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Citizens of the year named in Clark

Clark B'nai B'rith, Lodge Number 2882, and B'nai B'rith Women, Tov Chapter, have announced that on Sunday, March 29, at 8 p.m. the annual B'nai B'rith Citizen of the Year award for 1987 will be presented to Michael Kuch, an outstanding Clark citizen.

Mike Kuch recently retired from the Clark Police Department as Detective-Juvenile Division after 25 years. Mike and his wife Mary have lived in Clark for 29 years and have three children, Michael Jr., Mary Ellen, and Peter. He was the first officer appointed to the newly-formed juvenile division as his involvement with children was well established with involvement in Cub Scouts, soccer, basketball, football, and baseball.

help feed the poor and the homeless. He also visits Rahway Hospital on weekends to provide religious comfort for the patients. Besides being instrumental in establishing the Clark Police Cadets and participating in the Special Olympics, he sits on the Lifers Advisory Board in Rahway Prison. He is starting a new job in September in a special school for maladjusted children.

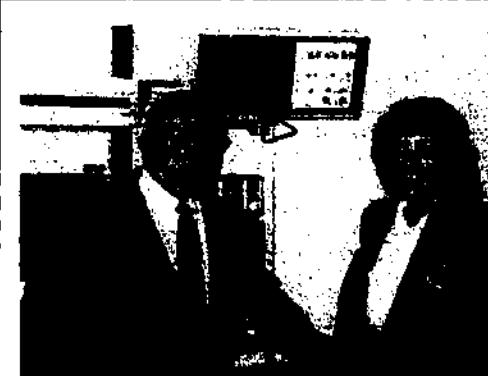
requirements are scholarship, a demonstration of leadership, good character and community service. Among her many interests outside of school activities is participation in the Mission Club and hospital volunteer work in the John F. Kennedy Medical Center Pharmacy. She lives in Clark with her father, Peter, who is employed by ITT in Cranford as an electrical engineer, and with her mother, Jo-Ann and younger sister, Carol. Peggy's career goals are the study of pharmacology with an emphasis on terminal diseases.

Peggy Lynn Cumiskey, the Junior Citizen of the Year, is in the National Honor Society where the re-

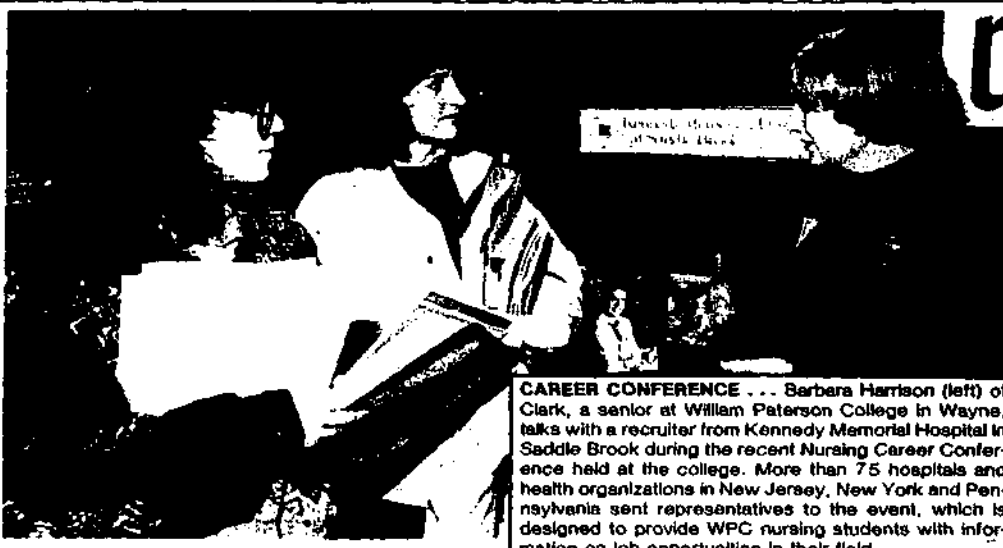
Clark Library celebrates National Library Week

In celebration of National Library Week, the Clark Public Library will present a Story Time for preschoolers of all ages and their parents on Tuesday, April 7, at 10:30 a.m.

there are 22 free municipal public libraries, and many special libraries such as hospital medical libraries, and Union County Law Library, private schools, colleges and corporate information centers, such as Merck and AT&T.



