



VETS' RUN SUCCESSFUL... A check for \$1,500 was presented to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lyons recently, raised from the American Legion's Veterans Run held at the hospital grounds in November. From left to right are Run Chairman Joseph Rybak, of Clark Post 328; Hospital Director Paul Kidd, Dept. Vice

Commander Nick Wasyluk; Frank Quadino, in charge of recreation at Lyons; and Commander Don McArdle of Clark Post 328, presenter of the check. The funds will be used for recreational and religious activities, and also for televisions for the nursing home.

Salaries approved for education personnel

by Pat DiMaggio
Clark's Board of Education approved contracts for top administrators at their regular meeting held last week.

The board approved a one year contract with Dr. Paul Ortonio, Superintendent of Schools since July 1, 1986, for a total salary of \$65,500. The board also approved a two-year contract with H. Edward Flanagan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary for a 1987-88 salary of \$51,500. Flanagan was appointed in September of 1984.

Salaries for administrative secretaries were also approved along with the following hourly rates for personnel:

Cafeteria/Playground Aide, 1987-88, \$6.50 per hour; 1988-89, \$6.50 per hour; Van Driver and substitutes, 1987-88, \$8.75 per hour; 1988-89, \$9.50 per hour; Bus Driver and substitutes, 1987-88, \$9.75 per hour; 1988-89, \$10.60 per hour; Substitute Clerk, 1987-

88, \$6.50 per hour; 1988-89, \$7 per hour; Substitute Custodian/Maintenance, 1987-88, \$8 per hour; 1988-89, \$8.75 per hour; Substitute Teacher, 1987-88, \$45 per day; 1988-89, \$50 per day.

The board also adjusted the tentative 1988-89 budget due to State of New Jersey budget cuts totalling \$22,594. The Current Expense portion of the budget will be increased by that amount but the 6 cents per \$100 of assessed value tax increase will remain the same, according to Business Administrator H. Edward Flanagan.

The budget cuts include the following: Equalization Aid was cut from \$446,450 to \$435,934; 90 percent Approved Transportation was cut from \$113,798 to \$110,322; Special Education

was cut from \$224,012 to \$217,159; Compensatory Education was cut from \$59,539 to \$55,610.

A transportation CAP waiver in the amount of \$50,277 will be made to the County Superintendent for the 1988-89 budget year. In other business the board:

-Appointed Jerome L. Sharp as a custodian at a salary of \$18,796.

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-Added Janet Grzyb, teacher, and Lidia Prilich and Sandra Yelenovsky, secretaries/clerks to the Substitute List.

-Accepted the resignation of Donald Stasi, maintenance, effective immediately.

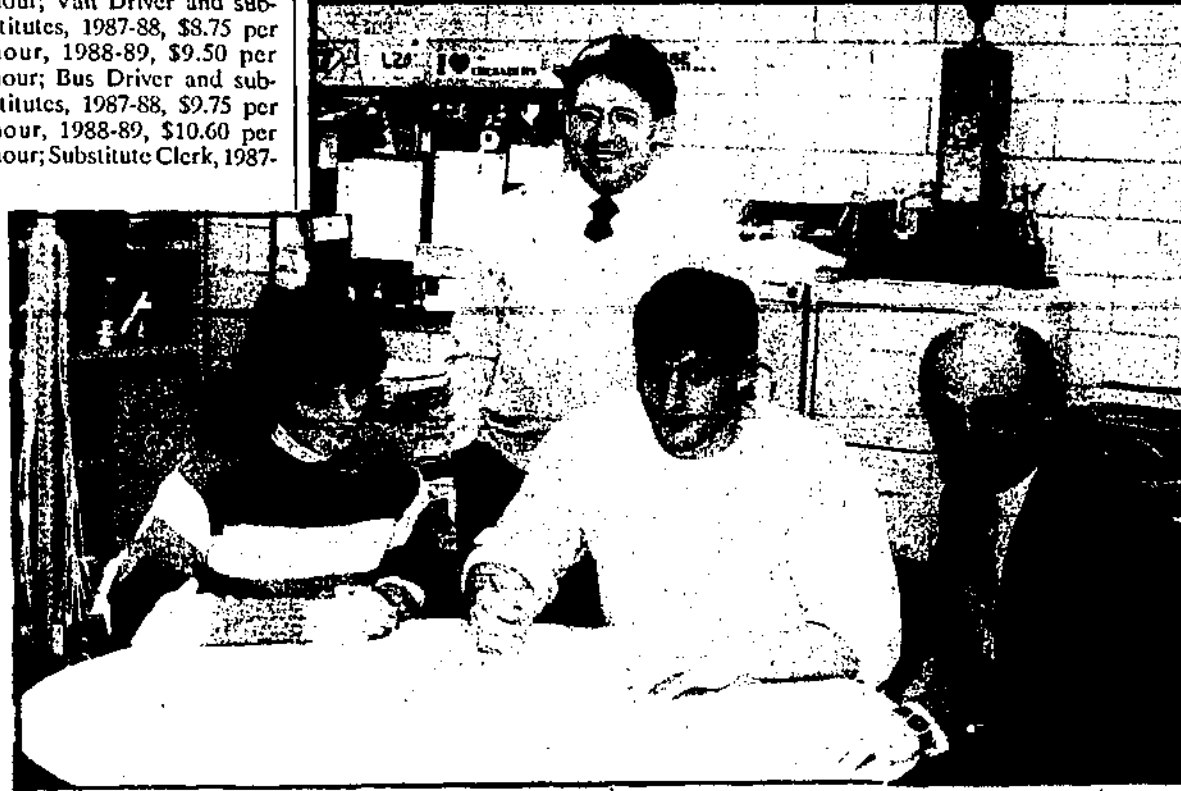
-Approved for first reading policies on Personnel, Sexual Harassment and Student Pregnancy.

