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Teachers put Board members to test

By R.R. Faszczewski

Members of the Clark Board of Education and Board staff members found out Nov. 26 what it is like to be perceptually impaired. As part of a presentation on the new special education study skills supplement curriculum guide, two special education teachers, Gayle Conlin and Paul Westerfield, who developed the guide, gave Board members present, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortescio and Edward Flanagan, the school body secretary, a test.

They were each given a mirror and a picture of a star. They were told to trace between the double lines of the star within a star only by looking at the drawing through the mirror and not at their hands.

They were also told to write their name on a straight line drawn on the paper without looking at the paper but only using the mirror as a guide.

There were quite a few shocked reactions as Board and staff members grappled with perceptions similar to those felt by a learning-disabled child.

Mr. Westerfield and Mrs. Conlin explained learning-disabled students do not

learn as easily as those who are not disabled. Therefore, it was necessary to develop a study skills guide through which each skill was broken down into smaller pieces which could easily be digested by the brain of a learning-disabled child.

In setting out to formulate the new guide they had several objectives, including: Having the students demonstrate proficiency in following directions, locating, organizing and evaluating information, taking notes and studying for and taking tests.

Among their major recommendations was the school district should have specific materials to identify and support the study-skills objectives and the materials should be part of a "core curriculum."

The district's director of special services, Dr. Shirley Ikeda, noted there were about 90 students in the district who were perceptually impaired and would be able to make use of the new guide.

After a closed session the Board members later in the meeting unanimously approved the new curriculum guide.

The education body also received a report from its

auditor, George Amann, in which he recommended the monthly report of the treasurer of school monies reflect the reconciliation with the bank on the state form, the payroll account and the treasurer's cash book be available for the audit.

Mr. Amann noted since the audit had been done all three recommendations had been carried out. The summary of the audit report showed the district's long-term liabilities on serial bonds payable amounting to \$447,000 as of June 30, 1985, compared to \$577,000 as of June 30 of last year.

Total expenditures for 1984 - 1985 were \$5,640,934.59 compared to \$5,891,307.99 for 1983 - 1984.

Total assets as of June 30 of this year were \$1,191,404.21 compared to \$1,389,244.18 as of June 30 of last year.

In other action, the Board members: —Voted to amend the girls' basketball schedule to add a scrimmage against Roosevelt School in Westfield on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

—Approved an advanced study grant for Ellen Curran for courses in supervision of instruction and studies of community and organizational change at Kean College of New Jersey in Union.

—Okayed reimbursement for attendance at conference for Frank Inzano, Shirley Ducasman, Dorothy McNulty, George Coyne, Nora Provenzano, Barbara Russ and Lynn Harko.

—Authorized the attendance of Walter Cymansky at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference in Columbus, Ohio from Dec. 10 to tomorrow.

—Gave their permission for David Hari to attend the National Assn. of Secondary School Principals Conference in Orlando, Fla. from Friday to

Tuesday, Feb. 14 to 18, of next year.

—Okayed the first reading of a Board policy on attendance for certificated and non-certificated staff members which would direct the superintendent of schools to develop guidelines for staff attendance.

—Granted Bruce Goldman from Kean College permission to observe students at the Frank K. Hehny School. Dr. Ortescio explained Kean has changed its policy to allow students to observe colleges as part of their college education for an entire semester instead of only part of the semester as in the past.

