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New hope for Hyatt

by Pat DiMaggio
Hyatt Clark Industries (HCI) might yet survive if a New York bearing company can iron out difficulties with creditors.

HCI filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in January. The employee-owned company, which made roller bearings for the automotive industry, faced bankruptcy when General Motors, its major creditor, withdrew a three-year contract. The plant, which employed 700 people, was due to shut down on August 31. The plant was closed early, however, when it was learn-

ed that certain machinery had been sabotaged, according to HCI President Howard Kurt. An auction held on July 14 in Trenton before Bankruptcy Judge William H. Grudin drew two bidders for the property located on 85 acres totalling one million square feet in Clark and Cranford. Hartz Mountain Industries, Secaucus, offered \$17 million for the buildings and land on Raritan Road and another company offered \$16 million for the land. General Bearing Corporation also purchased trade drawings, existing contract rights, patents and the

tradename "Hyatt Clark." Now the bearing corporation has been allowed to develop a plan to purchase HCI and to restart the plant in Clark. General Motors is reportedly interested in reviewing the possibility of resuming the purchase of its bearing products from the new company. General Bearing Corporation has received a 30-day extension of its purchase agreement from United States Bankruptcy Judge William F. Tuohy to try to satisfy HCI's creditors to see if they can reorganize the company.



BEST IN BUSINESS... Johnson Regional Class of 1987 graduate Laura Aguilero, pictured here with A.L.J. Assistant Principal, John Hutchinson, was honored as the Outstanding Distributive Education Club Student at Johnson Regional this year and was the recipient of the Clifford M. Peake, Word Processing and Johnson Business Faculty awards by virtue of her efforts in the Business Education curriculum at A.L.J. Laura received these honors at the annual In-School Awards Program at Arthur L. Johnson.



MENTALLY AWARE... Senator Donald DiFrancesco and Governor Thomas Kean are pictured at the signing of the involuntary commitment bill, sponsored by DiFrancesco, which will provide major improvements in the care and treatment of the mentally ill. Under the law, a mentally ill person could be committed against his will for 72 hours of evaluation only if this illness would result in his being a danger to himself, others or property.

Elementary schools renovated

by Pat DiMaggio
Students returning to Clark's elementary schools this fall will be met with an improved environment due to the Board of Education's major summer project plan. According to Business Administrator/Board Secretary H. Edward Flanagan, repairs have moved according to schedule at the three elementary schools governed by the board.

At Valley Road School the antiquated gas hot water system was replaced, the boiler water feed pump was repaired, four classrooms and the cafeteria were retiled and four classrooms were painted. The outside kitchen door

and railing will be replaced as well as the non-chargeable emergency lights. The kitchen door is being replaced at Frank K. Hehny School and other outside doors are being repaired. Five dead trees were removed from the school grounds and cafeteria step railings are currently being installed. Blowers were cleaned in ten classrooms, 30 light fixtures were replaced, 38 flushometers were replaced in boys' and girls' bathrooms and there has been extensive painting in halls, offices and classrooms. Carl H. Kumpf School repaired outside doors and the emergency gas generator. All fluorescent light

covers were replaced, an air conditioning unit was added to the new, larger computer room, a back flow prevention valve was installed and all broken outside window handles and latches were replaced. In addition to upgrading the school facilities, all ballfields have been scraped and graded with the appropriate clay mixes, according to Flanagan. Weed killers have been utilized to help maintain a clean infield look.

Teachers tentatively approve contract

by Pat DiMaggio
Teachers have returned to school this week pending approval of a contract by the Clark Board of Education and the Clark Education Association (CEA). A three-year contract offering a 9 percent increase

in each year was discussed by the Board of Education at their regular meeting held on September 8. The board hopes to vote on the contract at their September 22 meeting. The CEA intends to hold a meeting to ratify the contract on September 16, according to CEA Vice President Dolores Downs. "We are extremely pleased with the package," said Downs. Starting teachers presently earn \$18,500 per year with a top range, with a Bachelor's Degree, of \$36,380, said Downs. The CEA is the bargaining unit for teachers, secretaries, custodians, maintenance personnel and bus drivers in Clark who have been without a contract since June 30.

