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Age discrimination charge brought against board of ed

By Pat DiMaggio
Three members of the Clark Education Association (CEA) have filed age discrimination charges against the Board of Education.

Hugh Irving, Leo Paserba and Anthony Dorio, members of the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) support staff, filed charges with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Division on Civil Rights in Newark on February 26 charging that they were discriminated against in being demoted by

the board. They are represented by the law firm of Zazzali, Zazzali and Kroll, Newark.

Ranging in ages from 62 to 67, the men claim that the Board of Education changed their jobs for no other reason but their ages, said Dorio. They were displaced by new-hires and younger men, according to Dorio.

Mr. Irving was demoted from day head custodian at Kumpf School to night custodian at Hehaly School. Mr. Dorio

were district-wide maintenance men who were demoted to custodians at Hehaly and Kumpf Schools respectively on September 1, 1987.

"The Clark Board of Education hired four new, younger men in the maintenance department to replace two older maintenance men," said Dorio. "The board itself said the reason for the demotions was 'because two men are nearing retirement age,'" he said, quoting a report from the personnel committee.

According to Dorio, the new maintenance men started at the top of the pay scale which increases the maintenance payroll from three men to six men, plus a maintenance foreman.

Board President F. Donald Paris said the board had not yet been advised of any action having been filed.

"We are not aware of any action filed by any present or former board employees," he said. "We have not received any papers concerning this matter."

Policies approved

By Pat DiMaggio
Clark's Board of Education approved contracts for sports staff members at their regular meeting held last week.

The following personnel received contracts for the 1987-88 school year: Coaches, Boys Soccer, Robert Henderson, \$1597; Girls Soccer, Carl Young, \$1597; Boys Basketball, John Bowen, \$948; Girls Basketball, Thomas Padano, \$1597; Wrestling, Robert Sarnecki, \$948; Softball, Robert Henderson, \$1597; Baseball, Carl Young, \$1597; Lacrosse, James Cathart, \$1597; Advisors, Cheerleader, Ilene Fischer, \$594; Yearbook, Carolyn Zidiak, \$594; Student Council, James Carovillano, \$948.

John B. Bowen, Robert Sarnecki and Arlene Knych were approved as substitute teachers and senior practicum teacher Bonnie Wild from Kean College was approved.

Policies on "Sexual Harassment" and "Pregnant Students," were approved and an advanced study grant in the amount of \$513 was approved for Elia Dreyfus.

The board also accepted the retirement resignation of Hugh P. Irving, custodian, after eleven years of service and approved substitute custodians Jerome Sharp and Harold R. Lamont.

The resignation of Donald Stacy was rescinded and the use of the Board of Education bus for a Kumpf School ski trip was granted.

PEP to host budget presentation

P.E.P. (People for Educational Progress) will sponsor a Budget Presentation Night tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the library of Carl H. Kumpf School, Mildred Terrace, Clark.

Dr. Paul J. Ortenzio, Superintendent of Schools, will present the tentative local school budget.

Dr. Donald Merachak, Superintendent of Union

County Regional High School District No. 1, will provide information on the tentative regional school budget, which includes Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

Question and answer periods will follow both presentations. All Clark residents are invited to attend.

Clark nurse/teacher is contributor to textbook

Lori R. Sherman R.N., B.S.N., CDE, a Diabetes Nurse Specialist from Clark, has written a chapter titled "Establishing a Home Health Agency in The Hospital Setting" in the recently published textbook, Home Health Administration, by Marilyn D. Harris.

Ms. Sherman is included in the National Reference Directory, Who's Who in American Nursing, because of her leadership and educational accomplishments in the nursing community. She

is the Program Coordinator at the International Diabetes Center in East Hanover.

Sherman teaches in the group education classes and is available for individual consultations with patients. She also is in charge of coordinating all educational programs at the Center, the first non-hospital-based facility in New Jersey committed to providing quality diabetes education and clinical care for patients and their families.

Dicker studying abroad

Debra M. Dicker, a Class of 1989 Psychology/Modern Languages major at Union College, Schenectady, N.Y., is studying in Spain this winter under

Union's Term Abroad Program.

Dicker is the daughter of Joseph and Mavis Dicker of 124 Dorset Drive, Clark. She is a graduate of A.L. Johnson Regional High School.

Clark AARP lists activities

Clark Chapter No. 3733 American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Friday, March 11, 1 p.m., at the Brewer Senior Citizen Center, Westfield Avenue, Clark. A social hour begins at 12:30 p.m.

Karen Mondrone of the Union County Extension Service, Home Economist, will speak to the group on nutrition.

