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Proposed clean-up ordinance has 'zonk' clause

Council meets tonight on truck shortfall in current sweep

Property owners who do not maintain their property will be affected by an ordinance that was approved for first reading by Clark's Municipal Council at their regular meeting held Monday night.

The ordinance would facilitate the removal of snow, ice and debris from sidewalks by clarifying the obligation of the landowner as well as regulate parking when more than three inches of snow has fallen in a 24-hour period, according to Councilman Robert Ellenton who introduced the ordinance.

The ordinance also prohibits littering and states that catch basins and properties covered with grass and weeds must be properly maintained.

"The ordinance states that landowners must maintain their property," said Ellenton. "The Public Works

Department will have the option to perform the clean-up if the landowner refuses to do and charge that cost back to the landowner."

A public hearing and possible final adoption of this ordinance will be held at the November 21 meeting of the council.

Councilman William Caruso, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, also announced that clean-up in the 1st Ward has been completed utilizing 41 trucks full of debris.

Under a contract with Blue-and-White Disposal, the Township agreed to pay \$150,000 for 100 truckloads of attic and cellar refuse.

Caruso said the limit of 100 trucks might be reached before clean-up in the 3rd Ward is completed and a special meeting should be called to appropriate additional funds.

Fourth Ward Councilman

Carmine Cristiani stated that the 4th Ward would need more than 41 trucks as there are more people in that Ward. "The 4th Ward, being last, will not be cheated," he said. "Gentlemen, I want the 4th Ward cleaned up, you'd better find the money for it."

The council agreed to meet for a special meeting on Thursday, October 20 (today), at 7 p.m. in Room 16 at the Brewer School to discuss appropriating additional funds.

A resolution added to the agenda by Caruso called for \$61,500 partial payment to Blue-and-White Disposal

and was met with opposition from Republican council members. Caruso suggested that the payment be made to help the disposal company pay for the tipping fees which must be paid in advance.

"Nowhere in the contract was it stated that he must be paid up front," said Councilman Bernard Hayden. "They've only completed the 1st Ward. It is ludicrous to suggest paying tax dollars before the job is completed."

Councilman Cristiani introduced an amendment which would limit the partial payment to 80 percent of

Caruso's figure, or \$49,200. The amendment was approved with Hayden and Councilwoman Carol Pluta dissenting.

"Blue-and-White knew what type of game they were getting into," continued Hayden. "If he wanted stipulations, he should have put them in the contract. What kind of game are you playing? You're not using Monopoly money, you're using tax dollars."

The resolution for partial payment of \$49,200 was finally approved on a vote of five in favor, with Hayden and Pluta opposed.

Would-be debate lost in 'smokescreen'

There will be no debate between candidates for November's mayoral election in Clark because participants can't agree on logistics.

Mayor George Nucera invited former Mayor Bernard Yarusavage to join him in a public debate tentatively scheduled for October 12 at Brewer School. "I am sure you would, along with myself, want the voters of Clark to have a clear understanding of our positions, you as its former mayor and myself as its present mayor," said Nucera in a letter to Yarusavage dated September 26.

Nucera suggested the debate be sponsored by a Township organization such as the Clark Senior Citizens Club, Clark Taxpayers Coalition of League of Women Voters. He said a member of Women Voters had agreed to serve as moderator.

In a letter answering Nucera dated September 29, Yarusavage stated that he firmly believed that Council-

At-Large candidates should be included in the debate. "Under Plan F of the Faulkner Act, the mayor and council are drawn together by many duties and responsibilities and have to work in harmony to be effective," he said.

Yarusavage also said that since the debate would be a political exercise, he thought it should be scheduled for somewhere other than on municipal property. "I am certain that many other citizens share this view," he said. "When these points of contention have been resolved we can proceed."

The 'points of contention' have not been resolved and each candidate blames the other for the failure of the planned debate.

"I felt the debate should be between the administration people rejected four years ago and the one in office," said Nucera. "We should not throw up a smoke screen with the council participating."

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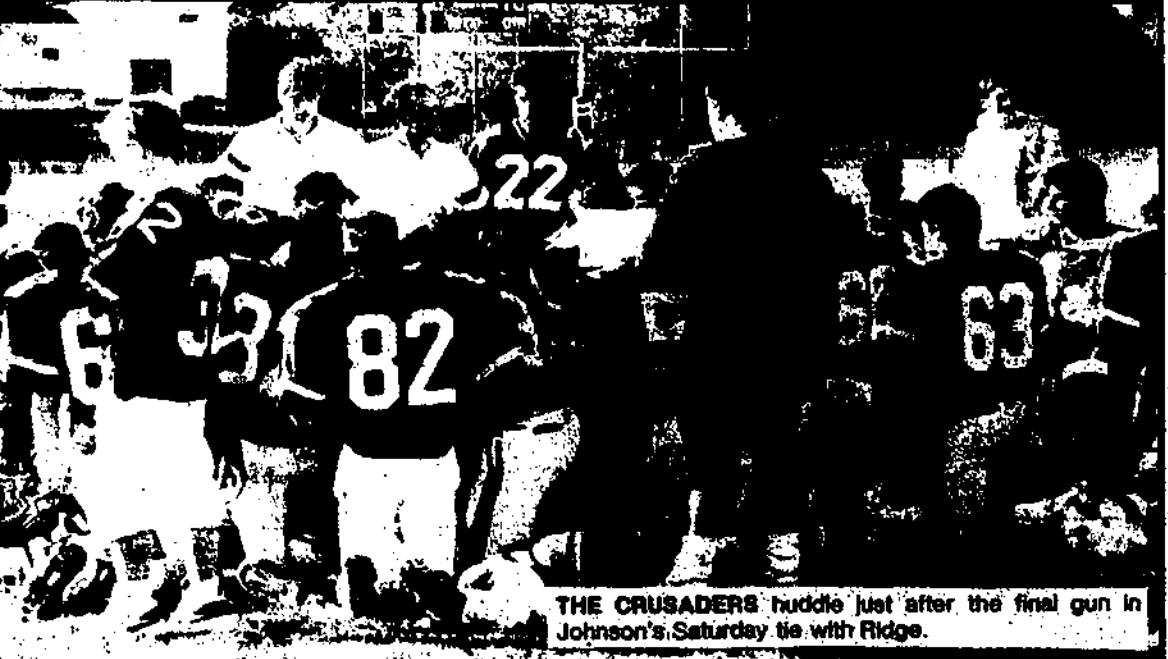
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THE CRUSADERS huddle just after the final gun in Johnson's Saturday tie with Ridge.

Graduation policy approved for handicapped students

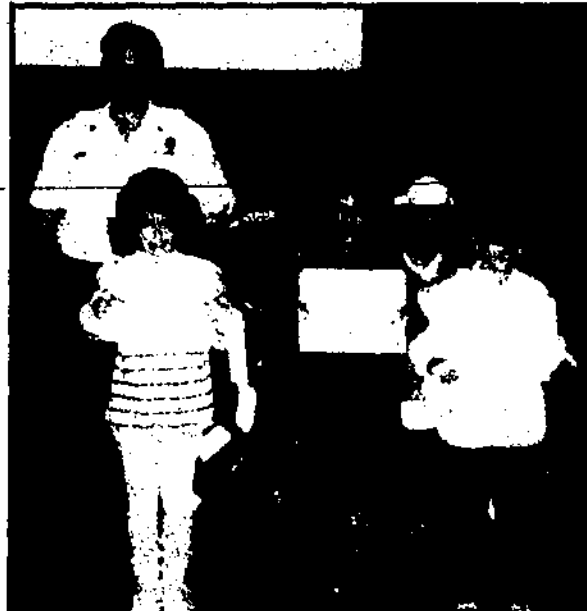
Clark's Board of Education approved a policy for high school graduation for special education students at their regular meeting held last week.

The policy mandates that decisions regarding the high school graduation requirements for educationally handicapped students in resource room and special class programs shall be made in the eighth grade or final year in the Clark programs.

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AWAWARENESS... The Clark Fire Department recently presented a program to school children at Clark's Frank K. Hehrly School regarding fire prevention and procedures. A poster contest was held with the theme, "Smoke Detectors". The winners were (right to left in foreground) Joseph Marchese, 1st place; Gary Stojack, 2nd place; and Ellen Peirino, 3rd place. The posters will be on display in the Clark Public Library. Pictured with the winners are Inspectors Mark Klemplasty and Tom McDonald, and Firefighter Kevin Shackleton.

