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## Central Ave. bridge considered in light of pedestrian fatality

by Pat DiMaggio  
A resolution calling for a bridge across Central Avenue between the Howard Johnson Restaurant and Bradlees Shopping Plaza was discussed at the Clark Municipal Council meeting held on May 19.

Councilman Fred Ekel called for a resolution asking the City Engineer to look into the possibility of installing a bridge over Central Avenue in light of the pedestrian death of 16-year-old Sandra Lopez of Rahway last week. "One fatality in town is enough," said Ekel.

The entire council approved drafting such a resolution.

Also during the meeting, Councilman William Carr said the Mayor of Cranford had withdrawn his proposal to move the Convention Center across town to property adjacent to Clark and thanked residents for their support in writing letters and circulating petitions.

Property owned by the township located on Brent Ave. and formerly used as a recreation center will be sold at auction to the

highest bidder who meets the minimum price of \$200,000 on June 16, at the Municipal Offices at 8 p.m. In other business, the council:

Approved a resolution urging the release of a Senate bill which would declare above ground utility and storage tanks as personal property rather than real property.

Approved a resolution establishing the annual salary for Communication Operator Marc Weinstock at \$11,334.

Authorized a refund in the amount of \$29,831 on third and fourth quarter taxes for the pipe line to Texas Eastern Transmission of Texas.

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HEROES HONORED... 1986 Valor Award recipients, from left: Firefighter Wesley W. Ditzel, Jr., Cranford Fire Department; Captain Gerard Boyle, Elizabethtown Fire Department; State Trooper Brian C. Caffrey, N.J. State Police; Patrolman Richard Accanow, Summit Police Department; Lieutenant John F. Driscoll, III, Plainfield Police Department.

## Five local heroes honored by 200 Club of Union County

The 200 Club of Union County honored five uniformed men for their bravery at the L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountain Lake on May 16. The

honorees were: Captain Gerard Boyle, Elizabethtown Fire Department; Patrolman Richard Accanow, Summit Police Department; Lt. John F. Driscoll, III, Plainfield Police Department; Wesley W. Ditzel, Jr., Cranford Fire Department; Trooper Brian C. Caffrey, N.J. State Police.

Because of their diligent service to protect and serve the people of Union County, five public servants have been chosen as this year's valor award recipients. Each of these men have been awarded with a 200 Club Medal of Valor and a luncheon in their honor.

Created in 1968 by a concerned group of business people, the 200 Club luncheon has become a momentous tradition among the people of Union County. This year's luncheon was attended by over 375 people.

The 200 Club of Union County also provides scholarships to the children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty, and has over the years added scholarship funding for continuing education for qualified uniformed protectors.

The 200 Club of Union County is a non-profit organization, dedicated to provide aid and support the survivors and dependents of those who served as policemen and firefighters in Union County and to award those members of police and firefighters for their courage and valor above and beyond the call of duty.

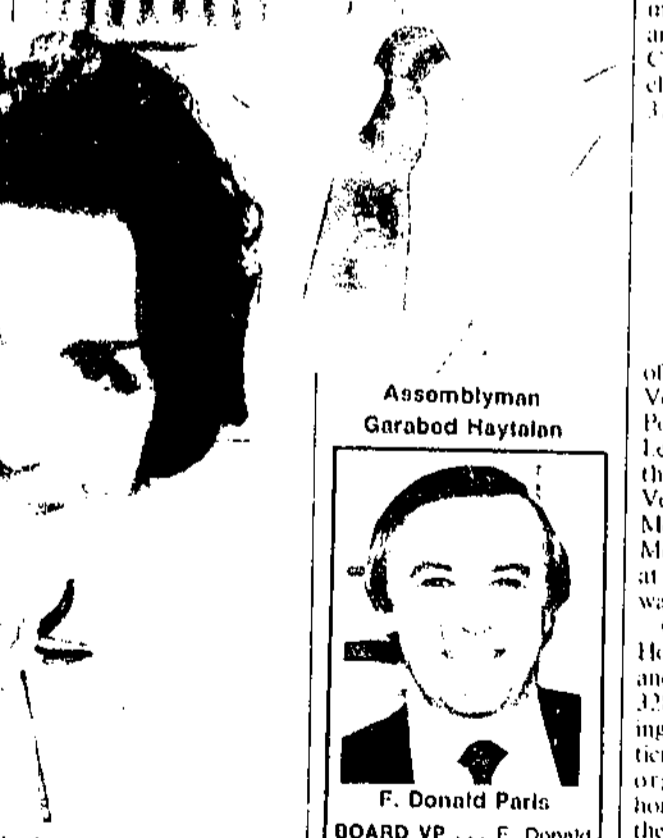
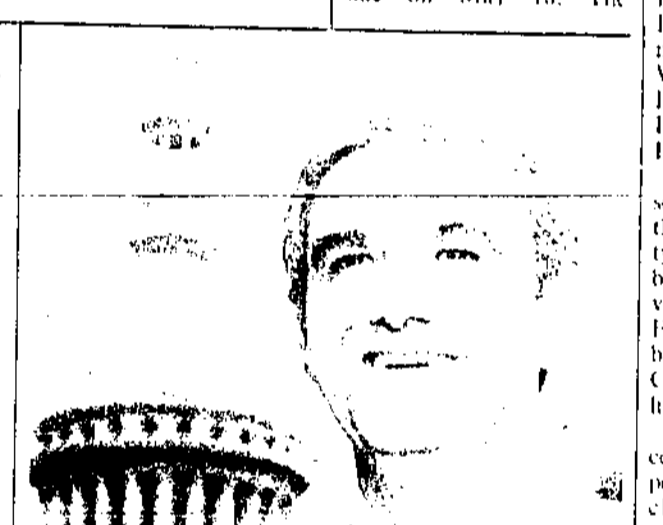
Memorial Day  
MAY 26, 1986

