

Township schools to break new ground despite declining enrollment figures

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Declining enrollment will play a major role in the way Clark's two school systems, the elementary district and the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, conduct their programs when schools open on Tuesday.

In the elementary schools there were about 1,205 pupils registered last month, with 493 at the Carl H. Kumpf School, 331 at the Valley Road School and 381 at the Frank K. Hehny School.

The drop in enrollment from previous years along with a desire to provide a more in-depth middle school program led to the closing of the township's Charles H. Brewer School at the end of the 1982-1983 school year.

Brewer's facilities have been leased by the Union County Educational Services Commission for three years, and the school is ex-

pected to be a training site for special education classes sponsored by the county body for the next three years.

The former school building has also been mentioned as a possible site for the re-location of the Board of Education's administrative offices, which are now on Schindler Rd., and for use by the elementary system's Child Study Team.

However, neither of these options has been firmly decided upon yet.

Meanwhile, despite a drop in enrollment from 1,033 to a projected 947 Johnson has hired two new teachers, added two new courses and implemented new material into the World Cultures curriculum.

"Maintaining high quality comprehensive educational opportunities for our young people is an annual goal in our district," said regional district superintendent of schools, Dr. Donald Merachnik. "And

we have consistently upheld that objective in the face of declining enrollment, inflation and uncertainty over state aid."

Back in the elementary district a foreign language program combining French and Spanish will be introduced in the seventh grade.

The micro-computer program which was initiated in the seventh and eighth grades last year will be expanded to include an introductory course at the sixth-grade level, the continuation of last year's course at the seventh-grade level and the initiation of an advanced course at the eighth-grade level.

In addition, the state-mandated Family Living Program will be taught in all grades. It will include instruction on the mental and emotional aspects of relationships within the family structure and classes on interpersonal relations in addition to education into the various stages of human re-

production based on grade level.

The curriculum was drawn up by a township-wide committee composed of school and civic officials, clergymen, Parent-Teacher Assn. members and residents.

Bus routes will remain basically the same as last year with some changes in district lines.

Information on the routes is available by telephoning 574-9604.

School will be in session from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Valley Road and Hehny Schools and from 8:10 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. at the Kumpf School.

Donna Godleski, a 1979 graduate of Kean College of New Jersey in Union and an alumna of David Breairey Regional High School in Kenilworth, has been hired as a mathematics instructor at Johnson. Kristine Kalwicz, also a Breairey and Kean College of New Jersey graduate, will teach part-

time in special education. Johnson is fully equipped to meet the needs of the trainable mentally-retarded that comprise 3% of the student population, reports a regional spokeswoman.

Global Geography, a history elective for 11th and 12th graders, and Computer Science I for incoming freshmen are both offered for the first time at Johnson. The computer course will be conducted before 8 a.m. and will be limited to 18 students per semester.

New material on the Holocaust will be introduced to World Cultures students as part of a pilot curriculum researched by Johnson history teacher, Donald Lloyd, and three other district teachers during a summer social studies workshop.

In the vocational-technical education department, Automotive Mechanics and Machine Shop will be conducted for three periods daily. The class time has been increased from two periods

daily to meet the state requirements of a Local Area Vocational School District.

In an experimental restructuring of the instructional supervision pattern, all Johnson mathematics teachers will report directly to an on-site supervisor rather than to a district-wide mathematics co-ordinator.

Also, all matters pertaining to the high school's instructional media center, school nurse or music department will be directed to Johnson's assistant principal, David Carl.

The pilot plan was approved at the July 5 meeting of the regional Board of Education after several months of committee discussion.

According to Dr. Merachnik, "Its aim is to test the new pattern in which the principal serves as the instructional leader of the building and to ensure more supervision of staff in each building."

The district-wide co-ordinators of the disciplines other than mathematics, art and music will continue to work at all four regional high schools. However, each will maintain an office at only one school. Johnson will provide a base for co-ordinators, Thomas Baker in computer operations; Dorothea Hooper in social studies and Emma Massey in business education.

Eight micro-computers have been installed in the high school's instructional media center for use by the staff in its evaluation of software as a teaching tool. Computer-assisted instruction is available for remedial, tutorial and problem-solving exercises. Its value will be examined during the school year by subcommittees of teachers in each discipline which will report findings to the district-wide committee on computers.

