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Area voters follow county, split on sheriff

By R. R. Faszczewski

Area voters generally agreed with the county-wide sentiment favoring Republican victories in the Nov. 4 General Election, although the race for Union County sheriff proved to be the dividing line between Clark and Rahway balloters.

City voters gave their higher tally to the eventual victory, incumbent Democrat, Ralph G. Froehlich, while Clark residents preferred GOP hopeful, Alfred Vardalis.

Sheriff Froehlich, the only Democrat at the county level to survive the GOP landslide which started with the victory of GOP Presidential hopeful, Ronald Reagan, tallied 99,159 votes countywide, compared with 87,142 for Mr. Vardalis.

In Rahway, Sheriff Froehlich had 5,173 votes to 4,247 for Mr. Vardalis.

Township voters gave Mr. Vardalis 3,865 votes to 3,762 for the Democrat.

However, the very other instance from President to freeholder, the voters of municipalities agreed with the county choices, although not in the same order.

The Republican incumbent, Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo, garnered 6,780 in Clark and 7,483 in Rahway, the hometown of his Democratic opponent, Mrs. Rose Z. Monyek.

Mrs. Monyek had 1,318 votes in Clark and 2,513 in Rahway.

Rep. Rinaldo, winning his fifth term with victories in all 18 municipalities in the 12th Congressional District, tallied 134,481 votes to 36,546 for Mrs. Monyek countrywide.

The winner in the Presidential sweepstakes, Ronald Reagan, left the GOP ticket with 52,485 votes to 50,059 for incumbent Democratic President Jimmy Carter and 15,512 for Illinois Rep. John Anderson, an independent candidate.

President-elect Reagan had 5,203 votes to 2,563 for President Carter and 567 for Rep. Anderson in Clark.

In Rahway, Mr. Reagan had 5,582 votes to 4,835 for President Carter and 527 for Rep. Anderson.

Jumping back to the county offices, both municipalities favored the three Republicans, but not in the same order as the county-wide totals.

Around the county, Roselle Park Mayor Mrs Virginia M. Apelian left the GOP ticket with 92,485 votes to 91,431 for Frank H. Corradini of Summit and 90,875 for Peter F. Okrasinski of Union Township.

The Democrats, who lost their bid for freeholders, were topped countywide by Mrs. Joan D. Allen, followed by Dennis A. Martin with 80,552 and Herman A Schreiber with 79,474.

Rahway voters agreed with the Republicans, although in different order. Miss McKenney polled 4,808 to 4,697 to Mr. Okrasinski and 4,645 for Mr. Lehr.

Clark had the same order in the freeholder vote, with Miss McKenney tallying 4,294 to 4,224 for Mr. Okrasinski and 4,184 for Mr. Lehr.

Among the Democrats, Mrs. Allen tallied 4,516 in Rahway and 3,212 in Clark, Mr. Martin had 4,348 in Rahway and 3,007 in Clark, and Mr. Schreiber had 4,230 in the city and 3,107 in the township.

State bonds get area nod; Clark 'no's' one

By R. R. Faszczewski

Union County went along with the remainder of the state Nov. 4 in approving three bond issues on natural resources, public buildings and energy conservation and two constitutional amendments dealing with senior-citizen tax deductions.

A public question which would have permitted Sunday horse racing was rejected in Union County 85,679 to 65,256, as it was statewide.

A constitutional amendment which would have altered restrictions on boardwalk amusement games where merchandise is given as prizes was also defeated in the county 81,369 to 68,877, it also lost statewide.

In the county, 100,212 voted for the natural-resources bond issue while 50,922 said "no." On the public-buildings bond issue, 89,063 voted "yes" and 71,834 were opposed.

A total of 123,626 county voters approved and 41,506 rejected the constitutional amendment extending senior-citizens eligibility for deductions on real property taxes.

On the other senior-citizen constitutional amendment to increase deductions, 134,822 voted "yes" and 39,350 voted "no."

A total of 82,312 voted "yes" and 66,995 voted "no" on the energy conservation bond issue.

Township voters favored the natural-resources measure 3,367 to 3,363, opposed public buildings 3,719 to 3,004, favored energy conservation 3,980 to 2,972.

On the natural-resources question in Rahway, the first was approved 4,811 to 3,197, the second was favored 4,436 to 3,575 and the third was favored by a 4,137-to-3,693 margin.

On both senior-citizen questions voters in both municipalities went along with the county feeling.

The tally in Clark for extending eligibility to those who own dwellings but not the land they are on was approved 5,187 to 2,161, and that for increasing deductions was favored 5,303 to 1,855.

Returns either for the two questions were 4,500 in favor and 2,227 against on the first one and 4,765 in favor and 1,963 against on the second one.

On the racing-horses issue, both Rahway and Clark voters went along with those in the county and state in defeating it.

The township totals were 3,970 against and 3,254 in favor, and those in the city were 4,421 opposed and 3,714 in favor.

