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Township officials turn leaf in pickup diary

By R. R. Faszczewski
It seems a long time until the leaves start falling off the trees, especially in the light of the 90-plus-degree heat the area has been experiencing in the last few weeks, but the subject of leaves is uppermost in the minds of several township officials.

A motion to amend the

1983 capital budget to provide for the purchase of new leaf vacuum equipment was met by some resistance on July 18 by the councilman who wanted to see the township convert to a more modern method of leaf removal.

Fourth Ward Councilman John Bodnar said the purchase of the vacuums

would give Clark the same system it has now, and which has not been entirely effective.

Both Councilman Bodnar and Councilman-at-Large George Sanguiniano said the township should look into a leaf vacuum system, such as the one demonstrated to township officials recently in Nutley.

However, the First Ward Councilman, Raymond Krov, pointed out the bailer was only being used on a trial basis in Nutley and it would be too heavy for Clark Public Works personnel to handle.

The Director of Public Works and Township Engineer Stanley Stiers pointed out Nutley's vacuum system with its existing vacuum system with the department employees, not those in Public Works, man the equipment.

Although Mr. Stiers said the vacuums did not operate that efficiently with wet leaves, he added the awarding of bids for the vacuums would take about two months and the leaf system would be upon the township by that time.

He urged the councilmen to vote on the measure and think about the bailer for some future date.

Because the Council voted not to hold executive or regular meetings in August, Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage urged the Governing Body members to move on the matter before they were two months behind.

The amendment was adopted unanimously.

In another part of the capital budget amendment funds were allocated to install a traffic light at Raritan and Madison Hill Rds. in lieu of one at Westfield and Terminal Aves.

Councilman Krov noted the closing of the Charles H. Brewer School this year would cause a shift of traffic in the fall to the Raritan

and Madison Hill Rd. areas.

In other action, the Council

Authorized the payment of a \$6,405 purchase order to Rajoppe Contractors, Inc. of Union for the construction of the access road and parking area for the Hutchinson St. Little League field.

Approved the payment of \$2,857.68 to Gayle Electric, Inc. of Whippany for the installation of the traffic signal at Broadway and Liberty St., with retainage of \$3,884.32 to continue to be withheld until the project is completed and approved by Mr. Stiers and other governmental authorities.

Okayed the payment of \$16,490.92 to the Allen Blacktop Corp. of Plainfield for work done on Ruddy

Pl., Hutchinson St. and Ivy St.

Authorized the payment of \$3,529 to Thomas P. Vito of the law firm of Yatch, Peterpaul and Clark in connection with legal services for negotiations, which were recently completed with township employees.

Established an annual salary of \$13,127 for principal account clerk/cashier, Charlotte Caporaso, effective July 1 of this year.

Requested the director of the Division of Local Government Services to make a correction in the 1983 budget to transfer \$20,854 from unclassified salary adjustment into various salary and wage accounts to pay employees according to the results of negotiations.

Adopted an ordinance setting minimum and maximum salaries for the municipal clerk, the violation clerk, and the deputy municipal clerk.

Passed on second reading an ordinance providing minimum and maximum salaries for budget control and temporary, full-time, part-time and time-card employees.

Made an emergency appropriation of \$175,000 for the cost of reevaluation for all taxable property in Clark as per the state mandate.

Councilman Sanguiniano explained the cost of the reevaluation would not appear on township tax bills until around June, 1985.

Introduced an ordinance raising police salaries in accordance with the negotiations. The contract, retroactive to Jan. 1 of this year, calls for two 4%

retroactive raises retroactive and effective Jan. 1 and July 1 of this year, and two 3.5% raises for Jan. 1 and July 1 of next year.

Passed a resolution to allow elected officials to join hospitalization, Blue-Cross and Blue Shield, Rider J and dental plans of the township employees, at the elected officials' expense.

Councilman Sanguiniano announced the reconstruction and curbing of the Westfield-Raritan Rd. intersection should be underway by mid-August.

