



**ANALYTICAL COMPUTER** ... Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Auto Shop students Randy Schwartz (left) and Robert Green (right) discuss the findings of the Allen Smart Engine Analyzer in the Automotive Shop of the school in Clark. Free

automobile engine analysis tests will be performed for residents of the Union County Regional High School District at the Johnson Regional Automotive Shop on Tuesday and Thursday, February 9 and 11.

## ALJ test site

### Free engine analysis offered by auto shops

As a part of its celebration of Vocational Education Week, the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 has arranged for free computerized automobile engine analysis tests for residents of the Regional District in its Vocational Automotive Shops.

The computerized engine analysis, performed by the Allen Smart Engine Analyzer, used by many auto repair shops, will be available at the automotive shops of the David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth and the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

Instructors and students in both of these schools have set aside Tuesday, February 9 and Thursday, February 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for these free computerized engine analysis tests.

Residents of the Regional District communities of Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield who wish to participate in this program must telephone in advance for an appointment.

Appointments may be made by calling Eugene Straker, automotive instructor at David Brearley Re-

## Clark BPW sets meeting

The Clark Business and Professional Women will hold their monthly meeting at the Ramada Hotel in Clark on Tuesday, February 9, at 7 p.m.

Clark BPW is a new organization of business and professional women in the Clark area and is part of The National Federation of Business and Professional Women.

Clark BPW is seeking new members and invites all interested women to attend.

For reservations or information, contact Winnie Canavan at 382-2500. Tickets are \$14.50.

## Library guides pre-school book choices

In preparation for a nursery school session which they were to direct at Arthur L. Johnson High School, two of Mrs. Toth's Family Living classes recently met at the Clark Public Library to hear Mrs. Joan Chapin, Children's Librarian, speak about Children's Literature, with the emphasis on books for pre-schoolers.

At the end of each period, the students chose books which they could read aloud to the children attending their nursery school.

Notice to Clark parents: Library cards are free. If your child is in grade 1 or older, and does not have a library card, bring him or her to the Clark Public Library today.

## Registration set for women's softball league

Mayor George G. Nuzzi has announced that registration for Women's Slow Pitch Soft Ball League, for ages 21 and up, will be held in the Municipal Building (Brewer School Room 5 on Monday, February 8 and Thursday, February 11 from 7 to 8 p.m.

For additional information contact the Director of Recreation, Rich Donofrio at 574-9452.

## French marks 35 years service

John French of Clark recently marked his 35-year service anniversary with Elizabethtown Gas Company.

French joined the utility in 1952 and is currently a manager of construction and maintenance.

## Abduction rumors quelled

by Pat DiMaggio  
Rumors of attempted child abductions in Clark are "unsubstantiated" according to police but parents are still concerned with their youngsters' safety.

The rumors started after two incidents were reported to police, both involving a "small, red car."

According to Police Department spokesman Detective Sergeant Robert Clark, someone in a red car appeared to be watching a paper boy on January 11.

"Small, red car" cited

On January 22, more than a half-mile away, near the Oak Ridge golf course, a man exited a small, red car and approached an 8-year-old girl in her driveway. Identified as a white male in his late teens or early 20's, 5 feet 8 inches in height and with shoulder-length brown hair, the man approached the girl, who then fled around her house into the backyard and then to a neighbor's house.

Det. Sgt. Clark said the man did not say anything to the girl, touch her in any way or make an attempt to pursue her. Police responded in minutes, said Clark, but the car was not located. "Police cars have saturated both areas," said Clark. "We are checking all reports but at this time we have nothing to substantiate anything. We think they are isolated incidents."

Clark said that residents are now calling the Police Department whenever they see a small, red car. "Do you know how many small, red cars there are," said Clark. He noted that calls have

been made to neighboring police departments to also report on small, red cars.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Ortenzio said that after speaking with police he was advised not to send out a warning to students and their parents. "The police said nothing should be sent out to panic the community," said Ortenzio.

Rumors have circulated that there have been five attempted abductions in the township. Det. Sgt. Clark said only the incidents with the paper boy and the young girl have been reported to police.

## \$7.7M tab

### "Bare bones" budget approved by school board

by Pat DiMaggio  
Clark's Board of Education, governing policy in the Township's elementary schools, approved a tentative budget for the 1988-89 school year at a meeting held last week.

The Current Expense portion totals \$7,582,492. Capital Outlay equals \$70,600 and Debt Service totals \$106,557 for a total budget of \$7,759,649. Residents will vote on a current expense and capital

outlay portions when they go to the polls for the school board elections on April 5. The 1988-89 tentative budget shows an increase of \$698,552 from last year's budget total of \$7,061,397.

The 1987-88 budget included \$6,879,950 in current expense, \$70,000 in capital outlay and \$111,447 in debt service.

The largest percentage increase in the 1988-89 budget is in current expense, which posts a 9.84 percent rise, said Business Administrator/Board Secretary H. Edward Flanagan. Capital outlay increased by \$600 and debt service declined by \$4,590. The tentative budget is \$290,385 below CAF, the permissible increase allowed by the state.

If the budget is approved by voters, the tax levy increase will be 6 points or approximately \$66 on a house assessed at \$112,000, said Flanagan. The tax rate for schools purposes will increase from the present 80 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 86 cents. An appropriated amount of \$213,000 in the free balance account will be used to offset an additional 3 tax points.

The tentative budget will now be sent to the county superintendent's office for approval. The budget includes "no projected reductions in staff at this point," said Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Paul Ortenzio. "This budget attempts to maintain programs and activities throughout the school district."

