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## 'Search for Conscience,' new computer studies await township's public school students

By R. R. Faszczewski  
The first day of school, Wednesday, Sept. 3, for students in all of Clark's public schools, will be a day of new experiences and new courses for many of them.

An update of the elementary school social studies guide, completed this summer, will bring into the social studies program the latest trends of historical, anthropological and economic developments in the history of man. Included in the material will be a unit entitled "A Search for Conscience," which will deal with the atrocities committed by man against his fellow man in modern times, to make young people aware "there is a better way of settling differences of opinion other than genocide or destruction of our fellow human beings," reported Superintendent of Schools Dr. John T. Farnella.

Also new this year will be a more comprehensive physical education program for those in pre-kindergarten to eighth grade and the expansion of the foreign language program which was instituted in the seventh grade last year into the eighth grade.

According to Dr. Farnella because children will be given an equivalent of one full-year credit in language this will enable them to receive advanced placement when they enter Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

The students who were in last year's program will continue into the second year program to complete their study of either French or Spanish.

The family life program, which was begun last year, will continue in all the elementary grades this year. Information about the program will be provided to parents by letter next month.

A much greater emphasis will be put on students handwriting and their ability to write English correctly.

The continued update of the curriculum will continue under the guidance of the curriculum committee.

At Arthur L. Johnson incoming ninth graders and new students will attend an orientation session on Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Enrollment for all four grades should total 827 this year.

A new course, entitled "Introduction to Business Computer Languages," will be offered only at Johnson.

Any advanced business education student of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 will be eligible to take the course in Clark.

All schools will offer a third year computer science course and keyboarding with Apple II E computers will be taught in beginning typing at Johnson and at Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights.

A Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) preparation elective will be conducted beginning at 7:20 a.m. at the Clark school. Incorporated into the English curriculum will be a unit on listening skills for each grade. A new

resource guide listing activities for teaching the Holocaust will be used in United States History and World Cultures classes.

Also, a special counseling program will continue for students who are suspended from school more than three times during the year.

New staff members at Johnson include Ann Fico, a business education teacher; vocal music instructor, Yvonne Lorenzo, and mathematics instructor, Karen Murn.

Department supervisors will replace district-wide subject co-ordinators in English, foreign languages and social studies this year.

Improvements to the building or grounds at Johnson will be the purchase of additional computers and kitchen exhaust fans. Also, the installation of new exterior doors will be completed and improvements to the soccer field made.

Louis De Rosa is Johnson's principal while David Carl serves as the assistant principal. Peter Fabre is the director of guidance and

Louis Pergallo is the director of health, physical education, driver education and athletics.

The classes will be held at Johnson on Sept. 5 from 8:15 a.m. to 2:48 p.m.

The bus schedules for the first day of school follow.

A. N. ROUTE  
ROUTE NO. 44  
Stop 1, 7:35 a.m., Hayes Avenue and Sherold Rd.  
Stop 2, 7:45 a.m., high school.

ROUTE NO. 43  
Stop 1, 7:50 a.m., Boynton Ave. and Pickett Pl.  
Stop 2, 7:53 a.m., Dakota and Florida Sts.  
Stop 3, 8 a.m., high school.

P. M. ROUTE  
Rte. Nos. 43 and 44  
Stop 1, 3 p.m., Boynton Ave. and Pickett Pl.  
Stop 2, 3:02 p.m., Dakota and Florida Sts.  
Stop 3, 3:13 p.m., Hayes Ave. and Sherold Rd.

## Merck talks adjourn with limited progress

Negotiations on the contract between Local No. 8-575 of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers and Merck and Co., Inc., which is headquartered in Rahway, were adjourned by mutual consent after short discussions on the morning of Aug. 23.

The talks broke off when it became apparent that the two parties were very far apart. No further meetings have been scheduled. State mediator, Anthony Damico was present, reports a Merck spokeswoman.

The limited progress achieved was overshadowed by significant differences. For example, agreement in principle for the portion of the contract that deals with the Calgon plant in Hawthorne was reached and initiated by Merck and the assistant chief steward of the union, the spokeswoman added.

However, while agreement in principle was reached for the Branchburg Farm unit in North Branch, the union's chief steward refused to initial the agreement, she said.

The contract for the Merck Institute group at Rahway was discussed, but outstanding issues remain unresolved.

Discussions with the chemical operators at Rahway indicate there are still several unresolved areas. Progress here appears to be impossible until issues involving the mechanics are resolved, the spokeswoman continued.

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In the negotiations this week, Merck continued to clearly state its resolve to achieve the changes necessary to make the entire Rahway site competitive and cost-effective, he said.

Mr. Ros added the company's negotiators will be available when the union is prepared to join in meaningful and fruitful discussion.

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## Council's 'indecision' causes Brewer custodial bill

By R. R. Faszczewski  
Citing what he called the "indecision of the Township Council" over when the municipal government is going to take over the operation of the Charles H. Brewer School, Clark Superintendent of Schools Dr. John T. Farnella on Aug. 21 told the Board of Education he had initiated administrative action to have custodial coverage of the school.