Clark American Legion sends delegates to convention

The American Legion Post 328 of Clark, with a membership of 450 for the 1987 year, will be represented by nine delegates at the Department of New Jersey Convention in Wildwood today through Saturday. The delegates attending the convention from the Clark Post are Commander Donald McArdle; Sr. Vice Commander John Specht; Jr. Vice Commander James Kehoe; Finance Officer William Cox; Historian Theodore Lambach; Adjutant Ray Grimes; Judge Ad-

vocate Nelson Metchoutski; Past Commander William Wirth and Trustee Joseph Rybak. Commander McArdle announced that a 50c Nite will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3, starting 7:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner, refreshments and dancing. Tickets are \$10 per person. At the Union County meeting held in August, the Clark Post received citations for their accomplishments and leadership in the membership program for the 1987 year. The awards were presented by Department of New Jersey Executive Committee Chairman Charles Brame. The first citation was for Meritorious Service, surpassing the previous year's membership by 26 members.

The other citation was for achieving a 105 percent membership for the 1987 year. Senior Vice Commander John Specht is asking all members of Post 328 to send in their dues for the 1988 year prior to Veterans Day.

Regional board of ed business

by Pat DiMaggio
The Union County Regional Board of Education awarded a bid for two diagnostic engine analyzers to New Jersey Auto Test in the amount of \$28,430 at their regular meeting held last week. The analyzers will be used at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark and at David Bready Regional High School. The board also gave its approval for two students from Johnson to attend a yearbook workshop at Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania. Eleventh graders Maria Cutinello and Joanne Goldberg attended the workshop August 9-13. The salary adjustment of Mrs. Nancy Dougherty was approved by the board from \$31,700 to \$32,900 for attaining thirty credits in addition to the Master's Degree, and the retirement resignations of Mrs. Inez Wagner, a clerk at Johnson and Mrs. Donna Owellit, a teacher aide, were accepted. Mrs. Wagner also received \$1,050 for 70 unused sick days. In other business, the board: - Approved the following teacher assignments in the Basic Skills Improvement Program: Mathematics, Erica Broderick, Richard Fleischer, George Hills, Mildred MacLehose

and Arlene Schwartz; English, Arlene Allen, Susan Dougherty, Ralph Johnson, Paul Kaiser and Kathryn Zigmont. - Approved the enrollment of a student from Clark in the special needs vocational program at the Union County Vocational School in the small engine repair program at a cost of \$840 for the school year. - Approved the addition of John Nolchey of Clark to attend the Union County Vocational Center in the Diesel Mechanics Program. - Approved the following instructional personnel for first semester early morning classes: Douglas Felter, SAT English, \$2,100; Richard Esandrio, SAT Math, \$3,150; John Aragona, Chem Lab, \$1,180; Harry Cardinale, Chem Lab, \$948.58; John Mattson, Bio Lab, \$1,171.42; John Maikos, Bio Lab, \$1,237.14. - Awarded a savings bond for perfect attendance to Thomas Galiszewski, a teacher at Johnson. - Approved the following appointments: Intramural Coach (fall) Jack Maikos, \$707; Head Cross Country Coach (girls), Tracy Hayden, \$2,018; Cheerleader Coach (fall), Jeanne Bury, \$1,043; Cheerleader Coach (winter), Jeanne Bury, \$1,325.

Prominent artist donates work to benefit auction

Noted Springfield artist Helen Frank is among several who will be donating art objects to an auction benefitting the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Sept. 18. Her donations include a limited edition etching print and a self-published "artist's book." Mrs. Frank's reputation as a painter of children's portraits is among the several credits that have earned her a write-up in "Who's Who in American Art." Her work is represented in two prominent museums and in a number of large corporate collections and is on consignment to galleries in New Jersey, New York City and Boca Raton, Florida. Besides her full-time occupation as an artist, Helen is a part-time special teacher of gifted children in the Springfield public schools and teaches a class in drawing and painting in the Union County Regional Adult School.

