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\$6.3 million budget adopted

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark Municipal budget was adopted by a vote of 5-0 at a special meeting held on May 12.

The 1986-87 budget totals \$6.3 million and shows an increase of \$607,000 over last year's budget of \$5.7 million.

Council President Raymond Know pointed to several areas of increase over which the township

has no control. These include increases of \$76,000 for Highway Valley Sewage; \$45,000 for Group Hospital Insurance; \$30,000 for Municipal Insurance; \$140,000 for contracted salaries; \$40,000 for dumping costs; \$6,000 for Fire Hydrant Services; \$26,000 for PERS/HCA; \$38,000 for police cars; and \$24,000 for Spring Clean-Up Work.

The amount to be raised by taxes totals \$2,615,000

and reflects a 2 point tax increase for residents. According to Know, taxes will be raised by \$30 on a home assessed at \$150,000.

Councilman Bernard Hayden voted against adoption of the budget saying he felt more than \$60,000 could be cut from the total. He pointed to Spring Clean-Up as an unnecessary item, saying residents could call the township to have debris picked up. He also questioned Recreation Department

salaries. Stressing the fact that he was not against the Recreation Department, Hayden explained he was asking for "accountability from the Directors. I am asking where the money is being spent."

Councilman Fred Eckel, in voting for the budget, reminded the council of last year's zero budget. "This year it's up 2 points. We did the best we could under the circumstances."

Although voting in favor of the budget, Councilwoman Ruth DeLuca pointed to some areas of disagreement. "The council has worked very hard on this budget," said DeLuca.

"Although I am not 100 percent in favor, especially in the areas of salaries, I intend to vote yes."

Councilman Brian Toal was absent.

School board lists student and staff accomplishments

by Pat DiMaggio
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzio announced the winners of the Clark Public Library 25th Anniversary Essay Contest. From Valley Road School first place went to Michael Levay and second place went to Renee Jadro. First place winner Michael Mentel and second place winner Daniel Montgomery are from Frank K. Hehly School.

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James Loprete, a resident of Rahway, has been an employee since 1980 and is a maintenance mechanic in the school district. Loprete attended Union County Technical and Vocational Schools and is a New Jersey Black Seal Fireman.

Serving as a kindergarten teacher in each of the district's schools since 1970, Miss Lynn Harko is a graduate of Kean College. Harko recently attended two Gesell Institute programs in anticipation of curriculum changes.

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Nancy Occhipinti awarded duPont Fellowship and Saltz Fellowship

Miss Nancy Occhipinti, a Clark township student, has recently been awarded a duPont Fellowship and a Saltz Fellowship by the Graduate School at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. These awards, which total \$5,000, will cover tuition, room and board and living expenses for the 1986-1987 academic year.

The Philip Francis duPont Fellowships were established in 1928 by a gift from Philip Francis duPont, an alumnus. These fellowships are awarded on the basis of achievement and scholarly promise. Ordinarily only students whose ages do not exceed thirty five years are eligible. In some instances, these fellowships may be supplemented by

graduate assistantships. Appointments are made upon the recommendation of the Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

The Robert D. Saltz Memorial Fellowship was established in 1972 upon the gift of the Saltz family and donors' contributions to the Robert D. Saltz Memorial Fund. Appointment is made on the recommendation of the Department of English.

Miss Occhipinti is working toward her Ph.D. in English, her concentration is in the field of American literature. She is the daughter of John and Nancy Occhipinti and a 1985 graduate of Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts.



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Hehly principal to retire after 36 years service

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark Board of Education approved a resolution honoring Hehly School Principal John E. Conlin at their regular meeting held on May 13.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzio called Conlin "an outstanding educator since 1950." Conlin will retire on August 31, after 36 years of service in the district. "Mr. Conlin does truly put the child ahead of all other considerations," said Ortenzio.

In other action, the board approved an administrative change in travel reimbursement from 20 cents a mile to 22 cents a mile for school-related use of personal vehicles and approved

board members attendance at the Union County School Boards Annual Spring Meeting on June 2.

