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AMERICAN BOYCHOIR...The American Boychoir of Princeton will present a traditional family Christmas Concert at Newark's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, on Wednesday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m. Candle light

occupational, favorite carols with audience participation and the music from the Great Organ introduces the Christmas Week. A \$5 or \$10 donation is requested. For further information call 484-4600.

Clark scouts to hang bird feeders

Sharing and caring are what Clark Daisy and Brownie Scouts will show on Sunday, December 14 at the Clark Municipal Building at 1 o'clock.

Each scout has made a unique bird feeder for feathered friends. After hanging them up, they will proceed into the auditorium to entertain guests with caroling, cookies and drink.

This festive occasion usually draws close to 300 people, a troop spokesman reports.

Fire prevention poster contest winners named

A fire prevention poster contest was held for the fourth grade children in the Clark Public Schools. The Frank K. Hechly School winners were: First place, Holly Fewkes; second place, Tara Clark; second

place, Carrie Richman; and third place, April Abinella. The Valley Road School winners were: First place, Brian Sweeney; second place, Holly Fewkes; and third place, Allison Paruta.



United Way of Eastern Union County at 65% of goal

The United Way of Eastern Union County has raised \$1,313,000, 65% of its \$2,000,000 goal according to Ruth Brewster, 86-87 Campaign Chairperson.

Other members of the Campaign team are: Miles Hergert, Realtor Division; Robert Gibby, Special Gifts, and Alekdes T. Andriell, Esq./Attorney Division.

The funds raised by United Way will go to support 53 human care agencies which provide residents with a wide array of human care services including child care, family counseling, homeless shelters and recreational and educational activities.

Kumpf School recognizes scholars

Sixty-seven students at the Carl Kumpf School in Clark were named to the Honor Roll for the first marking period, announced Principal David M. Hart.

Thirteen of those students earned "First Honors" by attaining all 4's or 4's with only two 3's or one 3. These students are: Grade Six: Sherri Stoluck and Michelle Wang; Grade Seven: John Brann, Richard Burlew, Karin Lichtman, Christine Rulalo, Michael Sommer, Stacie Tomczyk, Barbara Tsjipantes, and Yolanda Urbanski.

Grade Eight: Anthony Aromando, Laurie Guerriero, and Stefania Novy. Fifty-four Kumpf students achieved "Second Honors" by earning an overall average of 3.5 with no grade lower than 3. These students are:

Grade Six: Brett Ashley, Alyson Bishop, Michael Chang, Melissa Cohen, Andrea DeCaro, Jennifer Flisser, Barbara Fusco, Renee Jadro, Jill Margulies, Sheila Moreira, Margaret Niemiec, Sean O'Flynn, Brian Roth, Karen Schmidt, Eric Schutz, Eric Slagle, Kathleen Tondo, and Kellie Walsh.

Grade Seven: Craig Abenilla, Robert Bierwirth, Heather Buckley, Joseph Cafiero, Karen Chin, Michele Cohen, Jay Danley, Erika Farber, Danielle Fidurski, Jeffrey Glasser, Lisa Goodman, James Grote, Jody Jordan, David

Keppnis, Gina Lewis, Joseph Lucariello, Mandy Miller, Eric Moraes, Evan Murray, Brian Paris, Michael Pessman, Richard Procopio, Daniel Redzinski, Leonard Rothbard, Eric Schonthal, Christopher Sedelmaier, Benjamin

Shek, and Darren Smith. Grade Eight: Denise D'Ambola, Edie Ernsstein, Michael Fucsko, Robert Gaurino, Stephanie Irlh, David Iker, Alton Morton, and Michael Nistorenko.



TAX REFORM DISCUSSED...David Ravich of Clark, left, chairman of the board of Trustees of the Jewish Community Endowment Foundation of Central New Jersey, and David Mulgrum of Watchung, vice chairman of the board, recently participated in a tax seminar in response to the recently enacted Tax Reform Act of 1986. The seminar featured a panel discussion with local CPA's, attorneys, and tax experts. For further information about the Endowment Foundation contact Lauron Goldstrom Morris, director, at 351-5060.

New graduation requirements

Revised "T & E" code approved

The New Jersey State Board of Education has adopted revised regulations addressing high school graduation requirements and the monitoring of local school districts.

"By adopting these rules, the state board is fulfilling its legal and historical role of providing students with opportunities for the 'thorough and efficient' education required by the state constitution and the Public School Education Act of 1975," said Commissioner of Education Saul Cooperman.

The board's action also affirms the state's commitment to higher standards for both students and educators.

The new "T & E" rules—the common shorthand for "thorough and efficient"—take effect January 1, 1987, when the old code expires.

The following changes in credit and course graduation requirements were approved:

- An increase from 92 to 110 credits needed for graduation, to begin with the entering ninth-grade class of 1988-89. (One credit is awarded for each period of instruction of 40 minutes or more that meets one time a week during a school year.)

- The addition of course requirements to be phased in over three years as follows: a year of world history and cultures added to the two years of social studies currently required, beginning with the freshman class of 1988-89; a second year of science, starting with

the freshman class of 1989-90 and a third year of mathematics, beginning with the freshman class of 1990-91.

The new graduation requirements result from a process that began more than a year ago with the appointment of a state panel to study the issue," Dr. Cooperman said. "That committee and many national education reports recommended that students have additional preparation in core academic subjects. These new requirements will strengthen New Jersey's core academic curriculum and better prepare students for the challenges they will face after graduation," he added.

Under the rules adopted, the year of arts education and half-year of career education currently required will expire in August 1988, Cooperman said. "However, the state board is still considering reinstating or modifying these requirements before they lapse. In addition, a departmental panel is studying the state's physical education requirement and a statewide panel is examining the question of high school course proficiencies."

Monitoring "The current system for monitoring or reviewing local school districts for state certification has proven very successful," Cooperman said. "However, the regulations adopted today will refine the process even further. The number of categories in which a district's performance is measured has been reduced from 51 to 43.

"However, this numerical

reduction does not mean the rules are less rigorous," he explained. "Rather, it means that the categories have been revised and combined. In addition, while the old rules required acceptable performance in 40 of

the 51 categories, the new rules require a district to have acceptable performance in all 43 to receive certification for five years."

All school districts in the state will complete the current five-year cycle of

monitoring by the end of this month. Since a small percentage of districts are still working to achieve certification under the current procedures, the revised monitoring process will not take effect until July 1988.

Teacher Recognition Program tops Regional Board agenda

by Pat DiMaggio
The Regional District No. 1 Board of Education voted to designate three members of the panel to determine which teacher will qualify to participate in the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program at their regular meeting held on December 2.

The Board of Education is allowed to appoint three members of the nine-member panel which will review nominations for outstanding teachers. Three members will be selected by representatives of the American Federation of Teachers, Local 3417 and these six members will select the final three.

Approval was given to Charles Bauman, Assistant Superintendent, David Hart, Board member and Dr. Martin Siegel, District Director of Curriculum to serve as the panel representatives of the Board of Education.

The board also voted to employ Carinet Associates at a cost of \$975 to study and file a report regarding video use within the Regional District. This study will review TV capability and will affect all Regional High Schools, including Arthur L. Johnson in Clark.

Mrs. Marie Ratel, a teacher of health at Johnson, was granted an additional twenty days of sick leave. Mrs. Ratel has been on staff since Sept. 1, 1961 and expected to return to work on Dec. 1.

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classified from Data Processing Clerk to Computer Programmer. His salary was adjusted to an annual rate of \$16,000 for 1986-87 and to \$17,700 for 1987-88.

Annual Holiday Concert is planned at ALJ

The Music Department of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School will present its Annual Holiday Concert Thursday, December 18 at 8 p.m. in the Hough Auditorium at the high school.

For the choir, under the direction of Al Pendleton, this concert will cap a schedule of four concerts for the holiday season including performances at Woodbridge Center, Kumpf Middle School on Tuesday, December 16 for the student body, at that same school again Wednesday, December 17 as part of the Middle School's Holiday Concert, and at Arthur L. Johnson High School on Thursday.

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Employees honored for long service at GAF Chemicals

Sixteen employees of GAF Corporation's Chemicals plant here were honored for long company service at a dinner at The Landmark Inn, Woodbridge. The recipients represent 560 years of service with GAF. Robert F. McCarthy, plant manager, commended the employees for their contributions to company growth.

Honored for 40 years of continuous service with GAF were William Faella, supervisor, cost & inventory; of Union; Richard Gilligan, manager customer service; Avenel; Joseph Kelly, senior lab technician; Roselle; Frank Mazzarella, foreman mechanical maintenance; Elizabeth; and Vincent Murphy, supervisor planning & scheduling, Elizabeth.

These honored for 35 years service were William Burke, personnel supervisor; Woodbridge; William A. Caruso, waste water treatment plant operator; Elizabeth; Andrew Jurski, auto mechanic; Clark; Joseph Krups, order service specialist; Union; Andrew

Mikula, allocation specialist; Colonia; and Ronald Wick, supervisor, cost & inventory, Clark.

Honored for 30 years of service were Dominick LoBianco, employment supervisor; Avenel; Albert Macasay, shift superintendent; Linden; John Mayer, Jr., manager, surfactants & chemical specialties; Cranford; Joseph Patovcik, general clerk production; Woodbridge; and Edward Tomasso, allocation clerk, Reselle.

GAF Corporation is a major producer of specialty chemicals and building materials.

Crossing guards needed in Clark

Mayor George G. Nucera has announced the Clark Police are recruiting adults for the position of school crossing guards. The salary is \$5.95 per hour and includes benefits. Inquiries may be made at the Clark Traffic Bureau or call 388-8838.



WAR EXPERIENCE PRESENTED...Honorary member Charles Grundo of the Kiwanis Golden "K" Club (on left) is shown presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. John Farinola, former Clark Superintendent of Education, for his presentation to the Club. Dr. Farinola shared his experiences in the 8th and 9th Air Force Units while on duty in Germany during World War II, witnessing the horrors of the Holocaust internment and prison camps. The Kiwanis Golden "K" Club meets every Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Claudio Reed Center, Irvington Street, Rabway.