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SWEET CHARITY... Michael Ricci, as Oscar Lindquist, nervously answers the question posed to him by Charity Hope Valentine, played by Debby Stewart, during the recent presentation of the musical "Sweet Charity" at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

'Match safes' to be shown at CHS open house

At the Open House to be held this Sunday (May 1), Priscilla Fisk will show her collection of "match safes" — match holders of tin and iron that were once standard equipment in every kitchen.

The meeting is scheduled (May 1), 1-4 p.m. at the Dr. William Robinson Plantation, 593 Madison Hill Rd., Clark. Guided tours of the house and grounds will be conducted by members of the Society.

The plantation farm-

Clark Art Assn. plans collage demonstration

The Clark Art Association will hold a collage demonstration by Carol Richardson at its next meeting Thursday, May 5, 7 p.m., at the Clark Public Library, Westfield Ave.

The demonstration will incorporate the use of paper overlays, paint pigments, pastels and other materials to form a painting. The meeting is free and open to the public.



STUDENT EXCHANGE... Students from Perth Amboy and Johnson Regional High Schools pause for a photo during the recent Student Council-sponsored exchange program between the schools. They are standing (L to R) Sara Ann Rosa of Perth Amboy and Johnson

Key township retirees to get med/dental benefits

by Pat DiMaggio

Clark's Municipal Council approved a resolution granting medical and dental benefits to Township personnel at their regular meeting held last week.

A resolution granting medical and dental plan benefits to retired management employees who have served under the job titles of township clerk, public works foreman, police chief and police captain was approved by the council.

The benefits will be the same as those granted to Township employees represented by a bargaining unit who have completed 25 years of continuous service when they reach the age of 65.

The council also approved a resolution authorizing the placement of three utility poles, with lighting, at

the rear parking lot of the Little League field and to furnish 200 tons of three-quarter clean stone at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 upon adoption of the 1988 budget.

Payment of \$46,233.33 was approved for one third of the total cost of roofing repairs on various township buildings to Laumar Roofing Company Inc., Passaic. The total cost for all repairs will be \$138,700.

In other business the council:

- Approved for first reading an ordinance setting stop intersections on Glenwood Terrace, Stockton Road, Riverbend Drive and Willick Road.

— Approved for first reading amended ordinances prohibiting left and right turns on various Township streets.

— Approved for first reading an ordinance for newspaper recycling.

— Approved resolutions urging the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to approve the prohibition of left turns onto and from Lake Avenue from various streets and to install a traffic light at the intersection of Raritan Road and Sunset Drive.

— Approved a resolution urging the Board of Chosen Freeholders to reduce the proposed 1988 county budget.

— Accepted a bid for police car maintenance and service from Rob's Towing and Service Center, Colonia.

— Authorized the payment of \$442.80 for architectural services rendered to Bertone Associates.

Business career forum set for Gov. Livingston H.S.

The Business Education Department of the Union County Regional High School District, in conjunction with the District's Business Advisory Committee, will sponsor an open forum on business-related careers on Wednesday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights.

This forum is open to all

the topics discussed. Members of the audience will be encouraged to participate.

For more information, contact Manuel Pereira at 376-6300, extension 240. The High School is located on Watchung Boulevard, off Glenside Rd. and Mountain Ave. in Berkeley Heights.

Clark resident wins award at PA college

Kenneth D. Wu of Clark received one of 73 awards to students and faculty members of Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. for outstanding academic and extra-curricular achievement at its annual Honors Convocation on April 17.

Wu received the Alphonse C. Lova Memorial Award in Chemistry, presented to a junior student majoring in chemistry and planning a career in medical research. A graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School, he is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Mu Tsu Wu of Lance Drive, Clark.

Proctor placed fifth in the

Clark Future Farmer scores in contests

Glen Proctor of Clark, Chapter Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Horticulture Program at Union County Vocational Technical School, under the direction of Bonnie Baldusare, placed second in the Regional FFA Creed Contest, held at the school last month. He will represent the Northeast Region in a Public Speaking contest at the FFA convention at Cook College, Rutgers University, on May 23, 24 and 25.

The FFA is the largest in-school youth organization in the country. Its contests provide students with opportunities to develop skills in many agricultural areas. High schools work with the FFA to expand a student's understanding of the vast field of agriculture.



JUDGE HONORED... The Hon. Steven J. Berck, center, is honored for his years of service as a juvenile judge of the Superior Court, Family Part, with a special presentation from the Union County Juvenile Officers Association made by Cranford Police Lt. Milton T. Mason, association president, left, and Union County

Schools Superintendent Dr. Vito Gagliardi, right. Judge Berck, who was former mayor of Elizabeth and served as a judge for more than 15 years, retired this month and was honored for his "dedication to the county's most treasured resource — our youth."

Clark Squad to host fish-chips dinner

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad will have a Fish & Chips Dinner on Friday, May 13 at the Clark Squad House, 795 Raritan Road, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Take-out orders will be available.

For information, call Mrs. Budrock at 388-1556 or Mrs. Cyran at 381-6384.

Book Club to meet

The monthly meeting of the Clark Public Library Book Club will be held on Monday, May 9 at 3 p.m.

Members will discuss short stories by Richard Ford (profiled in the April 10 N.Y. Times Magazine).

It is outdoor living time again. The Clark Public Library has books to help plan your garden, lawn care, patio and deck building, and landscaping your home.

Illegal dumping in county focus of 'combative' study

Neil Cohen, Union County Freeholder (D-Union) announced the completion of the first phase of a study he requested on combating illegal garbage dumping in Union County parks and property.

Freeholder Cohen had met with Chief of the Union County Police, Richard Mannix, and Director of Public Safety, William Tisdall, in early March to discuss then need to take preventative measures against illegal dumping of garbage.

Cohen noted "it has been increasingly apparent that due to the state-imposed

high cost of garbage removal, an incentive now existed for residents in this state and commercial haulers to utilize our parks as their private, and free-of-charge landfill."

He further stated, "I intend to take preventive measures now to avoid catastrophe, as previously existed with the toxic waste dumping era of a few years ago. Our role in government is to prevent a crisis, and not simply respond to the aftermath of one."

Cohen said, the framework for the plans of action includes "the use of undercover county police, re-

Free Screening for special needs children

The Clark School District is seeking special needs children who will be three or four on or before Oc-

tober 1, for its preschool handicapped program.

The special needs preschool child demonstrates delays in cognition, speech, language, vision, hearing, motor or a social-emotional area which may inhibit normal educational development. Some of the characteristics the special needs child may have are:

- excessive clumsiness or poor coordination
- delayed speech and language
- poor response to sound or visual materials
- seems not to understand words
- avoids play or is unable to play
- has serious behavior problems

A free screening will be available in early May to determine eligibility for this special education program. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should call 388-6393 by April 29.

Freeholder Cohen also announced that as part of the overall plan to curb illegal garbage dumping, county law enforcement officials have recommended a citizen awareness program, in-service training and education for Union County Police, education of Union County citizens on this issue, and the display of posters and signs at county facilities and in buildings of local and county government.

Freeholder Cohen applauded the efforts of Chief Mannix and Director Tisdall in developing the framework for an overall plan to curb unlawful dumping.

A salute to secretaries