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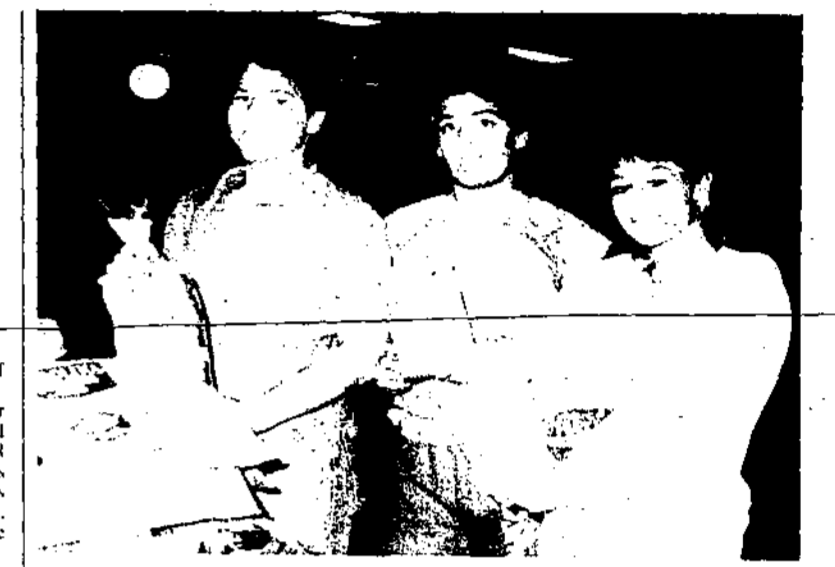
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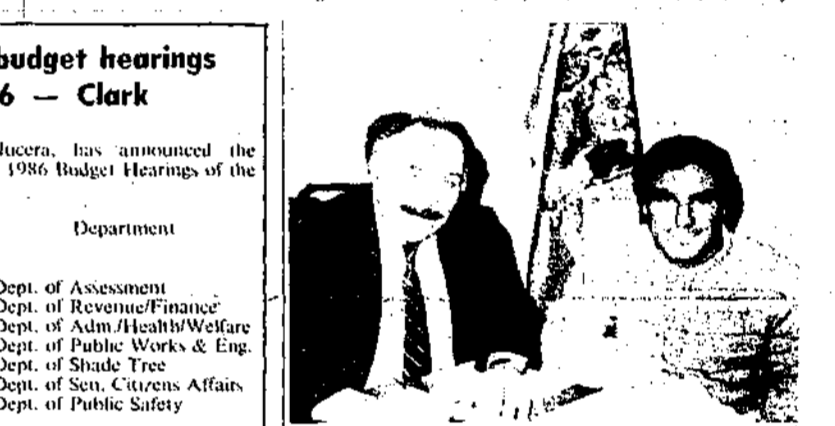
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GATHERING HARVEST ... A harvest of holiday food was gathered together by students at the Carl Kumpf School in Clark as they assembled 21 complete Thanksgiving feasts for needy local families in the spirit of Thanksgiving the Kumpf students shared their blessings by donating food and money to the Turkey Dinner Drive. The annual school project was co-ordinated by faculty members Kenneth Lighthouse and Mrs. Elaine Zomeckis. Shown, left to right, are Jason Pressman, Anthony Calandra and Denise Donlin, who were among the students who prepared the baskets for delivery.



FIGHTING HUNGER ... Clark Mayor George G. Nucera, left, signs a proclamation declaring tonight as "Fight World Hunger Night" in the township. Looking on is Steve Shohli, the organizer of the Benefit Concert to Fight World Hunger to be held at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School of Clark tonight.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hunger is a major cause of disease and death, and contributes to over 1,000,000 deaths annually, and

WHEREAS, great progress is being made to publicize the need to feed the world hunger, and

WHEREAS, the Benefit Concert to Fight World Hunger will be held on the night of December 5th, 1985, and

WHEREAS, all people are advised to participate in this benefit concert to raise funds to feed the world hunger, and

THEREFORE, I, George G. Nucera, Mayor of the Township of Clark, New Jersey, hereby proclaim Thursday, December 5th, 1985 as FIGHT WORLD HUNGER NIGHT and do urge all the citizens of this Township to join me in the hopes that public awareness will be increased and greater focus on world hunger will help solve this problem.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Mayor's Office of the Township of Clark in the State of New Jersey, this 18th day of November, 1985.

ATTENTION PUBLICITY PEOPLE

Please extend your full cooperation! Our former associate editor knew most of your group. He knew the look of your typing and details about your group.

During this period of transition, we most definitely need a name and phone number in case there is a question on the material you submit.

Please cooperate with us on this most important (and customarily) request, so we can continue to serve you in the manner in which you have been served in the past.

Help us to help you.

Blood bank sponsors drive

The North Jersey Blood Bank, in conjunction with Lyons Institute, is sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Donors can stop at 10 Commerce Place, Clark to donate blood. If directions are needed, please telephone 574-2090.

