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## Tax bills to increase

# Budget introduction approved

by Pat DiMaggio  
Homeowners in Clark can expect to pay \$30 more in taxes on a house assessed at \$100,000 for municipal purposes when the budget is adopted by the township council.

The introduction of the budget was approved on Monday night with a vote of four in favor and Councilmembers Carmine Cristiani, Bernard Hayden and Carol Pluta opposed. Total general appropriations include \$7,300,000, anticipated revenues of \$4,435,000 and an amount to be raised by taxes of \$2,860,000.

Robert Ellenport, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said the point increase was reduced from 11 to 3 through budget deliberations. Ellenport said that for the county budget there would be no increase for residents of Clark, a 1 point increase from the Regional schools budget, 4 points for the local school budget and 3 points for

municipal purposes totalling an increase of 8 points in the tax bill. The council voted against some of the increases in Mayor George Nucera's proposed budget and voted for all the decreases in the mayor's budget. Not voted for were a budget item for extraordinary legal expenses, a \$1600 increase for insurance premiums and some increases for fire and police training and medical supplies.

Also approved was the mayor's suggestion of a \$1600 raise for council members and a \$1800 raise for the council president.

"Included in the budget are funds to maintain our annual clean-up," said

Ellenport. "We've expanded some programs for youth and senior citizens and we've expanded attempts to maintain property and the assets of the township to keep them in better repair.

We will begin a program of maintaining the shade trees and decreasing the uprooted sidewalks and driveways." The budget will be presented to the public at the April 2 meeting.

## New school budget raises Clark's taxes

by Pat DiMaggio  
The Clark Board of Education adopted a 1987-88 school budget Tuesday night that would mean a four point increase in taxes for residents for school purposes.

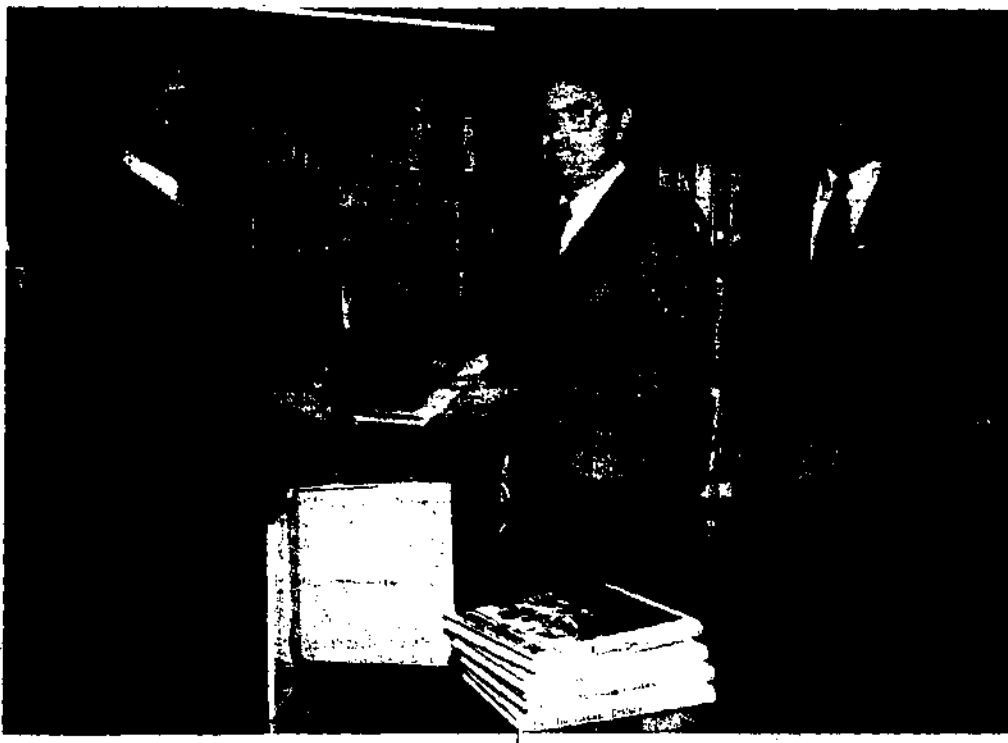
The total budget of \$7,009,950 includes a Current Expense portion of \$6,939,950 and a Capital Outlay portion of \$70,000. The average home in Clark is now assessed at \$117,000 and the proposed four point increase would raise taxes by \$3.89 per month or approximately \$45 per year for school purposes.

