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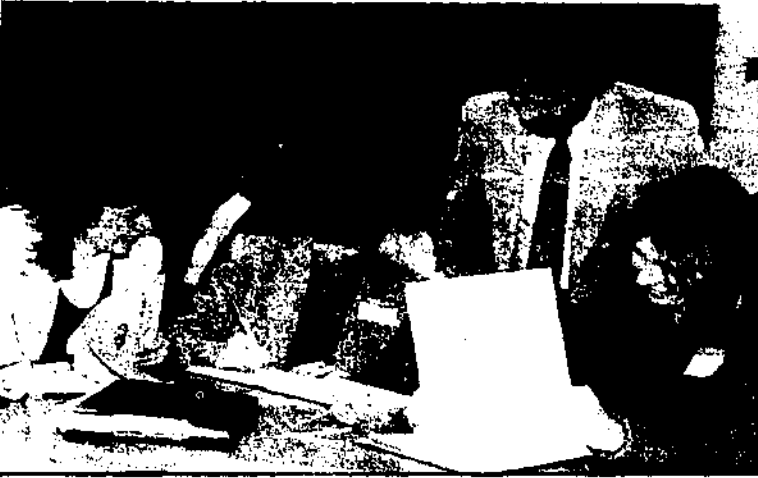
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TOOLS OF THE TRADE... Mother Seton Regional High School hosted an In-Service Workshop for faculty members from Mother Seton, Clark and Sacred Heart Academy, Hoboken. The workshop, entitled, "Writing Across the Curriculum," was conducted by Dr. Donald McAndrew, and Sister Kathleen Hunter, formerly of Cranford. Dr. McAndrew is a Professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has written and published works on this topic. Sister Kathleen Hunter, a 1968 graduate of Mother Seton Regional High School and a Sister of Charity, is presently a Ph.D. candidate at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Pictured above, are, left to right, Dr. McAndrew, Sister Kathleen Hunter, and Sister Regina Martin, Principal of MSRHS. Below are Mrs. Gwyn Neilson, Mrs. DarLynn Marsh, Dr. McAndrew, and Mrs. Ruth Butler.



Dolinaj, Kazanowski and Niemiec win voter approval in school election

by Pat DiMaggio
One incumbent and two newcomers were elected to the Clark Board of Education when 1720-residents went to the polls on April 7. Lori-Ann Kazanowski, who was appointed several months ago to fill the unexpired term of the late John Dillon, was voted in to her first full term on the board. "I am happy to have been given this chance to serve

our community and particularly our children," said Kazanowski, a nurse. "I'd like to thank everyone who helped me."
John A. Dolinaj, administrator of the Adult Vocational Division at Union County Vocational Technical School, also received the nod from voters for his first term on the board. "I feel very proud that

had this opportunity to serve the children and the community here in Clark," said Dolinaj. "I hope the experience I've gained as a school administrator will be put to good use."
Also elected was Robert J. Niemiec. John Schneider lost his bid for a second term on the board, former Board Member James Kehoe was defeated and educator

Henry R. Varriano was unsuccessful in his bid for a seat on the board. Kazanowski garnered the most votes with a total of 879. The Hehny School district gave her a total of 127 votes, the Kumpf School district totalled 237 votes, former Brewer School totalled 218 votes and Valley Road School totalled 277 votes. There were 20 absentee ballots cast for Kazanowski. Robert Niemiec received

a total of 804 votes, 121 from the Hehny School district, 200 from the Kumpf School district, 197 from the Brewer School district and 275 from the Valley Road District. Niemiec drew 11 absentee ballots. John Dolinaj totalled 684 votes, 114 from from the Hehny School district, 176 from the Kumpf School district, 174 from the Brewer School district and

214 from the Valley Road School district. Dolinaj received 6 absentee ballots. James Kehoe received 669 votes, Henry Varriano received 647 votes and John Schneider totalled 595 votes.
The Reorganization Meeting of the Clark Board of Education will be held on Thursday, April 9, in the administration building on Schindler Road.

Voters say no to elementary budget

by Pat DiMaggio
Voters turned down the 1987-88 school budget for the Clark elementary schools when 18 percent of the township's 9799 registered voters went to the polls on April 7. "I am extremely disappointed," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzio. "I expected this budget to pass based on the involvement of a number of people, their input and their overall good humor in supporting their children's needs."

