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Mother Seton to welcome new assistant

Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 2, when Sister Regina Martin, principal, begins the school year with a morning department chairmen meeting. A later meeting with all faculty members will be followed by a Liturgy celebrated by The Rev. John McGovern, school chaplain. Faculty members and staff will be guests at a luncheon immediately following the Liturgy.

Student Council members and members of the sophomore class will welcome 170 new freshmen to Mother Seton on Wednesday, Sept. 3. Junior and senior classes will begin their school year on Thursday, Sept. 4. A special Liturgy for students and faculty will be held on Monday, Sept. 8.

Appointed as assistant principal at Mother Seton was Miss Jean Barron. Miss Barron was an instructor of the Social Studies Dept. and a member of the administrative team. She also coaches the varsity tennis team.

She holds a bachelor of arts degree from Georgian Court College and a master's degree from Seton Hall University. She has studied law, sociology, and psychology at Northwestern University, the University of Georgia, the University of Virginia and Nebraska Wesleyan University. She has also taught in the summer program at Seton Hall Law School.

A Scotch Plains resident and a graduate of St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind., Miss Barbara Hamilton, will join the staff in student personnel services. She has studied at the University of Vienna and is currently doing graduate study at Manhattan College.

A graduate of Mother Seton High School and of Seton Hall University, Sister Noreen Neary, who has taught chemistry and physical science will return to the science department after a one-year absence. Sister Noreen recently completed her novitiate with the Sisters of Charity. A research chemist at Allied Chemicals Co., Sister Noreen joined the Sisters of Charity in 1978.

Mrs. Joanne Pauly of Scotch Plains, a graduate of Kean College in Union, will become a member of the English and Social Studies Dept. Mrs. Pauly has been involved extensively in community and educational programs in the Union-Union-Fanwood area.

Increased enrollment in the freshman class at the township school necessitates the addition of two new faculty members.

A freshman honors program will also be implemented in the major subject areas.

Mother Seton Regional offers extensive academic and co-curricular activities. A complete college preparatory and business curriculum is offered to the students. Several advanced courses, such as calculus and physics are offered to students who successfully complete honors courses. The business curriculum offers a work-experience program for senior business students.

The school serves Rahway and Clark. Busing is available. Parents' Guild sponsors many social and fund-raising events. Prospective students and their parents may visit the school or obtain further information by telephoning 382-1922, reports Sister Regina.

Johnson offers more computers this school year

By R.R. Faszczewski

The computer age will be more evident than before for the 1,237 students expected to enter Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark on opening day, Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 8:15 a.m.

Two one-semester courses in computer operation will be offered as part of a program being instituted in all four schools of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, of which Clark is a member.

Terminal setups will also be available with computer science being introduced in mathematics and science classes.

Data processing at Johnson Regional will also be offered this fall with the use of new equipment. Hookups with the Jerseyne was the programs.

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A full day of school will be held on Sept. 3 with dismissal at 2:40 p.m.

All students in homeroom assignments for 1980-1981 will report at 8 a.m. each day upon entrance to the building and on corridor bulletin boards. All students will then report to their assigned homerooms to receive class schedules.

This year homeroom will start at 8:15 a.m. and school will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m. every day.

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Tuesday, Sept. 2, has been designated as Freshmen Orientation Day. School will be open for freshmen students only. Approximately 265 ninth-grade students are expected to participate in the Orientation Day Program.

All freshmen should report to their homerooms by 9:30 a.m. In homeroom each pupil will receive a copy of his schedule. He will then attend a special assembly to wel-

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Miss Lyons named to posts held by Xavier A. Salemme

By R.R. Faszczewski

A township teacher, Miss Claire Lyons, was named to several positions previously held by the assistant principal of Carl A. Kumpf School, Xavier A. Salemme, who died earlier this summer.

The Board of Education Aug. 19 appointed Miss Lyons as director of this year's summer school, retroactive to the period from June 30 to July 28 of this year.

She was also named affirmative action officer for the 1980-1981 school year, and handicapped compliance officer and substitute environmental officer, also for the upcoming school year.

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In other action, the school body:

—Terminated Larry Scurchin in recreation and Keith Meehan and Michael Conklin as painters. The three had been listed as summer employes but had never worked for the school system, it was explained.

—Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Unni Taylor, effective retroactive to Aug. 1, as a payroll clerk-computer operator in the business office.

—Hired two soccer coaches, two basketball coaches, baseball, softball and lacrosse coaches, two musical advisers, a yearbook advisor and a cheerleader advisor for Kumpf School for 1980-1981.

—Employed two soccer coaches, two basketball coaches, a baseball and a softball coach, a tennis coach, three intramurals directors, a musical director and advisor for dramatics, cheerleaders and a yearbook for Charles H. Brewer School for the 1980-1981 school year.

—Hired Oswald Bernedes as floater custodian for the next school year at an annual salary of 90,000 prorated from Monday, Sept. 1, of this year, to Tuesday, June 30, of next year.

—Increased the salary of Miss Gayle MacMillan from $14,900 to $16,250 and that of James Cavorsland from $25,630 to $26,700. Both are teachers who recently completed 30 credits beyond their masters' degree.

Court decision sought on school subdivision

By R.R. Faszczewski

The Clark Board of Education Aug. 19 authorized its attorney, John P. Higgins of Westfield, to seek a declaratory judgement in Superior Court regarding the township Planning Board's July 8 vote not to pass a resolution giving the Board of Education permission to subdivide the Abraham Clark School property.

Planning Board members voted 4-0, with the abstention of Anne Bernard, G. Tarnavage not to pass the motion.

Subdivision was sought so the section of the property containing the school body's administration offices could be considered a separate lot from that containing the closed school.

The school, which the school body members voted last year to sell to the Polish Cultural Foundation of Irvington, is the subject of a lawsuit filed in Superior Court. Judge Milton A. Feller, brought by residents who feel the sale procedure illegal and likely to disrupt the residential character of the neighborhood.

Although the resolution to grant the subdivision was defeated by the Planning Board, Mr. Higgins has said he believes it is necessary for the Planning Board to pass a specific motion denying the subdivision.

He added the defeat of the motion to approve might be considered a non-action and possibly constitute approval of the subdivision anyway.

This is apparently the reason for the School Board's Aug. 19 action, which is not directly connected with the residents' suit. It seeks a clarification of the Planning Board action, according to a school body spokeswoman.

Board members also approved a resolution in tribute to Xavier A. Salemme, the vice principal of Carl A. Kumpf School and former principal of Valley Road School, who died early in this summer at 49 years of age.

Mr. Salemme was a member of the teaching district since September, 1957.

Because of Mr. Salemme's death and the tributes to him by Board members and Superintendent of Schools Dr. John A. Farinella, the body voted unanimously to table a resolution to abolish the assistant principal's position at the Kumpf School until its next meeting in September.

The reason for abolishing the position, which had been in existence at Kumpf for the past five years, according to Dr. Farinella, is the declining enrollment in the school system.

However, Board members did vote to approve the hiring of two administrative aides for Kumpf to assist the principal.

In response to a question from Board member, James F. Kelner Board president, Mrs. Thelma Purdy, explained two aides were needed to divide the administrative duties between the kindergarten to fifth grades and the sixth to eighth grades in the school.

Mrs. Purdy added the administrative functions would only be part-time and the aides would be teaching the rest of the time.

Superintendent outlines rules on family class

"The State Board of Education Aug. 6 approved a rule which requires all school districts to offer family life education programs. As an aftermath of this decision, concerns and anxieties were created among the public because of the scarcity of facts available to interpret the action authorized," reports Dr. John T. Farinella, township superintendent of schools.

"There is now a need for people to know the facts which are available so an atmosphere of calm rationality will prevail in dealing with the implementation and approaches dealing with whatever may be required of each school district," Dr. Farinella added.

The requirements of the new state board rule on family life education, as outlined by the superintendent follow:

"Each district is required to implement a program comprehensively through the "coordinated, sequential elementary/secondary curriculum with instructional units appropriate to age, grade, and maturity of students." This is a change from the original proposal which required implementation in kindergarten. The new language, according to the state board, permits implementation as late as the fifth or sixth grade.

"Districts may use the state-developed model or develop own programs. The state board delivered the list of 30 subject areas of the original rule.

