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Fifth folk festival brings new life to township's lazy days of summer

Folk dancing, international foods, country music, historic crafts, collections and memorabilia and an old timers band highlighted the activities at Clark's Fifth Annual Folk Festival on June 12.

More than 3,000 participated in the special program with activities and displays by local social, ethnic, church and community organizations set up on the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School "fairgrounds" throughout the day.

Among the exhibitions were paintings and sculpture by members of the Clark Art Assn. and a 35-foot display of murals and talents of the children of Clark under the direction of the Clark Board of Education.

Demonstrations of varied crafts included those by Mrs. Helen Rokosny, a member of the Triangles and Squares of Clark, who fashioned a patchwork quilt and displayed candlecraft and Barbara Bailey, who also displayed fine needlework.

Under the guidance of Pat McCusker of the Walcoff McCusker Dance Studio, performers did the traditional folk "Mazurka" with Kathleen Ward, Diana Kielczynski, Leslie Anderson and Kerrie Mione. The Jazz Trio, Mandy Hamrah, Dina Dillon and Karen Malecker, tapped out a tune

An excerpt from the currently popular "Applause" was given by Lynn Andre-ski followed by a Russian Cossack dance by Claire Wieting, Karen Camacho and Laurie Camacho.

The studio concluded its program with the "Can-Can" dance with Diana Kielczynski, Andrea Kramer, Kathleen Ward, Mandy Hamrah and Diana Dillon.

Displays of German folklore and international travel were given by the Deutscher Club of Clark and Clark Travel. The Boy Scouts of Clark Troop No. 45 set up a camp site showing scouting crafts and skills, and Clark Unico's Italian cafe offered meatball and sausage fare, lemon ices and other treats along with several games. The Clark Jaycee-ettes offered homemade baked goods, while members of the Polish Cultural Foundation exhibited dolls, costumes.

The Summit and Elizabeth Trust Co. SETCO Corral had free pony rides for the children and silver dollar prizes. Temple Beth Or's B'nai B'rith provided a display and offered kosher foods. The Clark Democratic Club held voters registration, while the Republican Club's display included a "guess the number of jellybeans" with a bond going to the winner, Frank Naples of Clark. The Alliance Real-

ty display offered many giveaways, balloons and a free drawing on a completely-furnished dollhouse.

Dave West treated the crowd with country rock, while the group, Sundown with Mike Stivsky, Justin Schreck and Dave West, brought many country-western and Southern rock fans.

The Girl's Softball League members played several exhibition games throughout the day and offered both Polish and Italian food at their display.

Among the many crafts demonstrated were those from Norway, Germany, Israel, Ireland, Italy, Korea, China, Poland and Russia, plus handicrafts in all media. There were displays of needlecraft, woodcraft and plaques, wood duck carvings, shellcraft, silver jewelry, stained glass, nautical crafts, silk floral arrangements, antiques, collectibles, antique dolls, linens, ceramics, flower pots, air brush shirts, handmade wooden crafts, bazaar items and memorabilia.

The Johnson Regional Booster Club offered Yankee hot dogs and lemonade along with other goodies, and the Pop Warner Football League sold home-made Zeppoles, the Clark Elk's Ladies Auxiliary made fruit, French

crepes and other foods, while others offered Ukrainian perogis, kapusta and Kielbasa. Another display included wind-surfing demonstrations and outdoor survival contests. A Chinese restaurant's exhibit

offered egg rolls, fortune cookies and the teriyaki shish-ka-bobs.

Emy Yeckel's "Paint-A-Long" was again a major attraction for all those wanting to show off their creative talents, while another

display featured ceramic ware. The Rahway Junior Women's Club had a Smurf pond and other attractions, along with many other local craftsmen and exhibitors.

From the more than 70

displays and 250 tables, Clark Festival Committee chairman, John Schwan-kert, reported the displays were so outstanding it was difficult to single out any award winners.

Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage opened the ceremonies at noon with the introduction of local dignitaries. Bart Zucosky, the master of ceremonies, introduced the entertainment throughout the day, and awarded the many prizes won throughout. Prizes were donated by local com-

mmercial and business organizations.

Throughout the day the public was treated to the sounds of music from yesterday. Ray Masters and his Roaring 20's Orchestra brought all the old memories back for everyone to enjoy, from polkas to the tarantella and other Americana favorites.

The sale of memorabilia and the wide variety of crafts was an additional pleasurable experience.

The program was sponsored by the Clark Recrea-

tion Dept. under Mayor Yarusavage and Mr. Schwankert, with the help of Al Kapkowski, Ann Augulis, Marlene West, Mike Delucia, Irene Paschenko and Mr. Zucosky and the members of the recreation department.

Plans for a Sixth Folk Festival celebrating Clark's 120th anniversary, are already underway. The date has been set for Sunday, June 10, 1984 and all comments and volunteers may contact the department.



TAKING A BREATH - After doing their dance at the Clark Folk Festival, left to right, are: Karen Malecker, Dina Dillon and Mandy Hamrah.