The budget is \$81,000 under cap, the state allowed ceiling, and promises a new Language Arts Series, continued library growth,

materials and supplies for curriculum changes, funds for summer school and a wrestling program.

The board also approved Edward Russell as a Lacrosse coach for the spring schedule at a salary rate of \$870 and appointed Margaret Korab as a cafeteria/playground aide and Joan Sabath as a clerk. Reimbursements for attendance at conferences were approved for Claire Lyons, Gloria Havens, Ann Freeman, Florence Knudsen and Otto Picard.

An Advanced Study Grant was approved for Paul Westerfield, six study hours at Jersey City State College, in the amount of \$432.



**LIBRARY DONATION...**The staff of The Summit Hotel, Springfield Avenue, Summit, recently donated an eight-volume collection of reference books to the Summit Free Public Library, in honor of Marshall F. Weinerman, of Clark, pictured center, an owner of the hotel, on the occasion of his 50th birthday. The complete series of "This Fabulous Century" a pictorial series, evokes the past 80 years and the personalities and events that contributed to this century's history. According to Edward Elenausky, Library Director, at left, "These books will be placed in our reference collection. Each volume will have a bookplate inserted recognizing Mr. Weinerman and the donation of the books by the Summit Hotel. The Library Board of Trustees is most appreciative of

this very generous gift." Mr. Weinerman and his partners, Messrs. Robert and Joseph Gelber actively participated in the recent ten million dollar renovation and refurbishment of the hotel. Mr. Weinerman stated "It is our pleasure to be a part of this fine community. The hotel attracts a local, national, and international clientele to this area. The renovation and restoration of this classic English Tudor mansion is in keeping with the spirit and theme of the restoration of buildings across America with architectural value. Being an American history buff, I am very proud to have these books donated to the library in my name for the public to enjoy." Robert Hanson, Summit Hotel General Manager, is pictured at right.

## ALJ to present "Carnival"

"Carnival," the Broadway musical based on the movie "Lili," will be Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School's annual musical. It will be presented in the high school's auditorium on Westfield Ave. in Clark Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 12, 13, and 14, at 8 p.m. Advance ticket information may be obtained by calling 382-0910 during school hours.

edy and sentimental story of Broadway-style theatre, will star Donna LaSpata as Lili, the seventeen-year-old girl who leaved home to join the carnival. She meets the bitter puppeteer Paul, played by Jason Kresge, and his partner Jacquot, played by Erich Kaiser. She is swept off her feet by the handsome magician Marco, played by Michael Ricci. He, in turn, has problems getting rid of his long-time mistress Rosalie, played by Debby Stewart. A troupe of thirty-five clowns, acrobats, puppets, and even a trained bear act, are led onto the

stage by ringmaster B.F. Schlegel, played by David Lampman.

Michael Vogel, director of "Carnival," calls it "the perfect family show to usher in the spring." The vocal director is Carol Janser, formerly Carol Wilkenbrock of Clark. Dances are by Susan Santoro and Lynda Schubert. Costumes are by Catherine Schubert. The stage manager is Jen Malloy.

Local senior citizens are reminded that they can get their tickets free of charge for all performances.



**BEHIND THE SCENES...** ALJ students, above, appearing in "Carnival" are (l-r) Jason Kresge, Donna LaSpata, Michael Ricci, Debby Stewart, Joe Loong and David Lampman. Below cast members are pictured with Director Michael Vogel and Stage Manager Jan Malloy.



## Regional Board of Ed adopts budget; lists election officials

by Pat DiMaggio  
The Union County Regional Board of Education, governing Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, adopted a 1987-88 budget at a meeting held last week.

