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Eight-year resident fills vacant Board seat

The approximately 10 months remaining in the term of Dr. Peter Cumiskey, who resigned from the Clark Board of Education last month due to business commitments, will be filled by Edward J. Raslovsky of 18 Ridge Rd. Mr. Raslovsky was chosen by a 7-0 vote on July 12 and over 12 candidates. Only one Board member, Edward Dreyfus, was not present for the balloting.

The new school body member is employed as an account executive with Universal Underwriters in Mountainside, a firm which provides insurance underwriting services for automobile dealers and automobile parts supply stores and dealers. He received his bachelor

of arts degree in accounting from St. Peter's College in Jersey City and his master of arts degree in business administration from Montclair State College in Upper Montclair.

The eight-year resident of Clark has a daughter, Ivette Raslovsky, 10, in the township school system. Also approved by the education body was Mrs. Lynn Stoddard as public relations consultant at an annual stipend of \$3,000 for the 1982-1983 school year.

Mrs. Stoddard is expected to help publish four Board newsletters and a monthly column in The Clark Patriot, develop a slide show on the township school system to be used during American Education Week and assist with budget-information presentations, informing the public about the pending school-district reorganization and help prepare news releases.

Board members also approved the transfer of \$1,375 from surplus to cover the employment of a substitute at \$3.35 per hour worked up to a maximum of \$100.50 were James Taylor and Henry Traini.

Substitute clerks employed for the 1982-1983 school year were Kathy Pasquale and Alice Schesler.

It was also pointed out the school district is expected to lose \$12,545 in state minimum aid under the figures recommended in Gov. Thomas Kean's latest budget proposal. This will bring the total minimum aid in township schools down from \$305,731 to \$293,206.



ROUNDUP TIME - Recently Clark's Charles H. Brewer School physical education classes held their Third Annual Salute to Square Dancing. Participants, shown, left to right, are: Front row, Dave Bongiovanni, Greg Kuyal, Chad Goldfarb and Tom Cooper; second row, Greg Vaidman, Dan Mavemow, Paul Petrolia and Ken Hanley; third row, Linda Berlew, Kim Doyle, Christine Melester, Kim Hanley, Susan Peters and Angela Delaney; fourth row, Tracey Clark, Lisa O'Brien, Natalie Migliaro, Kelly Richter and Denise Favor.

Regional body readies contingencies for strike

The Union County Regional District No. 1 Board of Education, which includes Clark, met in a special public session on Tuesday, July 13, 1982.

At that time the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the superintendent to negotiate with the new teachers union, the American Federation of Teachers, in good faith.

However, in recognition of the threat the union has given to the school body by holding a strike, the Board approved a strike, it was necessary the Board recognize this possibility and authorize its administration to deal with this contingency, he added.

It was indicated the main objective in giving extraordinary powers to the superintendent is to assure the citizens and students the schools will be open, and they will be maintained and secure.

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Franks bill would restore aid funds

He will co-sponsor a supplemental appropriations bill that would use anticipated surplus to restore the minimum aid funding chopped from the new state budget by the Democratic Joint Appropriations Committee, reports Assemblyman Bob Franks, who represents Clark.

He said he hopes the Legislature will act on the funding bill before schools reopen in September. Assemblyman Franks noted the budget signed recently by Gov. Thomas Kean anticipates a \$71 million surplus and \$14 million of that sum could be used to restore the minimum aid.

The governor's original budget proposal included a \$30 million surplus, some \$27 million less than the bill he signed into law, the assemblyman said. "In addition to the minimum aid, another \$11 million could be used to relieve our overcrowded prisons as originally requested by the governor."

The legislator explained the supplemental appropriations bill is "essential" to avoid enormous property tax increases. "The Democrats were unfair, undisciplined, and short-sighted in the punitive cuts they made in the governor's spending plan," he added.

The cuts guarantee a big

jump in property taxes, a series of fare increases for commuters and a stagnant economy because major problems facing the state were ignored. The supplemental appropriations bill is the only way to remedy that situation and to put some 'future' back in the budget," the lawmaker declared.

The Republican said 85 of the states so-called Minimum Aid School Districts were adversely affected by the Democratic budget cuts.

Unfortunately, the Democrats ignored the fact these school districts had their budgets approved months ago, and had legitimately anticipated receiving the funding eliminated by the Joint Appropriations Committee. The cuts have caused chaos that could effect thousands of students," he added.

Assembly Republicans will sponsor the supplemental appropriations bill, he concluded.

Editor's Note: The minimum aid of Clark's two school districts are slated to lose are: \$12,545 for the elementary district and \$10,124.35 for the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School.

Police chief asks lookout for thieves

A series of burglaries of homes has prompted Clark Police Chief Anthony T. Smar to alert residents concerning this crime trend and ask for their help in reporting suspicious persons in their areas of Clark Sweetbriar and Amelia Dr., Oak Ridge and Wheatheaf Rds., Stonehenge Terr. and Woodland and Raritan Rds. In most instances jewelry, silver and cash were taken, according to Chief Smar.

"The most effective way of preventing this type of crime is through the co-operation of our residents who must be the eyes and ears of their neighborhoods. Residents should immediately telephone Police Headquarters at 388-3434 whenever they observe suspicious vehicles or strangers in the neighborhood. Additionally, accurate license plate numbers should be obtained whenever possible together with a complete description of the vehicle and occupants. Careful attention should be paid to age, height, weight, hair, clothing and any other unusual characteristics," the chief added.