CURTAIN CALL - Taking a bow after performing at the Fifth Annual Clark Folk Festival, left to right, are: Back row, Patricia Walcoff McCusker of Clark, Lynn Andreski, Mandy Hamrah, Dina Dillon, Andrea Kramer,

Diana Kielczynski of Clark, Leslie Anderson, Kerrie Mione and Kathleen Ward; front row, Karen and Laurie Camacho of Clark and Claire Wieting.

Co-op students honored by dept.

The Co-operative Office Education Dept. of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark honored students and community businesses who employ the students part-time at its Annual Dinner held recently at the Town and Campus Restaurant in Union.

The Co-operative Office Education co-ordinator at Johnson, Karen Rusin, and Johnson principal, Louis DeRosa, presented the 13 students and eight employers with certificates.

Those supervisors who received recognition were: Maryann Giardano, Joseph Finerty, Patricia Hendricks, Trudy Higgins, Patricia Kohler, Glenda Rivers, Robert Sheehan and Barbara Trippiedi.

The Johnson students honored were: Susan Araneo, Angela Baran, Anna DiMarco, Dana Jenkins, Maribeth Massarelli, Bridget McGrath, Mary Murphy, Daisy Rockstroh, Cathy Rogoz, Liz Scheel, Heather Smar, Donna Spagnuolo and Kris Yackmetz.

County superintendent commends Regional High School District

According to a letter which served as an annual evaluation report from the Dept. of Education, Union County Superintendent's Office, "There are no recommendations due to the success of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 (which includes Clark) in meeting and exceeding state standards related to educational law and regulations."

That conclusion along with four commendations were the results of visits, interviews and reports conducted by the county office

and other department staff during the past school year. Dr. Virginia Brinson is the acting county superintendent.

The regional district was commended for: "Meeting the requirements for designation as a local area vocational school district, which represents the culmination of considerable effort and time on the part of district personnel."

"Its efforts to provide computer literacy and awareness for staff and students as evidenced by

the provision of voluntary in-service programs, initiation of a district-wide committee to review computer hardware and the expansion of computer science courses."

"The efforts of the Board of Education, administration and staff in developing and implementing strategies designed to improve staff and student attendance, as well as developing plans for future budgetary and educational needs."

"Encouraging communication among the constituent districts and the

regional high schools by the active participation of community, administration, staff and Board of Education members in various articulation meetings."

A review of the progress and conditions within the district indicated, "The district utilized departmental meetings and summer curriculum writing sessions to develop expanded instructional programs."

These programs include an advanced-placement physics course, expanded course offerings in the area of computers, new courses

in technology education, initiation of a course entitled "Community Services," and continued emphasis on student writing skills.

Additionally, the district identified the revision and updating of all vocational education curricula as priorities during 1982-1983 in order to meet the requirements for local area vocational school designation.

"The district continues its mentorship program for gifted and talented students. This program is complemented by student participation in regional symposia

and 'Future Problem Solving Bowl' activities," the report continued.

"In addition to having had extensive community and staff involvement in its Family Life Curriculum Committee, the district has a comprehensive plan for maintaining communication with its constituent districts. The administrative staff has also developed strategies which are designed to improve staff and student attendance," the county superintendent noted.

"Another area on which

Athletes from township take part in 'Olympics': See Inside

The district has focused attention is the consolidation of the Basic Skills Improvement Program. Staff members also meet with the district English co-ordinator to review student progress in writing. Writing skills are stressed by staff members in all English courses. Additionally, all 11th- and 12th-grade students are required to participate in an effective writing course which further emphasizes the district's commitment to writing improvement," she continued.

Also, in a refocusing of implementation of Chapter No. 212 of the Public School Education Act of 1975, the state commissioner of education is requiring school districts to submit objectives and plans of action for educational improvement by Sept. 30.

"Within the next two to three years," the directive stated, "districts and schools will be monitored to determine attainment of those essentials necessary to provide children with the opportunity to function politically, socially and economically in a democratic society."

Dave West wins early commission

A township scholar, Dave West, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell West of 87 Liberty St., was among 41 graduates of the Rutgers Army Reserve Officer Training Corps that were commissioned second lieutenants at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey's recent commencement exercises in New Brunswick.

His major at Rutgers was microbiology, and he was president of the Rutgers Microbiology Society. The 1981 graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark plays in the country-rock band, Sundown, playing guitar and singing.

He also works two nights a week at St. Peter's Hospital in New Brunswick as a phlebotomist. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant officer at the end of his sophomore year in college, while most ROTC members are commissioned at the end of their senior year of college. Only four of those commissioned this year were sophomores. The student says he intends to apply to medical school and hopes to serve in the Medical Corps.

The honors ROTC graduate was voted a Distinguished Military Student, he received academic honors and was awarded the Physical Readiness Honor Ribbon.

He has spent three years in the Army Reserve, going through basic training at Fort Benning in Georgia in 1981 and Officer School at Fort Bragg in North Carolina last year.

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CITED - Christopher Colombo, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Colombo of St. Germain Dr., Clark, was awarded the Festa Italiano Scholarship at the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel. The student was the Grand Centurions candidate for the scholarship and also received a \$100 gift from Christopher Albanese at the Italian Festival.