Hourly pay rates for the following categories will be effective on July 1: Cafeteria/Playground Aide, \$5.50; Library Aide, \$5.50; Preschool Aide, \$5.50; Van Driver and Sub, \$8; Bus Driver and Sub, \$8.93; Substitute Clerk, \$6; Substitute Custodian, \$7; Substitute Maintenance, \$7; Substitute Teacher, \$45 per day.

Dr. Alexander Kowalenko and Dr. Mino Santiago were reappointed as Medical Officers at \$1,850 per year, with \$10 for each extracurricular examination.

Sports officials reimbursement was increased from \$20 per game to \$25 per game for 1986-87. Cindy Concavage was employed as an Interpreter for the Deaf/Teacher Aide for 1986-87 at a rate of \$12.50 per hour.

The following school lunch prices were approved for the 1986-87 school year: Elementary Schools, 90 cents; Middle School, 95 cents; Adult meal, \$1.40; A La Carte, 55 cents.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION was awarded to Edward P. Galchis, pictured left, on May 10, by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Clark Lodge 2327 for 20 years of meritorious service as treasurer for the Lodge. Exalted Ruler Walter Karmazyn, Jr., right, presented this recognition on behalf of the members of the Clark Lodge.



MAYOR NUCERA GETS HIS POPPY... Seen in photo as Mayor Nucera donates are various group representatives, sponsoring poppy sales. Seen from left to right are Jane Bora, Auxiliary Chaplain, John L. Ruddy Post 7363, Clark VFW, Ralph Whittle, Chaplain, Post 7363, Mayor George Nucera, Ted Lambach, Historian, Legion Post 328, Jessie Cox, President of Clark Unit 328 and Donald McArdle, Vice Commander, Post 328. The township is asked by all groups to support poppy sales. Mayor Nucera has designated May 16 thru May 26 as the days set aside for the distribution of this symbol of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead. A proclamation was issued by Mayor Nucera.

Township to distribute surplus dry milk, honey

George C. Nucera, Mayor of the Township of Clark, announced that the Township will be participating in the Federal Dairy Program by giving to those Clark residents, who qualify, surplus dry milk and honey. The distribution of these items will take place on Thursday, May 22, between the hours of 12 noon and 4 p.m., at the Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, (side

entrance, at the cafeteria of the Senior Citizen Center).

Mayor Nucera stated that during the last distribution, the township received several complaints from recipients that the eligibility requirements were not standard with every distribution. He realizes that in many instances it is the recipient who may not be aware of the change in the poverty guidelines, or it may be someone who has not participated recently.

There are also those senior citizens who still aren't aware of the change regarding PAA.

Louis Sissel, Welfare Director for the Township of Clark, announced that only the following criteria will be used when determining the eligibility for receipt of federal surplus commodities:

- Program Participation: Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC); Food Stamp Program; Women, Infants & Children (WIC); Medicaid; or Supplemental Social Security.

- Income Guidelines: Family Size 1, Annual Income, \$9,713; 2, \$13,043.

Mayor Nucera's Coordinator, Mrs. Louis Sissel, of the commodity distribution programs for the Township of Clark, advises eligible seniors that they will need to either bring proof of their income or participation in one of the above mentioned programs, or be prepared to sign a self-certification form attesting to their income in order to receive the commodities. Anyone having questions regarding the program may call 388-3600, extension 11.

