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Mayor: Name senior housing for Case

Rahway Mayor Daniel L. Martin proposed today the new, 40-unit senior citizen housing complex planned for W. Milton Ave., Rahway, be dedicated as a memorial to former United States Sen. Clifford P. Case.

Sen. Case, who died in March, 1981, was a resident of Rahway for all of his adult life and his political career started as a councilman in the community. He went on to serve 10 years in the House of Representatives and 24 years as a United States senator, becoming a nationally and internationally influential and respected public figure.

"For some time now we have been attempting to determine a suitable memorial for Sen. Case as one of our community's highest-achieving citizens," Mayor Martin said, "and nothing could be more fitting than this. In addition to being located just a few houses away from where he resided in Rahway and just down the street on Milton Ave.,

this type of facility is a fitting tribute to a man who was a champion for the causes of the elderly and the needy."

"What could be better than to have a memorial right in the Case family's immediate Rahway neighborhood and that it be a project that stands for the same causes Sen. Case stood for—dignity, respect and quality of life for the elderly?" the mayor commented.

The city's chief executive said he first made his proposal last month to John P. McGrath, the executive director of the Rahway Housing Authority and has been informed the authority would "enthusiastically welcome it."

Mayor Martin pointed out his proposal includes naming the facility the "Clifford P. Case Homes" and providing a commemorative plaque or memorial on the site.

"Sen. Case was very fond



Sen. Clifford P. Case (As shown in the 1970's)

ring walks and passed this site countless times in his life," the mayor said. "I think he would be very pleased to know this same site would not just be a tribute to him, but would be serving the needs of many elderly people for many, many years," the mayor concluded.

Born in 1904 in a church parsonage in Franklin Park

N. Y., Mr. Case was a life-time adult resident of Rahway.

After being graduated from Rutgers College and the Columbia Law School he moved to the city in November, 1929, with his wife, Mrs. Ruth Case, and their new baby.

Mr. Case's long and distinguished political career began with his election to the Rahway Common Council in 1937. Shortly after, his highly-personalized style of campaigning won him a seat in the New Jersey Assembly.

In 1944 Mr. Case was nominated to run for the House of Representatives. His election resulted in a difficult decision that affected the rest of his life and that of his family. Rather than move the family to Washington the representative would commute and the Cases would remain Rahway residents.

Near the end of his fifth successful term in Congress he resigned to head the

branch of the Ford Foundation.

In 1954 Clifford Case became United States Sen. Case, winning the narrowest of victories, with the victory margin the equivalent of one vote per voting district in the state. His three later elections produced progressively larger pluralities; his last two were "landslides."

Sen. Case won notoriety and respect in his career for championing the cause of civil rights and for denouncing demagoguery, particularly that of the late, infamous Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

Sen. Case's governmental career came to an end in 1978 when he was defeated not in a General Election, but in a party Primary.

He joined law firms in Newark and Washington and became chairman of the Board of Freedom House, an organization devoted to monitoring the cause of liberty throughout

the world. He was a co-ordinator, who has a masters degree in counseling, explained the service has expanded from its original concept into some non-traditional areas: In-service and community education. Clinicians contribute their expertise to hospital programs such as the diabetes series and caring for an elderly or disabled loved one series. They also get involved in the cardiac teaching program.

One of the most recent developments is the bereavement group that was formed in conjunction with the hospital's Hospice Program. Mrs. Murray has found her participation with the people in the bereavement groups to be very rewarding.

"The first couple of weeks that the group meets," she explains, "can be very draining because of the emotions generated by the loss of a loved one. However, R

is gratifying to see the growth process that the participants go through."

There have been three bereavement groups since last September and a new group will be forming this fall. Anne Budnick, a registered nurse with a master of science degree in nursing and the co-leader of the bereavement groups, expects that PES will expand the program to offer a once a month informal session for former participants in the bereavement groups. She feels this would give them some place to go where they could continue

the inter-actions and dialogues that were so helpful in the original group.

Further plans for PES call for establishing anticipatory guidance sessions with new mothers and teenage rap groups that aim at preventing future problems.

Susan Cozzarelli, a registered nurse with a bachelor of science degree in nursing stressed PES is a service for all members of the community and fees are based on an individual's ability to pay. The 24-hour hotline number is 381-4949.

Children get VCR from Pioneers

The boys and girls of the Union County Bureau of Children's Shelters at the John E. Runnels Hospital in Berkeley Heights are enjoying some unexpected entertainment thanks to the Elizabeth Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

The Pioneers recently donated a video cassette recorder to the shelter. Darrell C. Hatchett, the director of the shelter, accepted the VCR from Joan Ladines, the president of the Pioneers, and Joseph Mueller, the president elect.

"This equipment will provide hours of entertainment for the children in our facilities. The shelter staff will be pleased that community organizations like the Pioneers support our efforts to provide quality shelter care for children in Union County," Hatchett said.

