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Democratic gubernatorial Primary highlights Election

By R.R. Faszczewski

Although township residents later this year will be electing Township Council representatives to fill one-year unexpired terms on the Governing Body, none of the nominees for any of the local posts faces a contest in the Primary.

Perhaps the most active Primary Election race in the state on Tuesday will be that for the Democratic nomination for governor, where six men will be vying for their party's nod to face incumbent Republican Gov. Thomas H. Kean, who is unopposed on the GOP side for the nomination.

The six Democratic contenders are: Former State Sen. Stephen B. Wiley of Convent Station, State Sen. John F. Russo of Tom's River, Essex County Executive Peter Shapiro of South Orange, Elliot Greenspan of Bloomfield, Newark Mayor Kenneth Gibson and former United States Attorney Robert J. DeLufo of Morristown.

There will also be no contests for either party's nominations for the two 22nd District Assembly seats, which have two-year terms.

The incumbents, both Republicans, are Bob Franks of New Brunswick and Maureen Ogden of Short Hills.

Opposing them in November will be the Democratic nominees, John F. Tully, Jr. of Caldwell and Florence Martone of Maplewood.

The only other contests in the Primary will be in the Democratic race for freholder, in which incumbents, Charlotte DeFilippo of Hillside and Walter Boright of Scotch Plains, and their running mate on the organization line, Gerald W. McCann of

Elizabeth, will be facing an all-Plainfield slate composed of Rowand Clark, Marjorie Patterson and Daniel McGowan, and a Roselle man, Elie Ernest.

The winners of the Democratic nomination will face Republican nominees, G. Richard Malgran of Plainfield, the only GOP incumbent; William H. Eldridge of Summit, the former mayor of Berkeley Heights, and Rahway Sixth Ward Councilman James J. Fulcomer.

Unopposed for four-year terms on the Republican State Committee are Richard P. Hatfield of Scotch Plains, the former Union County register, and Elizabeth Republican chairwoman, Blanche Banasak, a former freholder.

The Democratic nominees for four-year terms on their party's state committee, all unopposed, are: June S. Fischer of Scotch Plains, Union County Register Joanne Raloff of Springfield and Rehoboth of Summit on the female side, and Frederic S. Kessler of Cranford, Fred W. Lester of Hillside and Elizabeth Fourth Ward Councilman John McKenna.

Although there are no challenges and few vacancies on the local level for members of either the Democratic or Republican County Committees there are three Democrats running for county committee in Clark off the organization line.

Running as Regular Democrat incumbents rather than on the Regular Democratic Organization of Union County line are William J. Clancy of 74 Stonehenge Terr., in the First Ward, Third District, and Councilman-at-Large and Mrs. Bernard R. Hayden in the Second Ward, Fourth District.

On the GOP side there were no nominations made in the First Ward, Third District and for the male posts in the Third Ward, Fourth District and in the Fourth Ward, First District. A male Democrat did not file a petition to run in the Fourth Ward, Second District.

In the districts where no one filled the seats may either be filled by written candidates or by the respective party committees when they re-organize a week after the Primary.

The focus of township residents after the Primary will probably turn to the councilmanic contests in the Second and Fourth Wards, where Democratic and Republican contenders who are unopposed in the Primary will be squaring off with their foes for the right to serve the year remaining in the terms of Second Ward Democratic Councilman George Nucera, who left when he was elected mayor last year, and Fourth Ward Republican Councilman John Bodnar, who resigned when he moved out of the township.

The Second Ward race will be between Democrat William Caruso, 49, of 7 School St., who was appointed to fill Councilman Nucera's seat until November, and Republican municipal chairman, George W. Crater of 461 Westfield Ave.

Councilman Caruso is a plumbing and heating foreman with Plumbers Local No. 24 in Newark and the president of the Vince Lombardi Foundation, a local cancer charity. He is also the head of the Council committee investigating charges of rental abuses made by township tenants.

Mr. Crater, a Clark resident since 1949, has been a member of the Clark Planning Board for 12 years and has been on the Union County Planning Board since 1980. For 36 years he was employed at Exxon research and Engineering Co. in Linden, from which he recently retired. Republican incumbent, Brian P. Toal, who was appointed to serve in the Fourth Ward seat vacated by Mr. Bodnar until November, is a member of the Governing Body's public works committee.

