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Municipalities re-elect mayor to league board

Re-elected to the Executive Board of the New Jersey League of Municipalities at its 80th Annual Convention recently in Atlantic City was Clark Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage.

Mayor Yarusavage also presided over a conference on "Change Options in the 1980's - How Viable Are They?" on Nov. 19 at the convention.

He addressed a consulting group to the convention in his capacity as chairman of the New Jersey 1101 at Citizens Compensation Board was named Clark Mayor Thomas A. Larman.

Among resolutions adopted at the convention and reported to The Clark Patriot were:

—Opposition to a State Senate bill which would increase the permissive category of negotiations with public employees and

increase in state-mandated on the annual growth of municipal budget appropriations. The larger members said the local governments had no control over state-mandated costs and, therefore, should not be forced to limit their expenditures because of the cost.

—Support of the assembly bills to authorize local governments to combine to establish joint insurance funds to give them greater flexibility in dealing with rising costs.

—Support of repeal of a law signed earlier this year by Gov. Brendan T. Byrne which gives sewerage authority inspection authority over private, on-site, water water systems.

The establishment of a new county inspection staff and the lack of standards for inspection in the law were cited.

Voters in 12 municipalities cast charter-change ballots

Voters in a dozen municipalities in nine New Jersey counties voted Nov. 4 on referendum questions relating to their municipal charters, reports a New Jersey Taxpayers Association spokesman.

The local referenda represent a wide variety of alternatives provided primarily under the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 as amended and supplemented, in a 24-page change in form of government recommended by a charter study commission proposed by direct petition of the voters, special charter amendments recommended by a charter study commission and petitioned for by the municipal governing body, direct petition for abandonment of a charter law form for a previous form or to change the form of government, and questions of charter study and selection of a five-person charter study commission.

Kingwood Borough and Rahway Township voters approved recommendations of Charter Study Commissions for adoption of one of the Optional Charter Law municipal manager forms, while Sea Isle City voters backed a trend and decided to retain their present form rather than change to a council-manager form.

A question to change to another charter form, council-manager to mayor-council, petitioned for by voters, was approved in Cherry Hill but rejected in Bayonne.

In Greenwald Township voters expressed preference for the small-municipality plan over the present town-ship committee form.

In Philipstown the would attempt to return to commission government in the past five years was rejected. The town will thus continue to operate under its present council-manager form.

Two municipalities, Eastampton and Woodhull Township, will have charter study commissions examining



FINGERPICKER GOOD — Members of Clark Browline Troop No. 1425 of the Girl Scouts of America, including Frank R. Healy, are shown in uniform, some holding a banner.

State officials predict slower spending rises

A slow-down in the rate of increase of government spending, particularly if inflation continues to increase, and the necessity to make difficult decisions on spending program priorities by all governmental units in the face of more restricted revenues, are among principal expectations for the coming decade.

Both was the general consensus of a panel of state officials speaking at the recent 50th anniversary meeting of the New Jersey Taxpayers Association on the general theme of what can be expected in government financing in the 1980's.

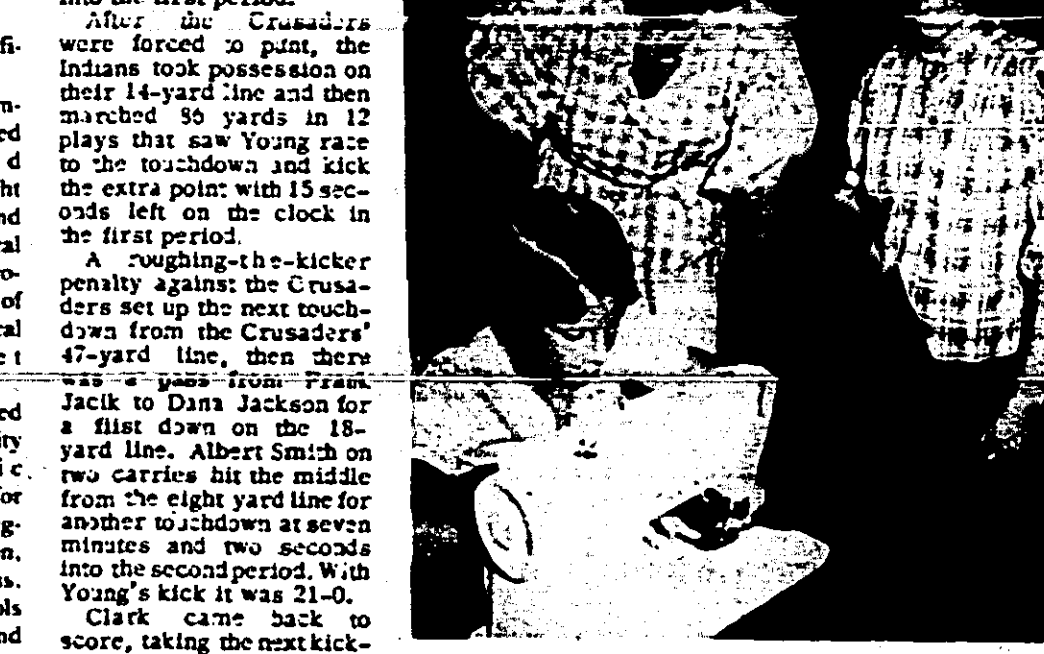
While the local number of municipalities involved in the election-day action is not large, the wide variety of questions indicates the extent of citizen participation in decisions relating to the form of local government, also views a showing of population growth and change in make-up of the population as the number of senior citizens increases, requiring higher pension costs and increases in welfare services. Further, he predicts a growing need for examining the state-local tax system with a view toward keeping the state in a competitive position for attracting industry and preserving the cities.

