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Faria, Dillon, Schneller win Board seats; local budget goes down by large margin

By R. R. Faszczewski
Township voters overwhelmingly defeated the Board of Education budget and elected two of three candidates backed by the Clark Taxpayers Coalition in Tuesday's School Board Election.

The total vote on the \$4,828,179 tax levy for current expense was 1,160 against and 649 in favor. That on the capital outlay levy of \$100,000 was 1,121 in favor and 600 against.

The three highest vote getters, who won three-year terms on the education body, were incumbent, Thomas Faria, with 910, and the two coalition-backed candidates, John J. Dillon and John Schneider, with 904 and 895 votes respectively.

The current Board president, Mrs. Eileen Mezzo, ran fourth with 851 votes to 819 for Melvin D. Altman, the third coalition-backed candidate; 752 for Robert Ellenport, who ran on the same ticket as the incumbents, and 446 for John Schrock, who ran alone.

The strongest vote totals for all three of the winners were recorded in the Valley Road School, where Mr. Faria had 264, Mr. Dillon had 323 and Mr. Schneider had 330.

That is also the school where residents in the most voting districts—five—cast ballots every year.

The budget was also defeated by the biggest margin in Valley Road, with current expense going down 395-to-178 and capital outlay being defeated 391 to 170.

The loss of the elementary school budget for 1984-1985 means the newly-sworn-in School Board members will have to join their colleagues in meeting with the Township Council to decide whether to cut the budget, keep the same figures or increase it.

With the addition of two more supporters of the taxpayer group to the Board there will be three members who actively support the coalition voting on school policy now.

American Legion needs blood donors

The American Legion is calling upon the citizens of Clark to join in a continuing blood donor program. Comm. Theodore Rudnicki of Clark Post No. 328 announced today.

The legion post has recruited 45 of its members to set the foundation for a community-wide donor program and is seeking the assistance of others who wish to be part of this effort.

Post No. 328 arranged with the American Red Cross to have one of its mobile units at the post, at 78 Westfield Ave., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 14.

For each donor at a convenient time and help keep the waiting to a minimum. For those who do not have a record of their blood type, this service will be available during the visit of the mobile unit.

Donor blood is kept in a blood bank. But even when stored under ideal conditions (refrigerated at the right temperature and with the proper preservative), it has a legal use limit of 35 days, the chairman noted.

"Don't underestimate the value of your blood donation," Mr. Specht emphasized. "All types of blood are needed all the time!"



Each spring the company flushes its hydrants to make sure they are functioning and ready for service when needed.

Although the flushing may cause some temporary inconvenience to customers, it is necessary for the protection of the hydrant.

Very few customers are affected by the flushing operation, because the company makes every effort to prevent inconvenience.

The company spokesman said the firm will place instruments in all local streets indicating the time when flushing is scheduled for specific areas.

Clark resident aids Polish festival

The first of the ethnic activities for 1984 at the Garden State Cultural Center will be held on Sunday, June 3.

Sponsored by the Polish American Heritage League, Inc., an umbrella organization for many Polish-American groups, the all-day affair will emphasize Polish culture, entertainment, artifacts and foods.

General chairman, Philip Kurtz, named this year's committee members as follows: General secretary, Charlotte Goralska Ryan; treasurer, Joan Bielewicz Giordano; religious observance, The Rev. Joseph Krzyzofik; tickets, Felicia J. Nowak; stage show, Chester Serden of Clark;



John R. Schneller, Thomas Faria, John J. Dillon



READY, SET, GO... Sister Jacoba (Baker), right, (the student council advisor at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, announced the annual school-wide fundraising event for the current year will be a 12-mile walkathon scheduled for tomorrow.

Clark softball to hold tryouts

The Clark Bobcats Girls Fast-pitch Softball Team will have tryouts on Saturday, April 7, at 1 p.m. at Curry Field in Clark, located on Riefler St., behind Friendly's on Raritan Rd.

Register Fido in Clark NOW!

Those dog owners in Clark who have not purchased licenses for their pets were reminded this week by Township Clerk Edward R. Paschuk since the licenses were up for renewal on Jan. 31 a late fee of \$3.50 will be added to the regular license fee.

Mr. Paschuk added his office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Wednesday to Friday to take the licenses and its contents.