Bingo licenses were awarded to Temple Bell O'Rand John L. Ruddy Post No. 7363 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Clark and raffle licenses to St. John the Apostle Parent Faculty Guild.



COOKS OF THE HOUSE - A summer, federally-funded work/study program at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield enables students Vincent Gizzi, left, and George Vickery, right, to learn skills in food preparation. Lunches are served daily to Union County Regional High School District No. 1's summer staff and the general public. The district includes Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

High School 'chefs' train at Dayton

For \$1.25 the general public and summer staff at Union County Regional High School District No. 1 school can lunch at Jonathan Dayton's cafeteria in Springfield. Specialties such as quiche, tacos and cold cut platters are offered by the students in a federally-funded work/study program.

Guided by Dayton special education teacher, Kim Christman, the five students serve bagels, rolls, coffee and tea each mid-morning, and lunches from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Amy Butler, Vincent Gizzi, Victor Nevargic and George Vickery all attend Arthur L. Johnson Regional

at High School in Clark during the regular school year with supplementary classes at Union County Vocational Technical School in Scotch Plains. Johnson graduate, Keith Barranger, participates in the summer program to learn additional skills.

Besides preparing and serving the food, the students learn how to interact socially, make change, plan meals and clean up.

The program will run to Friday, Aug. 19.

Senate commended on defeat of bargaining bill

The New Jersey School Boards Assn. commended the State Senate on its action recently to defeat legislation that would have permitted educational and other public policy matters to be determined in "closed-door" labor negotiations.

The bill, A-585-S-1235, which was defeated 18-22, would also have allowed terms of labor contracts to supersede regulations of the

State Board of Education and other state agencies, a school boards group spokesman reported.

"We'd like to thank those senators who realized the detrimental impact this legislation would have had on the public's right to govern through elected or appointed officials," said Lloyd Newbaker, the association's executive director. "Obviously, the Senate realized the bill did not represent a 'restoration' of bargaining rights, as its proponents claimed, but went far beyond any legitimate scope of topics that should be determined through the negotiations process."

Mr. Newbaker pointed out activities by local school board members and members of a coalition of public interest and governmental groups were instrumental in informing the lawmakers about the full implications of the bill.

"Clearly, the Senate vote was a victory for the public," he concluded.

Clarkite scores highest in mathematics

A June graduate of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, Cynthia Galiszewski, scored the highest in Union County in the Mathematics Assn. of America Contest held in the spring.

This contest is sponsored by the Mathematical Assn. of America, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Actuarial Society of America.

Miss Galiszewski is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Galiszewski of Clark.

She ranked ninth in the state.

Franks reports growing support for districting body

A bill that would create a bipartisan commission to redraw New Jersey's 14 Congressional districts has been endorsed by Common Cause, the state citizens lobby, by the New Jersey League of Women Voters and several major newspapers across the state.

The bill, ACR-3018, is sponsored by Assemblyman Bob Franks, who represents Clark.

It would end what Assemblyman Franks called "irresponsible gerrymandering" by the political party that "happens to be in power" in Trenton when new maps are drawn following each census.

The assemblyman added the recent United States Supreme Court decision which ruled the state's current districting unconstitutional "should be the signal for us to change the process. We are condemned to the inevitable partisan results of the process until we change the process."

Dentists in the Legislature plan to force passage of a new map that perpetuates the same old problems with population deviation but continues the infamous

'fishhook and umbrella' districts and ignores the principle of compactness. The people will be the losers," he said.

Under the Franks bill a bipartisan commission with an equal number of Democrats and Republicans would create the districting map.

"The court decision gave us the opportunity to restore equity to the districting process, to create reasonably compact districts and to end the highly partisan motivations that seem to enter the mapping process every decade," the legislator noted.

He predicted the new Democratic map will pass both houses on party-line votes and Gov. Thomas H. Kean will veto the bill.

A new alternative map drawn by Republicans "simply will not pass" the Democratic-controlled legislature, the lawmaker added.

