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Democratic slate tells of platform for fall campaign

The Democratic candidates for Clark mayor, councilmen-at-large and Fourth Ward councilman announced their platform and pledged to wage "a hard-hitting, vigorous campaign," focusing on township problems and solutions to those problems.

John Pisansky, candidate for mayor; Councilman - at - large Joseph F. Farrell, Jr.; George G. Nucera and Dennis R. Kuber, councilmen - at - large candidates, and Peter M. Campana, candidate for Fourth Ward councilman, said they will "visit all homes to discuss the dismal record of the Yarusavage administration as well as the problems facing the community."

The Democratic foursome pledged themselves to "pursue all programs that are in the best interest of the entire township and its citizenry and to be responsive to the concerns and desires of the people of Clark."

In their platform, they pledge:

--To provide better municipal services.

--To practice economy in government.

--To improve recreational programs.

--To fully support the Police Dept., Fire Dept. and Clark First Aid Emergency Squad.

--To develop a better working relationship between the administration, Council and Board of Education to further the best interests of the residents and our school children.

--To keep property taxes at a minimum by securing all possible county, state and federal funding and by attracting additional ratables.

--To increase communications between elected officials and the citizens.

PLATFORM PRODUCERS ... Shown at the drafting of the Democratic platform, left to right, are; Councilman-at-Large Joseph F. Farrell, Jr.; seeking re-election; George G. Nucera, councilman-at-large hopeful; John Pisansky, candidate for mayor; Dennis R. Kuber, councilman-at-large aspirant, and Peter M. Campana, Fourth Ward vier.

Pozniak picks his daughter to head drive

Named to act as campaign manager for her father, Councilman - at - Large Joseph B. Pozniak, president of the Clark Township Council, who is seeking re-election on the Republican ticket was Mrs. JoAnne Lemenille of 38 Post Rd., Clark.

Mrs. Lemenille has been active with the youth groups in Clark, directing musicals shows with the Clark Players, the Circle Players and the Edison Valley Players.

She is a teacher at the Carl H. Kumpf School in Clark and was graduated from Jersey City State College with a bachelor of arts degree in music education.

The campaigner holds a Jaycee Award for "Outstanding Youth Teacher of the Year."

In 1967 she was selected as "Miss Hudson County," a preliminary to the New Jersey state pageant for the Miss America Contest.

She was listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in 1968."

Mrs. Lemenille is the organist at St. Agnes R. C. Church in Clark. She is married to Steven Lemenille, and they have one son, Ross Lemenille, 1.

ALL IN FAMILY ... Mrs. JoAnne Lemenille, campaign manager for her father, Clark Republican Councilman-at-Large Joseph B. Pozniak, is shown, left, affixing a bumper sticker to the family car as her son, Ross Lemenille, sports a T-shirt supporting his grandfather. Councilman Pozniak is shown at the right.

Subdivision at school ruled valid

The Board of Education has been granted its subdivision request for the Abraham Clark School property, thanks to a ruling by the township attorney.

Planning Board members had voted July 8 not to pass a resolution giving the Board of Education permission to divide the land on which its offices are located from that containing the now-closed school, which School Board members have voted to sell.

According to Township Attorney Joseph J. Trinal, the Board of Education requested he act to take a formal action either granting or denying the subdivision.

Since the July 8 action was not followed by a formal resolution denying the subdivision, state law requires the subdivision be filed as being granted.

He explained Tax Assessor Frank W. Naples was instructed by him, as mandated by state law, to record the Abraham Clark property as a subdivision because formal action was never taken specifically denying the subdivision within 45 days after the School Board filed for the subdivision.

111 kids read 859 volumes in Book Trek

One hundred and eleven boys and girls who joined the Book trek, an adventure in reading at the Clark Public Library, perused at least 859 books this summer.

Each person chose to read from two to 10 books to complete the Book Trek, and many chose to read additional books.

In August, members attended a party which featured a program of songs, poems and stories, jokes, sing-alongs and teasers directly related to children's books.

High school to get $80,000 in grants

In conjunction with the institution of an adult high school in the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 this year, the district's Board of Education Sept. 2 agreed to accept two sources of county funding.

Under the first measure the district will enter into a contract with the Union County Dept. of Human Resources to operate an Employment Pilot Program at its adult learning center and high school from Sept. 8 of this year to Friday, Aug. 28, of next year with a county grant of $40,866.

In addition, it will enter into a contract with the same department, for the same amount to operate a Comprehensive Employment and Training Act Program for the same period.

Staff members hired for the new school at the Sept. 2 meeting include a history specialist, a counselor/broker and a training-sessions leader.