Both Commissioner of Education Fred G. Burke and Dept. of Community Affairs Commissioner Joseph A. LaFare expressed similar views of existing revenues are adversely affected by inflation, the trend in

Rahway takes title with one-point win over Clark gridders

Before the largest crowd ever to attend an event at Clark's Nolan Field, the Rahway Royals, coached by Coach William Young, defeated Clark Crusaders 18-17 on Thursday, Nov. 27.

Young's team scored once on the 34-yard line on a 14-yard pass to Albert Smith. The crowd of more than 2,000 fans saw no other scores until the 14th minute when Clark's Albert Smith scored on a 14-yard pass to Albert Smith. The crowd of more than 2,000 fans saw no other scores until the 14th minute when Clark's Albert Smith scored on a 14-yard pass to Albert Smith.



PRACTICAL STUDIES — Sixth-grade boys and girls at the Charles H. Brewer School in Clark are taught many domestic skills in home economic. Course instructor, Mrs. Lillian Lakover, shown, center, supervises as Richard Leonard operates the sewing machine and Megan McCutcheon feeds in the fabric.

Regional staff gets pay boost

Negotiations between the Union County Regional High School District Board of Education, which covers Clark, and the teachers' association ended Nov. 25 with the ratification of a new contract calling for salary increases of 8.5% for 1980-1981 and 9% for 1981-1982.

The 11-month long negotiations, which began in January, reached an impasse in October necessitating assistance from a state Public Employee Relations Council mediator.

Although there were no work stoppages or slowdowns on the part of the teachers, there was some picketing, observed E. A. C. member, John E. Cowlin.

The contract brings the salary range for teachers holding a bachelor's degree to a maximum of \$21,500. Teachers with master's degrees can now earn from \$13,000 to \$20,000. Maximums are reached after 18 years.

Two additional lock days per year, bringing the total permitted to 12, as well as the option of cashing them in for pay, were also included in the contract. They originally demanded 15 lock days per year.

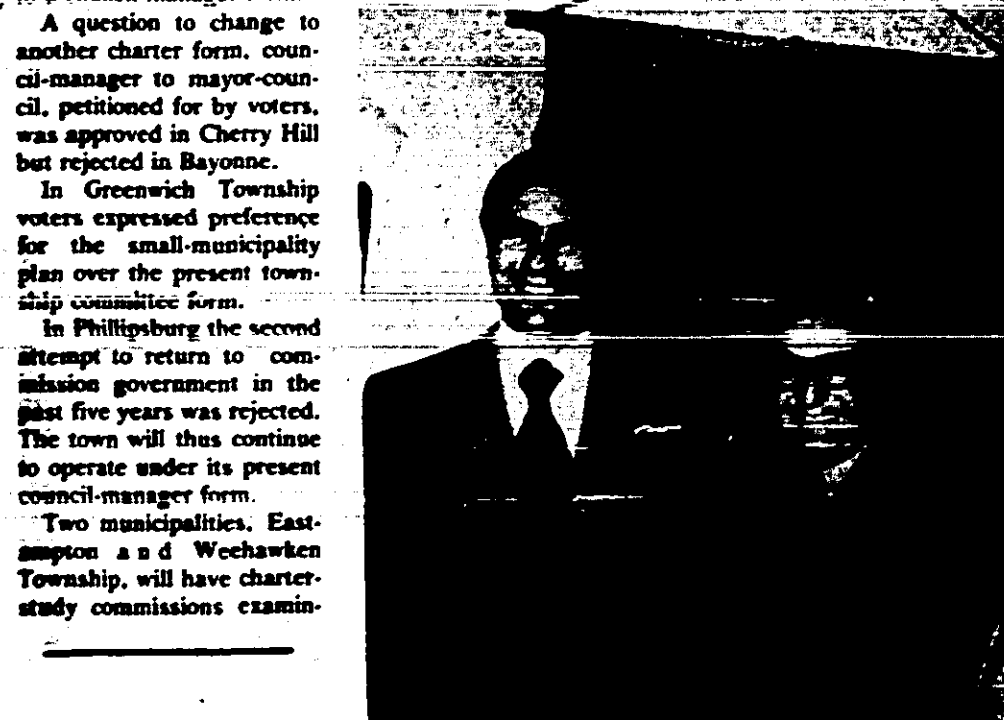
Changes in the plan covering the minimum were also made as part of the contract, with annual coverage now extended to

King estate show at Robinson house

The Dr. William Robinson Museum at 503 Madison Hill Rd., Clark, will be open to the public on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The exhibit of memorabilia, photographs, documents and records from the Emma King estate, formerly in Clark, will be exhibited in the Gallery.

