

School Board adopts \$6.5 million budget

by Pat DiMaggio

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzio presented the proposed 1986-87 budget totalling \$6,567,862.50 to the Clark Board of Education at the regular monthly meeting held on March 25.

Township residents will vote on the Current Expense and Capital Outlay portions of the budget on April 15. The amount to be raised by taxes includes \$5,181,012 in Current Expense and \$1,475,000 in Capital Outlay.

The budget was adopted with a vote of 8 to 1, with Board Member James Kehoe voting against the resolution saying he was on

record for his opposition to the budget.

Also, bids received for the Hehrly School roof repairs were rejected by the board and will be re-advertised.

Dr. Ortenzio continued his introduction of the school staff with Mrs. Kathleen Sadlack, a teacher in the Gifted and Talented Education Program. Recently, Mrs. Sadlack's students placed in the regional Olympics of the Mind Competition.

Mr. Remo Maisto, an Art teacher at Valley Road School, joined the Clark public schools in 1957. He is a graduate of Bloomfield College, Newark State Col-

lege and holds an MA from Montclair College.

In other business the board:

—Approved the placement of a special education student in the Calais School of Whippany.

—Approved the Spring Sports Schedule and refer-

—Approved the following list of student teachers for 1986-87: Camille Ruggiero, Colleen Mary Moyle, Sandra L. Fisher, Janice Kiel, Cynthia A. Babetski.

—Approved the calendar for twelve month employees.

Workshop for Pneumatic Controls in Wanamassa, New Jersey.

—Approved the participation of Dorothy Rybak and Marianne Streisel at the Executive Secretary Computer Seminar sponsored by Fairleigh Dickinson University.

—Approved the authorization for the Superintendent and Board Members to attend the Spring Conference of the New Jersey Association of School Administrators and New Jersey School Boards Association on May 18-20 in Atlantic City.

—Approved a resolution authorizing the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to solicit bids for the

roof renovation at Carl H. Kumpf School.

—Approved the following additional election workers for the annual school election to be held on April 15: Gertrude Caruso, Lorraine Catalano, Pearl Cohen, Virginia Huska, Mildred Fulmer, Marlene Deara, Louise Stevens; Jennie Saunders and John Cull.

—Approved the addition of the following names to the Substitute List for 1986-87: Patricia Campbell, teacher; Diane MacAvoy, clerk.

—Approved twenty days sick leave compensation for 1985-86 to Michael Han-

Board approves spring schedule and referees

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The following Spring Sports Schedule and Referees were approved by the Clark Board of Education for 1986.

Softball: April 24, Roselle Park, Home; April 28, Winfield Park, Away; May 1, Cranford (Hillside Ave.), Home; May 5, Linden (Soehl Jr. High), Home; May 7, Garwood, Away; May 9, Cranford (Orange Ave.), Away; May 12, Rahway, Home; May 14, St. Agnes, Away; May 16, Cranford (Hillside Ave.), Away; May 19, Roselle Park, Away; May 20, Winfield Park, Home; May 23, Linden (McManus), Home; May 27, Cranford (Orange Ave.), Home; May 28, Garwood, Home; May 29, Rahway, Away.

Baseball: April 8, Elizabeth (Battin), Home; April 14, Elizabeth (Battin),

Home; April 16, Pingry,

Home; April 18, Cranford (Hillside Ave.), Away; April 22, Winfield, Home; April 28, Berkeley Heights, Away; April 30, Cranford (Hillside Ave.), Home; May 5, Scotch Plains (Terril Rd.), Home; May 7, Linden (Soehl), Home; May 12, Cranford (Orange Ave.), Away; May 13, Wardlaw, Home; May 16, Cranford (Orange Ave.), Home; May 20, Linden (McManus), Away; May 22, Winfield, Away; May 28, Scotch Plains Park Ave., Away; May 29, Berkeley Heights, Home.

Referees for Softball, Baseball and Lacrosse will include: John Bodner, Ben Candelino, Charles Davis, Frank DeSanto, Bill Lord, George Nucera, Joe Nugent, Bob Vitar, Joe Wukovits and Percy Wukovits.



BOWLERS FOR SPAULDING... Members of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church's "Luther League" recently participated in a Bowls-Thon to benefit Westfield's Spaulding for Children. Spaulding for Children is a free adoption agency for older and handicapped children. Pictured, (l-r) front row, are Vicar Ken Davidson, Linda Miklas, Melissa McDermott; and back row, P.J. Miklas, Ron Fabrice, Greg Schubert, and Chris Lindquest. The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is located on Harlan Road in Clark.

Book Club to meet

Clark Public Library's Book Discussion Club will meet on Monday, April 21, from 2-3 p.m., to discuss Shirley MacLaine's books, "You Can Get There From Here," and "Out on a Limb."

Clark Pony League now forming teams

Mayor George G. Nucera has announced the Clark Pony League is now forming teams for the 1986 Baseball Season. Anyone residing in Clark between the ages of 13 through 16 is eligible to play.

Registration will take place at the Clark Recreation Center (Brewer School) on Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m.

New players registering must have a copy of their birth certificate.

The cost of registration is \$15 per family and applicants must have a parent or legal guardian present while registering.

Coaches and umpires are also needed. Anyone interested should stop in on the above date or call Vince Liguori, League Director, at 382-7850.

Smoke detectors save lives!

The Clark Volunteer Fire Department has issued the following message on the importance of smoke detectors:

Most people who die in home fires are not the victims of flames. They inhale smoke and poisonous gases that rise ahead of the flames. They suffocate to death in the middle of the night, asleep, never knowing what happened. Smoke and fire gases are a greater danger than flames. Be forewarned: Install a smoke detector. Place at least one

detector on each floor, near exits and outside bedrooms. Install and maintain them according to manufacturer's instructions. Make sure they are in working condition. Do you have at least two ways out?