191 in favor, the Brewer School district totalled 191 opposed, 166 in favor and the Valley Road School district totalled 286 opposed and 226 in favor. Absentee ballots drew 15 opposed and 21 in favor of the Current Expense tax levy. Capital Outlay garnered 822 votes opposed and 690 votes in favor of this portion of the budget. The Hehny School district drew 93 votes opposed, 113 in favor, the Kumpf School

district drew 235 votes opposed, 181 in favor, the Brewer School district totalled 186 votes opposed, 155 in favor and the Valley Road School district totalled 293 votes opposed, 220 in favor. There were 15 absentee ballots opposed and 21 ballots in favor of the Capital Outlay tax levy. The Board of Education must now sit down with the Municipal Council to see where cuts in the budget can be made.

HS budget approved despite Clark votes

by Pat DiMaggio
A \$22 million budget was approved by voters for the Union County Regional Board of Education, which governs policy at Arthur L. Johnson High School, even though it was defeated by township residents on April 7. The 1987-88 school year budget includes funding for four Regional High Schools including Johnson, David Brearley in Kenilworth, Jonathan Dayton in Springfield and Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights. Clark residents voted 788 in favor of the budget and

800 opposed but the five other communities served by the Regional board approved the budget with a total vote of 2737 in favor and 2444 opposed. A total of 5181 Clark voters went to the polls. Berkeley Heights totalled 461 in favor, 370 opposed, Kenilworth drew 310 in favor, 183 opposed, Mountainside totalled 598 in favor, 586 opposed, Springfield garnered 422 in favor, 377 opposed and Garwood totalled 158 in favor with 128 opposed. According to Tom Long, Assistant to the Superintendent for Public Relations, homeowners in Clark can expect to pay between \$30 and \$45 more a year in taxes on a home assessed at \$150,000 for schools purposes for the Regional district.

"We are very happy that the Union County Regional High School budget has been approved by our six communities," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donald Merachnik. "We believe that it indicates that the residents of the regional district want a continuation of quality education in our four high schools." District results in Clark are as follows: Hehny School district, 135 in favor, 90 opposed; Kumpf School district, 193 in favor, 237 opposed; Brewer School district, 180 in favor, 174 opposed; Valley Road district, 246 in favor, 286 opposed.

ALJ students awarded for winter sports

The Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Athletic Booster Club honored all lettering athletes involved in winter sports at an Awards Program held Monday, March 9. Mrs. Marie Kaiser, Chairperson, welcomed the athletes, parents, guests, coaches and school officials, including Dr. Donald Merachnik, Superintendent of Schools; David Carl, Principal; Louis Peragallo, Athletic Director; and Board of Education member, Melvin Altman. The Most Valuable Player Awards were presented by the coaches to the following athletes: Kelly Brennan, girls winter track; Kelly Richter, girls' basket-

ball; Vincent Gulbin, boys' basketball; Todd Burger, boys' winter track; Steve Rothbard, wrestling; and Edward Webb, bowling. In addition, the bowling team received plaques for being Mountain Valley Conference champs and Kelly Brennan and Megan McCutcheon received plaques for their accomplishments as State and County High Jump Relay champs. The drawing for the Super 5050 was officiated by Dr. Merachnik and Mrs. Carolyn Hayden, Booster Club President. The recipients of the two \$500 prizes were Vito Carullo of Clark and F. Daley of Mahwah. Mrs. Hayden expressed her appreciation to all who helped make this fund raiser a success.

Regional board approves memorial relocation

by Pat DiMaggio
The Regional Board of Education, governing Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, gave its approval last week to a joint committee suggestion to locate a Veterans Memorial next to the flagpole at the school. The board, at its regular meeting held on April 1, agreed to the suggestion made by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to place the memorial on school property. David Carl, principal of the High School, estimated the monument to be three feet wide and six feet high. It is presently located on the grounds of the Clark American Legion Headquarters. Transportation and installation of the memorial will be at no cost to the Board of Education, all necessary maintenance and repairs will remain the responsibility of the Clark Veterans Memorial Relocation Committee and no further additions or improvements may be made without the consent of the board. The exact location of the memorial must have the prior approval of Mr. Carl. The board also gave its approval to a trip scheduled for June 11 to 12 for the Trainable Mentally Retarded class at Johnson to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Seventeen students and four chaperones will participate in the overnight trip with a cost of \$86 per per-

