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Mayor and Soccer Club to talk further on use of Brewer School

By Pat DiMaggio

The Clark Municipal Council held a special meeting on Dec. 27 to vote on a resolution urging the mayor to reconsider his decision not to rent the Brewer School to the Clark Soccer Club, Inc.

Mayor George Nucera explained that his decision was in line with a council request opposing the rental of the facility.

Mayor Nucera said that the Board of Education had previously charged a fee of \$600 for the rental, and after talking with

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Farinella, he advised a fee of \$1200 in 1985 for use of the school in the Patrick Conley Clark Soccer Club Indoor Tournament held on March 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th.

The mayor cited expenses in keeping the building open on a Saturday and Sunday for the tournament. Double time for personnel, fuel for heat and electricity added up to over \$6600 with a fee charged to the Soccer Club of \$1200.

Damage, due to poor supervision, was charged to

the Soccer Club by the mayor, with tape on the gymnasium floor and broken windows cited. Mayor Nucera said \$40,000 from Union County Development money was used to carpet the cafeteria and renovated the gym floors and that with no restitution for the damages last year, the cost for renting the facility was prohibitive.

Councilwoman Ruth DeLuca asked if there was a list of rental fees charged to other organizations. The

mayor explained that rentals were withdrawn due to council request.

Mrs. DeLuca stated that the request never came from council and said it was her understanding that the Brewer School was kept for community use.

Pete Bongiovanni, president of the Clark Soccer Club, pointed out that the Soccer Club is the largest youth organization in Clark. He read from a letter from the mayor stating the Brewer School is to be used only as a senior citizen com-

plex. The letter said the administration had been plagued with complaints that the facility had been rented when it shouldn't have been and that the building was to be used exclusively for the seniors.

Mr. Bongiovanni said that last year he was told that the fee would be \$1200, and that all he heard about was dollars and cents. The important thing, he explained, was the youth of Clark and not politics.

Felice Frese, vice-president of the Soccer Club, said that it was wrong to turn around and take away use of the school from the children. He said Clark teams were welcomed into other towns, and if they, in turn, could not host these teams, Clark was not a good town.

Mayor Nucera said he would be willing to sit down with representatives of the Soccer Club to try to come to an agreement. He said a council resolution was not necessary, it could not force the administration to utilize anything. He said it was not his wish to deny the children of Clark anything available to them.

The resolution requesting the mayor to grant use of the gymnasiums and cafeteria facilities to the Clark Soccer Club, was passed by a vote of 6 in favor, one absent.

In other business the council:

Italian club forming

A new Italian social club is forming in Clark. This club which will have a membership of those of Italian ancestry of VALLATA, (Province of Avellino, Italy.)

The purpose of this club will be to foster Italian cultural and social background, especially of those who have families who originate from Vallata. Anyone interested telephone Joe Monaco at 381-3420.

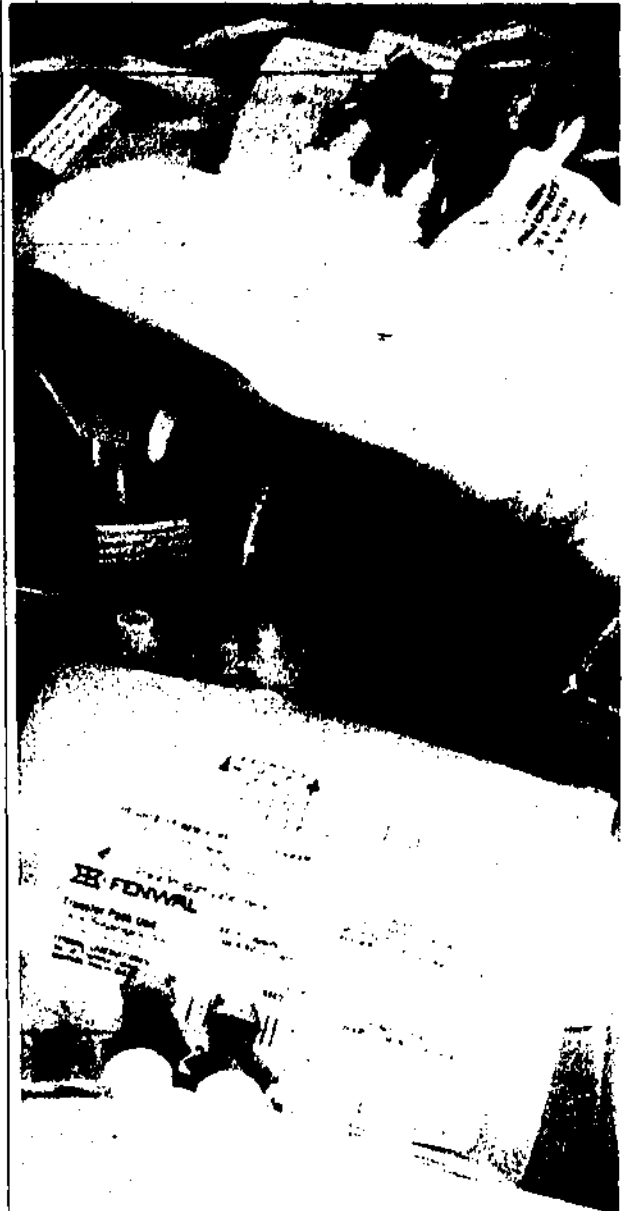
Approved a resolution awarding a contract to Fire and Safety Service Ltd., Piscataway, for purchase of various items of fire fighting equipment, wearing apparel and fire hose in the total amount of \$8,717.25.