Going along with state-wide and county-wide feelings, area balloters also rejected the alteration of restrictions on boardwalks amusement-game prizes.

Township totals were 3,978 against and 3,073 in favor. Those in Rahway were 4,300 against and 3,419 in favor.

Arthur L. Johnson to hold class visitation, 'Smoke Out'

The week of Nov. 16 is American Education Week. In order that parents may participate in school activities during this time, the principal of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, Louis DeRosa, has extended an invitation to all high school parents to visit the school.

The time for visitation will be Monday, Nov. 17 to Friday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents are asked to check in at the high school office, where student guides will be waiting to take them on a tour of the building or to direct them to a class which they might wish to visit.

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In conjunction with the fourth Great American Smokeout, the Health Dept. at Johnson Regional will sponsor a local "Smoke Out" in the school's instructional media center on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This program will be an effort to encourage smokers to save smoking for a 24-hour period and then try to stay off cigarettes completely. Speakers will be present and pamphlets and films available from the Heart Assn. of America and the American Cancer Society.

Last year 15 million people took part in this nation-wide event. Five million stayed off cigarettes for the entire 24 hours, and 1 to 3 days later, 2.3 million people still were not smoking cigarettes.

Rev. Bishop to speak at Parkway Community

The former pastor of the Parkway Community Church in Clark, The Rev. Stephen L. Bishop, will be the guest speaker at the church on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 11 a. m.

Raised in a pastor's home, The Rev. Bishop attended Nyack Missionary College in Nyack, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1971 with a bachelor of science degree magna cum laude in missiscs.

He attended Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass., and received a master of divinity degree from the school. His seminary work included a year as an exchange student to Seminario Biblico Latino Americano in San Jose, Costa Rica.

The Rev. Mr. Bishop pastored the township church for five years, during which time he was ordained to serve in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Metropolitan District.

At present, the clergyman is employed by Logos International and an inspirational radio station.

He will leave for language school in Costa Rica on Friday, Jan. 2, of next year. After eight months of study, he will spend approximately a year in Lima, Peru, and arrive in Chile in 1982. He will be involved in teaching the future leaders of the church there.

For further information on the service, please telephone The Rev. David Arnold, the present pastor of the church, at 388-1272.

The Rev. Stephen L. Bishop

Hyatt pensioners bring case to highest court

The United States Supreme Court agree Nov. 3 to hear arguments in a class-action suit in which employes on pension from the General Motors plant in Linden and the corporation's New Departure-Hyatt Roller Bearing plant in Clark seek reimbursement for workman's compensation payments which they claim were deducted from their pensions.

Roselle Park attorney, Lester Weiner, said he expects the court to hear arguments in the case in approximately two months.

Mr. Weiner added the class-action suit involves approximately 800 pensioners from the two plants.

The attorney for the pensioners said the suit eventually will affect from 10,000 to 20,000 General Motors employes and involve "millions of dollars."

The case was taken to the Supreme Court on appeal from a Third United States Circuit Court decision which upset an earlier ruling by United States District Court Judge Frederick Lacey in Newark to the effect the workmen's compensation awards received by the workers could not be deducted from their pensions.

Judge Lacey had decreed various labor contracts between the workers and the automobile manufacturer mandated compensation payments be regarded separately.

According to Mr. Weiner, the Third United States Circuit Court had agreed with the company attorneys who had contended a state law prohibiting the deduction of workmen's compensation from pensions was illegal.

CASTING 1st VOTE ... The kindergarten children at Carl H. Kempf School in Clark voted on Nov. 3 to elect a President. Miss Lauma Herbert, a senior at Douglass College in New Brunswick, shown, right, explained the voting booth by placing popsicle sticks in a container with the candidate's name and picture. After a the vote, President Jimmy Carter was re-elected in a run off. Student, Michael Lehr, and Miss Herbert, a senior at Douglass College get ready to vote.

Wife abuse to be topic of meeting

The Clark chapter of B'nai B'rith and Tov chapter of B'nai B'rith Women of Clark will sponsor a joint general meeting entitled "The Battered Wife Syndrome."

Invited to talk on this subject was Mrs. Lola E. Turner, a volunteer with the abuse center in Northfield. She has been a guest speaker for many community, business, and religious groups providing help and source materials.

The meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 8 p. m. at Temple Beth Or on Valley Rd., Clark.

Admission will be free and refreshments will be served.

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Republican Council win unknots party-line tieup

By R.R. Faszczewski

The 3-3 deadlock along party lines which had dominated voting for a Township Council president during the last two months of 1979 and the first month of this year was finally broken by the township voters in the Nov. 4 General Election when they gave Republicans a 4-3 edge on the Council.

Although a Democratic Fourth Ward Councilman John Bodnar, Jr. had resigned from the Governing Body in the fall of 1979, several attempts to name a replacement for him had failed.