A Clark representative to the regional Board, Virginia Muskus, Johnson's director

of guidance, Peter Fabriele, and Ann Killian, a business education teacher, serve with other district staff and Board members on the committee.

Site improvements for 1983-1984 at the high school include installation of energy-efficient, gas-fired, hot water heaters; replacement of five sets of entrance doors and replacement of entrance steps and curbing.

Restoration of State Minimum Aid for 1982-1983 has enabled postponed projects to be completed. They include the purchase of a new telephone switchboard, re-surfacing the tennis courts and sanding and re-finishings of the industrial arts shops.

Classes will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 2:48 p.m. on Tuesday at the high school. The morning buses on Rte. No. 44 will stop at Hayes Ave. and Sherold Rd. at 7:35 o'clock and at the school at 7:45 o'clock; those on Rte. No. 43 will stop at Boynton Ave. and Picton Pl. at 7:50 o'clock, at Dakota and Florida Sts. at 7:53 o'clock and at the high school at 8 o'clock.

In the afternoon buses on both routes will stop at Boynton and Picton at 3 o'clock, at Dakota and Florida at 3:02 p.m. and at Hayes and Sherold at 3:13 p.m.

County college aims for new record

The more than 9,000 students who will register for Union County College's fall semester will find three new computer laboratories, many additional sections of computer courses and three new courses in emergency medical technology available to them when classes begin on Thursday, Sept. 1.

The college anticipates an enrollment of about 2,400 full-time and part-time students at the Scotch Plains campus, about 6,200 at the Cranford campus and about 400 at the Elizabeth Urban Educational Center.

Projections indicate the college will equal last year's record-setting enrollment for the fall semester, Dean John R. Farrell, Jr., the dean of administrative data services, reported.

Dean Farrell said the college expects to enroll 4,000 full-time and 5,000 part-time students.

In addition to the 9,000 students in programs leading to an associate degree, certificate or diploma, Union expects to register more than 3,000 students in non-credit continuing education courses, workshops and seminars.

Students will also find they will have to pay more for tuition. The college increased its tuition for Union County residents to \$700 a year for full-time students and to \$29 a credit hour for part-time students with proportionate increases for other New Jersey and out-of-state students.

During the 1983-1984 academic year, the college anticipates serving more than 20,000 students in all credit, non-credit courses and programs, including the

summer sessions and intersessions.

In-person registration will be conducted at the Cranford campus for students attending both the Cranford and Scotch Plains campuses.

In-person registration will be conducted on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Linden High School and on Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. at New Providence High School. Classes will begin the week of Sept. 12 at both high schools.

As part of its continuing education program, the college will offer courses at the Scotch Plains campus, the Cranford and Scotch Plains campuses, the Elizabeth Center, Elizabeth High School, the Union Municipal Building, Cranford High School, New Providence High School and Hoffman-LaRoche in Nutley.

Two of the new computer laboratories are at the Cranford campus adjacent to the computer center, and the third new computer laboratory is at the Scotch Plains campus. Union County College's four computer laboratories will provide about 80 terminals and microcomputers for use by students and faculty.

As part of its Computer Science/Data Processing, Accounting/Data Processing and Business/Computer Information Systems programs, the college will offer 51 sections of 18 computer courses this fall, Dean Farrell reported.

The new emergency medical technology courses concentrate on the knowledge and skills needed for pre-hospital assessment of medical and surgical emergencies.

At the Cranford campus Union will offer programs in liberal arts, engineering, human services, biology, physical science, criminal justice, business, liberal studies and basic studies.

Programs available at the Scotch Plains campus include: Accounting/data processing, clerk typist, computer science/data processing, fire science technology, secretarial science, travel and tourism, word processing, chemical technology, civil technology, electro-mechanical technology, electronics technology, mechanical technology, dental assisting, dental hygiene, dental-laboratory technology, medical assisting, medical-laboratory technology, medical-records

technology, occupational therapy assisting, physical therapy assisting, practical nursing, respiratory therapy, ward clerk and basic studies.