HOSPITAL VISIT... On March 20, the Clark Kiwanis Club visited the new addition of the Rahway Hospital, which is due to open soon. Ms. Emily Gross, at right, of the Community Relations Dept., acted as tour guide for the group of 20 Kiwanians and guests. George Crater, Clark Kiwanis President, is pictured at left.



CAREER CONFERENCE... Barbara Harrison (left) of Clark, a senior at William Paterson College in Wayne, talks with a recruiter from Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Saddle Brook during the recent Nursing Career Conference held at the college. More than 75 hospitals and health organizations in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania sent representatives to the event, which is designed to provide WPC nursing students with information on job opportunities in their field.

Board of Education losing Faria

by Pat DiMaggio
Clark Board of Education President Thomas Faria thanked board members and residents for their support during his tenure on the board at Tuesday night's meeting.

Faria, who has decided not to seek re-election this year, is ending his sixth year on the board which governs policy for Clark's elementary schools. He has served as president for three terms. "These past six years that I have served on the board of Education have been a most interesting and gratifying period," said Faria. "The responsibility placed upon a board member will, at times, create anxious, un-



Thomas Faria

comfortable moments but those too become part of the job. Tonight is my last meeting as an elected representative to the Board of Education. During these last six years, I have had the privilege of working with many individuals associated with the Clark school community. Working with these dedicated educators, parents and support personnel had reconfirmed my belief that we here in Clark have a truly fine educational system."

thank my fellow board members for having the confidence in me and electing me to the presidency for three terms. I hold board members in the highest regard. Only those who have served on the board can truly know what a difficult task it can be. My best to you and may you continue to make decisions and set policy with that one underlying concept in mind — If it's good for our students, it's good for our community."

School staff, students cited for accomplishments

by Pat DiMaggio
Clark's Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzio commended elementary school staff members for the months of February and March in his Educational Digests released to parents weekly.

Mrs. Margaret Lorenz is the chief cook at Valley Road School. A resident of Clark, Mrs. Lorenz has worked in the school district for more than twenty years. She is the mother of three and grandmother to six.



NUMBER ONE TEAM... The Chemistry Team and Biology Team of Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, captured first place honors at the monthly competition of the New Jersey Science League. Statewide competition exams are held in physics, chemistry, and biology. Members of the Physics Team placed second in their competitive exams. Pictured, left to right, are Marilyn Bernacki of Clark, Katie Sinnott of Cranford; Mrs. Marilyn Ballard, coach; Kelly Farrelly of Woodbridge; and Natalia Mamczak of Rahway.

A graduate of East Stroudsburg State Teachers' College, Mrs. Virginia Conklin is a first grade teacher at Valley Road School. Mrs. Conklin, employed by the Clark school system since 1970, also worked in Middlesex Boro and Roselle and is a resident of Clark.

and Yolanda Urbanski; Grade 8, Anthony Argnano, Helen Chang, Laurie Guerrero and Stefania Novy.

Scott Allison completes Marine recruit training

Marine Pvt. Scott I. Allison, son of Henry D. Allison of Denmar Ave., Clark, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

DECA students win awards
Arthur L. Johnson, Regional High School Distributive Education Club competed at the 26th Annual State DECA Conference March 2-4 at Great Gorge Mountain View Resort in McAfee.

Mrs. Doris Chinchar is a kindergarten teacher at Valley Road School. A graduate of Newark State College, Mrs. Chinchar also teaches in the Basic Skills Improvement Program. She began her tenure in Clark in 1978 on a part-time basis.

Also honored by Dr. Ortenzio were Guidance Counselors Mrs. Mary Foster and Sidney Hochman.



SHOWSTOPPERS... All seniors Jason Kresge, Donna LaSpata and Erich Kaiser are pictured after a rehearsal for the senior play "Carnival" which was performed earlier this month.

Bockbierfest slated in Clark

On Saturday evening, March 28, at 8 p.m., the Deutscher Club of Clark, Inc., 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold a Bockbierfest. Traditional dark beer will be available and the kitchen will serve bockwurst, potatoe salad and sauerkraut. Music will be featured by Norbert Ludwig.