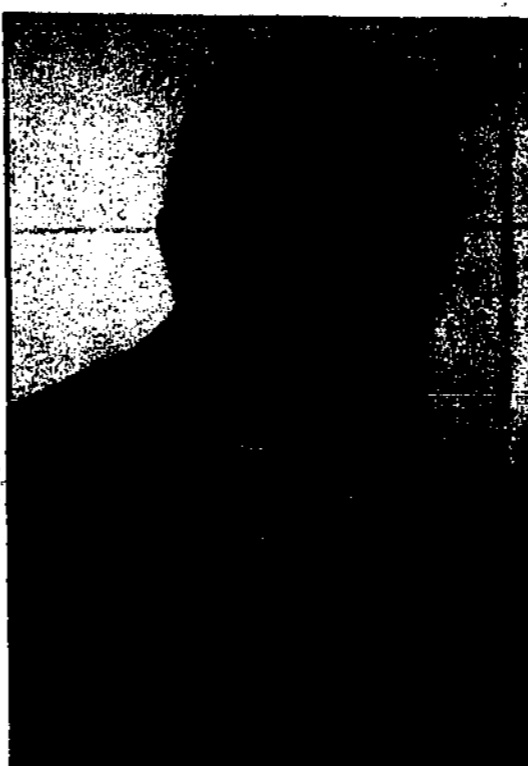
Small baby items are still being collected for Project Layette in cooperation with the Visiting Nurse Association. Lap robes and booties

are still needed for nursing home residents and good used clothing is still needed for a shelter for the homeless.

A cruise to Bermuda from May 18-25 on the Nordic Prince and an air and bus tour of the Cayman Islands of the West in September are being arranged for the group through the Clark Travel Agency.

Membership in Clark Chapter No. 3733 is open to area residents 55 and over, employed or retired.

Neil Boyle is Irishman of Year



Neil P. Boyle

The Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Union County has selected Neil P. Boyle of Largo Lane, Clark, as 1988 Irishman of the Year.

Mr. Boyle, business manager of Local Union 675, I.B.E.W., will be guest of honor at the organization's annual "celebration of heritage" on Wednesday, March 16 at the Town & Campus in Union, beginning 6:30 p.m. He and his wife, Joan, have five children, Mrs. Joann Mannis, Mrs. Karen Lewis, Mrs. Mary Ellen Clark, and Neil and Kevin.

Also, Linden resident Frank McSweeney will be presented a Distinguished Service Award for his charitable endeavors.

Feature speaker will be Carey Edwards, Attorney General of the State of New Jersey. Comedian and actor Malachy McCourt will provide entertainment. McCourt portrayed Kevin MacGuinness in the soap opera "Ryan Hope."

At the dinner a college scholarship will be presented to an outstanding high school senior of Irish ancestry and a contribution will be made to Project Children, which brings children from Northern Ireland to U.S. homes for summer visits.

Joseph Fitzgerald, of Roselle, a detective in the Arson Squad of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, will be toastmaster.



ON STAGE...From left, are actresses Debby Stewart, Donna Buonnani, Hilary Altman, Denise Favor, Elana Sperling, Karen Crincoli and Kelly Bennett, during rehearsal for "Sweet Charity" appearing at ALJ March 10-12.

ALJ sets stage for "Sweet Charity"

"Sweet Charity," last year's smash hit musical comedy for the second time on Broadway, can be seen at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School on Westfield Ave. in Clark Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 10, 11 and 12, starting at 8 p.m.

Originally starring Gwen Verdon on Broadway in the late sixties, and Shirley MacLaine in the movie version during the seventies, Charity was revived last year with Debby Allen in the lead.

In Clark, Debby Stewart

sings, dances and clowns her way about the stage as the dance hall hostess in a somewhat less than fairy tale search for true love. Miss Stewart, a senior, is a veteran comedienne of many Johnson productions. Last year, she delighted audiences with her performance as the incomparable Rosalie in "Carnival."

Charity's two suitors, the international film star Vittorio Vidal and sweet, shy Oscar Lindquist, are played by sophomore Jason Kresge and senior Michael Ricci.

They are only the beginning of a cast that includes thirty-two people and a dog.

Director Michael Vogel, in his fifteenth year as director at Johnson Regional, promises "an evening of sheer, light-hearted entertainment with just the right dash of spice provided by the dance hall hostess."

For the third year in a row, Mr. Vogel's vocal director will be Mrs. Carol Janser, formerly Carol Willenbrock of Clark.

Miss Karen Shiffman of

Highland Park makes her debut in Clark as choreographer and Kim Willis, a junior at the high school, will be doing her first stint as stage manager. Miss Willis is also helping to design an innovative set for the musical, using slide projections in place of traditional scenery. Tickets will be available at the door or may be reserved by calling 382-0910 during school hours. As always at Johnson Regional, local senior citizens are welcome to their tickets free of charge.



CLOWNING AROUND...are, from left, Theresa Loong, Mindy Murray, Linda Burlew, Kim Willis, Joe Miloscla, David Lampman, Jim Sargent, Annemarie Ricci, Charlie Varney, Amy MacVicar and an upside down Debby Stewart.



MUSICAL MEETING...From left, Mrs. Catherine Schubert, community member assisting with costumes; actor David Lampman and director Mr. Michael Vogel, discuss "Sweet Charity."



REHEARSING...For the upcoming ALJ production of "Sweet Charity" are Debby Stewart, Jason Kresge and David Lampman.