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FOOD FOR THE NEEDY . . . Shown packing one of the boxes at Frank Hohly School are from left to right, front row: Leah Emmanouilidis, Heather Gentry, Stephanie Wooks and Michele Wang. In the back row are Detective Mike Kuch, Paul Westerfield, Captain Haloran and Lino Cassidy.

Police, teachers and students reach out to help needy

In keeping with the spirit of the holiday season, Frank Hohly School children participated in a food drive to help needy families in the area. What started out as a drive for enough food for a holiday meal, turned into enough food for about a week for the average family. Through their efforts, ten very large boxes of food were collected for distribution in holiday food packages by the Clark Police Department. Police department members participated extensively in the food drive by adding toys, a turkey, and many other products for each package.

To bring about a very successful food drive, Mr. Paul Westerfield coordinated the efforts of the students and worked in concert with the classroom teachers, Detective Mike Kuch of the Clark Police Department and Steven Marciniak, the Home School Coordinator for the Clark Public Schools. With regard to the generosity of the children and the amount of food they collected, Detective Kuch's departing comment was, "We should have brought the truck."



DRIVING TIPS BY CHIP . . . Students at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Clark, recently had the opportunity to speak with professional race car driver Chip Robinson on the subject of safe driving. In conjunction with Mr. Robinson's appearance, students viewed Chip's Tips on Safe Driving, a public service presentation co-produced by Carterot Savings and the New Jersey Automobile Club (AAA). The video combines live footage from the Miami Grand Prix with scenes filmed throughout the state. Chip's Tips encourages safe driving habits by offering practical suggestions for defensive driving. Pictured at Arthur L. Johnson Regional are (l-r) Assistant Principal David Carl, Senior Jeff Quallieri, Ariano Blumelisor, Health Teacher, Senior Brian Sims, and Chip Robinson.



STUDENTS ATTEND GOVERNMENT DAY . . . The tenth consecutive Youth in County Government Day was held at the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth for fifty-four of the top-ranked seniors from virtually every high school in Union County. The students toured the Union County Courthouse Complex and were treated to a luncheon at Town and Campus Restaurant. Dr. Vito A. Gagliardi, Union County Superintendent of Schools, was the featured speaker. Seen left to right are: standing—Edward Slomkowski, Union County Freeholder; Alfred Lindon, Acting Union County Deputy Manager; Nora Sheriff, Frances Arbez, Benedictine Academy; Joseph Salermo, Director, U.C. Youth Service Bureau. Seated—Natasha Margolin, Solomon Schacter School; Diane Clarke and Kimberly Dukes, Mother Seton High and Diane Castillo, Benedictine Academy.

Board Superintendent lists new policies for Johnson

by Pat DiMaggio

Regional Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Merachnik released a new policy statement from his office encouraging the participation of students on academic and educational competitive teams at the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 board meeting held on Jan. 7 at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

The statement, a second reading of a new proposed policy accepted by the board, reads as follows: "The Regional District recognizes the need for

students to enhance their academic and educational development by participating on teams or individually in an activity which fosters competition with students from other schools. This competition serves to improve a student's academic and cognitive skills. In addition, it may become a factor in influencing college admissions and receipt of a scholarship. It also provides a measure of pride and recognition for the school."

"The Board of Education shall encourage participation on academic and educational competitive teams. Each year it may budget a sum of money to support transportation to academic and educational team and individual competitions. Funds so allocated will be used at the discretion of the principal."

The superintendent's agenda also included a recommendation for board approval for the Regional District to participate in the new Governor's Teacher Recognition Program. This program, approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, recognizes outstanding teachers in New Jersey. A panel of up to 9 members would be established. This panel would accept nominations of outstanding teachers from the staff, administration, parents, students and the community. The superintendent would then examine the records of these nominees, in confidence, to verify that they have shown an exemplary record in addition to outstanding teaching abilities.

The panel could then recommend one teacher from each of the four Regional High Schools, this recommendation to be based upon significant contributions through teaching during 1984/85. Teachers selected would be expected to participate in the Governor's Convocation on "Excellence in Teaching." Each outstanding teacher selected would be awarded \$1,000 to be spent for improving some aspect of the Regional District program, including curriculum, student or faculty development or school improvement.

In other business the board: —Approved Arthur L. Johnson Drama Honor Society members to participate in a seminar on "Careers in the Theatre" at Neil's New York Theatre, Mountain Lakes, Feb. 11. The cost of the trip will be \$35 per student.

—Approved a field trip to the United Nations, New York City, for seventy-five students of Italian on March 7. The students will be chaperoned by Mr. Giovanni Capione and two additional faculty members from the school. Cost of the trip will be \$17.60 per student.