A resident of 116 Dorset Dr., he has attended Union College and is majoring in history and political science at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Appointed township historian by former Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage, he is a member of the Clark and New Jersey Historical

Societies and has served as municipal liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

The Democratic nominee, Peter M. Campana of 18 Brent Ave., served as Fourth Ward Councilman once before.

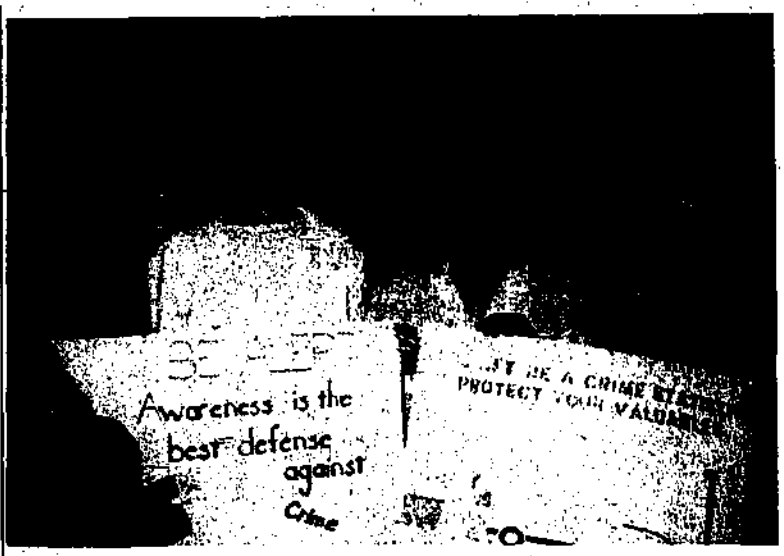
A Realtor by profession, he is director of senior citizen affairs for the township, a member of the Planning Board and the former chairman of the Board of Adjustment.

Clark has more than 11,000 registered voters. If you wish to vote on Tuesday it is good to know which election district you are in and where residents from your district vote. The polling places follow. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you have any questions about where to vote please telephone Township Clerk Edward R. Padusniak at 388-3600. ...

POLLING PLACES

- FRANK E. HENNELY SCHOOL - First Ward, District 1, 2 and 3.
- CHARLES E. BREWER SCHOOL - Second Ward, All Four Districts.
- VALLEY ROAD SCHOOL - Third Ward, All Four Districts.
- CARL N. HUNYFORD SCHOOL - First Ward, District 4, Fourth Ward, Districts 2, 3 and 4.
- BROADWAY PRINCIPAL - Fourth Ward, First District.



PREVENTING CRIME... Clark Second Ward Councilman William Caruso, right, and Police Chief Anthony Smar, left, congratulate Lord Karamus, second from left, and Charles Lashina, second from right, the first and second place winners, respectively, in an annual crime prevention poster contest sponsored by the councilman.

Mayor requests water savings

Although the Township of Clark has not been designated by the governor as having a water shortage, Mayor George G. Nucera requests the people of Clark to voluntarily reduce the consumption of water by at least 25 percent. Clark is served by the Elizabethtown Water Co., which, at this time, is not experiencing a water shortage. However, the mayor feels it is incumbent upon all residents to voluntarily do their part to reduce the amount of water used daily.



Plantation to open house

The Dr. William Robinson Plantation and Museum at 593 Madison Hill Rd., Clark will be open to the public on Sunday, June 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. Featured in the second-floor gallery will be restoration pictures, artifacts, maps and various other items of historical interest. Guided tours of the 300-year-old plantation by costumed members of the Clark Historical Society will be available. Admission will be free. The museum shop, known for its variety of handcrafted items, will be open. To be seen on the grounds are an herb garden with numerous varieties of herbs used in colonial gardens, a necessary house, smoke house, corn crib and barn.

Regional body to honor Dr. Farinella

By Patricia Di Maggio

The Union County Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education meeting was held in the media room at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark on May 21.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donald Merachnik, asked for and received the addition of Miss Karen Mumm of the Johnson staff as a proctor for the Joseph J. Sott Regional Mathematics Day Competition at a rate of \$11 per hour for a period up to five hours.