A good mental picture of the person's face should be memorized for possible future identification. All these things help police to eliminate some suspects and to channel police efforts in a direction most likely to produce a possible apprehension, he pointed out.

"Many times residents hesitate to telephone Police Headquarters for fear what they have to report will turn out to be meaningless. Superior Court assignment has proved otherwise. The most seemingly insignificant piece of information can bring a criminal to justice. Remember, it is much easier to possibly prevent a burglary than it is to apprehend a burglar once he has committed the crime. All calls will be kept confidential upon request," the police official concluded.

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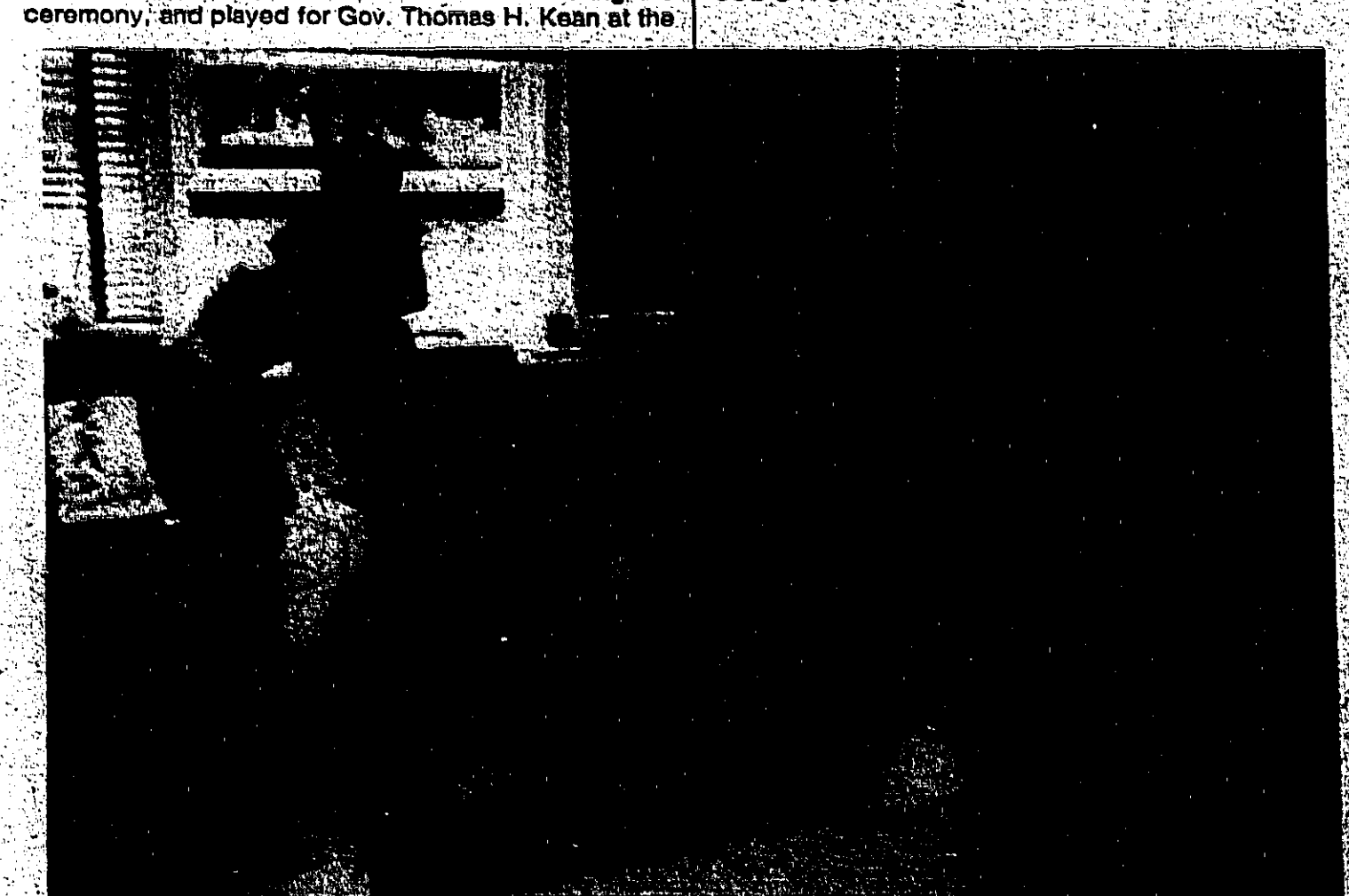
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LEADING THE PARADE - The Westfield File and Drum Corps won first place for file-and-drum competition at the Elks Convention in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The group was marching for and representing Freehold Lodge No. 1454 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The corps had previously won a trophy this spring, while marching in the East Brunswick Memorial Day Parade. The following day the group appeared in both the Westfield and Scotch Plains parades honoring our war dead. The corps also provided music during the ceremony, and played for Gov. Thomas H. Kean at the



RINGING THE BELL - The students at the pre-school program in Clark began another day under the direction of Mrs. Joan Kelly. This annual school program is designed to stimulate youngsters' interest in school techniques, and foster a positive attitude toward school learning, reports Mrs. Kelly.



GIVING THEM SUPPORT - Kimberly, Kristie and Brett Pearce, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's 1982 national poster children, are all smiles during a Washington meeting with Rep. Matthew J. Flauto, who represents Clark and Rahway. The representative is sponsoring legislation designating the week of Sept. 16 to 25 as National Cystic Fibrosis Week. The purpose of the bill is to draw attention and support to the battle against cystic fibrosis which is the country's No. 1 genetic killer of youth.

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