-Revised a policy on Instruction, Guidelines for Textbooks/Instructional Materials.

Smoke detector saved lives in Clark fire

by Pat DiMaggio
Fire officials in Clark credit the installation of

smoke detectors with the saving of lives in a fire last week.



PENNING FOR PENN... Todd Burger (seated, center), a senior at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, prepares to sign an NCAA National Letter-of-Intent which indicates he will attend Penn State University on the full football scholarship starting in the fall. Looking on are Todd's parents, Mrs. Bettyann Tortorella (left) and Mr. Michael Tortorella (right), and Johnson Regional Head Football Coach Steve Ciccotelli (standing). Burger, who was an All-State selection at tackle by both The Associated Press and The Star-

Ledger, chose to attend Penn State over schools such as Syracuse University, Boston College, Rutgers University and the University of Virginia. A three-sport athlete who also stars for the John Winter Track and Lacrosse teams, the 6-foot-3, 245-pound Burger will have an opportunity to play at Penn State for legendary head coach Joe Paterno, who has led the Nittany Lions to the National Championship of college football twice, in 1982 and 1986.

Momentum building for alternate Parkway exit

by Pat DiMaggio
A petition asking for a new Garden State Parkway exit on Inman Avenue in Colonia is being circulated by a township councilman spearheading a drive to reduce Clark's "gridlock" situation.

Second Ward Councilman William Caruso has collected 500 signatures on a petition asking for a new exit to relieve traffic problems in Clark and is hoping to accumulate a total of 10,000.

"It will take a long time and a lot of people involved," said Caruso. "We are asking for volunteers throughout Clark. This is non-political and something that affects the entire town of Clark and surrounding areas."

Caruso got involved with the Department of Transportation (DOT) several years ago when they promised to study the traffic situation in Clark.

He initiated action by approaching the Board of Chosen Freeholders and asking them to release a traffic impact study completed in 1981. He was allowed access to that information in 1985-86, he said, and learned that traffic in the Clark area had increased from 20,000 cars a day on Central Avenue to 80,000 cars a day.

"It showed what we suspected," said Caruso. "Our citizens were locked into their driveways, unable to get out onto Raritan Road. The police also did a survey and found that 60 to

70 percent of the cars were going out of town but they were clogging up our arteries."

Caruso petitioned the DOT and they responded that they will begin their own study in 1986. The DOT hired consultants and appropriated funds to complete the study, said Caruso, and said that when the study was complete they would advise the township as to the outcome.

In that interim the DOT turned the section of the Parkway from Union to Perth Amboy back to the Garden State Parkway Commission.

