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## Township honors four of its heroes

By R. R. Jaszewski

The township's police and fire departments were in the spotlight Monday as director of public safety, Robert Taylor, gave awards to four heroic policemen and praised members of the fire department for their efforts in bringing under control a fire at the U.S. Gypsum plant on Karan Rd. over the weekend which smoldered over 20 hours.

Among those honored with citations was Police Lt. Alfred Yesevich, for helping save the lives of two National Guardsmen on Aug. 19, 1983 when they were involved in an accident in New York state. The lieutenant, who is also a member of the National Guard, was on his way home from training when he saw the guardsmen in distress.

Also cited were Ptl. William Duffy, for making an arrest on a drug case and participating in the Union County Narcotics Task Force; Ptl. Richard Hedinger, for assisting Ptl. Duffy in the drug arrest; and Ptl. Thomas Harrison, for rescuing a dog from the ice in the Middlesex Water Co. Reservoir in Clark and reviving a heart attack victim, both last February.

Director Taylor also pointed out although there are no medals for the township's volunteer fire department the men were certainly to be commended for bringing the blaze under control when it kept burning repeatedly because the stacks of paper were smoldering.

Mayor Bernard G. Yarnsavage thanked the Scotch Plains and Garwood Fire Depts. for providing mutual aid to the township

department while the fire was in progress.

In official Governing Body action the Township Council voted to rescind a resolution, adopted on Aug. 20, which would have allowed \$15,384 in rental fees paid to the township by the Union County Special Services Commission for use of the Charles H. Brewer School to be inserted into the 1984 municipal budget.

The state division of local government ruled the fees could not legally be inserted into this year's budget.

Adopted on second reading was a salary ordinance, retroactive to Jan. 1 of this year, which sets the salaries of the chief of police and the police captain at \$39,600 and \$33,000, respectively.

Two other salary ordinances were also adopted, both also retroactive to Jan. 1.

One sets the salary of the assessor at \$28,000 and the other sets the salary of an administrative secretary at \$12,000 and that of a public works repairman at \$13,925.75.

The councilmen also unanimously confirmed the appointment by Mayor Yarnsavage of Edward Patalano as director of public works and engineering for the remainder of 1984 at a salary of \$33,100.

Mr. Patalano had been appointed to the two posts earlier this year on a temporary basis.

The Governing Body also introduced an ordinance which would authorize the purchase of gas tanks to replace those which are leaking and a new generator for the fire department and

to okay repairs to a sanitary sewer line at the Middlesex Reservoir.

Second Ward Councilman George Nucera explained the projects could be completed without further bonding.

In response to a question raised at last month's Township Council session about the township's indebtedness, Councilman Nucera reported Clark has \$260,000 in bonds outstanding in the bond pool and it will be paying these off at the rate of \$65,000 a year until 1988, when they will all be paid off.

He added the township has a net debt of \$3,156,655.83 and it is only at about 25 percent of its borrowing capacity.

A bid of \$158,172 by Dan McCarron & Son of Elizabeth to construct access facilities to the municipal building for the handicapped was rejected because the bid amount was over the amount of a Community Development Grant the township has received and the township does not have the funds to cover the difference, according to the Second Ward councilman.

The councilmen also authorized the director of revenue and finance to cancel real estate taxes of \$1,355.98 with interest of \$98.23 for a total of \$1,454.21 for property at 17 Gines Dr. for the 1983 tax year.

Also authorized was the transfer of \$1,685.50 from salaries and wages, \$117.97 from the Social Security account and \$17.13 from state unemployment insurance and federal unemployment taxes to

other expenses for the swimming pool utility.

All permit fees due the township in connection with any construction undertaken by the Clark Board of Education and the Clark Tree Public Library were waived.

Councilman Nucera explained this action would prevent the exchange of funds among the various governmental bodies in Clark although it would not waive the requirement that the other bodies receive permits for construction they are contemplating.

Also authorized was the transfer of \$8,000 among various departments and

counts in this year's municipal budget.

The Governing Body also authorized the installation of street lighting on Hawthorne Dr. between Oak Ridge Rd. and Orchard Ter. in accordance with the recommendations of a Public Service Electric & Gas Co. survey.



**HALLOWEEN AT RAHWAY HOSPITAL**...Student council members from Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark visited Rahway Hospital on Halloween to entertain the patients on the pediatric floor. With patient, Kenneth Barick, nine, dressed as a pirate, left to right are: Maureen Walsh, Stacy Olson, Anthony Rufolo, Kristen Regoci, Kathy Wolfman and Margo Todres. The pumpkin anonymous.