David Carl, assistant principal at Johnson, was approved as the district summer school principal for this summer. Kristine Siegel, a special education teacher at Jonathon Dayton Regional High School in Clark, was transferred to Johnson, and Mrs. Emma Massey was appointed to the position of business education department supervisor at an annual 10-month salary rate of \$40,551 for 1985-1986, effective on Monday, Aug. 26.

Jodene Weakland was appointed assistant band director at a salary of \$500. Bus transportation contracts were renewed with various bus companies for the 1985-1986 school year. The Rahway Bus Co. will receive a total of \$27,170 for transportation to and from athletic events at Johnson. To-and-from trips for music events totalled \$2,016 for the Vogel Bus Co., and the Brunner Bus Service had its contract renewed for transportation to the Union County Vocational-Technical

School for a total of \$42,180.32. Bids were received for 1985-1986 home economic supplies for the four regional high schools and a total amount of \$2,694.78 was awarded to the following companies: Nasco, \$636.81; Anchor Equipment Co., Inc., \$621.79; Grossman Paper Co., \$462.43; Halper Brothers, Inc., \$399; Hygrade Button & Supply Co., \$282.28; Jackson's Inc., \$153.52, and Maid of Scandinavia Co., \$138.95.

A total of \$33,495.98 was awarded to various companies for industrial arts supplies for the 1985-1986 school year for the four schools. Because several of the members plan to attend the June 4 dinner honoring Clark's retiring elementary superintendent of schools, Dr. John T. Farinella, a resolution was passed to reschedule the regular monthly Board meeting to Tuesday, June 11.

A parents' group from Mountainside attended the meeting to protest the revision in the school calendar to omit the February mid-winter vacation. Several parents spoke in favor of going back to the old calendar. They said they had taken a survey in Mountainside and found the needs and desires for the other five districts must be served.

He said if the full week were to be restored in the future the school body would have to either add three days onto the calendar in June or cut three days somewhere else during the year. He suggested a panel be appointed to look into the problem.

She said that week was shown to be a peak period of illness, and if the schools remained opened there would be a high rate of absenteeism. She said the teachers who approved cutting the week down to two days were led to believe parents supported the measure. It has come to their attention, however, the majority of parents, and teachers, now protest the change.

Mrs. McGill suggested households in the district be polled as to their preference. She cited last year's polling for a graduation date as precedent. Dr. Merachnik explained the district office was only following the lead of the six elementary sending district boards of education using the school calendar. He said to make up a school calendar to satisfy everyone is difficult, but the communities felt pressured to do away with the full week. He said the local boards made the change first and the regional district followed suit.

In response to a parent poll Board president, Joseph Vaughn, said the calendar would have to be followed for 1985-1986, since the needs and desires for the other five districts must be served.

Bonnie Kartzman brings gold to Johnson

Bonnie Kartzman of Clark's Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Lady Crusaders won the gold in the North Jersey, Section No. 2, Group No. 2 championship taking the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 69 seconds while Joyce Lim was fifth in the same event at 73.9 seconds. The Lady Crusaders were ninth in the team scoring with 14 points. Clark's Kelly Brennan was the winner of the high jump with a five-foot, four-inch leap and she finished

fifth in the long jump at 15-feet, four inches. The Johnson Regional boys 1,600-meter relay team was fifth with a time of three minutes and 42.2 seconds and had one point for the day.



COMMUNITY SERVICE... Clark library director, Grace T. O'Connor, receives a check for \$1,000 from Clark Kiwanis president, George Sanguliano, while Bernard G. Yarusavage looks on. The money was realized from a dinner which the Kiwanis Club gave for Mr. Yarusavage honoring his 22 years of service to the Township of Clark.



ABOVE AND BEYOND... Robert Kiernar of Clark, center, is presented with a certificate of meritorious service from Mayor George G. Nucera, left, and the township's director of public safety, Joseph Comarata, for his "outstanding service to the people of the state of New Jersey as a volunteer of the courts and corrections of the state of New Jersey since October, 1982."