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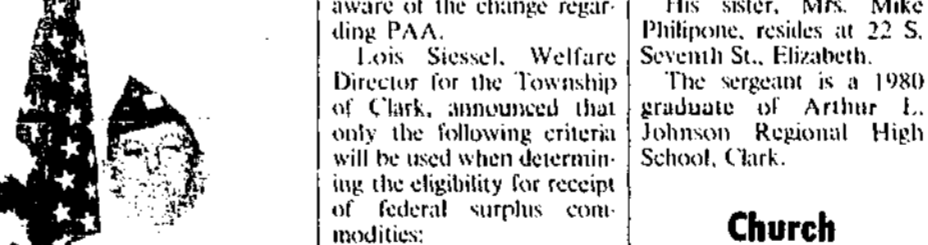
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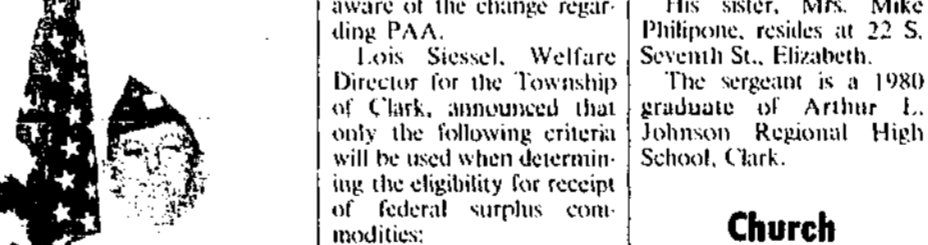
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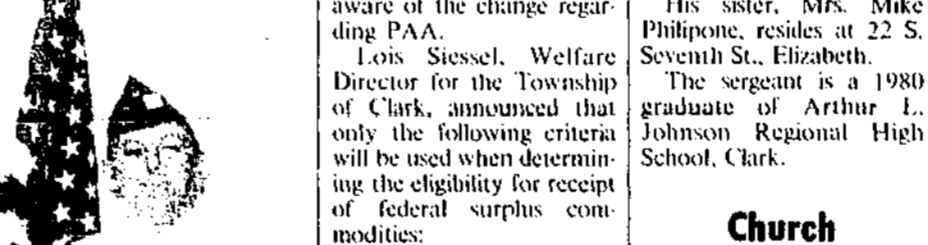
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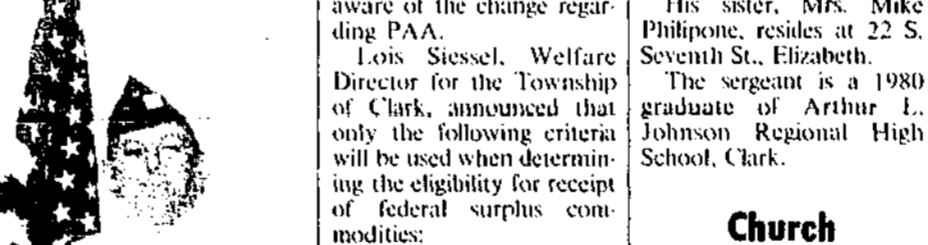
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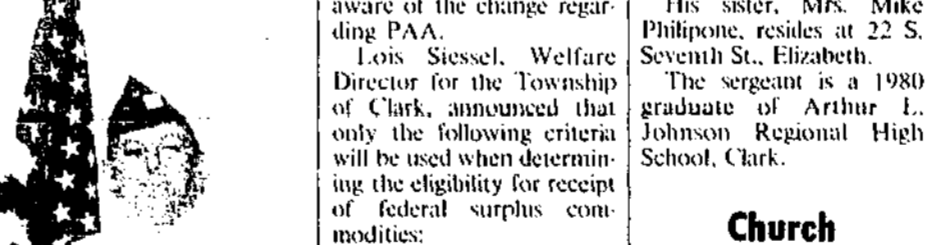
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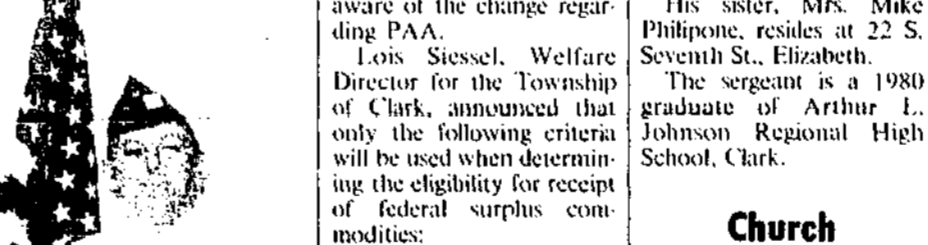
