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UNION COUNTY FREEHOLDERS HOLD GOVERNMENT DAY.—The 11th annual "Youth in County Government Day" was held recently for 50 high schools. Seen in photo are (top-left to right) Lisa Ar- tunes and Julia Erhardt, Mother Seton High School,

Michael J. Lapolla, Union County Freeholder and Ann Baram, Director, U.C. Dept. of Human Services. (Bottom-left to right) Shannon Tindell, Lorraine Hoffmann, Jennifer Glueck and Kelly Robinson.

ALJ marathon raises nearly \$1,000 for needy families in area

Through the efforts of the Class of '87 of Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, the holidays were made a little more pleasant for needy families in the area. On Friday, November 7, at 6 p.m. Johnson students arrived at the gym in athletic attire, toting food, drink, pillows, CD players, and extra clothes, hoping to make it through the night. By 10 the next morning only a few remained, but hundreds of students had found time to devote to the first volleyball marathon, a school spokesman reported.

Under the aegis of newly appointed principal, Mr. David Carl, and class advisers Mrs. Susan Dougherty and Mr. Douglas Feller, students from all grades formed teams and registered them for playing times throughout the night.

Admission to the marathon was a donation of canned goods, and many bags were filled with food brought by spectators, both students and parents. Each team member also gathered pledges, the donations to be determined by the number of hours each individual played.

By the time all the pledge money was collected, nearly \$1,000 was raised by participating students. A small amount of the money was used to distribute a few food baskets to local lottery winners, but most of the collected funds went to provide food baskets for the needy at Thanksgiving. With the valuable aid of retiring Clark Police officer



THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.—Junior Debbie Newell sets the ball for a spike by sophomore teammate Sue Joback during the Johnson Volleyball Marathon for charity.

Mike Kuch, class officers brought the food baskets to Sister Jacinta and her staff at the St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth. The remainder of the funds was distributed in the

form of gift certificates to Pathmark stores to area churches and synagogues. "It was really gratifying to see our efforts go toward a good cause," commented Chris Canada, president of

the senior class at Johnson. "We hope to try this again soon." Cindy Sabath, another class officer agreed, "Everyone had so much fun. We will try to make this an annual event."

Board approves tentative budget, Principal David Carl raise

by Pat DiMaggio
The Regional Board of Education, which covers four high schools, including Arthur L. Johnson in Clark, approved a tentative budget at their regular meeting held on December 16.

The board approved a resolution setting the tentative budget for the 1987-88 school year at \$27,359,882 for Current Expense and \$672,606 for Debt Service. There was no budgeted amount for Capital Outlay.

A public hearing on the budget will be held on Tuesday, March 3, immediately after the 8 p.m. regular board meeting in the Instructional Media Center of the Governor Livingston Regional High School, Wat-

chung Boulevard, Berkeley Heights.

In other business the board:

—Approved the adjustment of salaries of the district high school principals including Johnson Principal David Carl from a 1986-87 salary of \$59,000 to a 1987-88 salary of \$64,000.

—Granted approval for four students from Clark to participate in a special needs vocational assessment program at the Union County Vocational Center in Scotch Plains. This is a two week program at a cost of \$130 per student.

—Granted approval for a student from Clark to be enrolled in the Devereaux School, Pa., for a total

education and maintenance cost of \$19,500 for the remainder of the school year.

—Granted approval for Mrs. Germaine Traber, speech therapist at Johnson, to participate in the annual conference of the New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Association, April 30-May 2, at the Hilton Hotel, Somerset at a total cost of \$202.

—Approved payment of \$610 to William O'Rourke for 61 unused sick days which he had accrued at the time of his retirement as a member of the custodial staff at Johnson.

—Approved Paul Star- kowsky as a student teacher of social studies from January 26-May 27.

—Approved the following appointments: In- tramurals Coach (Winter), Betty Linaberry, \$649; In-

tramurals Coach (Winter), Steve Ciccotelli, \$649; Music Director (Musical), Carol Janser, \$1669.

Assistant principal is named at ALJ

by Pat DiMaggio

Union County Regional High School District 1 Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donald Merachnik announced the appointment of an assistant principal for Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark on December 16.

John J. Hutchinson, Jr. began his tenure as assistant principal at Johnson on December 17. According to Merachnik, Johnson has been an educator in the district since 1969 starting as a teacher of Social Studies at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth. He was a Department Supervisor of Social Studies at Brearley and principal of the Regional High School Summer School. He is presently the Director of

Adult and Continuing Education and will continue in that post until a replacement is employed for that position. He served as Head Basketball Coach at Brearley, is a member of the Gifted and Talented Committee and was a Curriculum Workshop participant in developing curriculum.

Mr. Hutchinson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from St. Vincent's College, Pa., and a Master of Arts in Education from Seton Hall University, with professional credits above the Masters Degree taken at Kean College.

Mr. Hutchinson will continue at his current annual salary rate of \$45,675 for the 1986-87 school year.

DMV to offer Saturday hours in January

The New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles will continue to offer special Saturday morning hours at its Trenton Headquarters in January for motorists having suspension and insurance surcharge problems.

"The Saturday morning hours are continuing to be beneficial to the public with anywhere from 130 to more than 200 motorists coming in each morning," DMV Director Glenn R. Paulsen said.

"It's a new service and, since motorists are taking advantage of it, I want to continue it at least through January," he added.

The extra evening hours on Tuesdays, when the vi-

sitors' area remains open to 6 p.m. for suspension and surcharge problems, will also be continued throughout January.

"Suspensions and notices of proposed suspensions are now going out far enough in advance that most motorists can resolve problems by mail or by visiting the Division on Saturday or some other convenient day," said Paulsen.

The Saturday hours in January will be from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m., and anyone arriving by noon will be helped, Paulsen said, even if it takes until 1 or 2 p.m. or later. "If motorists take the time to journey to Trenton for help, I want to see that they get help," Paulsen said.

The Saturday hours only apply to the first floor visitors' area at 25 South Montgomery Street, which handles license suspension, restoration and insurance surcharge problems, and the agency at 135 East State Street, which issues and renews licenses and registrations. All other offices in the Headquarters building are closed on Saturdays.

In addition to the Saturday morning hours, motorists can resolve suspension and surcharge problems during DMV's regular hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Motorists can also secure help in resolving suspension and surcharge problems by calling 609-292-7500 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (6 p.m. on Tuesday) and on Saturdays in January from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

"The Saturday hours are allowing motorists to resolve driving problems without losing time from work, which is the type of service we should be offering," Paulsen said.

American Legion Post 328 lists community service and contributions

Members of Clark Post No. 328 of The American Legion wrote a notable record of community service and contributions during the 1985-1986 program year, Post Commander Don McArdle has announced. The annual report of Post 328, submitted to the National Organization, has been compiled with thousands of others to give The American Legion some measurement of the extent of its services nationwide.

As a federally chartered organization, The American Legion must submit an annual report of its activities and programs to the Congress. Commander McArdle explained, and the national organization's report in large part represents the compilation of the summaries turned in

by its thousands of local posts.

For example, Post 328's contribution of \$450 in direct aid to needy veterans, plus an additional \$150 to the Veterans Administration Voluntary Services program, helped make possible a national total of more than \$2.3 million expended by The American Legion on these two line items.

Contributions to the assistance of veterans were not restricted to cash alone. Commander McArdle said. Post 328 reported six rehabilitation cases handled, plus 60 hours to VAVS. Nationally, the Legion handled 335,000 rehabilitation cases and recorded more than one million hours donated to VAVS.

Participation by Post 328

in community service activities and involvement in local projects amounted to hundreds of hours and expenditures totaling \$3,010 to help bring the Legion's national totals for these two line items to 1.7 million hours and nearly \$4.7 million.

Post 328 supports all children and youth athletic programs. The American Legion Baseball Program, Children's Christmas party, Children's School contests, Scholarship program, Library, Police Athletic League, etc.

Post 328's contributions to local charity fund-raising drives totaled \$2,500, helping the Legion bring this total nationally to nearly \$4.5 million.

Clark Library highlights events



25TH ANNIVERSARY RESOLUTION.—Seen at the Clark Library presentation are (left to right) Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzio, Board President Charles McNulty, Board Vice-President Mary Anne Sopko, Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden, Board member Paul Hymanson and Library Director Sandra K. Jones.

Beginning January 5, 1987 a new fine schedule will be in effect at the Clark Public Library. All adult and young adult (materials except videos) will be 10¢, all children's materials 5¢ per day for late returns. The book drop is available for the return of all books whenever the library is closed.

On December 10, Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden presented a Resolution to the Clark Public Library commemorating the celebration of its 25th Anniversary.

The book sale, held at the library on November 22 and 24, was a great success, a spokesman reports. A check from the sale was presented on December 10, by Sale Coordinator Andrea Twombly of Rahway Area Junior Women's Club.

The Clark Public Library Book Club will meet on Monday, Jan. 12, at 2:30 p.m. Gloria Steinam's book, "Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions" will be discussed.



BOOK SALE CHECK PRESENTATION.—Seen at the Clark Library book sale presentation are Friends of the Library President Thelma Purdy, Board of Trustees President Charles McNulty, Andrea Twombly, Rahway Area Junior Women's Club and Library Director Sandra K. Jones.

Dog licenses to be issued

Dog licenses will be issued at the office of the Township Clerk of Clark on Saturdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The clerk's office is located in the former Brewer School, 430 Westfield Ave.