As a result, all votes of the present six-member Council, now composed of three Democrats and three Republicans, had failed to produce a permanent Council head for 1980 until Jan. 22 of this year when Republican Councilman-at-Large Joseph B. Punnisk was named to the post.

The Fourth Ward seat had gone vacant for over a year, since Bodnar, 34 a Carteret resident, was swamped by a vote of 60 votes to his three GOP challengers, against a slate of Democrats supported by their fellow party members on two occasions prior to the Nov. 30, 1979 deadline the Council had to fill the seat before it went to the voters.

On the deadline date the Council could not get a quorum to hold a vote on filling the post because there had not been enough Democrats present to constitute a voting quorum.

Voters ended the deadlock in the 1980 General Election by re-electing Councilman Punnisk and electing two of his Republican running mates, George A. Sangalisino and Fred Eckel, to the three at-large positions, and choosing Democrat, Peter M. Campana, to vacant Fourth Ward post.

The GOP now holds the First Ward post, with Mrs. Virginia Apelian as that ward's representative, in addition to the three at-large posts.

As of the January, 1981, re-organization meeting the at-large positions will give the Republicans the majority.

The Second, Third and Fourth Ward seats will all be occupied by Democrats.

Mrs. Apelian will join Second Ward Hayden of the Second Ward and Edward W. Lukacs of the Third Ward on his party's side of the aisle.

Also, Mayor Yurcsanszky, who defeated Democrat John Plasnick, 4,917 to 3,501 to win his third four-year term will keep the administrative end of township government in GOP hands.

In spite of Clark's heavily Democratic registration, the Republican landslide created by the victory of President-elect Ronald Reagan apparently had a coattail effect even down to the local level.

The township Presidential balloting saw Mr. Reagan defeat Democratic President Jimmy Carter 5,203 to 2,563.

Approximately 80% of the township's 10,500 registered voters turned out, slightly higher than the state-wide average of about 78%.

The First Ward produced the largest turnout for the Republicans and the Fourth Ward produced the second largest turnout.

Even though the First Ward is heavily Republican, the Fourth Ward has only about a 17% GOP registration.

This year's GOP trend may have contributed to the fact Mr. Campana defeated his Republican rival, Joseph E. Alaichi, by only 43 votes in the Democratic stronghold.

Democrats generally did better locally in the Third Ward, with only incumbent Councilman-at-Large Joseph F. Farrell, Jr., who lost his bid for a second term, carrying his largest vote total in

CHANGING OF GUARD ... Newly-elected Fourth Ward Township Councilman Peter M. Campana, left, who Nov. 4 won the post vacated by fellow Democrat, John Bodnar, Jr., last year, is shown being sworn in as the 4-to-3 Township Clerk Edward R. Pukanik, right, as his grandson, Peter Michael Campana, 3rd, holds the Bible. The other winners of the General Election will be sworn in in January.

Regional Board okays living-skills class

The Assn. for the Advancement of Mentally Handicapped and the Union County Regional Adult Learning Center were given permission Nov. 3 to operate a program which will provide money management and other independent living skills for the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education.

Board members also rescinded the resignation of George Scheer as job placement co-ordinator for handicapped students. Although the resignation had been previously approved, Mr. Scheer decided to remain in the district.

Appointed at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark were a number of co-curricular and athletic appointments. Dennis Boyle, English, and Thomas Fasika, social studies.

In addition to a list of substituted classrooms already submitted for approval to the county superintendent of schools, a room at the township school used for computer instructor was submitted at the Nov. 3 session.

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Board members, in other action:

—Approved individual driver education instruction for a special education student at the Clark school.

—Gave the co-ordinator of English, Robert Whelan, permission to participate in the National Conference of Teachers of English Convention in Cincinnati from Friday to Monday, Nov. 21 to 24.

—Allowed Mrs. Kathryn Zagnoni, a German teacher at Johnson, to participate in the Annual Joint Meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language and the American Teachers of German in Boston from Nov. 21 to Sunday, Nov. 23.

—Adjusted the salary of Mrs. Beatrice Brodsky to $50 per day, retroactive to Oct. 28, because she completed 10 days of substitute teaching at the township school.

—Changed the effective date of the maternity leave of absence of Mrs. Sandra Hertz, a special education teacher at Johnson, from Friday, Jan. 30, of next year to Monday, March 2, of next year.

—Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Caroline Rodgers as a clerk in the personnel office, effective Nov. 4.

WON IN WALK AWAY ... Matthew J. Dorham, left, president of the New Jersey Automobile Club, is shown presenting an American Automobile Assn. Pedestrian Safety Citation to Clark Township Mayor Bernard G. Yurcsanszky, right, and Police Chief Anthony T. Smar, center. The township was one of 53 northern New Jersey municipalities honored for their outstanding pedestrian safety achievements at a recent luncheon held at the Maplewood Country Club and sponsored by the New Jersey Automobile Club.

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