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SEAL IT AND SEND IT...Union County board members of the American Lung Association of Central New Jersey are encouraging area residents to send in their Christmas Seal contributions. December 1 was designated "Seal It and Send It Day." Pictured from left

to right are Brian J. Collins, M.D. of Westfield; Richard H. Gurock, D.D.S. of Elizabeth; Jackie Rogers of Westfield; Chorus Pouch of Westfield; and Eugene Rodgers of Mount Laurel.

Evaluation of school personnel to take effect January 1

By Pat DiMaggio
Beginning on January 1, 1987, teachers in the Clark elementary school system will face a new performance evaluation format. According to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Orsenna, teachers, guidance counselors, nurses and everyone who is certified or involved with instruction will be evaluated. "The new format more closely aligns performance and job descriptions," explained Orsenna. At their regular meeting

held on November 25, the Board of Education approved for second reading and final adoption policies on School Intervention, Referral Procedures, Child Study Team Procedures and Development of Individualized Education Plans.

The board also appointed Carl Young as a Baseball Coach at a stipend of \$1,465 and approved the following as Basketball Referees at a stipend of \$25 per game: James Caravillano, Ralph Fraser, Robert Hill, Edward Miller, Frank Turano, Chuck Davis, Philip Gukowsky, Wesley Melzer, Ronald Peenna and William Wojcik. The district will enter in a contract with the Union County Educational Services Commission to provide Chapter 1 services for Non Public, School Students and a Special Education Three Year Plan was approved by the board for submission to the County Superintendent.

Tax books to be open to public

The Tax Assessment Book will be open to the public for inspection at the Clark Municipal Building, Brewer School, 430 Westfield Avenue on Wednesday, December 10 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

N.J. Korean war vet sought to serve on advisory board

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Special recognition program to honor district teachers

by Pat DiMaggio
The Regional District Board of Education, which includes Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, gave its approval to the participation of the district in the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program for 1986-87 at their regular meeting held on November 18.

A panel of up to nine members will be established to accept nominations of outstanding teachers from the teaching staff, administration, parents, students and community members.

After tentative selection by the panel of appropriate nominees, the personnel records of the candidates would then be examined in confidence by the Superintendent who must verify that the nominees under

consideration have shown an exemplary record in addition to outstanding teaching.

Teachers selected by the panel and recommended to the Commissioner by the Board of Education would be expected to participate in the Governor's Convocation on "Excellence in Teaching" during the spring. At that time each teacher would be honored by the Governor and receive a certificate of excellence. A \$1,000 award, which must be spent at the teacher's discretion for improving some phase of the Regional District program, would be received in 1987-88.

In other business the board: Approved a long dis-

trance French language trip for Johnson French language students. The trip, planned for the weekend of Dec. 19-21, would be to Montreal, Canada, and would give the students an opportunity to experience the Christmas season in a French community. Thirty-two students expressed interest in the trip to be chaperoned by Mr. Aldo Collura, French Language Department Supervisor. Each student will pay his own cost of \$169.

Approved the following personnel to be used as feedback instructors: Herman Simmetz, Mathematics; Roland Mancini, Science.

Approved the following appointments: Assistant Basketball Coach (boys), Edward Ward, \$2,176; Assistant Basketball Coach (girls), Susan Skidmore, \$2,176; Head Indoor Track Coach (boys), Ralph John-

son, \$2,359; Assistant Indoor Track Coach (boys), Robert Kowalski, \$1,448.

Mother Seton High plans open house

Mother Seton Regional High School, Valley Rd., Clark, will hold an informal open house on Wednesday evening, December 10 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for all seventh and eighth grade students and their parents. The program will be informal and for parents planning to enter high school in the near future.

Parents and students will have an opportunity to tour the school, examine the curriculum and co-curricular programs, investigate transportation, and meet with administration, guidance and faculty members.

Visiting students will experience life at Mother Seton Regional High School through contacts with students in various activities within the school. New time schedules, new uniforms, and expanded computer activities will be of special interest to students.

An informal social will follow at which parents and daughters may sample new faculty and students of Mother Seton Regional High School, which is located at Parkway East No. 135 in Clark.

Guild to present "Nutcracker" at County Arts Center

Marching wooden soldiers, the Sugar Plum Fairy, and a handsome prince are among the mythical characters who will delight audiences of all ages when the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker" ballet performs at the Union County Arts Center, formerly the Railway Theatre, 1601 Living Street, Rahway.

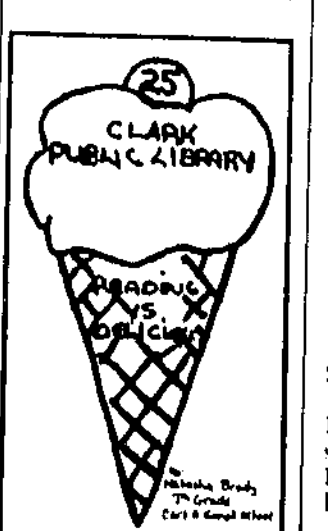
In their 17th season, the New Jersey Dance Theatre Guild will perform "The Nutcracker" at the Arts Center on Sunday, December 7 at 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14 at 2 p.m. Reserved tickets for this once a year family entertainment can be obtained by visiting the Theatre Box Office, or calling 499-8276. The box office is open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's ballet will feature exciting new choreography and whimsical scenery. The New Jersey Dance Theatre Guild, based in Rahway, is composed of professional dancers, dance studio directors and instructors, and young classical dancers from the entire New Jersey area.

and Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Kumpf contest celebrates anniversary of library

Ms. Mancini's seventh grade art class at the Kumpf School in Clark recently



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Natasha Brady's award-winning book marker

Suzanne Ryan receives nursing scholarship

Suzanne Ryan of Clark, a staff nurse in home care at Overlook Hospital, was recently awarded a scholarship by the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary and the

participated in a contest in conjunction with the Clark Art Association in the celebration of the Clark Public Library's 25th anniversary by designing book markers, book totes and book covers.

First place winner in the book marker category was Natasha Brady; second, Ricky Rodriguez; third, Anthony Gonzalez; fourth, Jennifer Bruno; and honorable mention, Richard Velotti, Stephanie Novy, Chris Beer and Stephanie Camone.

In the book tote category Pam Dwyer won first place; second, Kristin Yon St. Paul; and third, Karim Lichtman.

In the book cover category Kimberly Kosk won first place; second, Heather Grassi; and honorable mention went to Joe Caffero, Abbie Febush, and Lou Van Bergen.

Natasha Brady's first place book marker was printed by Copy Quick of Clark and is available at the Clark Public Library.



DEW DROP, CHINESE TEA...Dino Kirczysynski and Lisa Mucera, students at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School will dance "The Nutcracker," performed by the New Jersey Dance Theatre Guild at the Union County Arts Center



A KUMPF THANKSGIVING...In the American tradition of sharing Thanksgiving blessings, Kumpf School students of Clark gathered a harvest of holiday food in their annual Turkey Dinner Drive. Twenty complete Thanksgiving feasts were assembled by the students and teachers to be donated to needy families in the area. This yearly project is coordinated by Mr. Kenneth Lighthup and Mrs. Elaine Zemke with the help of Mr. Robert Sinkowitz. It affords pupils the opportunity to experience the true meaning of Thanksgiving through the joy of giving. Pictured left to right are Brett Amok, Mrs. Elaine Zemke, and David Koppen as they put the finishing touches in a basket of holiday delights, compliments of Kumpf students.