The Board approved the return from the Reduction-in-Force List of Otto Kraus, a custodian, effective on July 1 of this year, to continue pending the settlement of the lease and to be paid at an annual salary of \$13,450 prorated from July 1 to the termination of his present employment status.

Dr. Farnella explained another custodian, who has a Black Seal firemen's license, is working at Brewer now and Mr. Kraus will be used to replace him at the Frank K. Hehny School.

After the township talks over Brewer, according to the superintendent, the custodian at Brewer will

move back to Hehny and Mr. Kraus will be terminated.

He added it will be up to the township to make arrangements to pay a custodian for Brewer when it assumes control.

In a related matter, replying to a question from Board member, John Dillon, Board secretary, Philip Foster, said the boiler at the Brewer School had been cleaned and serviced along with all the other boilers in the school system.

At the Aug. 20 session of the Township Council Councilman-at-Large George Sangiuliano had questioned whether the township might have to replace the Brewer boiler in the future because he had said the school body had gone out for bids on a boiler last year.

Board members also unanimously adopted a resolution (thanking Mrs. Eileen Mazza for her services to the school body from February, 1978, to April of this year, her service as the body's president from April, 1982, to April of this year and her service on various committees and committees related to the school system.

Mrs. Mezzo was praised by F. Donald Paris, who said it had been his pleasure to serve only a short time with her, and by Dr. Farnella, who said the Board and the community owed her a debt of gratitude.

The education body also authorized the placement of handicapped students at the Mt. Carmel School and Edison Junior High School, both in Westfield, at the Cerebral Palsy School in Menlo Park, at the Westlake School in Berkeley Heights, at the Wilson Avenue School and the Brighton School, both in Summit, and at the Deerfield School in Mountainside.

However, Board member, James Kehoe, wanted to know how many schools the Clark district was supporting by sending handicapped students to them and said he thought the county should look toward centralizing locations for the teaching of students with certain handicaps to avoid separate school systems going to the expense of sending students to many different schools.

Dr. Farnella replied the various schools were necessary because a variety of different handicaps were being dealt with.

Mr. Foster told Mr. Kehoe the county was trying to get the different districts together on a solution but an agreement had not been reached so far.

In other action, the Board members:

• Okayed the acceptance of a handicapped student from Edison into the Clark system. Mr. Foster explained the tuition received because of that would cut Clark's costs for the education of the handicapped by \$6,500 to \$7,000.

• Approved the agreement between the township Board and the Robert Wood Johnson, Jr. Rehabilitation Institute of the John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison for the 1984-1985 school year.

• Awarded a transportation contract worth up to a maximum of \$5,202 for the 1984-1985 school year to take a student from Clark



IT ALL ADDS UP - Devising a common computer curriculum guide are the Union County Regional High School District No. 1's computer co-ordinator and teachers of computer science from six elementary school districts.

Participating in the workshop, left to right, are: Edith Mahoney, Paul Tyburski, Thomas Baker, David Fogle, Stephen Holthaus, Marcie O'Brien and, seated, Carol Spieker.

## Regional co-ordinates computer study

Future in-coming freshmen to the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Clark, will make an easier transition from elementary or middle school in computer instruction.

The reason? Because elementary school students will have followed a computer literacy curriculum devised by the regional district's co-ordinator and teachers of computer science from the six sending districts.

Students in Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood,

Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield will be prepared with the same computer literacy experiences before entering Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights, Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, David Breatley Regional High School in Kenilworth or Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

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to the Franklin-Lincoln School in Garwood to the Rahway Bus Co. in Colonia.

• Gave a maximum transportation contract of \$7,200 to Station Cab Co. of Rahway to transport a student from Clark to the Brevton School for the upcoming school year.

• Authorized the renewal of the transportation contract which takes students to the Hehny School with the Rahway Bus Co. at a rate of \$34.55 per day for the 1984-1985 school year.

• Okayed the following transfers from surplus to the accounts indicated for the upcoming school year: \$1,000 to district-wide operation and maintenance; \$2,232 to textbooks for language arts at the Valley Road School and \$900 to the Learning Enrichment Program for transportation to field study programs.

• Approved the district's continued participation in the National School Boards Affiliates Program, from Monday, Oct. 1, of this

year, to Monday, Sept. 30, of next year, at a cost of \$750 for the 1984-1985 school year.

• Authorized the following advanced study grants: \$346.20 to Paul Westfield for courses in "Internship for School Administration and Supervision" and "Theory and Practice of Curriculum Development in the Public Schools" at Keen College of New Jersey in Union and \$240 to Dolores Downs for a "Dissemination Advise-ment" course at Seton Hall University in South Orange.

• Authorized the retirement of Joseph Messina, the maintenance foreman, effective on Monday, Dec. 31, with commendation for his more than 17 years of service.

• Authorized the retirement of Peter Dulk, a science teacher, effective on Sunday, June 30, of next year, with commendation for more than 26 years of service.

• Tabled the award of a contract for the administration building roof replacement in order for Mr. Foster to re-evaluate the bids submitted before rejecting or accepting them.

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