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LAWFUL FOOD... Members of the Union County Police, PBA Local 73, donated \$50 towards the Victim/Witness fund for the recent food basket drive, which provided Thanksgiving dinners for over 40 families who were victims of violent crimes. Pictured, from left, are Det. Richard Puschet, UC Police; Robert O'Leary, Asst. Prosecutor; Helen Hughes, Victim/Witness Counselor, and Patrolman Bill Humcke, UC

Police. Over \$175 was donated by Union County employees, and food bins were set up in the Administration Building in Elizabeth and other county offices to collect non-perishable food. More than 1,100 pounds of turkeys and other food were delivered by the Union County Juvenile Officers Association, which sponsors the drive with the Victim/Witness Unit of the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

Officials look to trim costs of fire station

by Pat DiMaggio
Officials in Clark are still working to insure that the proposed fire sub-station project gets off the ground. Voters approved a referendum in November, 1986, setting a figure of \$500,000 for construction of a fire sub-station to be built on Raritan Road. The new station would cut down on response time for residents of that area, according to fire department officials.

In subsequent meetings with a committee consisting of council members, fire and first aid squad officials and representatives of the Little League field adjacent to the proposed site, Bertone said an additional \$30,000 to \$50,000 could be "cut" from the original estimate by making changes in finished materials and plumbing and electrical equipment. Also, based on a final soil report, removal of fill material could possibly be decreased, said Bertone.

"In doing the design estimate, we tried to assume the worst case scenario," said Bertone. "It is easier to know before the job is sent out to bid if you will need more money. It is more responsive to the client."

Township Attorney Stanley Fink said that since the amount of money was approved by referendum, only \$500,000 could be spent for the project.

Fink has been asked to look into the legality of using funds from the capital improvement account to make up the difference between Bertone's estimates.

New contract gives school workers 9 percent raise

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark Board of Education approved a contract with the Clark Education Association (CEA) at a meeting held last week. The three-year contract includes teachers, maintenance and custodial workers, computer operators and secretaries, but not executive secretaries, said Business Administrator H. Edward Flanagan.

The contract sets an average increase for each employee at 9 percent in each year of the contract, said Flanagan. Included in the contract are salary guides for staff members. "A salary guide is the schedule for each year of the contract setting forth specific salaries at various levels of experience," said Board President F. Donald Paris.

New municipal pay rates approved for Clark

by Pat DiMaggio
The Clark Municipal Council approved amended ordinances for final adoption at a special meeting held on December 7. An ordinance establishing an hourly rate of \$5 an hour for a tape recorder operator was approved. Also approved was an amended ordinance setting the following salaries: Office of the Township Clerk, principal accounting clerk - \$21,153; clerk typist - \$12,517; Municipal Court, municipal court clerk and violations clerk - \$24,608; deputy municipal court clerk/stenographer - \$21,766; clerk typist - \$12,517; Department of Adm. Health and Welfare, clerk typist - \$12,517; Department of Public Works, clerk typist - \$12,517; Department of Revenue and Finance, principal accounting clerk typist - \$18,825; cashier - \$15,424; Department of Public Safety, communications operator - \$14,011; Department of Assessments, assessing clerk - \$6.40 per hour; Division of Buildings and Grounds, building maintenance worker/flow pressure license - \$14,321, low pressure license, part time - \$7.49 per hour; Bureau of Health, sanitation inspector - \$12.49 per hour; All departments, part time - \$5.34 per hour.

An ordinance was also approved setting a police captain salary of \$40,470.



SUSAN R. MIKSZA, Principal of the Frank K. Hehny School in Clark, recently conducted a workshop on self image at the annual New Jersey Education Association convention in Atlantic City. She is co-author of "Teaching Children to Love Themselves" and has conducted various workshops for teachers and parents of young children throughout the state.

ALJ students commended for leadership roles

Assemblyman Bob Franks (R-Union) recently recognized the achievements of four students from Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School for their participation in Student Leadership Day held in October at Bell Labs in Murray Hill. The four students, Helder Gomes, Douglas Turner, Christine Zavalos and Steven Gomich met with Assemblyman Franks at the high school to receive Certificates of Participation and to discuss their impressions of the program.