The budget, which includes all four regional high schools servicing Union County, totaled \$22,096,394 in Current Expense. There is no Capital Outlay. Residents of Clark will vote on the budget in the school election to be held on April 7.

A list of election officials for Clark was also approved. They include the following: Hehny School, Patricia Brandt, Irene Finger, Valerie Geiger, Mary Marciano, Mary Pavelko, and Florence Peluso; Regional District, Bernadine Morris, Judge of Election, and Ernest Dino, Inspector of Election.

For Kumpf School election workers include: Rosetta Scura, Catherine Arbecny, Peggy Cifelli, Dorothy Long, Dolores Melillo, Virginia Huska, and Leah Graham; Regional District, Virginia Neuhaus, Judge of Election, and Aida Vasa, Inspector of Election.

Charles E. Brewer School, Municipal Council building, workers include: Irma Marrone, Lorraine Catalano, Gertrude Caruso, Pearl Cohen, Juel Kosowicz, Jennie Saunders, and Kathleen McDonald; Regional District, Carol Hayden, Judge of Elections,

and Esther Seager, Inspector of Election.

Election workers for Valley Road School include: Ann Yarusavage, Marlene Deara, Frances Ferrovecchio, Jean Crisafulli, Mildred Fulmer, and Louise Stevens. Elizabeth Corner, Judge of Election, and Marion Urciuoli, Inspector of Election.

The board appointed William Miskowitz to the temporary position of Acting Director of the Adult School, at a payment rate of \$400 per month. Miskowitz, formerly Assistant

Director, will replace John Hutchinson on a temporary basis until a permanent replacement is made.

The payment of Alisa Fischgrund was adjusted to \$98 per day after she completed ten consecutive days as a substitute teacher in the English Department at Johnson.

The following appointments were approved for Johnson: Intramurals-coach (spring), Alice Leshick, \$649; Intramurals Aides (spring), Emmalynn Williams, Donna Owlett and Paula Burkhardt, all \$500 each.

## Women to host Columbian

The Rahway Area Junior Woman's Club will be holding a general meeting on Tuesday, March 17, at 8 p.m. at the Valley Road School, Clark. Rick Garcia, a native of Colombia, South America, will speak on life in and the culture of the country. Refreshments will be served.

Working with Hospitality Chairman Elaine Oehme will be Judy D'Ambola and Teri Herbster, who will serve as hostesses for the evening. Elaine Hamilton will preside over the business portion of the meeting.

Women between the ages of 18 and 35 living in Rahway or the surrounding communities are welcome to attend and may call Miss Hamilton at 233-8694 for further information.

The Rahway Area Junior Woman's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the largest volunteer organization in the world.

## Naturalists set birding trip

The Echo Lake Naturalists' Club will host a birding trip on Saturday, March 14, led by John Seabrook.

For further information phone 654-4895.

## Kindergarten registration set in Clark

Kindergarten registration will be held in Clark Township schools as follows: Frank K. Hehny School, Tuesday, March 24; and Valley Road School, Wednesday, March 25.

Registration time will be between 9 and 10:30 a.m. at both schools.

Children born between January 1, 1982 and November 15, 1982 are eligible to enroll. Informa-

tion required includes birth certificate, completed enrollment form, completed preschool record, and immunization record. Phone the school's health office for forms.



**JUST SAY NO...**As part of its health education curriculum, the American Lung Association of Central New Jersey conducted a poster and essay contest. The contest theme was "Just Say No To Drugs" and was based on the Association's program "Marijuana: A Second Look" and a Student Symposium on Marijuana. Pictured from left to right are the winners of the contest: Philip Polchinski of Christ the King School in Hillside; Khuong Nguyen of Tamaques School in Westfield; John Alimanza of William Halloran School in Elizabeth; Eugene E. Rodgers, Board Member of the Association; Katie Teal of Tamaques School; Tysha Pemberton of Hurden Looker School in Hillside; and Sydney Barrow of McKinley School in Westfield.