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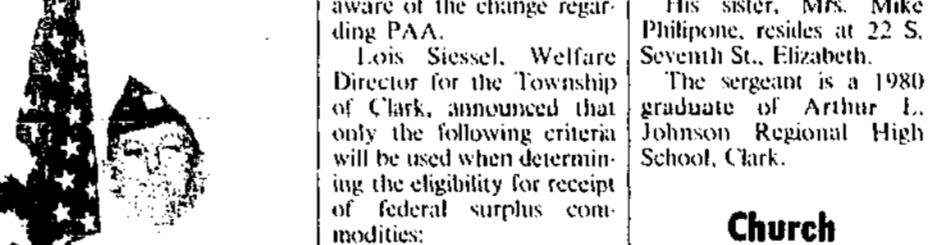
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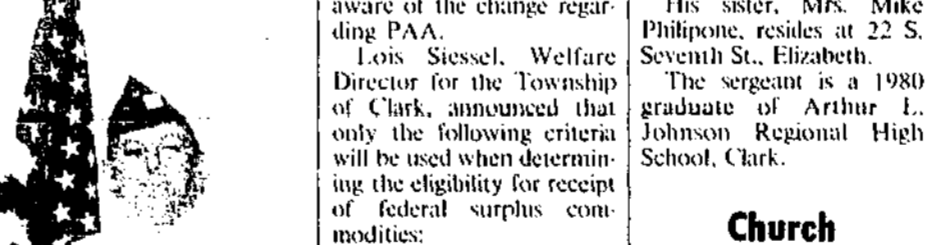
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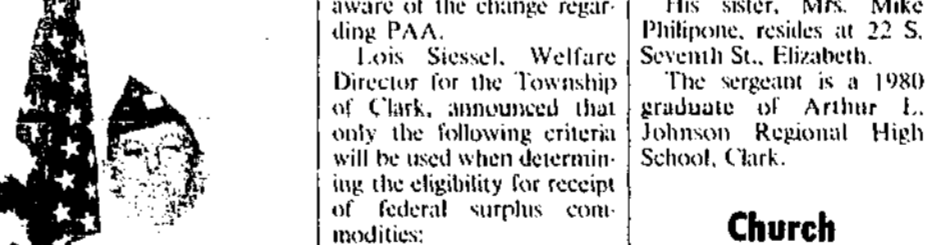
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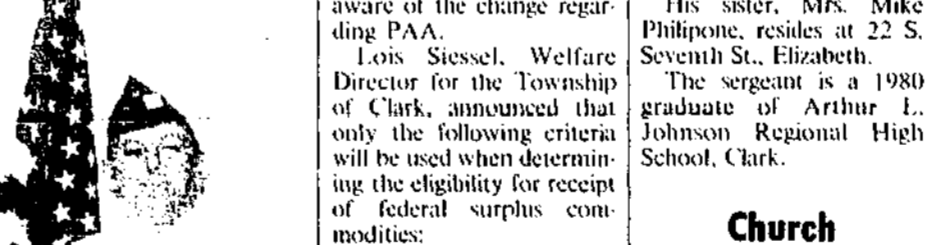
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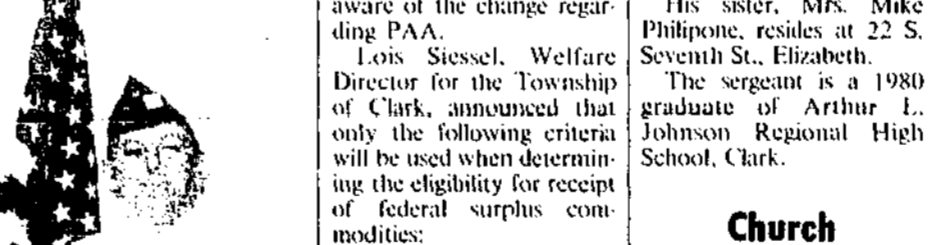
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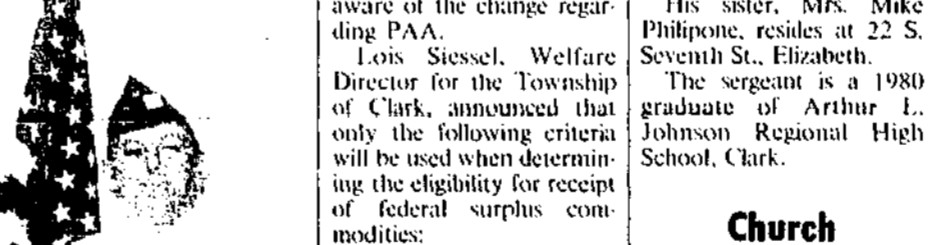
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