Resolved that B. Sinclair Smith, Administrative Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics, be permitted to carry over five vacation days from the fiscal year 1984 to 1986.

Police officer applications available

Mayor George G. Nucera has announced that applications are available starting Jan. 1, 1986 for police officer civil service examinations.

Anyone interested in an application can pick one up at the Clark Police Headquarters, Dispatcher Desk, at any time.



BLOOD ... Most people don't see it in this form, yet these pouches of donated blood can make all the difference in life-threatening situations. Recently, 300 employees of Merck & Co., Inc. volunteered to donate blood during the semi-annual visit of the Red Cross to their plant. "We really appreciate this kind of response because the supply of blood is low," said Mary Ellen Scott, director of blood services for the American Red Cross in Union County. "In the event of an emergency, we don't want a problem with blood supplies. And, for people facing an operation like open-heart surgery, a good supply of blood is essential."



HOLIDAY STORY WRITING CONTEST ... Children at Frank K. Hehly School participated in a holiday story writing contest. Soon in the picture are Miss Cassidy and (top row) Keith Claudio, Todd Cohen, Paula Elliot and Ronny Todisco. Bottom row: Jennifer Alofi, Alicia Clarke, Leonard Schaefer, Troy Welsman and Anthony Sena. The winners are: Gr. 1 - Alicia Clarke and Jennifer Alofi; Gr. 2 - Leonard Schaefer and Troy Welsman; Gr. 3 - Keith Claudio and Anthony Sena; Gr. 4 - Todd Cohen; Gr. 5 - Paula Elliot, Sherry Stolack, Renny Todisco (honorable mention).

Squad auxiliary installs officers

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad installed new officers at a recent dinner. Officers for the coming year are Mrs. Josephine Quinn, president; Mrs. Marlene Calia, v.p.; Mrs. Rosemary Budrock, secretary; Mrs. Ann Panullo, treasurer; Mrs. Doris Cyran, historian; and Mrs. Julia Kosik, liaison. Norma Rice, current president, presided.

Clark senior center to re-open

The County of Union, Department of Parks and Recreation has announced the re-opening of the Senior Citizen's Center of Oak Ridge Golf Course on Oak Ridge Road in Clark.

The center, scheduled to open on Jan. 7 will be open Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the golf off-season. Recreational activities will be available on a daily basis, and special lectures and programs will be run on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All Union County residents aged 62 and over are invited to attend.

Programs scheduled for this year are: Jan. 7 - Union County Office on Aging; Jan. 9 - Social Security Benefits; Jan. 14 - Halley's Comet; Jan. 16 - Crime Pre-

vention; Jan. 21 - Golf Workshop; Jan. 23 - Internal Revenue Service; Jan. 28 - Union County Department of Parks and Recreation; Jan. 30 - Union County College Senior Citizen Programs and Services; Feb. 4 - History of New Jersey; Feb. 6 - Legal Concerns for Seniors; Feb. 11 - Travel for Seniors; Feb. 14 - St. Valentine's Day Party; Feb. 18 - Trip to Trailside Nature & Science Center for "Birds at the Feeder;" Feb. 20 - A Union County Taste of the Arts; Feb. 25 - Appreciation Day.

