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Kumpf class of 1985 bids fond farewell

One hundred sixty-nine students will be graduated from the Carl Kumpf School in Clark today at 7 p.m. The graduates will march to the procession, performed by the school band conducted by Mrs. Joanne Lemenille.

The invocation will be given by The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Flusk of St. Agnes R.C. Church. This will be followed by the flag salute led by student council president, Mark Bongiovanni.

Craig Chern will deliver a welcoming speech to his fellow graduates, and then Principal David M. Hart will present the class of 1985, acknowledging some of the class's many accomplishments. Dr. John T. Farnella, superintendent of schools, will accept the class.

Special student awards will be presented by Mrs. Lorraine Sarnowski, president of the Carl Kumpf School Parent Teachers Assn. Assisting her in these presentations will be faculty member, Mrs. Mary Norris, who will also present the Citizenship Award.

James Caravillano, physical education instructor, will present four sports awards, two for sportsmanship and two for outstanding athletes. The Presidential Academic Fitness Awards will be given by faculty member, Miss Karen Wall. The award for academic excellence and the Faculty Award will be presented by Walter Boright, administrative aide.

Thomas Faria and F. Donald Paris, president and vice president of the Clark Board of Education, respectively, will award students their diplomas.

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By R.R. Faszczewski
The woman who was chosen last November to replace Councilman Joseph Farrell as the head of the Clark Democratic Committee, Donna Mohyla Femia, was elected last week to head the committee for 1985.

Long-time Republican chairman and Second Ward Council candidate, George Crater, was again chosen to head the township GOP.

The Democratic chairwoman has been a member of the Union County Children's Shelter Advisory Board since December 28 of last year. She was the campaign manager for Democratic Mayor George Nucera and Democratic Councilman-at-Large Fred Eckel, Joseph B. Pozniak and Bernard Hayden, who successfully won all four positions over the Republicans last year.

Mrs. Femia was also vice chairwoman of the Clark Democratic Committee from June, 1982 until she became chairwoman, a Democratic committee member in the township from June, 1981 to June, 1982; a co-ordinator for the telephone bank for John Molozzi for State Assembly in 1980 and has been a volunteer for Adam Lecom for Congress, Union County Surrogate Ann Conti and in various county and local elections.

Valerie Kenny, Kenneth King, Brian Kingsbury, Kelly Koch, Patricia Koch, Scott Kocsa, Bryan Koczon, Michele Lee Kuzmor, Jeffrey Kraus, Meredith Kuznetsov, Charles Lacey,

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The Republicans also unanimously re-elected their slate of officers: First vice chairwoman, Lucille Masciale of Scotch Plains; second vice chairman, Mario Caporaso of Summit; secretary, Helen Wactor of Roselle; and treasurer, William Palermo of Linden.

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COMRADES IN ARMS ... Officers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Isolin Post No. 2636 and the American Legion Clark Post No. 328 get together before attending the Loyalty Day ceremony held at the Iselin Memorial Park in Woodbridge Township on April 28. An invitation from chairman, Tom Warkasa, was accepted by Comm. John Specht of Clark to participate with them on this patriotic day. Participants, shown, left to right, are: Don McArchie, senior vice commander of Post No. 328; Phil Curran, past commander and master of ceremonies of Post No. 2636; Comm. John Specht of Post No. 328; and Tom Warkasa, chairman of the Loyalty Day service, also from Post No. 2636.

Fire department: Douse cigarettes

Last month, the Clark Fire Dept. answered 25 alarms, including one fire that destroyed the second floor of one family's home.

The fire was found to have been caused by an improperly discarded cigarette, and is a valuable lesson showing the necessity for careful disposal of smoking materials. Ash trays should be emptied often and must be kept away from drapes or desk-top papers and other flammable materials. Also, sand-based or sand-filled ash trays help prevent tragic accidents, reports a fire department spokesman.

Other alarms included 10 brush fires, one false alarm at a local industrial building, four false alarms at a township school which were caused by a faulty alarm system, four car fires, two automobile accidents and a small fire in a business establishment.

There was also a small fire in an apartment, caused by a bird's nest built in a kitchen exhaust fan and an outdoor propane grill which ignited at a loose hose connection. Propane tanks can become extremely dangerous when exposed to an uncontrolled flame and tanks used for barbecues, recreation vehicles or any purpose should be carefully inspected before use, especially after being stored a long time. Couplings must be tight and dry-rusted hose should be replaced, the spokesman added.

Due to the potential water-shortage problems the training for May was designed to use alternate sources of water in the event a problem arises with the department's usual supply of water from fire hydrants. Water was pumped from the reservoir to canvas equipment, which should be replaced, the spokesman added.

Whenever possible during the year members of the department attend training schools and seminars to keep the department abreast of new tools and techniques in fire fighting. In April four men attended a weekend long Advanced Truck Company School in Newark Heights which provides additional training of the spokesman concluded.

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In addition to outside training courses, the department has training each month for its members. The monthly training in April was the semi-annual hose test when over 6,000 feet of various size hoses was pressure tested. This testing is required to insure the hose will not fail at a fire, which would cause additional damage or injury, he said.