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In other action, the Board:

--Hired Warren Brown as assistant football coach at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark at a stipend of $1,265, based on the 1979-1980 salary scale and to be adjusted when the 1980-1981 scale is approved.

--Awarded an $8,487 contract for 1980-1981 to Vogel Bus Co. to transport students to and from the township to Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains.

--Approved the attendance of two Clark students at the Union County Vocational Center in Scotch Plains for the 1980-1981 year at a tuition of $625.

--Upon the recommendation of township elementary school officials, agreed to allow an eighth-grade student from Clark to enroll in first-year French at Johnson.

--Gave its permission for an additional 17 students, from throughout the district, to enroll in the Union County Vocational Center for 1980-1981 at a tuition of $625.

--Approved the sale of athletic discount tickets for the present school year at the rents of $10 for adults and $5 for students.

--Accepted the resignation of Miss Debra Povanda as a special education teacher at the township school.

--Increased the salary of Mrs. Marie Ratel from $22,400 to $23,000 on the 1979-1980 salary guide, effective Sept. 1 of this year, for completing 30 credits beyond her master's degree. Mrs. Ratel, a health teacher at Johnson, will receive a retroactive raise again when this year's salary guide is approved.

--Named Bruno Somma assistant soccer coach at the township school this year at a 1979-1980 stipend of $960. His stipend will be adjusted when the new salary guide is approved.

--Awarded $32,633.09 in bids for 1980-1981 music supplies and equipment to Sine Brass.

--Approved acceptance of grants of $500 per school in 1980-1981 Nutritional Education Training Programs for improved cafeteria service in the district.

Lung seminar will probe care of adults

A seven - day nursing seminar in Adult Pulmonary Care will be conducted at the Central New Jersey Lung Assn., 1457 Raritan Rd., Clark.

Designed to increase the ability of nurses to observe and react to the needs and complications of the adult patient with chronic and acute lung disease, the seminar is part of the association's year - round professional education and training activities.

A faculty of physicians, registered nurses and respiratory and occupational therapists will conduct the program.

Subject matter will include "Disease Entities," "Restrictive and Obstructive Lung Disease," "Chest Auscultation," "Pneumothorax and Chest Tubes," "Modern Management of Tuberculosis," "Pulmonary Function Testing," "Respiratory Pharmacology and Electrolytes," "Psychosocial Aspects of Lung Disease," "Pulmonary Rehabilitation" and "Ventilator Management."

Seniors plan for bazaar

The Senior Citizens Club of Clark held their first meeting after the summer recess on Sept. 3, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, Broadway, Clark.

A trip to Rock Ott Lodge in Sparta is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Members are busy making a variety of articles for the Annual Bazaar to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the hall, reports Mrs. Catherine Nunendorf, publicity chairwoman.

BREATHING EASIER ... A registered nurse at Alexian Brothers Hospital in Elizabeth and a member of the planning committee for the Adult Pulmonary Care Seminar for Registered Nurses, is shown, left, instructing participants in conducting a physical examination of a patient with lung disease. The procedure is part of the subject matter of the seminar, which will be offered starting Tuesday, Sept. 23, by the Central New Jersey Lung Assn., which is based in Clark and serves the township and Rahway.

$134,000 FOR WESTFIELD AVE.

Council introduces bonds for road reconstruction

Unanimously introduced by Township Council at a special meeting on Sept. 2 were two ordinances having to do with bonding.

The first measure would appropriate $134,000 for the reconstruction and resurfacing of Westfield Ave. Of the total, $7,000 would be set aside as a down payment and the remaining $127,000 would be issued in bonds or notes.

Township officials expect to receive $105,000 for the project as a grant in aid from the state.

A supplemental appropriation of $22,000, with $20,900 coming from bonds or notes, for the improvement of portions of Skyline Dr., Charlene Dr. and Lincoln Blvd. was the focus of a second ordinance which was introduced.

Last year the Council had adopted an ordinance appropriating $33,350 for the improvements, but the cost of the project has increased by $22,000.

An ordinance to amend a 1965 salary ordinance to provide a stipend of $499 for the director of civil defense and disaster control in the Dept. of Public Safety was also introduced.

The three ordinances will come before the Governing Body for public hearing and possible final adoption at 8 p. m. Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Also approved was an amendment of the 1980 budget to reflect $9,851.75 received in an insurance settlement for a police care wrecked in an accident.

The sum was appropriated in the budget for purchase of a new vehicle.