All programs will begin at 1 p.m. and last for 1 to 1 1/2 hours with a question and answer period. For further information, call Oak Ridge at 574-0133.

Mothers to march against birth defects

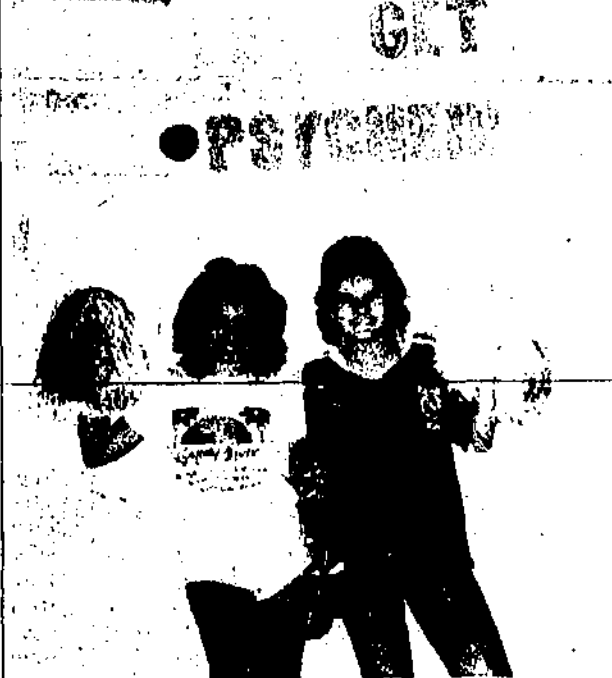
January 17 through February 2 marks the campaign dates of the annual Mothers March fundraiser to benefit the North Jersey Chapter of the March of Dimes. On these dates, residents of Union County will be "marching" door-to-door asking their neighbors for donations to help benefit birth defects prevention programs. All Mothers Marchers will carry proper identification in the form of official Mothers March tags. The volunteers will also distribute free educational pamphlets promoting birth defects prevention.

Mothers March began in Phoenix, Arizona in 1950 when volunteers "marched" door-to-door soliciting donations to benefit research against polio.

Eventually, these donations led to the funding and discovery of the Salk-polio vaccine. The drive is traditionally held in January to commemorate the birthday of March of Dimes founder, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

This year's Mothers March will continue to strive for the elimination of this nation's most serious child health problem. The March of Dimes asks that residents of Union County give generously when a marcher calls. Proceeds will be used to fund programs in education, medical services and research for the prevention of birth defects.

For more information, telephone the North Jersey Chapter of the March of Dimes at (201) 882-0700.



LET'S GET PSYCHED - "Green and White Day" was celebrated at Carl H. Kumpf School in Clark with a poster contest sponsored by the Student Council. Winners were Eva Anisko (left) and Chris Flyut (right). Their "Let's Get Psyched" poster came in first place. Second and third place winners were Jim Brown and Julie Olsen and Mark Legiec and Bob Czaplinski.

Board of Education sets additional January meetings

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. the Clark Board of Education will hold a Budget Workshop Meeting in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building. The public may be in attendance, but may not participate.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1986 there will be an open meeting first for the purpose of adopting the tentative 1986-87 budget. This will be followed by the scheduled caucus meeting at which time the agenda for the regular January board meeting will be set. This meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



GOVERNOR KEAN MEETS A CHARMER - Governor Thomas Kean is seen meeting March of Dimes State Poster Child Janel Kovars of Bedminster. March of Dimes Mothers March Union County Chairman Lucille Masclato looks on.



LET'S HEAR IT FOR KUMPF! - Pictured are members of the Carl Kumpf School '85-'86 Cheerleading Squad. Front: Captain Carrie Brennan and Co-Captain Karen Halleck. Middle row (left to right): Melania Shiel, Laurie Guerriero, Jennifer Barzellato, Maureen Green, Kristy Parise, and Nicole Jacobs. Back row (left to right):

Sherri Santos, Marissa Calenda, Shari Olsen, Jennifer Meehan, Dana Marchione, and Lori Lombardi. To spur their teams on to victory, the Kumpf cheerleaders, under the direction of Mrs. Ilene Fischer, led a pep rally and generated a wave of enthusiasm sparked by snappy routines.