In trying to locate a copy of the study, Caruso said he was notified that it "was lost." Caruso and Councilmen Fred Eckel and

Joseph Pozniak then went to the Garden State Parkway Commission and were told that they never received a copy of the report.

"We stressed the importance of safety and the gridlock situation on Central Avenue and Raritan Road and we were told that we have to show that citizens in that area are solidly behind wanting an exit," said Caruso.

"My goal is to get as many signatures as I can, not only in Clark but in Westfield, Scotch Plains, Cranford, Rahway and Edison," noted Caruso. "There already is an exit on Inman Avenue but there is a gate in place blocking it off. We are sure a safe exit could be established there. I hope everyone joins this crusade with me. I am concerned about the young people in town. It's suicide getting across those streets."

Library adds "Microcosm" to fiche collection

The Clark Public Library has added "Local Business Microcosm" to its collection.

Microcosm captures the local economic system on microfiche by presenting a comprehensive listing of business locations in the region, including all regional companies in the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area that appear in Dun & Bradstreet's

business information database. The listings provide quick and easy access to the hard-to-find branch locations, manufacturing plants, and small privately held companies that are integral to the local business economy. They help sales and marketing professionals identify prospects and serve as a reference tool for students and consumers.

Candidates named for school board seats

by Pat DiMaggio
Candidates for a seat on Clark's Board of Education have filed petitions in preparation for the April 5 school elections.

There are two candidates seeking one unexpired two-year term left when former Board Member Robert Niemiec resigned. James L. Pressman and former Board Member James E. Kehoe have declared their intentions for this seat.

There are seven candidates seeking three three-year seats on the board which governs policy for Clark's elementary schools.

Following are the candidates in the order they will appear on the ballot: Laurie Runyon, Anita W. Altman, William P. Brittan, Toby D'Ambola, Jr., and incumbents John A. Fitzpatrick, Michael J. Dudek, and John Schrock.

Saying they were "critically short" Business Administrator/Board Secretary H. Edward Flanagan also asked residents interested in working the polls on election day to contact the board office. Workers

are paid \$4 per hour to work at the four polling places that are open from 2 to 9 p.m. on April 15.

The following election workers have been approved by the board: Patricia Brandt, Gertrude Caruso, Lorraine Catalano, Jean Crisafulli, Marlene Dear, Ernest D'Ino, Frances Ferruccio, Irene Finger, Mildred Fulmer, Valerie Geiger, Carole Hayden, Louise Horner, Dorothy Long, Mary Marciano, Irma Marrone, Kathy McDonald, Dolores Mellio, Mary Pavelko, Florence Peluso, Rosetta Scura, Esther Seager, Lois Severs, Louise Stevens and Ann Yarusavage.

Clark Historical Society to show "New Jersey Gold"

"New Jersey Gold," a film of New Jersey stories, fact and fiction, gathered over the years from N.J. Bell's Tel-News, will be shown at the regular monthly meeting of the Clark Historical Society on Thursday, February 25, at 8:15 p.m.

The public is invited to attend. All meetings of the Clark Historical Society are held in the Clark Municipal Building cafeteria, 430 Westfield Ave.

Entrance is from the north side of the building near the tennis courts.

RHS reunion
The Rahway High School class of 1938 is planning a 50th reunion in the fall.

Interested class members are asked to send their names, addresses and phone numbers to Mrs. Betty Noble Nadler, 979 Lake Avenue, Clark, N.J. 07066.



RUTGERS BOUND... Jim Bodner (seated, center), a senior at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, prepares to sign an NCAA National Letter-of-Intent which indicates that he will attend Rutgers University on a full football scholarship starting in the fall. Looking on are Jim's parents, Mrs. Patricia Bodner (left) and Mr. Paul Bodner (right), and Johnson Regional Head Football Coach Steve Ciccotelli (standing). Bodner, an outstanding quarterback-linebacker who earned All-Union County and All-Central Jersey honors from

several publications this past season, chose to attend Rutgers over schools such as James Madison University and Northeastern University. A fine all-around athlete, the 6-foot-4, 200-pound Bodner is currently the second-leading scorer in the history of the Johnson Regional boys' basketball program and is a standout high jumper for the Crusaders' Track and Field squad in the spring. At the State University, Bodner will have an opportunity to play football for highly-respected head coach Dick Anderson.