"We can avoid the entire partisan process by enacting ACR-3018," he said. "It is the best way to assure the people's best interests come before the interests of either political party."

He is awarding \$1 million in additional funds to 11 cities and counties for the Summer Youth Employment Program, reports Gov. Thomas H. Kean.

The grants, which are being provided under the Governor's Special CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) Grants program, will provide employment opportunities for 1,200 disadvantaged youth.

Altogether, \$29,125,000 will be spent statewide this summer on the youth employment program. An estimated 29,500 individuals will be hired to jobs in state agencies or at municipal or county work sites.

In addition, noted Gov. Kean, employers in the private sector who hire economically disadvantaged youth aged 16 or 17 will receive a generous tax credit.

"Hopefully, the additional public monies, coupled with the tax-credit program in the private sector, will keep this from being a long, hot summer filled with

idle hours for our young people," Gov. Kean said.

"Without question the search for employment is particularly difficult for youth in that most lack any kind of training or work credentials," he added.

Disadvantaged receiving grants of \$100,000 include the counties of Mercer, Essex, Middlesex, Passaic and Union. The funds will allow for the hiring of 120 more youth in each area.

Trenton and Atlantic City will each receive grants of \$75,000, which will allow each to hire an extra 90 youth, and East Orange will receive \$50,000 for the hiring of an additional 60 individuals.

These grants are in addition to other funds originally earmarked for these areas.

As to the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit law, employers

may take up to an 85% tax credit on wages paid to youth they hire who are economically disadvantaged and aged 16 to 17.

For those over 17 such as a disadvantaged college student, the credit is 50%.

The credit is against federal taxes. Interested employers should contact their nearest New Jersey Employment Service office and ask for the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit (TJTC) representative.

"This is the first year we have been able to offer this particular tax credit," commented Commissioner Roger A. Bodman of the New Jersey Dept. of Labor.

"We have already sent out letters to 55,000 employers advising them of the program," said the commissioner. "While it's too early to say how many employers are taking advantage of the program, our

stiffers are reporting a steady stream of inquiries."

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Eleven cities, counties to receive state aid for summer youth jobs

United Counties to discuss holding company

United Counties Trust Co. of Elizabeth scheduled a special meeting of stockholders for Tuesday, Aug. 9, to consider the formation of a one-bank holding company, United Counties Bancorporation.

At the meeting stockholders will vote on a plan of acquisition, under which the outstanding shares of common stock of United Counties Trust Co. would be converted on a share for share basis into common stock of United Counties Bancorporation. The latter was formed at the direction

'Toast to Life' to be given on Aug. 12

The Union County Unit of the American Cancer Society will host a "Toast to Life" party on Friday, Aug. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Ponderosa Farms, the Scotch Plains home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sevel.

According to Brenda Curtis, the executive director, the Union County Unit is one of the pilot units selected by the New Jersey Division of the American Cancer Society to participate in Almaden's national "Toast to Life" benefit to raise funds to fight cancer.

of the Board of Directors of the bank, and will be located at 4 Commerce Dr., Cranford.

The plan has received the approval of the commissioner of Banking of New Jersey and the Federal Reserve Board. To be consummated, it also requires an affirmative vote by the holders of two-thirds of the bank's 2,425,900 common shares outstanding. The bank has no other classes of stock.

United Counties Trust Co. has an office in Clark.

Participants will be able to savor the wines and sample the cheeses. An orchestra will provide entertainment for the evening, featuring the music of John Philip Sousa.

Tickets may be purchased for \$15 at the Union County Unit at 512 Westminster Ave., Elizabeth. Proceeds from the affair will be used to further on-going cancer work by the society.

"We are optimistic the affair will help us raise the additional money to reach our goal of \$300,000," stated Enid Barton, the chairwoman of the event. "This will be the crusade committee's last fund-raising event for the fiscal year 1982-1983, and we are looking for a complete sellout."