**THE WAY IT WAS...** Girl Scouts from Cadette Troop No. 138 of the Clark-Winfield Girl Scouts, sponsored by St. John the Apostle School in Clark, discuss life on the Mayflower II with one of the Pilgrims.

### Assemblywoman Ogden: Kill inheritance tax

Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden, who represents Clark, wants the state's inheritance tax repealed. Calling the tax "unfair, oppressive and damaging," the Republican legislator is supporting a compromise proposal, A-1831, that would phase out the tax in cases involving spouses or next-of-kin within the immediate family.

Gov. Thomas Kean supports the compromise which would phase out the tax over six and a half years.

The tax has existed in New Jersey since 1982.

Mrs. Ogden said the tax often results in economic hardship for survivors.

"This is especially true in cases involving the transfer of small businesses or farming operations because the tax can often mean the difference between economic stability or bankruptcy," she added.

The lawmaker explained the compromise proposal, which was reported favorably by the Assembly's Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee on Oct. 22, would exempt spouses from payment of the tax after July 1, 1986 and would exempt other

members of the immediate family after July 1, 1988.

She added the bill would also exempt the first \$100,000 of estates transferred to brothers, sisters, daughters-in-law and sons-in-law after July 1, 1989 and estates transferred to all other persons after July 1, 1991.

The assemblywoman said the existing tax, which provides more than \$150 million in annual revenues to the state, would have no effect upon the current state surplus because the revenue losses resulting from the phaseout are built into the current budget.

"The inheritance tax has always been a tax on the family," Mrs. Ogden said. "It is unfair to people who have worked hard to save for their future and for their

children's future. It is so oppressive it has caused many of our orated citizens to move to other states to avoid paying it."

The lawmaker explained New Jersey's existing inheritance tax is among the highest in the nation.

"States such as Florida, which have no such tax, have been attracting residents from New Jersey," she added.

Mrs. Ogden said the phaseout of the inheritance tax has been a priority for Republicans in the Legislature for several years.

"The phaseout bill, A-1831, represents a compromise between the powerful Republican leaders and the Democratic legislative leaders," she concluded.



**FOUNDING MOTHERS...** Leaders of Cadette Troop No. 138 of the Clark-Winfield Girl Scouts, sponsored by St. John the Apostle School in Clark, Jane Kiernan and Carol Marlin, are shown with a Pilgrim on the Mayflower II in Plymouth, Mass. during a recent troop trip.



**COMING HOME...** Touring the Edith Macy National Girl Scout Center in Brantford Manor, N.Y. are members of Cadette Troop No. 138 of the Clark-Winfield Girl Scouts. The troop is sponsored by St. John the Apostle School in Clark.



**STEPPING UP DEVOTION...** Members of Cadette Troop No. 138 of the Clark-Winfield Girl Scouts, which is sponsored by St. John the Apostle School in Clark, are shown on the singing steps of the Edith Macy National Girl Scout Center in Brantford Manor, N.Y. during a recent trip.

### Girl Scouts tour path of Mayflower

Girl Scouts from Cadette Troop No. 138 of the Clark-Winfield Girl Scout Assn. located at St. John the Apostle School in Clark, recently took a trip to Massachusetts for the weekend. The trip was open to all Cadette and Junior Scouts and parents from St. John's. A total of 54 attended the trip.

On the way there they toured Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower II, a replica of the Mayflower.

Scout National Center in Brantford Manor. Then they spent the weekend on the battleship, USS Massachusetts, where they toured the ship, a P.T. boat and a submarine. They ate meals in the ship's galley and slept in the bunks.

On the way home they toured Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower II, a replica of the Mayflower.

### Township to give influenza shots

It was announced today by Frank Vanore, the Clark business administrator, bureau of health personnel will give influenza immunization inoculations to senior citizens of Clark and to chronically ill citizens of any age on Wednesday, Nov. 28, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the downstairs hall of the Veterans of Foreign Wars home, located at 6 Broadway, Clark, and between 7 and 8 p.m., in the lobby of the Clark Municipal Building, at 315 Westfield Ave.

There will also be a hypertension clinic held at the same time.

The following information has been provided by Anthony D. Deige, health officer of Clark — If you are allergic to eggs, chickens or chicken feathers or are under treatment for active tuberculosis or any other acute infectious disease, please consult your family physician before receiving the injection.

**Have a happy Thanksgiving**