The 300-year-old Robinson farm house is decorated for the holidays. Guided tours will be conducted by members of the Clark Historical Society. There will be no admission charge. The Museum Shop will also be open, reports George E. Robinson, publicity chairman.



IN GOOD SPIRITS — Newly-elected Clark Fourth Ward Councilman Peter M. Campana, shown, center, was hailed by his fellow Realtors at the Board meeting of the Board of Realtors, which includes Clark members, held at the Ramada Inn on Nov. 17. Also acknowledged for community spirit was Michael Ford for his achievement as Board member of the Year for the Board of Realtors. President-elect, Mrs. Harrah Lynch, participated in the meeting. Stanley Ford, attorney for the Board, left, spoke on his attendance at the convention in Anaheim, Calif., for the National Assn. of Realtors with Board president, Clarence Eaton, right.

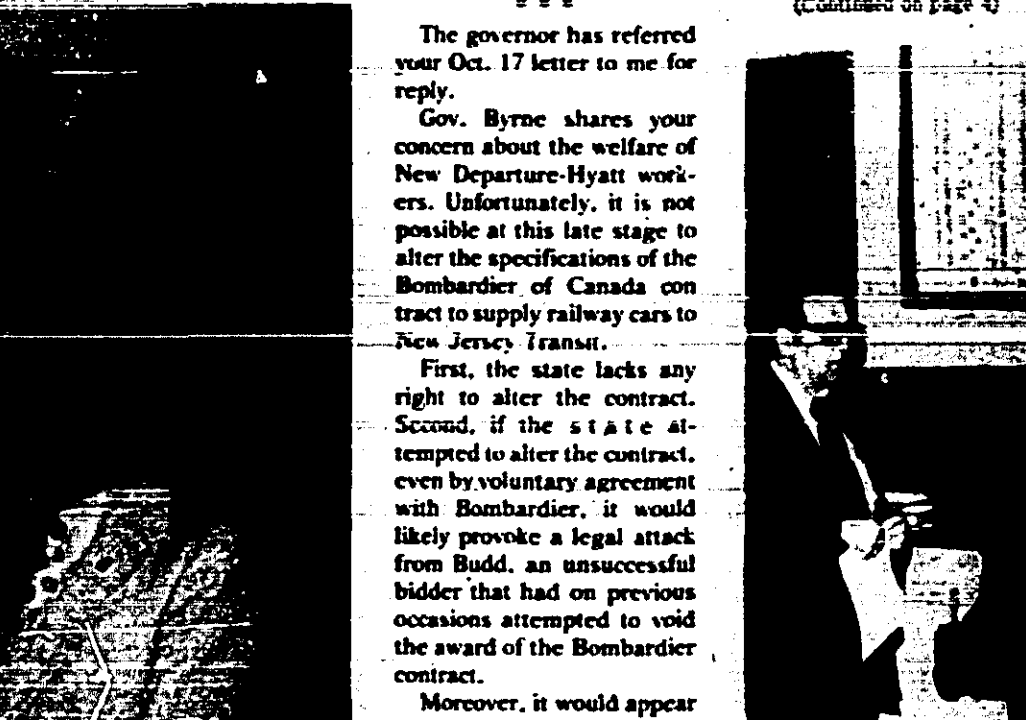
Train contract not for Hyatt

The government has referred Nov. 17 letter to the city of Rahway.

Mr. Byrne shares your concern about the welfare of New Jerseyans. Unfortunately, it is not possible at this late stage to alter the specifications of the Bombardier of Canada contract to supply railway cars to New Jersey Transit.

First, the state lacks any right to alter the contract. Second, if the state attempted to alter the contract, even by voluntary agreement with Bombardier, it would likely provoke a legal attack from the state's railroad authority that had no previous occasions attempted to void the award of the Bombardier contract.

Moreover, it would appear questionable under current bidding laws, whether the state is free to specify the manufacture of a certain component, as opposed to specifying the component itself, and leaving it to the manufacturer to determine the best price and best conditions.



ON COOK'S TOUR — Staff members from the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Clark, and consultant sending schools are shown touring the vocational programs and facilities in the four regional high schools recently. They observed machine shops, beauty culture and wood-processing classes, metal shops, and photography, data-processing and electronics sessions.

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