The Telephone Pioneers of America, one of the largest private social service organizations in the world, number over 500,000 members nationwide and in Canada. The 630-member Elizabeth Council volunteers are employed by AT&T and New Jersey Bell and are deeply involved with community service projects.

The Elizabeth Pioneers provided a game booth, balloons, prizes and the services of a clown at the recent Regional Tournament of Champions, a day of athletic events for children with physical and learning disabilities.

The Thayer Chapter of the Pioneers, another local volunteer group, saved hundreds of small trees and shrubs in the Watchung Reservation in late 1982. The trees and shrubs were due to be plowed under to make way for E-78, but the Thayer Pioneers transplanted them, saving the country thousands of dollars in manpower and replacement trees.

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Clark Police offer alarms to residents

Clark Police Chief Anthony T. Sgar reminded residents a limited number of portable home burglar alarms are still available from the police department for residents who are going on vacation or whose home will be vacant for a period of time.

Residents are advised to telephone police headquarters at 388-3434 and ask for the Detective Bureau to receive an alarm. Alarms will be made available to residents on a first-come first-served basis.

There is no charge for the use of the alarm system.

Telephone Pioneers of America. Their efforts in aiding the elderly, the handicapped and the young people of our communities, among others, is greatly appreciated by all," the Freeholder chairwoman concluded.

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Coin show to be held in Clark

A monthly stamp and coin show, The Clark Show, now in its ninth year, will be held on Sunday, Aug. 5.

The event will take place at the Ramada Inn at 36 Valley Rd., Clark, at the Garden State Parkway Exit No. 135.

The show will run from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission and parking will be free.

A wide range of United States and world-wide stamps, coins and covers will be on display and offered for sale.

In addition, members of the public may bring any material they may have for sale, show the participating dealers, which include members of the American Stamp Dealers Assn., will be ready to purchase anything they need for their stocks.

A Clark Show Souvenir Card will be issued and given free to all attendees.

This card will only be available at the show. Further information may be obtained by telephoning 247-1093.

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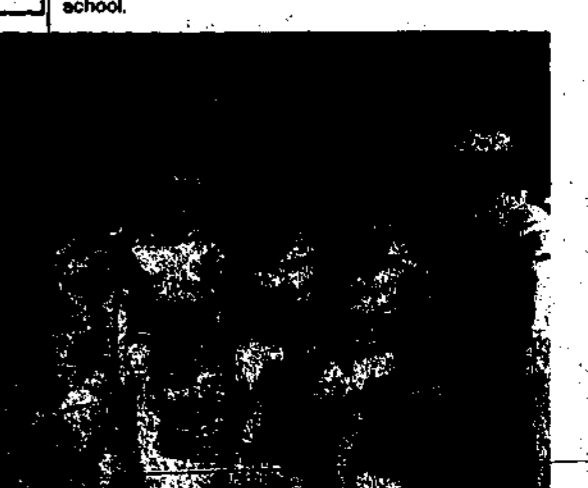
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READY TO FLY - Stacey Tomczyk, a student at Clark's Frank K. Hehly School, tries on a space suit during a recent demonstration by a representative of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at the school.



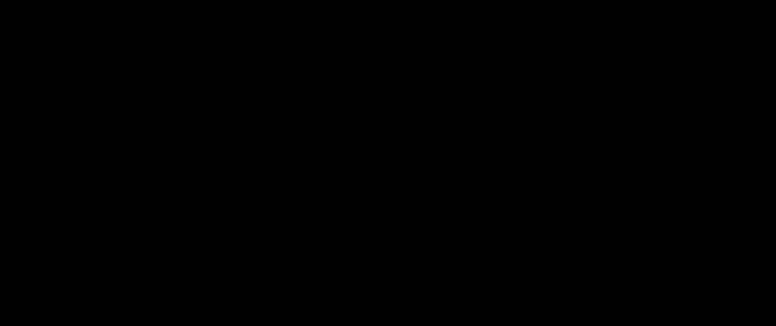
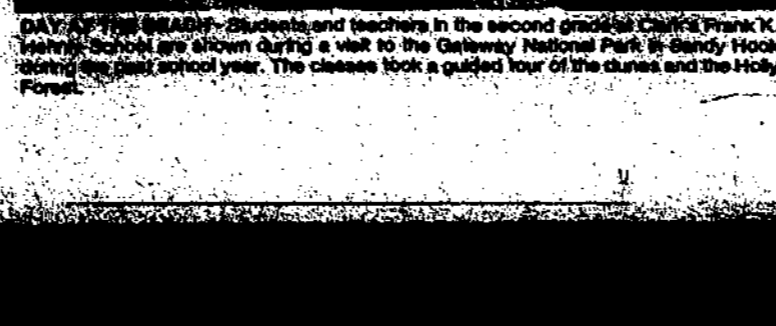
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