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Mathematics plan emphasizes more, student change

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Apparently inspired on by complaints made by the parents of Carl H. Kumpf School students in December of last year that their children were not being challenged enough in the school's seventh- and eighth-grade mathematics programs, the Clark Board of Education on Jan. 24 approved the re-organization of the program to include a project, to be financed by \$28,080 in funds from the federal Chapter I entitlement, designed to provide more challenge and remedial services for students who are not progressing as rapidly as students in more advanced classes.

Under the program one full-time teacher will be hired to work with these students separately in the township public elementary schools and a second full-time teacher will be hired to provide similar help to parochial school students, according to Dr. John T. Farinella, the superintendent of schools.

The specific goals of the program include: Upgrading instruction, focusing in on basic mathematics skills of computation, understanding concepts and problem solving and stimulating increased pupil motivation and performance in mathematics in the two grades.

It was pointed out most of the classes were reorganized from a low/medium/high achievement range into a narrower achievement group to permit more concentrated attention to individual pupil needs and to accommodate their individual learning styles.

The superintendent explained the re-organization of the program without Chapter I funding is now in place and the only phase which needs to be completed is the hiring of the Chapter I teachers.

Responding to a question from Board member, F. Donald Paris, Dr. Farinella noted there has been a mixed response from parents to the program, which is designed to give students in the lower mathematics groups a chance to move up.

He said it was okay with some parents if their children moved up and not okay with others.

While students in two of the mathematics groups will be able to receive advanced placement in high school geometry as a result of the program, it will also make it easier for those in other groups to get into the proper high school algebra program, according to the school's head.

Other advantages of the program put forth in the proposal presented to the school body were that it would increase the level of expectation for each child; maintain an "open door" to top classes for pupils whose credentials warrant a change during the year; give classroom teachers a chance to provide more structure to less-skilled students with more detailed and redundant instruction; more interaction with each pupil; the provision of increased feedback and the continued direction of supervised learning; encourage the more skilled students to assume more responsibility for managing their own learning; place more emphasis on homework and increase home-school communication.

Dr. Farinella said the lower-ranked students would benefit from their exposure to the faster moving students and that would be able to raise their test scores.

In other action, the education board approved the teacher aide program for Kumpf students with 13 students from the seventh and eighth grades to be assigned as teacher aides to Mr. Frank E. Hehly school from Tuesday, Jan. 31, to Thursday, March 8, from 9:40 to 10:40 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Approved the re-employment of \$26 to Mrs. Florence Knudsen, a teacher at the Hehly School, for attending a conference on "Programming for Children with Special Learning Problems" in North Brunswick.

Approved the morning pre-school program at the rate of \$4.85 per hour for a maximum of \$1,091, effective from Jan. 23 to Friday, June 22, of this year.

Approved Robert Henderson as a carded sports official for the 1983-1984 school year.

Authorized the attendance of David Hart, Kumpf School principal, at the Annual Workshop of the National Assn. of Secondary School Principals in Las Vegas from today to Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Gave its permission for the placement of a handicapped student at the Mt. Carmel Special Education School in Westfield, effective from Jan. 23 to June 22 of this year, at a maximum cost of \$4,542.81.

Authorized Dr. Farinella to employ two Chapter I teachers for the 1983-1984 school year at the rate of \$28,080 in funding for the program.



GOLDEN MOMENT - Clark Fire Chief Howard Payne is congratulated by Clark Mayor Bernard G. Varusavage and the director of public safety, Robert Taylor, after being sworn in on Jan. 16 as the township's 50th fire chief. As a fireman in 1970 Mayor Varusavage sponsored Chief Payne's application to join the Clark Volunteer Fire Dept.

Howard Payne 50th fire chief

Chief Howard Payne became the 50th officer to hold that position in the Clark Volunteer Fire Dept. since it was founded in 1924 when he took the oath of office at the Township Council meeting on Jan. 16.

Chris Buccarelli and Fire Prevention Bureau Capt. George Schubert were also sworn in for two-year terms.

An honorary fireman, Joseph Leichman, Jr., acts as the pictorial historian of the Clark fire company. His father had been a member from 1924 until his death. He also served two terms as chief, in 1939 and 1945.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The fire department is making an appeal for volunteers to man the day shift, as is the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad.