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Landmarks thanks newspapers for aid

Another plaque has been added to the seven that already adorn one wall just inside the Central Ave. entrance to the offices of Tabloid Lithographers, Inc., publishers of The Atom Tabloid and The Rahway News-Record/Clark Patriot.

This latest one reads: "Our Sincere Appreciation to Tabloid Lithographers, Inc. For Their Generous Contribution to Rahway Landmarks Inc."

A clue to the significance of the award exists in the case files in front windows of the Tabloid offices. For there, dominating the landscape across the busy intersection of the city's

principal thoroughfares, somewhat tarnished with age, but still presenting an imposing visage of earlier glories, is the old Rahway Theatre.

In a marriage, which bore "For Sale" signs for a couple of years, is back to being changed every week or so, usually to trumpet some new upcoming event for the benefit of something called the "Union County Arts Center."

Rahway Landmarks purchased the facility last fall, and, according to its president, Sandra Sweeney, "The acquisition, the restoration of the lobby, the current high level of volunteer activity on weekends and the sort of

"rosy-cheeked glow" that, gradually returning to the building may never have happened had Tabloid Lithographers not come to the rescue as the 11th hour approached to save this irreplaceable old picture palace from an uncertain fate."

"Red" and Ellen Vigilante, the paper's owners, not only donated funds, but they donated valuable space on their papers, papers, space in their offices, the use of their telephones and their good name to stimulate an outpouring of support. From local residents.

Many of Landmarks' dues-paying members, including those recruited through Tabloid Lithographers' intensive drive early in 1984, would probably agree the awarding of the plaque at a recent general meeting was long overdue.

"We thought of it several times, and in fact, had the plaque made late last year," reports the group's president, "but were so busy with so many different aspects of the arts center project restoration of the Rahway Theatre we just kept putting it off."

In casual conversation following presentation of the plaque Mr. Vigilante remarked, besides the obvious benefits of the proposed arts center to the city, his newspaper had a much more humble reason for being.

"We're neighbors," he said.

Democrat also elected Thomas Dunn as vice chairman, Lillian Krav as vice chairwoman, Patricia Chaney as secretary, Joanne Lemenille as treasurer, Sanford Kravsky as parliamentarian and Carmine Giordano as sergeant-at-arms.

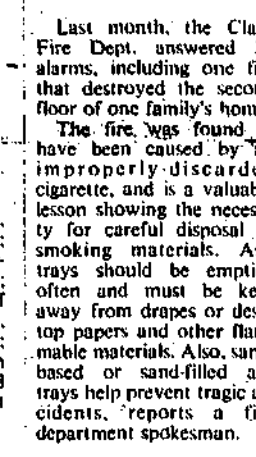
Joining Mr. Crater in heading the township GOP organization are: Jean Anderson, vice chair-

woman; George Ebbe, delegate; Nelson Korstein, alternate, delegate, and Evelyn Kassinger, secretary.

For the fifth consecutive year the Union County Democratic Committee chose Anthony Amalle of Roselle as its chairman.

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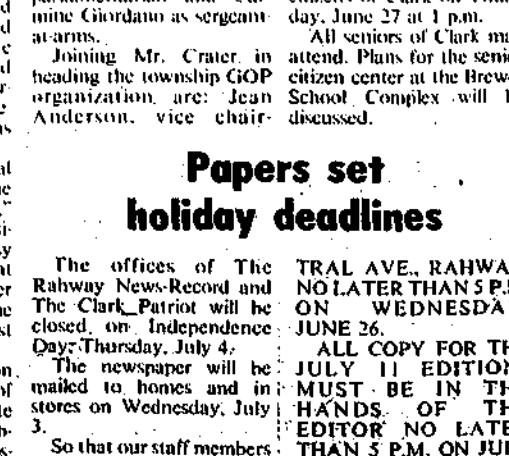
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THANKS FOR YOUR HELP ... C. ("Red") Vigilante, left, editor/publisher of The Atom Tabloid and The Rahway News-Record/Clark Patriot, accepts a plaque of appreciation from Sandra Sweeney, president of Rahway Landmarks for the papers' help in saving the Rahway Theatre for restoration as a county arts center.



TOWNSHIP SETS SENIORS' MEETING ... The director of senior citizens affairs of Clark, Peter M. Campana, announced there will be a meeting for the senior citizens of Clark on Thursday, June 27 at 1 p.m. All seniors of Clark may attend. Plans for the senior citizen center at the Brewer School Complex will be discussed.



LANGUAGE EXPERT ... Michelle Marhofer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karlheinz Marhofer of 82 Stanton St., Clark, was graduated from the Saturday-morning German Language School in Union. She was among nine students to receive a language diploma at a dinner reception given in honor of the graduates at the Chancellor Chateau in Warren Township. Presenting the diploma is Mrs. Barbara Oberding, the schoolboard chairwoman of the German Language School.



STILL SERVING CLARK ... Mayor George G. Nucera of Clark awards to Mrs. Marie Soyka as a member of the Planning Board.