At the Elizabeth Urban Educational Center the college conducts the Institute for Intensive English, a program of intensive instruction in English for speakers of other languages, and the Employment Skills Center, which offers basic skills, basic studies, bookkeeping, clerical skills, clerical skills for the hearing impaired, GED (high school equivalency) preparation and testing and assessment.

The GED-CLEP Test Center also is located at the Elizabeth Center.

Regional students to report Sept. 6

The first day of school for all Union County Regional High School District No. 1 students is Tuesday, Sept. 6, the day after Labor Day.

All Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark students will report to school at 9:30 a.m. for a full day of school.

Students should check their local newspapers for routes and pick-up times.

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Clark Library announces new schedule

The Clark Public Library will resume its winter schedule of library hours on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The new library hours will be: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



THE WINNING NUMBER IS! Clark Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage, left, was shown recently drawing the winning ticket for a bicycle. He was assisted by waitress, Terry Tammara, second from left; the Clark fast-food

restaurant chain manager, Frank Szablowski, second from right, and the Township Council president Joseph B. Pozniak, right. Not shown was the Sweepstakes winner Mark Daniels of Westfield.

School body finally okays conflict of interest policy

After several revisions the Clark Board of Education on Aug. 23 adopted a policy which specifically outlines the prohibitions and restrictions of members of the school body regarding conflict of interest.

The newest section of the code prohibits nepheves and nieces of serving Board members from receiving preferential treatment in addition to prohibiting the Board from interfering with pre-existing employment.

Also banned are: The holding of any form of paid employment with the school district while a Board member is serving and for six months after leaving office; the accepting of gratuities for favors for Board members or on behalf of relatives offered by a vendor or contractor with the district; Board members being

school district and Board members serving on the municipal Governing Body of Clark.

School body members failed to act on the proposed appointment of Stephen La Mont, a former township revenue director, as school treasurer pending the re-negotiation for the position with the present revenue director, Betty Jo Ziener.

Mrs. Ziener had written to the education body declining the treasurer's job, but it was felt since she was new to the township post the Board should ask her to re-consider before she turned down the school position.

By state law the municipal director and finance director automatically receives the school treasurer's job unless he or she declines

to serve in the school position.

In other action: the school body:

- Decided to send a letter to representatives of township senior citizens groups saying it would meet with the Township Council on a request by the groups to use the closed Charles H. Brewer School for activities.

- Approved a pupil report card for the sixth to eighth grades under which students receiving a new grade, J, will receive a failure for the particular marking period in that subject. Previously there were no failures issues in any of the eight grades. Pupils in the lower elementary grades will continue to be graded under the old system, which does not include failures.
- Heard a report on vandalism for the 1982-1983

school year which set the cost of total damage at \$7,683.60 with glass breakage at \$6,183.60 and eight breaks and entries amounting to \$1,500.

- Approved the middle school program for the Carl H. Kumpf School.

- Okayed the placement of a handicapped child in the primary class for multiply-handicapped children of the Cerebral Palsy Assn. of Middlesex County in Roosevelt Park in Edison for five days a week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at an annual tuition of \$7,650.

- Gave its permission for a maximum \$2,000 change order for the installation of a waste line for the science room at the Kumpf School to J. Torres and Son of Westfield.

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Clark mayor announces compactor schedule

Clark Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage today announced the compactor facilities in Clark will remain open on Saturday, Sept. 3. The compactor will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 5.

LABOR DAY

Monday
Sept. 5

- Approved a \$5,065 change order to the Torres firm to install a dividing floor in a storeroom at the Kumpf School.

- Authorized the awarding of a maximum \$4,122 contract for a transportation route for 1983-1984 from Clark to Edison Junior High School in Westfield to the Rahway Bus Co.

- Approved the awarding of a maximum \$6,498 transportation contract from Clark to the Millburn School for the Hard of Hearing in Millburn for the 1983-1984 school year to the Squire Transportation Co.

- Okayed the awarding of a maximum \$6,804 transportation contract from Clark to the Cerebral Palsy Center in Edison to the Rahway Bus Co. for the current school year.

- Okayed the awarding of a maximum \$3,582 transportation contract from Clark to the Walnut Avenue School in Cranford for the current school year to Station Cab, Inc. of Rahway.