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KUMPF SCHOLARS RECEIVE HONORS. Pictured are the thirteen students from the Carl Kumpf School of Clark who earned First Honors for the first marking period. They were recently acknowledged by Principal David M. Hart and Administrative Aide Walter Borghini in an awards assembly. Front row (left to right): Barbara

Rinaldo warns of pension liability

Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo, R-N.J., said he will meet with officials of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) to discuss legislative action to protect the financial integrity of the fund which guarantees the pension benefits of millions of American workers.

The New Jersey Republican is scheduled to meet with PBGC Executive Director Kathleen Ugoff and members of her staff to explore proposals to prevent the independent federal agency from being forced into bankruptcy.

"The PBGC is awash in a sea of red ink and unless corrective action is taken, it could go under within a few years, putting at risk the pensions of many employees," Rinaldo said. "We should be addressing this growing problem now rather than waiting until we have a crisis on our hands."

The PBGC was established in 1974 under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) to take over the plans of companies that failed. The pension insurance program is partially funded by a premium assessed member companies for each em-



DAY SCHOOL YEARBOOK WINS AWARD. The 1986 edition of The Stepping Stone, yearbook of the Solomon Schochter Day School of Essex and Union, was recently awarded second place in the Private and Parochial School Division of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Approximately 50 students, along with their advisor, Ruth Ross, put together the book which was submitted for judging. Pictured viewing the award winning yearbook are last year's layout editor Sara Bucholtz, left, and copy editor, Pam Skopp, right. Pam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Skopp of Clark. Sharing the pride are Mrs. Ruth Ross, yearbook advisor and Mr. Hirsch Jacobson, school principal.

Board channels business

by Pat DiMaggio

The Clark Board of Education approved Advanced Study Grants, reimbursements for attendance at conferences and student teachers at their regular meeting held on December 16.

—Appointed Michelle Harper and Edna Ibrecht as Home Instructors at a rate of \$15 per hour.

—Appointed Jacklyn Hanson as a teacher of the handicapped at a rate of \$15 per hour for two hours daily.

—Added Brian Kane to the list of referees for Girls Basketball.

—Approved Joyce Morway as a substitute teacher and Edward J. Baykowski as a substitute van driver.

—Amended the contract for services to non-public schools for Chapter 1 to read: \$9167.76 for the 1986-87 school year.

—Appointed Marie Weingart as a Home Instructor at a rate of \$15 per hour.

Regional board hosts high school journalists

The Regional District Board of Education held a luncheon and press conference with students working on school newspapers at the Governor Livingston Regional High School on December 4.

Board members Harold Donaldson of Berkeley Heights, John Conlin of Garwood, Virginia Muskus of Clark and Fred Soos of Kenilworth, as well as Superintendent Donald Merachnik, were questioned by nineteen student journalists.

Questions asked included concerns about the role of a board member, the High School Proficiency Test and its impact on English courses, how Board of Education policies are developed; foreign language course enrollment; computer literacy; the need for additional study time for athletes; drug abuse prevention, and support for the school newspapers.

The Board of Education will conduct another student/board press conference in the spring with student council members from the four Regional High Schools.



MAKING A POINT. Arthur L. Johnson students (left to right) Anne Dushinsky, Julio Carra, Douglas Chinchar, Scott Obedin and Jon-Hony Barr liston as Regional Superintendent Donald Morachnik makes a point at the Board of Education/Student Press Conference.

Rahway Hospital Hospice honors volunteers

Over 35 Rahway Hospital Hospice volunteers were honored at a recent dinner at the Towne House Restaurant in Rahway. Hospice is a philosophy of care which helps terminally ill patients and their families through the period of advanced illness and death, with emphasis on keeping the patient at home. Hospice volunteers are an important part of the team of people, including hospital staff social workers, nurses, dietitians, and physicians, who provide support to patients and their families. Hospice volunteers help out by aiding in patient care, doing errands, and by lending emotional support.

John Yoder, hospital President, spoke in praise of the Hospice Program and its volunteers at the dinner.

"I'm so very proud of our Hospice Program. Hospice is people giving to people," he said.

The following volunteers were honored: Nancy Bran-

nagan, Ronnie Costello, Jill and Gerard Dodman, Maggie Eliassen, Eleanor Hamilton, Eleanor Hudzik, Violet Kennedy, Joan Krysmick, Vivian Lush, Myrtle Lovero, Ina McKay, Patricia Memori, Ruth and Philip Pearlman, Mary Pierson, Regina Poor, Edith Roberts, Barbara Rospond, Patricia Ruby, Victor Ruggieri, Lillian Rusak, Maryn Rusak, Mr. and Mrs. William Sauer, Thelma Sarnoski, Maude Stadlander, Barbara Summa, Lois Tan-

zi, Edward Valvano, Helen Vanderrunk, Irma Witz, Kathy Ward, Dorothy Witzel, and Harriet Yauch.

Hospice volunteers go through an extensive training program which focuses on patient care, cancer and its treatment, death and dying, communication, and grief and bereavement.

Also honored at the dinner were graduates of the latest training program: Waltraud Cafiero, Joan Smith, and Michael Smith.