The etching print to be auctioned is titled "Mexican Children" and depicts a scene in a Mexican orphanage run by the Salvation Army. According to the artist, there is a poignant story behind one of the depicted children — a boy with a parrot on his shoulder. "When he first arrived at the orphanage," Mrs. Frank explains, "he was very sad at the loss of his friend (the parrot). Orphanage officials made special arrangements to reunite the boy and bird, and the episode had the proverbial happy ending." The print measures 3x16 inches (16x20 inches with mat) and is valued at \$200. Mrs. Frank's second donation is a copy of a self-published "artist's book," which she considers one of her more gratifying achievements. "An artist's book," she explains, "is a work of art in the form of a book." The book, titled "Menopause," explores the emotional aspects of the

subject as viewed through the eyes of 15 women. Many Union County residents are familiar with Mrs. Frank's work through her illustrated county map, which has been distributed free through the county library system. More recently, she designed the opening commemorative poster for the National Museum of Dance in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., the first institution of its kind in America. Two of the artist's works are currently on view in the gallery of the former Dodge estate in Madison. The benefit auction, which will offer opportunities to bid on a wide variety of goods and services, including small antiques, craft items and other art objects, will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Rahway on Friday, Sept. 18 at 8:15 p.m. A \$3 donation is required for admission. Further information may be obtained by phoning the Arts Center at 499-0441.

\$190,000 targeted for town repairs

The Clark Township Council approved bond ordinances for final adoption at a special meeting held on September 8. A bond ordinance in the amount of \$190,000 for the improvement of public property, buildings and grounds was approved by the council. This ordinance covers reconstruction of the Police Department including interior and exterior renovations, a new air conditioner and a public address system. Municipal offices at the Brewer School are also included in this ordinance consisting of renovations on the interior and exterior, windows, the heating system and drapes, rugs, air conditioning and a new public address system. Recreational facilities will also be improved.

Polish school to open Sept. 19

The Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark, will be opening a Polish Supplementary School for children aged 5-14 on Sept. 19, with courses ending in May. Classes will be held Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Polish language, history, geography and customs will be taught. Students will be grouped by age and Polish language proficiency. Registration may be made in person at the foundation office Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except Wednesdays, when hours are noon to 8 p.m. The foundation office phone number is 382-7197. Registration by mail will also be accepted.

Tuition is \$10 per month for the first child, \$7 per month for all other children. Family membership for 1987 is required. The director of the school is Eugeniusz Anisko of Clark, teacher in a Polish supplementary school in Elizabeth for many years. The Education Committee includes Diana Giza of Maplewood, director of the Studies Program; Jane Gomolka of Fords, a Polish language teacher, and Josephine Cukier of Mountaintop, vice president of Cultural Programs.

Registration extended for adult school

The Union County Regional Adult School has announced mail registration is extended through September 25. Several single-day bus tours have also been arranged for this term. Registrants may inquire about receiving a brochure or about space availability for specific courses by calling Nancyanne Kopp, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, at 376-6300, extension 276.

Support group for diabetics

The American Diabetes Association, Union County Chapter, announces the formation of support group meetings. The first will be held Thursday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m. at 1101 South Ave. W., Westfield. Meetings will be led by Carol Manchester, R.N., M.S.N., C.D.E. Phone 654-7449 for further information.



BASIC MERITS... Carolyn Coapito (second from left) and her father, Mr. Gabriel Coapito (second from right), both of Clark, discuss the merits of the Union County Regional High School District's Summer Basic Skills Improvement Program with Mr. Ralph Johnson (right), a teacher of English at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, during the program's closing session at the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. Looking over the work completed by her daughter Carolyn is Mrs. Camille Coapito (left).