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WORKSHOP CONCERT... Mr. Al Pendleton, Vocal Music Instructor at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, conducted the Regional District Vocal Workshop Concert held recently. The concert ended

the summer evening workshop held at the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. Residents of all six regional district communities were invited to participate.

DeRosa retiring as principal of ALJ

by Pat DiMaggio
The end of what many people believe to be an institution is in sight with the retirement on September 26 of Louis DeRosa, Principal of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark for the past 10 years. DeRosa faces the end of his tenure as an educator with mixed emotions.

Union County Regional High School District 1 Superintendent of School Dr. Donald Merachnik spoke highly of the retiring principal. "He has been an institution in the regional district," said Dr. Merachnik. "He is a strong leader and an advocate of students at Johnson. He has been the kind of principal and person people look up to. People realize he has always had the best interest of the students at heart."

Dr. Merachnik said that the attitude of the students at Johnson is important to DeRosa and he feels he has added to the strengthening of discipline during his tenure. He leaves with good feelings and confidence in the future for those he leaves behind. "I think we've run a good program," he said. "It has gotten better and will continue to progress after I leave. The students come from good parents and they know the rules. The students have come to feel that this is their school and they enjoy coming. I know this will continue in the future."

Joining the district in 1948, DeRosa was a teacher of English and social studies and is a former football and basketball coach. When Johnson Regional opened in 1956, he transferred his expertise to Clark, becoming assistant principal in 1963. He was appointed as principal in 1977.

Married and the father of three daughters, DeRosa is a grandfather to seven. "Six boys and one girl," he explained, "with one on the way." He lives in Somerville.

Louis DeRosa has been a popular principal with students and with the administration.



Louis DeRosa Retiring Sept. 26

'Community-minded' parents invited to participate in new school programs

by Pat DiMaggio
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzo announced new programs returning students and parents can look forward to in Clark for the 1986-87 school year.

A new Houghton Mifflin reading program will be introduced in grades 1 through 8, a special education parents' council will be developed, and a series of community workshops will be made available to parents.

Under the direction of Dr. Shirley Ikeda, the parents' council will act as a steering committee whose

purpose will be to have parental involvement and community input to provide a 'sense of balance' to programs. The council will meet periodically.

A series of community workshops will be made available to parents every other month to deal with the topics of reading and mathematics. A two-part workshop will deal with the effective skills of parenting. "We've talked about community involvement," said Dr. Ortenzo, "and this is a way to share our skills with parents. We will try to give our educational system some community base."



FRED ECKEL

CLARK COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE FRED ECKEL, pictured above, has announced that beginning Wednesday, September 3, his office at the Clark Municipal Building will be open from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. He stated the additional hours will make it easier for people who work during the daytime to resolve problems at a more convenient time. The Councilman can be reached at 388-3600, or at 499-0972, his home, for emergencies.



SUMMER LEARNING... John Dlugaszewski of Clark, right, is congratulated by work supervisor Steve Gotto, for successfully completing the Nokomis Program held at Keystone Junior College in La Plume, PA. The five-week summer residential program is modeled after the Youth Conservation Corps with an added emphasis on academics. Dlugaszewski, a senior at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, is the son of John Dlugaszewski

"Pedal With Heart" for fun and good health

Anthony's Bike Shop of Rahway is among the many north and central New Jersey businesses and organizations supporting "Pedal With Heart," a sixteen-mile bicycle tour through Stokes State Forest to benefit the American Heart Association. For more serious cyclists, a thirty-three mile tour has been mapped out.

The ride will begin at 10 a.m., September 14, from the park office at Stokes State Forest, Route 206, Branchville. Registration fees are \$8 with sponsors of .25 cents per mile, or \$10 without sponsors.