son for transportation, lodging, meals and admission to attractions. In other business, the board: —Approved the following instructors for the spring 1987 term of the Adult School: Beginning Typing, Beatrice Brodsky, \$15/hr., \$195 total; Typing Workshop, Beatrice Brodsky, \$15/hr., \$195 total. —Approved a neurological examination for a student from Johnson to be performed by Dr. Margaret Symonds at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside at a cost of \$150. —Approved the following student teacher: Paul Starukowsky, Kean College, Social Studies with cooperating teacher Steven Sigma. —Accepted the retirement resignation of Benjamin Quattbebaum, a special education teacher in the Trainable Mentally Retarded class for the past ten years, effective June 30. —Adjusted the payment rate of Frank Summa upon his obtaining a Fireman's license from \$18,000 on the custodial salary guide to \$18,500 for the 1987-88 school year. —Adjusted the payment rate of Dorothy Garis who completed ten consecutive days as a substitute teacher for Gloria Menendez in the Foreign Language Department to \$98 per day. —Employed Steven Petruzzelli for a maximum

of ten hours at a payment rate of \$15 per hour to provide driver education instruction to a handicapped student at Johnson. Petruzzelli is a certificated teacher of driver education. —Approved the following appointments: Assistant Track Coach (boys), Robert Rasczyk, \$1,914; Assistant Track Coach (girls), Leslie Santa, \$1,914. —Approved the following bedside instructors: Arlene DellaCerra, social studies; Thomas Galiszewski; science; Ruth Grossman, English; John Ford, business education.

Clark Veterans' Memorial finds a new home at ALJ

The members of the Clark Veterans' Memorial Relocation Committee apparently believe that the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School is the true center of their community. The committee, which is comprised of members of the American Legion Post 328 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7363, both of Clark, was searching for a new site for the township's Veterans' Memorial, presently located on a small parcel of land at the corner of Broadway and Grand Street in Clark. After considerable thought and study, the committee settled upon a new location for the memorial — adjacent to the flag pole in front of the Arthur L. Johnson building on Westfield Avenue. The members of the veterans' group, headed by retired

Air Force Colonel James E. Kehoe, applied to the Board of Education of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 for permission to relocate the monument. And, finally, at a meeting of the Regional Board of Education on Wednesday, April 1, the plans of the Clark Veterans' Memorial Relocation Committee were approved. "Ever since last Memorial Day, when we stood in the rain and gloom at the present memorial site, I have felt that the current spot on the corner of Broadway and Grand Street was an inadequate location for this memorial," explained Mr. Kehoe. "So, we decided to have this monument moved, hopefully to a place where it could really be seen and noticed. "What we are trying to do by relocating the memorial," he continued, "is to pull the community together — the young and the old — and to garner support for our cause from the whole town. This location, at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, could and should be considered the focal point of the Township of Clark. The relocation would help pull together those veterans and constituents who may have forgotten about the vital importance of education."

Clark AARP lists events

Clark Chapter No. 3733, American Association of Retired Persons, will meet on Friday, April 10, at 1 p.m. at the Brewer Senior Citizen Center, Westfield Avenue. A social hour begins at 12:30 p.m. Thomas Ombrella, Ph.D., Professor of Biology at Union County College, will speak to the membership on home gardening. Ongoing projects include collection of old eyeglasses for Eyes For The Needy in cooperation with the Clark Lions Club; a Holiday Gift Project for residents of area nursing homes; and making of lap robes and leg warmers for those residents and Project Layette for infants. Tours are scheduled for Nova Scotia beginning June 8 and Hawaii beginning September 15. Call 382-1295 for further information.



SINGLED OUT... Students from Mrs. Lori Delbert's Fine Arts class at Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, have achieved recognition for their art work. This achievement came through Channel Thirteen's Ninth Annual Student Art Festival. Only 166 pieces of art were selected from 6,000 submitted works. The art work of Tina Angelo, right, a senior from Elizabeth at Mother Seton Regional High School has been chosen in the Finalist category. The art work of Kimberly Ledzion of Linden, and Maurs Maldony, at left, of Edison, both seniors at Mother Seton Regional High School, has been selected for the International Youth Art Exhibit in France. Mrs. Delbert is pictured center.