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Nothing short of a miracle will help save the Rahway Theatre. So we are again seeking the help of all our readers.

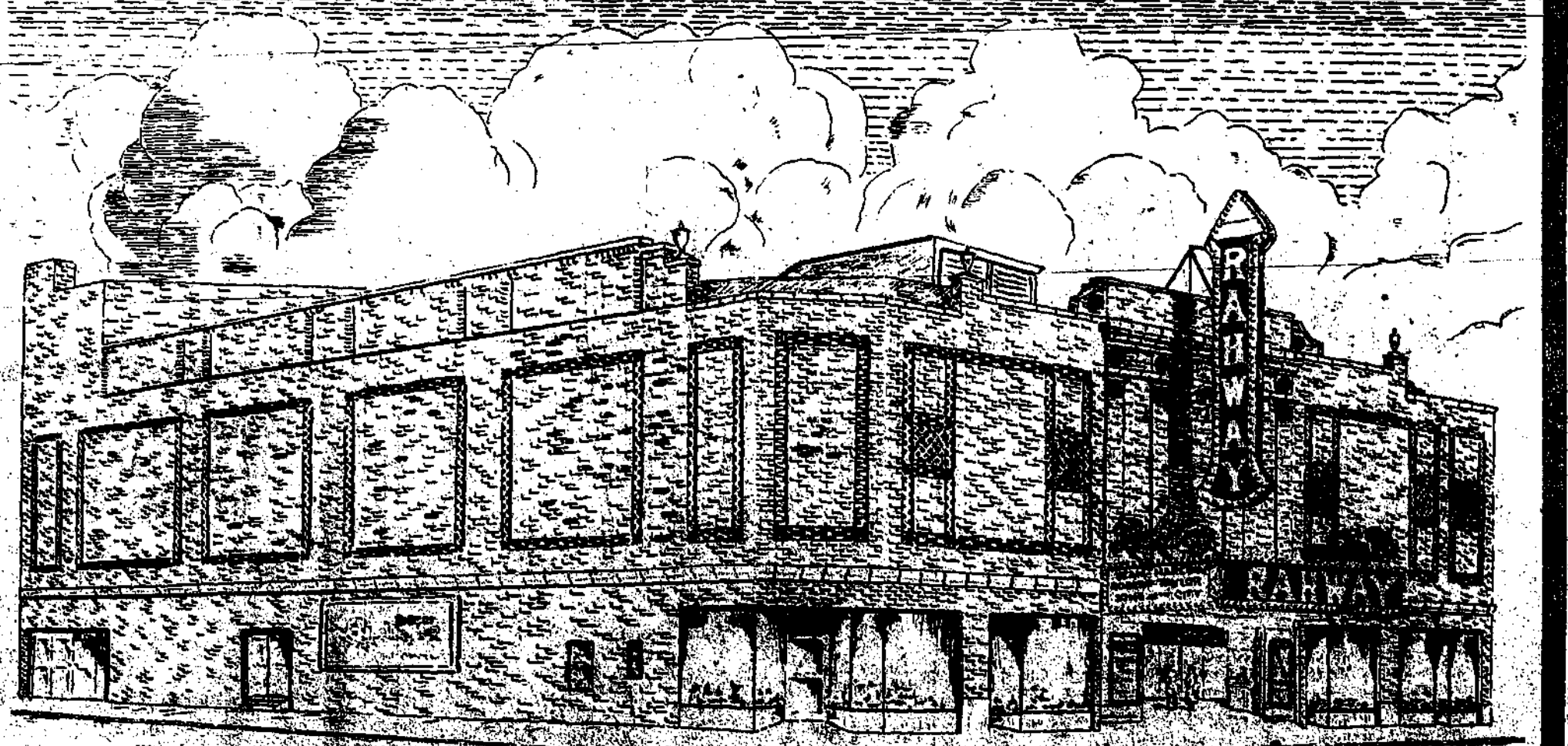
If in fact the theatre is not saved by a group called "Landmarks," it will become public saleable property, to be used for whatever reason the buyer wants.

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