## Historical Society will present Armenian heritage program

The Clark Historical Society will offer a program of special interest at its May 28 meeting at the Clark Library, 303 Westfield Ave., Clark, at 8 p.m.

Speaking on the subject, "My Armenian Heritage" will be Virginia Apelian, resident of Clark and well known in surrounding communities. Mrs. Apelian will give a brief history of the Armenian people and discuss present day Armenia. A graduate of Rutgers University and Union College in Cranford, Mrs. Apelian has served as Councilwoman in Clark, Administrative Aide to the N.J. State Assembly, and supervisory positions in Electronic Corp. of America and U.S. Defense Dept. in Springfield. At present, she serves as Office Manager in an engineering firm in Fairwood, as well as a teacher of "Assertiveness Training" in the Union County Regional Adult School in Clark.

Mrs. Apelian will introduce N.J. State Assembly Majority Leader Garabed "Chuck" Haytaian, Assemblyman, District 24, (Warren/Sussex) who will address the meeting and present the Clark Historical Society



with a special "Resolution" of home made Armenian delicacies for the enjoyment of those present. Guests are cordially invited and there is no admission charge, a spokesperson reports.

## Veterans Committee finalizing plans for Memorial Day

The Veterans Committee of Clark, consisting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7363, the American Legion Clark Post 328, and the Disabled American Veterans Post 14, will hold Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 26 at 11 a.m. at Memorial Park on Broadway in Clark.

Commanders William Holschneider of Post 7363 and John Specht of Post 328 have asked the following organizations to participate with the Veterans organizations in paying homage to those who gave their lives for America: the Knights of Columbus, the Clark Volunteer Fire Department, Clark Police Department, Elk Lodge, Lions Club, senior citizens, Winfield Clark Girl Scouts and the Town Council.

The Color Guard and Firing Squad will be conducted by the Clark Police Department, and taps will be played by students from

A.J. Johnson Regional High School. Monsignor Flusk of St. Agnes Parish will conduct the opening and closing prayers. The Honorable Mayor George Shucera and Monsignor Flusk will be the speakers. Commander Holschneider of the V.F.W. stated, "Memorial Day is not only a day to remember the dead of our country's wars. More importantly it is a time to remember the causes for which they fought and the sacrifices they made. It is a day to affirm our trust in God both in life and death."

Commander John Specht of the American Legion added, "As we observe this day of remembering, we signal to all that we will not let those ideals for which these brave men and women died ever pass from our memories. A clear signal to those who threaten freedom, do not underestimate the will of this free nation."



SPREADING JOY... The Joy quartet will sing at the Union County Baptist Church on Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m.

## Baptist Church buys chapel

The Union County Baptist Church located at 4 Valley Rd., will be celebrating its purchase of the Clark property, rented for the past nine and one half years. It is the original site of the historic Bethlehem Union Chapel, founded in 1829. The closing was finalized May 12 and the congregation is inviting everyone to a special service on May 29 to acknowledge this accomplishment.

The Joy Quartet from Pensacola Christian College will present a program of sacred music on Thursday, 7 p.m., at the Union County Baptist Church and

The ensemble consists of four young people, a piano accompanist, and a college representative. The program will feature sacred music, skits and testimonies by the Florida young people.

The members of the group are Beth Ann Greener, Florida; James Hicks, Virginia; Jenny Kester, South Carolina; Ed Torres, California; and Tom Zacharias, Michigan. The college representative will provide information about the college, which has grown from 30 students to over 1,600 in just twelve years.

Located on the sunny Gulf Coast of the Florida panhandle, Pensacola Christian is a four year Christian College. The Joy Quartet is one of the five groups representing the school throughout the United States. Twelve ensembles will perform in over 500 churches throughout the continental United States and Canada during the summer.

TCB is pastored by Dr. Frank D. Papanicolaou. He founded the Independent



SPEAKING OUT... John Murphy, a resident of Clark, left, recently visited Westfield High School and spoke to health classes about the ill effects of drinking and drinking. John had a very promising career in professional baseball interrupted in 1982 when he was hit through a red light. After being in a coma for six weeks and in the hospital and recovery and speaks to students throughout Union County to enlighten them of the dangers of drinking while under the influence of alcohol. He is pictured with Margaret Finkelbaum, Health Educator at Westfield High School, and Wanda Reichard, a student.