Clark PBA donates to Osceola cause

The Clark Police Department's Police Benevolent Association (PBA) has donated \$1,000 in memory of a fellow officer killed in the line of duty to the Osceola Presbyterian Church which was destroyed in a recent fire.

The presentation to Pastor Timothy Pretz was made two weeks ago in front of the Clark Police Memorial Honor Roll monument located in front of Police Headquarters.

The donation was made in the name of William Waterson, who was killed in the line of duty on July 4, 1971. Waterson was a member of the Osceola Presbyterian Church, located on Raritan Road.

"At a special PBA meeting, we decided to donate \$1,000 in memory of our late comrade," said PBA President Robert Romano. "The fire was a terrible thing to happen."

In accepting the check, pastor Pretz said the money would be put to good use. "I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the gift," he said. "It will be put toward the reconstruction of the church. Hopefully, this will have a domino effect on other organizations who will come forward to help."



PBA DONATES TO OSCEOLA... Pictured: from left are Pastor Pretz, PBA President Robert Romano, PBA Delegate Dennis Reilly, Acting Chief of Police Anton Danco, and Detective Sergeant Robert Clark.

Videos offered through new LINX program

A new, free videocassette service is now available through libraries in Union and Middlesex counties. This service is supported by LINX, the Union/Middlesex Regional Library Cooperative, Region IV of the New Jersey Library Network.

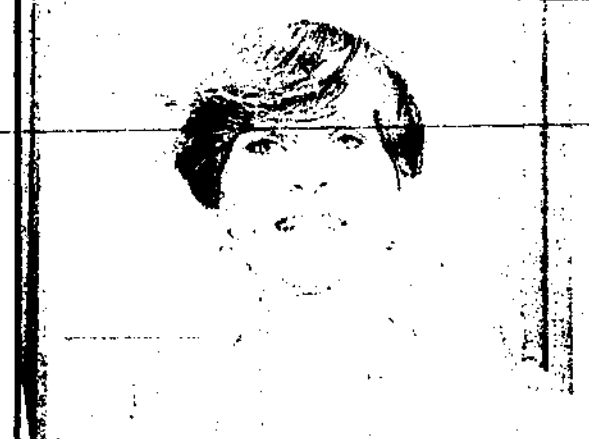
A wide selection of non-theatrical tapes on many subjects plus many PBS specials are in the collection including "The Jewel in the Crown," the "Civilization Series," "The Heart of the Dragon," and "Vietnam: A Television History".

Many public libraries, including the Clark Public Library, have their own collections of popular videotapes which they lend to residents of their municipalities. One of the unique features of the service from VuelINX is that many of the tapes are licensed for public performance. This means that tapes which are licensed may be shown to organizations and at group meetings.

The collection is being managed for the region by the Woodbridge Public Library. Residents of the two-county region who hold a card from a local library may request tapes through their library or may borrow tapes directly from the VuelINX Center at the Woodbridge Public Library.

An annotated catalog is available at all member libraries. For more information on VuelINX, call your local library.

The Clark Public Library Book Club will meet on Monday, October 24. To be discussed is Shirley McLaine's "It's All in the Playing".



ALJ art teacher attends honors seminar

Mrs. Janice Metzger, a teacher of art at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark and the Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights, was one of just 29 art teachers nationwide selected to receive a scholarship and participate in the annual Rhode Island School of Design Honors Seminar for the Advancement of Art Education this past summer.

At this seminar, Mrs. Metzger and her fellow art instructors studied and discussed problems, opportunities and successes experienced in their teaching careers.

They also worked in studios, attended lectures on art history, discussed concepts and practices in educating students in the visual arts and reviewed how students should prepare portfolios for college and university study.

Mrs. Metzger was chosen to participate in this conference based upon a national competitive search for outstanding art educators.

Paintings sought for 'miniatures' show

The Clark Public Library has set Saturday, October 29 as the date on which it will receive artists' entries for an upcoming exhibit titled "Miniatures in the U.S.A." Entries will be accepted from 10 a.m. to noon. Paintings must not exceed 10"x10", including frame.

Clark GOP sets meeting

The Clark Republican Club will meet tonight at 8 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room at the United Jersey Bank on the corner of Raritan Road and Westfield Avenue. The Republican Freshholder candidates have been invited.

Mayoral candidate Bernie Yarusavage, and Council-at-Large candidates Bernie Hayden, Joe Rybak and Ruth DeLuca will be available for a question and answer session. The public is encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be available.