To report a fire call the Clark Police Department at 388-3434 or dial "0" for operator.

If you have a Township calendar, the phone number for the Police Department is wrong — call 388-3434.

Shouldn't you have a smoke detector now?



HERE'S TO THE WINNERS... Posing with their entries at the awards luncheon are three of the happy winners from the third annual Elizabethtown Gas Company student Energy Conservation Poster Contest. From left to right are: Amy Beth Heller, a student at the Valley Road School, who captured third place in the grades 4-8

group; Teresa Loong, who attends the Carl H. Kumpf School and tied for third place in the grades 7-8 category; and Megan Healy of the Valley Road School, a winner for the second consecutive year, who took first place in the grades 1-3 group. All three are Clark residents.

Clark student becomes two-time winner in annual poster contest

Megan Healy of the Valley Road School became a two-time winner and two other Clark residents captured awards in the Elizabethtown Gas Company's third annual Energy Conservation Poster Contest.

Miss Healy, who finished second last year in grades 1-3, took the top spot this year with a first place finish in the same grade group. The win netted her a \$50 cash award.

The other winners from Clark were Amy Beth Heller, also of the Valley Road School, who won \$25 for third place in the grades 4-6 category; and Teresa Loong of the Carl H. Kumpf School, whose third place tie in the 7-8 grade competition garnered her a \$50 cash award.

Four ties in the judging were evidence of the stiff competition in the brief history of the contest.

The students, all from schools in the Elizabethtown Gas service area, were required to create original poster ideas conveying the message of energy conservation, according to Clarence Bauknight, general manager of energy conservation for Elizabethtown Gas. Entries were received from more than 900 students, more than double the number of entries last year.

The students compete for cash prizes and winners are selected from each of five categories: grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12. Each category has three winners; first, second and third place.

Clark Library to accept overdue books without fines

The Clark Public Library will hold a Fine Free Week April 6 through April 12, in celebration of National Library Week.

Overdue books will be accepted no matter when they were checked out.

For further information phone 388-5999.

The ties, the first in the contest's history, created a total of 19 winners.

The ties in the contest occurred in grades 1-3 for first place, grades 7-8 for third place and grades 9-10 and 11-12 for third place.

"We're trying to introduce the students to the concept of energy conservation because they are our future homeowners and business owners," said Bauknight. "It is essential for them to be exposed to the message of energy conservation now, so that they can benefit from energy conservation programs in the future."

A special luncheon honoring the winners was held Thursday, February 13 at Elizabethtown Gas headquarters in Elizabeth. Frank Bahniuk, senior vice president with Elizabethtown Gas, presented the awards. The students will be honored further, according to Bauknight, when their winning posters are used to compose a 1987 calendar. It will be the second year the popular calendar featuring the winning posters will be distributed to the schools, that all the students and teachers may benefit from the work of those who entered the competition.

The list of winners, their hometowns and representative schools includes:

Grades 1-3
1—tie: Megan Healy, Clark; Valley Road School; \$50, Jodi Bertelson, Westfield; Tamaques School; \$50.

Council to introduce 1986 budget

The Municipal Council of Clark Township will hold a special meeting on Friday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. to introduce the 1986-1987 budget. The meeting will be held in the Municipal Building Council Chambers, 315 Westfield Ave., and is open to the public.

2—Ryan Van Doren, Milford; Holland Township School; \$30.

3—Julie Parker, Westfield; Tamaques School; \$20.

Grades 4-6
1—Tara Sosnowski, Perth Amboy; Samuel E. Shull School; \$75.

2—Steve Lin, High Bridge; Round Valley School; \$50.

3—Amy Beth Heller, Clark; Valley Road School; \$25.

Grades 7-8
1—Frank Teran, Elizabeth; Battin Career Ctr.; \$100.

2—Brendan Doyle, Pennington; Timberlane Jr. School; \$75.

3—tie: Teresa Loong, Clark; Carl H. Kumpf School; \$50, Paul

Barkowski, Perth Amboy; Samuel E. Shull School \$50.

Grade 9-10
1—Shana Moore, Scotch Plains; Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS; \$125.

2—Brian Bloch, Scotch Plains; Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS; \$100.

3—tie: Bill Hallan, Scotch Plains; Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS \$75, Christie McEvoy, Fanwood; Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS \$75.

Grades 11-12
1—Tom Tarulli, Scotch Plains; Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS; \$150.

2—Vicki Wojdt, Fanwood; Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS; \$125.

3—tie: Jennifer Wrubel, Scotch Plains; Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School \$100, Cynthia Koester, Elizabeth; Elizabeth HS; \$100.



KEAN DEDICATES TO CASE... Governor Thomas H. Kean attended ceremonies last Wednesday in Rahway dedicating a senior citizen apartment complex to the late Senator Clifford P. Case, a life-long resident of Rahway. The \$2.5 million 40-unit complex is located on West Milton Avenue.



SPELLING BEE WINNERS... The Knights of Columbus Bishop Justin J. McCarthy Council #5503 of Clark recently held their annual Spelling Bee at their council hall at 27 Westfield Avenue in Clark. The winners, seated from left to right, from Saint John's School were Kristin Rickes (first place); Lori LoPiccolo (second place); and Christopher Orenszak (third place). Standing, from left to right, are Grand Knight Thomas Witka, and eighth grade teachers Mrs. Nata of Saint John's, Mrs. Mary Doherty of Saint Agnes; and Fred Kiegl, the Knights of Columbus Chairman. Kristin Rickes will now compete in the County competition.