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BE A 'BLOOD BUDDY'... Kratie Vieira and Christin Meister, students at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, do their part to remind local citizens of the pressing need for blood donors. The "Blood Buddies" drive

has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2-5 p.m., at the high school, on Westfield Avenue in Clark. It is being conducted by the North Jersey Blood Center and is open to the public.

Few residents turn out for budget adoption

by Pat DiMaggio

Only 12 residents showed interest in the public hearing and final adoption of Clark's \$7.6 million municipal budget during a meeting held on Monday night.

Edward Padusniak, formerly the Township's Municipal Clerk, was the only resident in attendance who questioned the council on the budget. He asked if the budget included funding for a clean-up and if efforts were being made to assist residents with uprooted sidewalks. Padusniak also commended the Department of Revenue and Finance for their work on the budget.

Councilman Robert Ellenport said that \$47,500 was included in the budget for a township-wide clean-up program and that monies were available to assist with sidewalk repair. Frank Suplice, of the auditing firm of Suplice and

Clooney, said the \$7.6 million budget will result in a 1-1/2 point increase in taxes for residents.

The total tax increase for residents will be approximately 6-1/2 points for local schools, 4-1/2 points for the Regional District budget, and a proposed 9 points for the county portion, for a total of 21-1/2 points or cents, said Suplice.

On a home assessed at \$114,000, the township portion of increased taxes would result in an additional \$17

per year for homeowners. The total tax increase for residents of Clark would result in an additional \$240 per year, said Ellenport.

"The township increase is the second lowest in the County," said Ellenport. "Out of the total increase in taxes that we will experience in 1988, the local portion is only five percent of that increase. It keeps us even, considering the rates of inflation in the past few years. This budget is commendable in that it not only maintains

services, but in many areas creation, for example - increases those services."

Voting against the budget, Councilman Bernard Hayden said that \$890,000 more could be cut. "If we sharpen our pencils, we could get a zero increase this year," said Hayden. He said he was also opposed to the mayoral and council salary increases included in the budget and the medical benefits offered to township employees from Winfield, which he called "illegal."

"It's a shame that after working on this budget for 2 1/2 months, the word 'politics' has to enter into the voting tonight," said Council President Fred Eckel. "The township should come before everything else."

Garbage collection is not included in the township budget. Residents contract with private haulers for collection. Rates in the past year have increased to \$35 a month or approximately \$400 per year for solid waste removal.

Waldt, Hart re-elected as Board of Ed top brass

by Pat DiMaggio

The Regional Board of Education held their Organization Meeting on April 19 and set meeting dates for the coming year.

The Regional Board of Education, governing policy at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark and three other Regional High Schools, meets on the first Tuesday of each month and on the third Tuesday of each month for an adjourned meeting. The meetings rotate between Johnson High and Jonathan Dayton Regional High in Springfield, Governor Livingston Regional High in Berkeley Heights and David Brealey Regional High in Kenilworth.

Natalie Waldt was re-elected as president of the board and David Hart was

re-elected as vice president of the board.

The Clark Patriot was designated as one of the official newspapers, and the following banks were designated as official depositories: The National State Bank, Springfield; Midlantic National Bank, West Orange; United Counties Trust Company, Clark; Fidelity Union Trust Company, Newark; and United Jersey Bank, Mountainside.

During their regular meeting, also held on April 19, the board formally adopted a resolution accepting \$1000 from participation in the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program. John Aragona, a staff member from Johnson High, was awarded the grant to be used for educational purposes.

In other business the board:

- Approved the continuation of a summer evening fine arts workshop at Johnson.

- Approved the participation of Johnson swim team members on the Jonathan Dayton swim team.

- Approved the participation of Marie Ratel in a two-day conference on AIDS, sponsored by the N.J. State Department of Education. (The conference will be held on May 4 and 5 in Elizabeth).

- Reduced the teaching schedule of Janice Metzger, an art teacher at Johnson High School, and reduced her salary from \$32,250 to \$18,429.



Tryouts planned for girls' fastpitch team

The Wildcat Girls Fastpitch organization, based in Clark, is holding tryouts for two of their summer programs. The team is open to girls from Clark, Cranford, Westfield and Union. Season runs from the end of June through the first week in August with 40 games scheduled.

Divisions are 13-15 year olds and 16-18 year olds. Cutoff date in each division is September 1, 1988. In the younger division, players may not turn 16 on or before September 1 and in the older division, girls may not turn 19 before September 1. Tryouts will be on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. Saturday it will be at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

If interested in playing and cannot attend tryouts or desire further information, call 709-0547.

PTA elects

The following people were voted into office for the Valley Road School PTA for the 1988-89 year at the May 3 meeting:

President, Nancy Branagan; Vice President, Barbara Fair; Vice President, Sue Lordi; Treasurer, Sharon Hiltken; Recording Secretary, Barbara White; and Corresponding Secretary, Lucille Smith.



