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GOP legislative district control remains; Clark bucks apparent Democratic trend

By Joan Gorzenik

Republicans have maintained their stronghold in the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Clark, as township voters cast their ballots during this year's relatively mild General Election.

Clark voters supported Republican candidates overwhelmingly in the legislative as well as county races.

In the state Senatorial race incumbent GOP minor league leader, Donald J. DiFrancesco of Scotch Plains, who was challenged by Democrat Thomas M. McCormack of Roseland, retained his seat in the Senate which he has held since November, 1979.

Sen. DiFrancesco, an attorney, has been his party's leader in the Senate for two years in a row.

Clark Township residents cast 2,046 votes for the incumbent Republican to Thomas McCormack's 1,500. The senator's greatest support was felt in Clark's First Ward where he received 565 votes.

Prior to Sen. DiFrancesco's filling an unexpired term in the Senate in 1979 he served two terms in the Assembly.

He received his bachelor of science degree from Pennsylvania State University and his juris doctor degree from Seton Hall University in South Orange.

Republicans were again triumphant in the Assembly race with incumbent, Bob Franks of Summit and Maureen Ogden of Millburn, defeating Democrats, Thomas H. Hannen, Jr. of

Winfield Park and JoAnne B. Spatola of Scotch Plains. The incumbents gained 1,880 and 1,860 votes in Clark to the hopefuls' 1,572 and 1,552 votes, respectively.

Assemblyman Franks and Assemblywoman Ogden also received the most backing from the township's First Ward with 528 and 527 ballots, respectively.

Assemblyman Franks was elected to his first term in 1979 and re-elected in 1981. Assemblywoman Ogden has been the mayor of Millburn since 1979.

According to two unofficial reports county all county Democratic candidates were victorious county-wide.

In Clark the Republican candidate for sheriff, Eli

zabeth Deputy Police Chief William M. Kelly, defeated the incumbent Democrat, Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, 1,859 to 1,664. Again, Deputy Chief Kelly garnered the greatest number of votes from the township's First Ward in one of the county's most heated races.

The Republican incumbent, county register, Richard P. Hatfield of Scotch Plains, was heavily supported by Clark residents. He received 1,820 votes with 511 ballots emanating from Clark's First Ward. His opponent, Democrat, Joanne Rajoppi of Springfield, tallied 1,611 votes in Clark.

The Republican candidate for the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Frank H. Lehr, Robert C. Miller

and Paul J. O'Keefe, tied well in Clark, gaining 1,796, 1,826 and 1,835 votes, respectively.

Their Democratic opponents, Michael J. Lapolla, Brian W. Fahey and Ron Scorsese, received 1,640, 1,633 and 1,557 ballots, respectively, in the township.

Again, the Republican turnout was heavy in Clark's First Ward, where the GOP freeholder candidates received much backing.

Clark voters were also given the opportunity to voice their opinion on a number of state-wide public questions.

The Green Acres Opportunities Bond Issue, which would allow the state to continue its Green Acres and Green Acres Local As-

sistance Program, was received positively by township voters, 1,720 to 1,383.

The second question, which was received favorably by township residents, would authorize the sale of \$50,000,000 in bonds to be used for state shore-protection projects and for state grants and loans to counties and municipalities. The totals were 1,721 to 1,419.

A question amending the Water Supply Bond Act of 1981, which would reauthorize the expenditure of the \$350,000,000 to upgrade the state's water supply network and would broaden the authorization to include the clean-up of wells, was approved by Clark voters 1,963 to 1,147.

Township voters over-

whelmingly okayed 2,281 to 919 question No. 4, which would provide for the rehabilitation and improvement of state, county and municipal bridges. They also favored the transfer of judges of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts or Family Court and County District Courts to the Superior Court.

Township votes totaled the same, 1,507 to 1,507, on a question which would authorize the Legislature to allow the re-financing of state indebtedness without further voter approval in those cases where a debt-service savings would result.

Area voters authorized the extension to widows

of the same property tax deductions presently granted under the state constitution to qualifying widows by a vote of 2,655 to 602.

Lastly, they okayed the final question of whether to permit the governor an additional seven days following the end of the legislative term to consider bills 2,108 to 950.

Hospital must bill for mobile care

Starting Nov. 1, Rahway Hospital began direct billing of patients who require the services of its Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU). This mandate from the federal Health Care Financing Administration applies to all New Jersey hospitals that have an MICU.

Previously there had been no direct charge for this service because the cost of operating these units was distributed among all of the patients admitted to the hospital.

Recently the federal government decided this form of reimbursement for the program was inappropriate for Medicare patients under Part A since the government considered the MICU an outpatient service under Part B, and therefore directed hospitals with MICUs to begin directly billing those patients who use the service.

The Mobile Intensive Care Unit is a specially-equipped vehicle that has been referred to as an "emergency room on wheels." It is staffed by

paramedics and responds to medical emergencies in conjunction with local volunteer first aid squads. Typical calls for MICU are for chest pains, respiratory arrest, severe allergic reactions, drug overdoses and motor vehicle accidents.