—Approved students from the Arthur L. Johnson Italian Honor Society to participate in a trip to New York City on April 23, to expose students to the Italian Culture. Cost of the trip will be \$12.80 per student with the Italian Honor Society paying for part of the transportation expenses.

School board candidates must file by February 6

Mr. H. Edward Flanagan, Board Secretary of the Clark Public Schools, has issued an advisory to local citizens reminding them that the deadline to file nominating petitions for local school board vacancies is Thursday, February 6.

At the same time, Mr. Flanagan announced that the New Jersey School Boards Association has sup-

plied the district with information booklets to assist candidates seeking seats on the local board. The pamphlets are titled "Be Part of A Great American Heritage: Serve on Your Local School Board." They contain sections on the role of the school board member, legal requirements for serving, campaign procedures, and services available to local school boards through their state Association. The pamphlets are free to anyone considering school board candidacy.

Interested citizens may obtain copies of the pamphlet by contacting Mrs. Streifel, 574-9602, or by telephoning the Communications Department of the New Jersey School Boards Association at (609) 695-7600, Ext. 209.

Volunteer Fire Department seeks new members

The Clark Volunteer Fire Department is accepting applications for new members. Any township resident interested can obtain an application any Thursday evening between 7 and 9 p.m., on any Sunday morning between 9 and 12 at fire headquarters located on Broadway.

1986 CLARK BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The following meetings will be held in the former Brewer School, room 25, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark.
Thursday, February 13; Wednesday, March 12; Wednesday, April 9; Wednesday, May 14; Wednesday, June 11; Wednesday, July 9; Wednesday, August 13; Wednesday, September 10; Wednesday, October 8; Wednesday, November 12 and Wednesday, December 3.

1986 CLARK BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REGULAR MEETINGS

The following meetings will be held in the council chambers, Westfield Ave., Clark, at 8 p.m.: Monday, January 27; Monday, February 24; Monday, March 24; Monday, April 28; Wednesday, May 28; Monday, June 23; Monday, July 28; Monday, August 25; Monday, September 22; Monday, October 27; Monday, November 24 and Wednesday, December 17.

Deutscher Club to hold dance

A Norddeutscher Abend dance will be held at the Deutscher Club of Clark, Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark, at 8 p.m., on Jan. 18. Music will be provided by Norbert Ludewig. Donation: members \$2 and non-members \$3.

Free current events course offered to seniors

Mayor George G. Nucera has announced that an agreement has been reached with Union County College to conduct a 3 credit course, HIS 091 Contemporary American Issues (Current Events) which will be held on Fridays, starting January 24, to May, in the Senior Citizen Center, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark.

This course will be conducted by Professor Philip Gold of Union College, from 1 to 3 p.m. All seniors and retired citizens are invited to register for this course on Friday, Jan. 24, starting at 1 p.m. The course will be conducted free of charge.

Squad auxiliary lists new officers

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

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MRS. MARCHESE TAKES OATH . . . Mayor George G. Nucera administers oath to Mrs. Theresa Marchese as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clark Free Public Library. Looking on is Mr. Charles McNulty, Board President, Miss Sandra Jones, newly appointed Library Director and Miss Grace O'Connor outgoing Library Director.

Library plans story time

Winter story time for preschoolers, aged 3½-5, will be held at the Clark Library on Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 10:30-11 a.m.

Parents who wish to register their children for the programs of stories, songs, fingerplays, and games may do so in person at the library or may telephone 388-5999.

Crusaders bow to Lions

Clark's Crusaders boys basketball team dropped a 47 to 43 decision to the Lions of Roselle Catholic on the winners court last week. The Lions scored the final five points in the last 58 seconds on a jumper by Chris Bornsrad, to send the Roselle team on top 44-43, then Darryl Smith hit one from the line and Tom Hunt hit two from the foul line. James Bodner lead the Crusaders with 13 points. The Crusaders are now 4 and 2 while the Lions are 4 and 1.

Sassala honored

Among the Monmouth College Who's Who honorees was Joseph J. Sassala of Clark. Sassala is a graduate assistant in the management and marketing program. He also is dormitory head resident, a member of Residence Hall Association and a student-orientation leader.

Library plans open house

The Clark Public Library will begin its 25th anniversary year with an "Open House" on Sunday, January 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be a display of library memorabilia; visits by former staff and board members, and a chance to "remember when." This is only the first in a year dedicated to the celebration of 25 years of service to the Clark community and plans for further programs will be available.

The Friends of the Library, the Board of Trustees and the staff invite all library patrons and friends to join them on Sunday.