"The district must demonstrate prior to the initiation of the program "appropriate involvement of parents." In implementing the sequence of the program has taken place with teachers, administrators, parents,

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STRATEGY SESSION — Anthony Roccia of 44 Roberts Rd., Clark, was named by Republican, Fred Eckel, to manage his campaign for councilman-at-large. A resident of Clark for 16 years, Mr. Roccia and his wife, Mrs. Toni Roccia, have two children, Lisa and Paul Roccia. Mr. Roccia is a medical designer for Universal Manufacturing Co. in Irvington. He is one of the founders and the first president of the Clark Chapter of Unico. He was appointed by the district governor for District No. 10 of Unico National. He is also president of the Cultural and Heritage Commission and has been a member of the Clark Jaycees for six years and its president for three years. In conference on voter registration are Mr. Roccia, above, left, and Mr. Eckel. (Please see other pictures on page 3.)

BID AWARD, CLOSED SESSION SAID LEGAL

Board releases its brief in Abraham Clark case

By R.R. Faszczewski

The attorney for the Clark Board of Education, John P. Higgins of Westfield, recently released the rest of his brief in response to a suit brought by the Clark Residents Assn. against the Board.

In the suit, the residents' group, formed by neighbors of the now-closed Abraham Clark School, allege the sale of the school property to the Polish Cultural Foundation of Irvington was not conducted properly.

The township school body attorney, responding to the residents' charge the Board failed to condition the sale of the property on its subdivision, said the bid fact sheet given to all prospective bidders "clearly shows the property had to be divided. It shows the area to be sold and the area to be retained. In none of the documents is there any description of the retained property the present Board of Education Administration offices which adjoin the school), therefore clearly showing the administration building and property was not included in the sale."

He further pointed to the testimony of Anthony Gioeni, president and an unsuccessful bidder on the property, saying Mr. Gioeni was "fully explained the property was subject to subdivision and understood it clearly."

Mr. Higgins added, "The award of the bid expressly conditioned the sale of the property subject to subdivision approval and was not considered to be an added condition, since it was clearly understood by both the plaintiff's expert, Mr. Gioeni as well as the successful bidder."

The residents also charge the school Board failed to award the bid for the school purchase on an equal basis to all bidders.

Mr. Higgins responded, "The bid when awarded stated the premises were subject to subdivision approval did not give a preference to any bidder, since it was a repeat of the earlier language pertaining to the adjustment of measurements, zoning ordinances and facts of an accurate survey and was not detrimental to the Board of Education, nor did the adding of that language make the proposal more attractive to other bidders."

He added, "The fact sheet and legal advertisements were not so worded as to prevent competitive bidding for the property, but supplied such information as afforded all bidders a reasonable opportunity for competition and enabled each to bid intelligently."

The Board attorney pointed out under plaintiff's initial point as which, contrary to the directions of necessary in as the division of ownership of a single tract of land.

As to the allocation by the residents Board members violated the Open Public Meeting Act by holding a 10-minute private conference on Oct. 16 of last year, the night the bid was awarded, Mr. Higgins pointed out the proper public action of the public meeting was to accept the "unopened" bids had been posted timely.

He explained, responding to the residents' contention the closed session was held without anticipation by any litigation, as provided in the public meeting law, the various legal options open to the Board were explained at the closed session.

He added, "The pertinent other facts which had been raised by the public and anticipated by the Board were discussed in the closed session, and no action was taken by the Board."

The Board attorney concluded, "The closed session was properly moved at the meeting after the conclusion of the vote and the intimidation of the publicly-voiced hostility, atmosphere and threat of litigation."

Schedules for Johnson buses told for 1980-81 term

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following 1980-1981 bus schedules for students of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark were reported to The Clark Patriot by a school spokeswoman.

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FRESHMAN ORIENTATION DAY, TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

Rtr. Nos. 35 and 39, starting at 9 a. m., Valley Rd. and Crestwood Ln., Durham Dr. and Ross St. and Valley Rd. and Parkway Dr.

Rtr. Nos. 40 and 41, starting at 9 a. m., Lake and Hazel Aves., Lake Ave. and Kilmer Dr., Lake Ave. and Willow Way, Orchard Terrace and Brookside Dr. and Brookside and Oakridge Rds.

Rtr. Nos. 42 and 43, starting at 9 a. m., Dakota and Florida Sts., Boyman Ave., and Picton Pl. and Washington Dr. and Laurel Ave.