Requests for the unit come from local first aid squads or police. Once the paramedics arrive on the scene, they administer Advanced Life Support (ALS) services while in direct radio contact with a physician in the Rahway Hospital Emergency Center. After the patient is stabilized, he is transported to a hospital by the first aid squad.

Rahway Hospital's MICU serves Rahway, Clark, Linden, Avon, Carteret and Colonia. Since the unit went on line in March, 1981, it has responded to more than 3,000 calls for assistance at no charge to the patient.

Under this new billing system if the unit is called out and does not have to render Advanced Life Sup-

port services, there will continue to be no charge for the call. Most major insurers have indicated they will pay these charges (in accordance with the subscriber's policy limitations).

Charges for MICU services will vary from hospital to hospital. Each hospital must set its rate based on the projected operating budget for 1984 and the estimated number of calls that will need Advanced Life Support.

All money collected through billing the patient directly will go to cover the hospital's operating costs for the MICU—equipment, salaries and supplies. Local first aid squads will continue to work on a volunteer basis and will not receive any portion of the fee.

Rahway Hospital representatives hope communities will continue to support their community's first aid squad as they have done in the past, since the squads are dependent on the donations, a hospital spokesman concluded.

Council honors Steven Raabe

A senior at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, Steven Raabe, was commended by a special resolution of the township Governing Body at the October Township Council meeting for having distinguished himself as a scholastic and youth soccer league player.

The youth was a spring team member of the Clark Division No. 1 team, the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer League. He was selected as a member of the Mid-New Jersey League Select Team-Division No. 1. The team represented the league at several tournaments and dual meets

throughout the state and in Pennsylvania, Long Island and Connecticut. Raabe is also a second-year varsity player at the high school, co-captaining this year's team, where he has excelled at both the fullback and "stopper" positions.

The presentation was made by Fourth Ward Councilman John Bodnar, 3rd, on behalf of the Township Council and Mayor Bernard G. Yarusso in a ceremony in which the township also lauded the accomplishments of the Clark Youth Soccer Program, which sponsored the youth's participation.

College Night to be held on Monday

Parents and students of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 may attend the district's College Night on Monday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 o'clock at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark. Representatives from some 100 colleges and universities will be available to discuss such topics as course offerings, size, location and financial aid.

Harvard, Princeton and Yale Universities, the Naval Academy, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, New York University and the Universities of Pennsylvania and Vermont are some of the institutions from 19 states that will be represented.

Clark historians win national award

The Clark Historical Society won a national award last month for its work in state and local history.

The society, located at 303 Westfield Ave., Clark, won a Certificate of Commendation for the restoration of the Dr. William Robinson Plantation Museum on Madison Hill Rd., Clark.

The American Assn. for State and Local History conferred the awards at its annual meeting in Victoria, British Columbia. The association's awards program is the nation's most prestigious competition for local history achievement.

For a complete listing of schools or for more information, interested persons should telephone the guidance department at Johnson at 382-0910.

Clark historians win national award

reports a spokeswoman for the township group.

A national selection committee, composed of leaders in the history profession, reviewed 143 nominations. Thirty-seven awards of merit and 55 certificates of commendation were awarded to individuals, institutions and historical organizations across the United States and Canada.

Nominations originate at the local level and are screened at the state and regional levels by a national network of judges. Only those nominations approved in these preliminary competitions are considered for national honors.

Rider honors Mr. Schoenmann

A senior accounting major from Clark, Tobey J. Schoenmann, was awarded a \$100 grant from the Rider College Accounting Dept. of Lawrenceville to purchase textbooks.

This marks the second straight year the department has made such awards to the top 11 senior accounting majors in the department.

The funds were generated from last year's Tax Practitioners' Seminar jointly sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service, the New Jersey Society of Public Accountants and the college's accounting department.

Samantha Ravich cited for studies

A Clark resident, Samantha Ravich, will receive a letter of commendation for her performance on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

She is a senior at the Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union.



A REAL KICK - Participating in the presentation of a special recognition award to Steven Raabe of Clark at October's Township Council meeting were Fourth Ward Councilman John Bodnar, 3rd, left, Steven Raabe's mother, Mrs. Jill Raabe, second from left, Steven Raabe, second from right, and his father, Paul Raabe, right.



'GET SMART' RETURNS-The students of Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, under the direction of Michael Vogel, will present the comedy, "Get Smart" on Friday, Nov. 18, and Saturday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. This cloak-and-dagger comedy features the clown, Maxwell Smart, played by Robert Macavoy; his cohort, Agent 99, played by Joan DeAlessandro, and Gary Kuyat as his often infuriated "Chief." The head of Kaos, "Mr. Big," played by Richard Winkler, plots to bring control to its knees using the "Inferno" device of devastating destruction. Jeffrey Bellingor portrays Prof. Danlos, the creator of this awesome weapon. For ticket information please telephone 382-0910.