Governing Body members also agreed to place transfer of Bonz-Lizzie League Field, presently located near the Public Works Dept. site behind the municipal building, to Machnovz Field on their agenda for Sept. 15.

A proposal to provide the Clark Softball League with a fieldhouse at Corry Field was also placed on the agenda for Monday's session.

Township Engineer Joseph Pagano noted goal posts at the Pop Warner practice field will be installed in time for the 1981 season.

The councilmen also agreed to meet on Sept. 15 with representatives of Clark Council No. 5 of the New Jersey Civil Service Assn., which represents township clerical employees, to discuss longevity pay and group medicare.

A representative of the Union County Dept. of Planning told Council Clark is entitled to three bus shelters with funding provided to the county through the 1979 New Jersey Transportation Bond Issue.

The Governing Body tentatively approved construction of shelters at Oak Ridge Rd., east of Lake Ave. and on Raritan Rd. east of Central Ave. Final approval is expected Monday.

After Councilman - at - large Manuel S. Dios objected to the construction of a shelter at the Clarkton Shopping Center because of traffic congestion, his colleagues concurred in rejecting the site.

Fourth Ward Dem contender active Realtor, civic leader

The Democratic contender for the Fourth Ward Township Council seat given up last year by Democrat, John Bodner, Jr., is Peter M. Campana of 18 Brant Ave.

A local Realtor and former president of the Rahway Board of Realtors, which includes township members, Mr. Campana represents that board as a state director. He has resided in the township since 1957.

He is a graduate of Dickinson High School in Jersey City and attended Rutgers College.

Mr. Campana served as chairman of the Board of Adjustment for four of his six years on the body. He was also chairman of the Mayor's Enforcement Committee, which had the responsibility of insuring compliance with township ordinances, and was a member of the clark Safety Committee for four years.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Campana was formerly commander of Jersey City Post No. 52 of the American Legion. He is a charter member of the Clark Lodge of the Knights of Columbus and the Gran Centurions Club of Clark.

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This is the fourth in a 10-week series of articles on the Democratic and Republican candidates for the Fourth Ward Township Council seat, the three council-at-large seats and the mayoralty, up for election on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Next week's article will focus on Republican Councilman-at-Large Joseph B. Pozniak.

Peter M. Campana, D.

Taxpayer group raps family course legality

EDITOR'S NOTE: Members of the Clark Taxpayers Coalition recently expressed their support for legislation which would prohibit local school districts from implementing family life education programs without the approval of voters in the districts. It was also reported four state-wide organizations have petitioned New Jersey Attorney General John J. Degnan to make an investigation into the constitutionality of state-mandated courses in family life education. The following article is a critique of a revised administrative code on family life education recently passed by the State Board of Education. The critique was submitted to The Clark Patriot by John Schroeck, vice president of the coalition, in response to an Aug. 28 article on the code by Dr. John T. Farinella, township superintendent of schools.

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According to Mr. Schroeck, schools may not be able to teach family roles without first defining these roles.

He added, "Not even in the most communistic society does the state enter as individual's home and dictate how people should relate to each other."

The coalition spokesman expressed concern over how schools are going to handle a child's confusion in trying to reconcile what is taught in the courses and the realities he is faced with in the home.

"Many psychologists are in agreement this can only result in the increase of disharmony and tension in the home," he noted.

Mr. Schroeck believes that state - mandated programs will have to be designed for the "average" student because of the large numbers schools will have to deal with.

The taxpayer representative pointed out, according to the state mandate, pupils, who are supposed to be "ignorant" in the areas of human sexuality, would be allowed to sit on the local curriculum committee, give input and be expected to pass judgment on what will be taught.

He asks the state to explain how they can expend funds for the family life courses if pupils are knowledgeable enough in the subject to judge curriculum.

The critique also points out it will be hard to choose which denominations and religions will be represented on clergy commissions to determine course content and clergy input could conflict with the Constitutional separation of church and state.

By distributing only an outline of the curriculum to parents, according to Mr. Schroeck, control will not be exercised over the bringing of objectionable material into the classroom and the infusion of family life education into other courses.

He raises the questions whether members of the clergy and groups such as Planned Parenthood will be able to preach their beliefs and values in the classroom.

In the critique he also noted the state's failure to provide technical assistance when these courses were first thought of in 1967 and the difficulty the lack of state financial backing of the courses might provide when school districts are faced with meeting state-imposed cap limits.

The critique concludes by attaching the proposed studies as unconstitutional, preempting the natural right of parents to direct the upbringing of their children in matters of family privacy and encouraging the state to invade the right of privacy of children with respect to their sexuality and family life.

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