CONFLUSION'S CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

Christmas Countdown 19 DAYS LEFT TO SHOP

PBA Local 125 joins in toys campaign

Juan Caserly and Marianne Garcia of Schlott Realtors, Inc. Clark office has recently announced that Victor De Marco of Clark P.B.A. Local 125 will lend their support to the Schlott organization's annual Christmas "Toys For Tots" campaign which began in this area several weeks ago. According to Juan Caserly and Marianne Garcia the annual charity effort by the

Schlott firm will benefit children from the Elizabeth General Medical Center Pediatric Unit. Anyone interested in donating new or "very nearly new" toys may bring them to any Schlott offices located throughout New Jersey.

The Schlott Clark office is located at 1101 Raritan Road, and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



ANNUAL CHARITY EFFORT ... Off to a great start with Schlott Realtors' sixth annual Toys For Tots campaign are (left to right): Juan Caserly, Marianne Garcia and Victor De Marco.

Kumpf honors scholars

One hundred and one students at the Carl Kumpf School in Clark earned Honor Roll status for the first marking period, according to Principal David M. Hart.

He reports twenty-eight students attained "First Honors" by earning all 4's or 4's with the exception of two 3.5's or one 3. These students are: GRADE SIX: Richard Burlew, Karin Lichtman, Eric Moracs, Daniel Redzinski, Peter Risko, Christine Rufolo, Christopher Sedlmayer, Richard Skalaski, Benjamin Slack, Michael Sommer, Stacey Tomczyk, and Yolanda Urbanski.

GRADE SEVEN: Anthony Aramando, Robert Guanno, Laurie Guerriero, and Kristen Isaksen.

GRADE EIGHT: Stacy Acquaviva, Jay Albrecht, Eva Anisko, Jo Ferrigno, Lorraine Fischer, Brian Frese, Jennifer Gilbert, Karen Hallock, Lori Lombardi, Theresa Luong, CarrieAnn Risko, and Tara Tomczyk.

Seventy-three Kumpf students achieved "Second Honors" by earning an overall average of 3.5 with no grade lower than 3. These students are: GRADE SIX: Craig Abinella, Rebekah Baker, Robert Bierwirth, John Braun, Joseph Cafiero, Michele Cohen, Anthony Ferrara, Curtis Gambin, Michael Gerney, Jeffrey Glasser, Lisa Goodman, James Goto, Carol Haines, Jodi Jordan, David Kepnis, Brad Kocis, James Korona, Joseph Lucarillo, John Meyer, Susan Okzewski, Michelle Ortiz, Brian Pars, Kelly Peterson, Richard Procopio, Stacy Roth, Leonard Rothbard, Darren Smith, Laura Stockdale, Thomas Tountan, and Barbara Tompareles.

GRADE SEVEN: Kelly Bennett, Stephanie Canone, Scott Clark, Rosanna Cocchiari, Lee Cohen, Karen Crincoli, Joanne Czaplack, Denise D'Annibola, Tina Douglas, Eddie Erstein, Kevin Fazendeiro, Michael Fuc-

sco, Maureen Green, Douglas Grysko, Keith Halloran, David Ikeler, James Jordan, Allen Myrton, Lisa Mull, Stefanie Navy, Marie Soyka, Jennifer Torrick and Kristen Von St. Paul.

GRADE EIGHT: Nicole Barr, Paul Candon, John DeCaro, Robin Deisser, Jodi Fayer, John Heiler, Jennifer Hudak, Erick Kaiser, Nicholas Kjesaa, Shawn Madaino, Dana Maragn, Nicole Parise, Marnee Perez, LoriAnn Perera, Ruth Pike, Annetta Ricci, Stephen Sawegston, Michael Scheckman, Anna Shamus and Ada Vazquez.

Merck & Co. Board proposes common stock split

According to a company spokeswoman, the Board of Directors of Merck & Co., Inc., recently proposed that the common stock of the company be split two for one. The holders of common stock will be asked to vote on the proposal at the annual meeting of stockholders in Rahway on April 22, 1986.

Dr. P. Roy Vagelos, president and chief executive officer of the health products firm, said the proposed split is intended to create a broader market for the company's common stock.

Prior to this proposal, the last Merck stock split was in 1972, when the common stock was split two for one.

The Board of Directors also declared a quarterly

dividend of 90 cents a share on the company's common stock.

The 90 cent quarterly dividend, payable Jan. 2, 1986, represents an increase of approximately 13 percent over the 80 cents previously paid quarterly. The dividend is payable to stockholders of record at the close of business on Dec. 9.

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