CLARK HONORED... Det. Sgt. Clark, at right, recently received an award from the Division of Youth and Family Services and the Union County Child Protection Council for his devoted work in the child abuse area. The ceremony, held in Kenilworth, was their 3rd Annual Award dinner and was attended by Acting Chief A. Diarco and Det. Scaturro of the Clark Police Department. The presentation to Det. Sgt. Clark, who heads the Clark Police Juvenile Bureau, was made by Carole Bredt, left, manager of the Plainfield District Office of DYFS.



Boosters honor ALJ athletes

At the recent Winter Sports Awards Program, the Arthur L. Johnson Athletic Boosters Club honored all lettering athletes. The Most Valuable Players Awards were presented to the following athletes:

- Michelle Grassi - Girls' Winter Track
 - Kelly Richter - Girls' Basketball
 - James Bodner - Boys' Basketball
 - Todd Burger - Boys' Winter Track
 - Eric Lipkin - Wrestling
 - Edward Webb - Bowling
- The Bowling Team had another outstanding season, winning the Mountain Valley Conference Championship for the fourth consecutive year. Chairpersons for this event were Mrs. Pat Bodner and Mrs. Eleanor Vieira.

Clark Kiwanis slates card, bingo parties

The Clark Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a card party and bingo party on Friday, May 20, at the Charles Brewer School at 7 p.m. There will be refreshments and prizes. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any Kiwanis member or by calling 382-0450, 382-0334, 382-1321 or 382-3706. All proceeds will be used to support the club's local community projects.

If you work at an office, chances are you'll spend at least 20 years of your life sitting down.



AND THE WINNER IS... Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School students standing, from left, Kathy Curtis, Donna Black, Lisa Macera, Gia Mariano and Henry Altman and seated, Denise Favor, Jim Lapidus, Christina Zavolis will be competing for prestige and cash prizes this evening, Thursday, May 12, at 8 o'clock when the Seventh Annual "Mr. and Mrs. A.L.J. Pageant" takes the stage at the school's Hough Auditorium.

Johnson Regional students Stacey Stewart, Donna Miller and Stacey Skalski will also be participating in this perennial crowd-pleaser at A.L.J. Tickets are \$8 at the door, with proceeds going toward the Johnson Regional Student Council Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Mr. Kurt Epps at the school at 382-0910.

Seminary President to speak at Clark church



Dr. David L. Rambo

Dr. David L. Rambo, president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA), is expected in Clark on Sunday, May 15, to speak at the Clark Alliance Church, which will celebrate 50 years at its Denman Avenue location. Former members, friends and Sunday School attendees are invited to hear his presentation at 3 p.m. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

In May 1987, Dr. Rambo was elected as the eighth president of the C&MA at its Centennial Council in St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Rambo follows Dr. Louis L. King who served for nine years.

Dr. Rambo's overall priority is to advance the work of the denomination in the U.S. and overseas. "I believe the Alliance needs to continue, strengthen, and perhaps even recapture its dynamic vision to reach the unreached and neglected people of the earth. A new zeal must motivate Alliance people to take the gospel as a witness to all nations and hasten the return of Christ."

The Alliance has set goals for 1,225 career missionaries on staff by 1995 and for 1,000 new U.S. and Puerto Rican churches by 1994. Dr. Rambo fully endorses both objectives and takes an active leadership role to complete them. Dr. Rambo graduated from St. Paul Bible College in 1955 and later received a B.S. degree in theology from Nyack College. He received a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Divinity School, a Master of Arts from Fuller School of World Missions, and an earned doctorate from New York University.

In 1962, he and his wife, Ruth, went to the Philippines as missionaries and served for five years. He then returned to North America to serve as professor of missions at the Canadian Bible College and Canadian Theological College. In 1972 he was elected president of these two institutions.

Six years later Dr. Rambo was elected vice president for the C&MA Division of Overseas Ministries. He served in this capacity

until his 1982 appointment as president of Nyack (NY) College and the Alliance Theological Seminary. During 1986 he also served as denominational Vice President. He left both positions to begin his three-year term as president of the C&MA in August 1987.

Dr. and Mrs. Rambo live in Nyack, where the C&MA headquarters are located.

The C&MA was founded in 1887 by Dr. A. B. Simpson. Both a Protestant denomination in the evangelical tradition and a missionary society majoring in world evangelization, the Alliance has just entered its second century of worldwide ministry.

Today The C&MA, which has just entered its 2nd century of worldwide ministry, has 1,780 churches located in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Bahamas. C&MA churches in 53 nations have a current membership of more than two-and-a-quarter million. A missionary force of 1,214 serves in more than 40 of those nations.