ARTHUR L. JOHNSON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL REGULAR SCHEDULE

Rtr. No. 35, 7:40 a. m., Valley Rd. and Crestwood Ln., 7:41 a. m., Durham Dr. and Ross St., and 7:43 a. m., Valley Rd. and Parkway Dr.

2:48 P. M. DISMISSAL

Rtr. No. 35, 3:02 p. m., Valley Rd. and Crestwood Ln., 3:04 p. m., Durham Dr., and Ross St., and 3:05 p. m., Valley Rd. and Parkway Dr.

Rtr. No. 39, 7:50 a. m., Durham Dr. and Ross St.

Rtr. No. 40, 7:40 a. m., Lake and Hazel Aves., 7:42 a. m., Lake Ave. and Kilmer Dr., and 7:43 a. m., Lake Ave. and Willow Way.

2:48 P. M. DISMISSAL

Rtr. No. 40, 3:02 p. m., Lake Ave. and Willow Way, 3:03 p. m., Lake Ave. and Kilmer Dr., and 3:05 p. m., Lake and Hazel Aves.

Rtr. No. 41, 7:40 a. m., Orchard Terr. and Brookside Rd., and 7:41 a. m., Brookside and Oakridge Rds.

2:48 P. M. DISMISSAL

Rtr. No. 41, 3:04 p. m., Brookside and Oakridge Rds., and 3:05 p. m., Orchard Terr. and Brookside Rd.

Rtr. No. 42, 7:40 a. m., Woodland Ave. and Laurel Ave.

Rtr. No. 43, 8:00 a. m., Boyman

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Board of Adjustment attorney seeks township mayor's office

A former councilman-at-large and one-year Township Council president was elected in the June Democratic Primary Election to run on the Regular Democratic Organization of Union County ballot in the Tuesday, Nov. 4, election for mayor.

The Democratic contender, John Pizzutelli, is an attorney with offices in Linden.

He is the attorney for the Clark Board of Adjustment and for other government bodies in Union County communities.

He has successfully defended the township in a number of cases involving zoning matters.

The candidate received his bachelor of arts degree from Rutgers University and his bachelor of law degree from Rutgers Law School.

A former judicial clerk to judges of the county and Superior Courts, he is a member of the Linden, Union County and New Jersey Bar Assns. and a trustee of the Union County Bar Assn.

Mr. Pizzutelli is a former director of the Clark Jaycees and a member of the Clark Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. He is a former member of the club's scholarship committee.

The former president of the Linden Rotary Club is a member and attorney of the Clark Historical Society.

John Pizzutelli, D.

The one-time president of the Clark Democratic Club is a member of the St. John the Apostle Holy Name Society of Clark-Linden.

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This is the second in a series of 10 weekly articles on the candidates for mayor, councilman-at-large and Fourth Ward councilman in the township General Election this year.

Schools to welcome 1,500 on Sept. 3

By R.R. Faszczewski

Approximately 1,500 students are expected to begin the 1980-1981 school year at the township's four elementary schools, Carl H. Kumpf, Charles A. Brewer, Frank K. Hehaly and Valley Road on Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Both the first to ninth grades and the seventh and eighth grades at Kumpf School will begin classes at 8:30 a.m.

Kindergarten classes at Kumpf will commence at 8:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

The pre-school classes will start at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Brewer students, who are in sixth to eighth grades only, will begin classes at 8:10 a.m.

Pupils in the first to fifth grades at Hehaly School will be expected to report at 8:10 a.m.

Kindergarten students will report in two sessions, one at 8:30 a.m. and the other at 12:30 p.m.

At 8:30 a.m. opening will begin the school year for first to fifth graders at Valley Road.

Valley Road kindergartners will begin classes at 8:30 in the morning and at noon for the second session.

Students in the seventh and eighth grades will be using an updated mathematics textbook for the new school year.

Other innovations will include guidance counselors for the handicapped and a resource room at the Kumpf School.

The pre-school program for the handicapped will be continued, as will the program for gifted and talented students in grades four to six.

The gifted-a-d-talented program will be expanded on an experimental basis this year to seventh-and-eighth-grade students.

Another highlight of the 1980-1981 year will be an updated curriculum guide for art students.

An expanded emphasis on reading and numerical skills will also be added at the kindergarten level.

Transitional math classes for students with remain the same as those for the 1979-1980 school year in all sections of the township, reports a school spokeswoman.

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