vaccines also are in development, including those that would protect against varicella (chickenpox), and hepatitis A. Recombinant DNA technology and other approaches to the production of the company's vaccine against hepatitis B" also are being explored.

The report said Merck has begun construction of a major neuro-science research center in England, where scientists will seek to understand and find therapy for such conditions as anxiety, psychosis, depression

and senility.

The report said "Hepatitis B," the first vaccine in the United States for preventing hepatitis B, "is a major advance in science," offering protection against a debilitating disease that infects an estimated 200,000 people every year in the United States alone, with a current cost to society of \$750 million annually. The vaccine was introduced in the United States in June, and received quick acceptance by governments in some 20 other countries around the world.

In the adverse world-wide economic climate of 1982, the report noted, Merck conducted, and will con-

duct, a broad program to contain costs and expenses and to moderate the growth of capital spending.

"At the same time, however, both in the United States and abroad, we are determined to maintain a strong competitive position in research facilities, plant and equipment," Mr. Horan told stockholders.

While certain less-critical capital projects were deferred or canceled in 1982, "Merck's program of capital expansion and modernization continued in those areas vital to operating efficiency and future growth," he said.

Capital spending for 1982 totaled \$295 million.