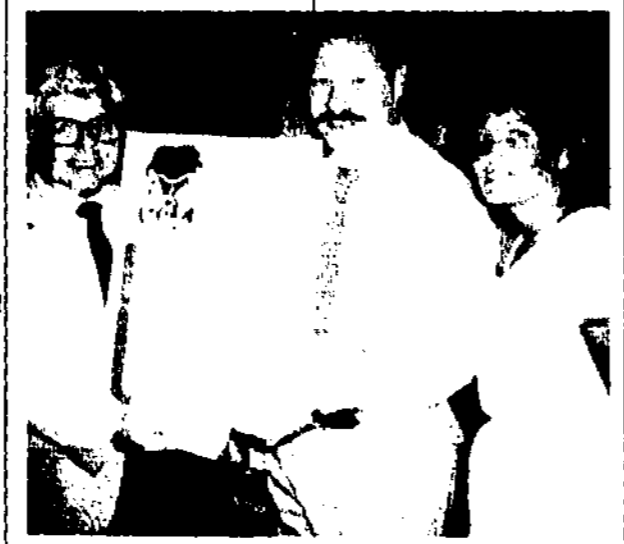
The first 200 sponsored registrants will receive a souvenir hat; Tofutti Brands, Inc. is donating free

refreshments and has also invited youngsters to wear Rudi and Judi, the Tofutti bears. Prizes will be given to top fund raisers and overnight camping facilities will be available for those interested.

Since bicycling is one of the large muscle exercises recommended by the American Heart Association, this fund raising event will not only provide fun for the entire family, but will also promote good heart health.

All proceeds benefit American Heart Association research, education and community service activities.

For more information, call the American Heart Association, 376-3636.



"PEDAL WITH HEART"... Nicholas Quadrel, president of the Rahway Clark Unit of the American Heart Association, (left), is shown receiving a registration form for "Pedal With Heart" from Jim Kennedy and Anne Chussler, both of Rahway, co-chairpersons of the event to be held September 14 at Stokes State Forest. "Pedal With Heart" is a 16-mile bicycle tour with all proceeds going to the American Heart Association. Registration forms are available at all local bicycle shops or by writing: AHA, P.O. Box 575, Rahway, N.J. 07065.

Winter hours announced at Clark Library

Winter hours will be in effect after Labor Day at the Clark Public Library. They are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Book Drop will be open when the library is closed.

A Fine Free Week will be observed September 7-13 for the opportunity to return all overdue materials without paying the fines.

American Legion Post 328 to participate in Wildwood convention

Clark Post 328 will be sending 12 delegates to the American Legion, Department of New Jersey's 68th annual convention in Wildwood on Sept. 4, 5 and 6. They will be joined by delegates from Union County posts and 20 other counties. Dept. Commander George Sampson will preside.

Delegates from Post 328 are Commander John Specht; Commander Elect Don McArdle; Historian Ted Lambach; Judge Advocate Nelson Metchatowski; Trustees William Wirth and George Torrochi, and members Joseph Reiser and Tony Malanga. Also in attendance will be four Union County Past Commanders, William Cox, Joseph Mikus, Ray Grimes, and Joseph Rybak.

Commander Elect McArdle states the Post has entered three department contests for the 1985-86 year. He also states Post

Officers elected to Parents' Board at Mother Seton

The new officers elected to the Mother Seton Parents' Board for 1986-87 are: president, Mr. and Mrs. William Ehrhardt of Springfield; vice president, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Makony of Edison; treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. David Bernosky of Springfield; and recording secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Imbricco of Linden.

328 had the distinction of contributing \$8,502 to various organizations such as Special Olympics, Deborah Hospital, St. Johns the Apostle Church in Clark, and to programs such as girls softball, little league, soccer league, school contests, American Legion baseball, veterans' hospitals, and off-station parties, and a children's Christmas party.

Commander Elect McArdle concluded by stating that the Clark Post 328 will continue in the American Legion tradition which is "community, state, and nation, children and youth programs, and the rehabilitation of our veterans and the needy."



FIGHT AGAINST MOSQUITOES... The Division of Mosquito Control of the Union County Department of Public Works has been dredging Jackson's Pond, Valley Rd., in Clark, in their continuing battle to keep the mosquito population to a minimum, according to Wilbur Davis, pictured left, Director of the Division of Mosquito Control. The dredging will deepen the pond and eliminate stagnant water from its edges, thus reducing the mosquito breeding potential, since they like to

breed in shallow, stagnant water. "The dredging also enhances the water quality and increases the water retention capability," Davis said. "The dredging will also restore the recreational potential of the pond, since the deepening can eventually allow for boating." The 13-and-a-half foot cranes and scoop will excavate a 13,000 by 300 foot area of the pond, which was designated to be 13 acres, down to a depth of three feet.