The budget includes \$43,000 for the replacement of computers at Kumpf school. "This is a 'bare bones' budget," said Board Member Dennis Linken. "It maintains most of the programs in place at the present time. I would have liked to have seen more. I am disappointed that we couldn't adopt a budget that could have done more for the school district."

"We have not gotten support from our public," said Board Member Thelma Purdy in reference to last year's budget defeat by voters. "As a town, the people who come out to vote don't want too much coming and on-going. It's a tough line to walk for the board."

Board President F. Donald Paris asked residents for their support on April 5. "Clark has had a fine educational program over the years," he said. "The board needs people to be supportive of these things. I hope the board gets a signal that we don't have to cut back."

## Four vacancies available on Clark Board of Ed

F. Donald Paris, president of the Clark Township Board of Education, advises local citizens that the deadline to file nominating petitions for positions on the Board of Education is Thursday, February 11.

Nominating petitions must be filed with H. Edward Flanagan, secretary of the Clark Board of Education by 4 p.m. on that date," Mr. Paris explained.

Four positions on the Clark Township Board of Education will be up for election on Tuesday, April 5, according to Mr. Paris. Legal qualifications for school board membership in New Jersey are the following: 1) Residency in the school district for at least

one year; 2) The ability to read and write; 3) No interest in any contract with or claim against the local school board; 4) Registration as a voter in the district and 5) No disqualification as a voter under state law (N.J.S.A. 19-4.1).

"Information on school board candidacy, nominating procedures and the responsibilities of local boards of education is available at the Clark Board Office," Mr. Paris advised. Interested citizens should ask for a copy of "Be Part of a Great American Heritage: Serve on Your Local School Board," an information booklet prepared by the New Jersey School Boards Association."

## Polish group slates art exhibits

The Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation will feature an exhibit of works by Cecilia Cieckiewicz of Edison and Jules Wisniewski—of Cliffside Park, starting Friday, February 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Foundation headquarters, 177 Broadway, Clark.

The two artists will give short talks on their training and experiences in the art world. A reception will follow.

A donation of \$3 for Foundation members and \$4 for non-members is requested for attendance. The paintings will be on exhibit through March 3, and may be viewed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. except Wednesday, 12 noon to 8 p.m. and by appointment. Inquiries may be made by calling 382-7197.

Wisniewski specializes in oil paintings. Many of his subjects have a Polish background with dancers, villagers, and scenes. He is a member of the Bergen

County Artists Guild and has shown his works at the Williams Art Center, the Art Center of Northern New Jersey, and at Polish Festivals in Asbury Park and the Garden State Art Center.

An astro-space engineer by profession, Wisniewski began his studies in Lowicz and Gdynia, Poland, and completed them at the Stevens Institute of Technology.

Cieckiewicz works in oil, water colors, and pen-and-ink. She is also a master craftswoman in the art of Polish egg decorations and Christmas tree ornaments. She has demonstrated these skills at exhibits throughout the state of New Jersey.

A number of Cieckiewicz's hand-made ornaments have been donated to the Smithsonian Institution.

Her cultural displays have been at Kean College, Seton Hall University, Rutgers University, and in many libraries.

## Clark student to spend spring semester in Wales

William Vincenti of Clark, a student at Glassboro State College, will be spending the spring semester studying in Wales on the International Studies Program conducted there by Central College, Pella, Iowa.

Students follow a liberal arts curriculum on the Welsh campus, centered at Trinity College in Carmarthen. Wales is one of three international program sites Central has established for

students who wish to experience another culture but who do not have a second language. The other English-language programs are based in London and in Yucatan, Mexico.

Foreign-language programs are offered in Granada, Paris and Vienna. More than 5,000 students from some 400 colleges and universities in the United States have studied abroad with Central since the programs were initiated in the mid-1960s.

## Salaries OK'd for school administrators

by Pat DiMaggio  
A contract between the Clark Administrator's Association and the Board of Education was approved at a meeting held last week.

The contract sets salaries for the five administrative positions in the Township's elementary schools.

Senior administrators David Hart, principal of Kumpf School and Phillip Foster, principal of Valley Road School each received a 7.55 percent increase which brings their salaries to \$58,388.

Susan Miksza, principal of Henly School, received a 9.3 percent increase for a salary total of \$49,200. Director of Curriculum Muriel Cassidy increased her salary by 8.78 percent for a total of \$53,294 and Dr. Shirley Ikeda, the Director of Student Personnel Services, who has tendered her resignation to the board, increased her salary by 8.6 percent to \$50,440.

The Clark Education Association, the bargaining unit for Clark's teaching members, agreed to a three-year contract with the board in 1987 which grants them a 9 percent increase in each year.

In other business the board: Approved the applications for Federal Flow Through Funds in the following amounts and categories: Flow Through ages 3-21, \$43,120; Flow Through ages 3-5, \$4,620.

Approved the school calendar for the 1988-89 school year.

Appointed Kenneth D. Lighthipe, drama coach and Albert Pendleton, musical coach, at a stipend of \$1,597 per individual.

Approved Mary Norris as a Language Arts teacher at Kumpf School and Pendleton is a staff member of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School.

Appointed John A. Cathcart as a lacrosse coach at a stipend of \$948.

Approved Mickey Norris as a curriculum writer at a stipend of \$850.



**CULTURAL CURLS...** Cheryl DePazza of Clark, a student at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, styles the hair of a customer during Mrs. Emmalyna Williams' Beauty Culture 1 & 2 class at the school in Clark. Beauty Culture is just one of the many Vocational Education courses offered at Johnson Regional and at the other Union County Regional High Schools. February 7-13 is Vocational Education week.