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JUNIOR MISS CONTESTANTS from neighboring counties took over a program book at the orientation meeting held recently for the 1987 New Jersey Junior Miss Program at Bordentown Regional High School. The high school seniors are (from left) Union County's Junior Miss Evelyn Zavala, of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Monmouth County's Junior Miss Jennifer Nolan, Monmouth Regional High School, and Middlesex County's Junior Miss Jennifer Brandt, Woodbridge High School. They will be among 20 county representatives who will vie for cash and college scholarship awards and the title of New Jersey's Junior Miss for 1987 on Saturday, January 10, at Cherry Hill High School East, Cherry Hill.

\$485,000 to provide additional patrol time Speed enforcement grant awarded to State Police

The New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles has awarded a \$485,000 federal highway safety grant to the State Police to continue enforcement of the federally mandated 55-mile-per-hour speed limit, Governor Thomas H. Kean announced recently.

The money will provide for an additional 360 hours of patrol time a week to supplement regular patrols on highways posted at 55 miles per hour. The goal is to reduce the number of motorists exceeding the limit and the number of accidents caused by speeding.

The hours and locations of the patrols will be determined by analysis of high accident areas. The patrol will consist of one sergeant and four troopers who will work a six-hour tour of duty.

In 1982, the unadjusted percentage of drivers exceeding 55 miles per hour was 59%. This figure dropped in 1983 to 51% and in 1984, to 48.7%. In 1985 the unadjusted percentage rose to 55.6%, but it was still 1.7% less than the national average.

After the Federal Highway Administration made adjustments for such factors as sampling error and odometer error, the actual percentages showed that in 1982, 43% of drivers in New Jersey exceeded the 55-mile-per-hour limit. This figure fell in 1983 to an adjusted percentage of 34.6% and to 33.5% in 1984, Kean said.

There was an increase to 39.8% in 1985, which is 3.4% lower than the national average of 43.2%. However, that increase



BOOK SALE SUCCESS... Rosemary Lynch, Valley Road School Librarian, (left) is shown purchasing a "bag of books" at the Clark Public Library's book sale, sponsored by the Rahway Area Junior Woman's Club. Andrea Twombly, the club's Education Chairman, is shown assisting her. \$411 was donated to the Friends of the Library.

Municipal Council proposes "fence and wall" ordinance

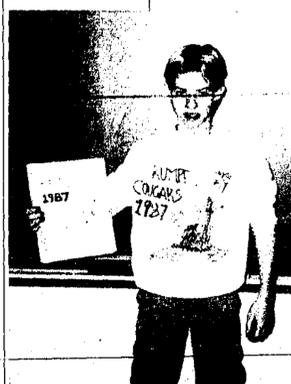
by Pat DiMaggio

The Municipal Council approved a resolution proposing an amendment to a Zoning Ordinance which would regulate fences erected in the township. The proposal to the Planning Board was approved at the regular council meeting held on December 15.

The amendment entitled "Fences and Walls" would require the finished side of all fences to face toward adjacent properties and posts

or poles for all fences to be placed on the side of the property owner erecting the fence. The proposal, introduced by Councilman Bernard Hayden and seconded by Councilman Brian Toal, was approved by a vote of 4 in favor with Councilmen William Caruso, Fred Eckel and Joseph Pozniak voting against it.

In other business the council:



YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST WINNER AT KUMPF - Carl Kumpf School of Clark eighth grader Mason was named the winner of the 1987 Yearbook Cover Contest. Faculty advisor, Miss Carolyn Zidak and her editors Edin Ermolen, Leo Cohen, and Rosanna Gocchiana made the announcement at a recent awards assembly. Glenn's creative cover earned him a free yearbook and a certificate of appreciation.

Authorized renewal of a Bowling Alley license to Clark Lanes located at 141 Central Avenue, effective January 1, upon payment of a fee of \$255.

Authorized the proper officer of the Pool Utility to transfer all unmet balances in the Salary and Wage Account, Capital Improvements Accounts, Social Security Account and Unemployment Insurance Account into the Other Expenses Account in the 1986 budget.

Authorized the proper officer or officers of the Township of Clark to cancel out all unused balances remaining in all the Accounts Outside of Cap in the 1986 budget.

Resolved that Catherine Clancy, Township Clerk and Charlotte Liotti, Principal Account Clerk, shall be permitted to carry over their unused vacation days into 1987.



Authorized the Tax Collector to refund the sum of \$50 to Frank Schuck, Prescott Turn, which represents the Veterans Deduction due for 1986.

Authorized the Director of Revenue and Finance to refund certain 1985 taxes resulting from overpayment in the total amount of \$200.01.

Authorized the Director of Revenue and Finance to cancel the outstanding 1985 taxes due on Block 107, Lot 14, in the amount of \$657.80 since the property has tax exempt status as a result of being owned by the Township of Clark.

Authorized payment in favor of the Clark Board of Education in the sum of \$4,943.37 covering the balance due on Brewer School utilities and operational changes, 1984-85 school year.

Authorized the Director of Revenue and Finance

to refund 1986 Homestead Rebates to two property owners.

Rejected both bids received on September 5 by the Business Administrator with regard to the computer system used within the Municipal Building and requested the Business Administrator to review the needs of the Township with regard to the computer system for purposes of re-drafting the bid specifications and advertisement.

Keep your holidays safe!

The follow is a message from the Township of Clark Bureau of Fire Prevention:

Is anyone in your family taking part in a Christmas pageant or choir recital during this holiday season?

Costumes and choir robes are often made of loosely woven material which is highly combustible.

No one wearing such a garment should ever get close to a flame or source of heat.

If candles are to be carried or used as decorations, they should be electric candles.

Don't let fire turn Christmas joy into tragedy.

Steven Moraes nominated to U.S. Air Force Academy

Senator Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) has nominated Steven P. Moraes of Walnut Avenue, Clark, for admission to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Senator Bradley received nearly 600 applications - 185 were interviewed by a panel of N.J. educators, business people and civic leaders, and 38 were recommended for nomination.

All the applicants were screened on the basis of their high school grades, class rank, SAT college entrance scores, extracurricular activities and recommendations.

To be eligible for consideration by the service academies, all prospective students must be nominated either by their member of Congress, Senator, the Vice President or President.



SOBER DRIVERS...Paul Kielblock, Safety Manager for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety, presents a "Sober Drivers Have Happier Holidays" poster to Patrolman Roy George of Clark Police Department. The posters are part of AAA's annual holiday campaign to remind Essex, Morris and Union county residents of the dangers of drinking and driving. In addition to the posters, which are being distributed by local police departments, the "Sober Drivers" message also appears on billboards and in newspaper and radio advertisements.

AARP Chapter lists events

The Clark Chapter No. 3733 American Association of Retired Persons, celebrated the holiday season on Friday, December 12, at the Westwood Restaurant, Garwood.

Chairlady Lillian Burdick, arranged for entertainment by the Westfield Old Guard.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 9, at the Brewer School Center, Westfield Avenue, Clark.

Openings are still available for luncheon and theater trips for January 7, and February 11.

Call 383-1295 for further information.

Santa on ice at Warinanco Park

The Union County Department of Parks and Recreation's annual "Ice Skating With Santa" will be held on Sunday, December 14 and 21 at the Warinanco Ice Skating Center.

Santa will distribute candies to all the children present during the sessions held at 1:3 p.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. on both days.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for youth age 17 and under and senior citizens with facility I.D. cards.

Crossing guards needed in Clark

Mayor George G. Nuceri has announced the Clark Police are recruiting adults for the position of school crossing guards.

The salary is \$3.95 per hour and includes benefits.

Inquiries may be made at the Clark Traffic Bureau or call 383-8838.