Student Leadership Day is an annual event sponsored by Assemblyman Franks that exposes 100 top high school students from throughout the 22nd Legislative District to high-ranking state officials to discuss the pressing issues facing New Jersey in the coming years. This year's guest speakers were State Treasurer Feather O'Connor, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection Richard Dewling, and Corrections Commissioner William Fauver.

ALJ students plan concert tonight

The students of the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark will present their annual Winter Band and Vocal Concert on Thursday, December 17, at 8 p.m., in the school's Hough Auditorium.

The Clark Public Library is requesting all area organizations to notify the library of the names of their 1988 officers, so the Community Service File may be updated.

Yersevich graduates AF course

Army Reserve 2nd Lt. Anna E. Yersevich, daughter of Alfred V. and Margaret Yersevich of Gertrude St., Clark, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine's flight nurse course at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. Graduates of the course have been trained for duty as a member of a medical crew in aeromedical evacuation units. Training included basic principles of aerospace medicine, basic sciences, and special techniques necessary for the safe and efficient transportation of patients by air.

DWI checkpoint planned on Raritan Road

The Township of Clark, in cooperation with the Union County Police Department, will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on Wednesday, December 23, on Raritan Road, according to Sgt. Albert Williams, Commander of the Clark Twp. Traffic Bureau.

The DWI checkpoint will be held from 9 p.m. to approximately 4 a.m., and will be positioned in between Central Avenue and Madison Hill Road. Literature will be distributed during checks pertaining to the consequences of driving while intoxicated, according to Sgt. Williams.



SMILES AND BRAINS... Four students from the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark were recently among the finalists in the Junior Miss of Union County Scholarship Pageant held at A.L.J. Pictured here during a rehearsal session for the pageant are, from left, Patricia Kukun of Mountsinclair, a student at Union Catholic High School; and Johnson Regional students Tracey Clark, Joanne Lee, Gia Mariano and Hilary Altman, all of Clark. The contestants were judged on their scholastic record and involvement in school activities, poise and appearance, talent in the creative and performing arts, physical fitness, and the outcome of a personal interview. The winner, Patricia Kukun, received a \$150 savings bond and earned the right to compete for the title of Junior Miss of New Jersey at the state pageant on January 8 in Cherry Hill. Gia Mariano was the 1st Runner-Up.

Educational goals up for review

by Pat DiMaggio
The educational goals of the Clark school system will be reviewed by the Board of Education, staff members, parents and residents of the Township in preparation for the district's monitoring process. Mrs. Muriel Cassidy, Curriculum Coordinator for Clark's elementary schools, asked the board to re-examine goals originally set in 1963 and refined in 1973 in preparation for the monitoring process to begin in September of 1989. Cassidy explained that goals were first set in 1963.

- To prepare for citizenship in a democracy and be assisted in becoming a contributing member of society;
- To build the foundations upon which efficiency in earning a livelihood will depend;
- To acquire the knowledge, habits and attitudes that promote personal and public health, both physical and mental;
- To become an effective and responsible contributor to the decision-making process of the political institutions of the community, state and world;
- To acquire the knowledge, skills and understanding that permit the playing of a satisfying role as both consumer and producer;
- To prepare children for a world in which there is increased leisure time.

wide range of other people, including but not limited to those with social and cultural characteristics different from their own;

"We were one step ahead because we had already developed goals which became the basis for our Thorough-and-Efficient education," said Cassidy. The goals residents will be asked to review include the following:



HISTORY REPEATS... Jon-Henry Barr, right, of Clark, a senior at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, accepts congratulations from A.L.J. Principal David Carl on being named a delegate to the first statewide Model Constitutional Convention to be held December 19, at Princeton University. Jon-Henry will join some of New Jersey's best high school students at the Convention to debate and propose amendments to the Constitution. Sponsored by the office of N.J. Congressman Robert Torricelli, the event will commemorate the Bicentennial of New Jersey's ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

SHOP LOCAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS