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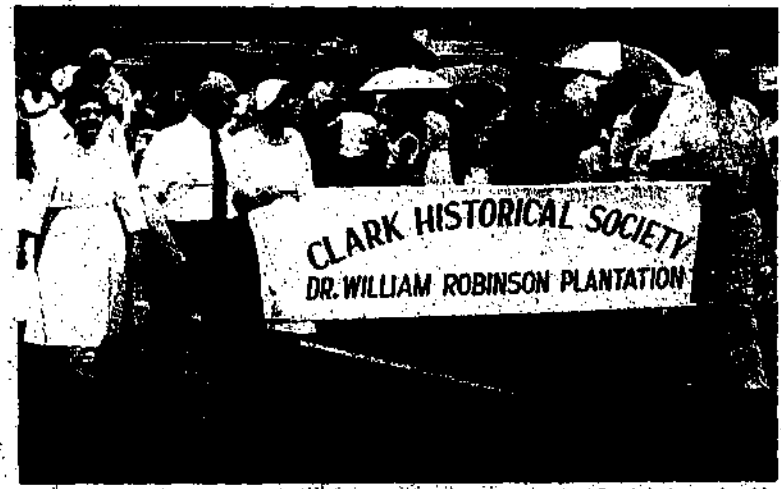
CENTURIONS IN STEP... Members of the Gran Centurions Club of Clark display their pride in their heritage during the "Pride In Clark Day" parade.



ROARING WITH PRIDE... An unexpected downpour was not enough to dampen the spirits of the Clark Lions Club members during the Sept. 8 "Pride in Clark Day" parade.



REAL TROOPERS... Rain only whet the appetites of Cub Scouts from Clark Pack No. 245 for the "Pride in Clark Day" parade.



MAKING MARK IN HISTORY... Members of the Clark Historical Society turned out in full colonial costumes for the "Pride in Clark Day" parade.

"PRIDE IN CLARK DAY"

Calendar 'magic' gives Miskowitz date with destiny

William Miskowitz, the director of the Union County Regional Adult School at the Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, just completed writing a book entitled "Calendar Magic" which has been available since Aug. 26.

The publication is the result of 20 years of research and experience, and it is believed to be one of the most comprehensive books of its kind.

Mr. Miskowitz learned the basic calendar system in a memory and concentration course given at the Clark Adult School in spring, 1965.

The publication starts off with a brief history of the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and the gives instructions on the use of several types of perpetual calendars.

These calendars are used to verify the results of a "formula" which was invented by Nicholas Pellegrino of Syosbrook, N.Y. Mr. Pellegrino was able to give the day of the week for any date, past, present or future, and his document is enshrined in Ripley's "Hall of Fame" museum in Escanaba, Michigan.



DATE WITH DESTINY... William Miskowitz, the director of the Union County Regional Adult School at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, looks over a first copy of his recently-published book, "Calendar Magic," which tells how to apply his system of finding the day of any date in history.

which required variations of the "Formula". For example, he was asked to give the date for Thanksgiving Day in 1996. By restructuring the "Formula" it was possible to adapt it to provide the correct answer.

Friday the 13th's are covered in another section. Mr. Miskowitz was frequently asked how often three Friday the 13th's appeared in a given year. With all the information and techniques at his disposal, it was not too difficult to prepare a chart for 100 years showing the frequency of Friday the 13th's. A unique system has been developed and one can readily pick out the years and months in which this occurs, he noted.

The new Monday holiday dates gave the calendar expert an opportunity to work out a system and cover these in a special section. Other sections include: How to find Sunday dates,

determined by the date of Easter. This section covers 1900 to 2000.

The book also covers the Julian Calendar and gives values for the years 601 to 2800. The same formula is used as the one for the Gregorian Calendar but the century and year values are different.

Also, the leap-year rule is the original one which was adopted by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. Note: The Gregorian Calendar drops three leap years in a 400-year period. Centesimal years (year ending in 00) are not leap years unless they are divisible by 400.

A special chart was developed showing 25 special days throughout the year such as New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Independence Day.

In some cases readers are asked to give the day of the week and in other cases to give the date. Page 62 lists one year only, completed, filled out for each date, with seven other columns giving the year only. Readers are asked to find the answers on Page 71. This chart is duplicated with all the columns filled in so they can check their results for accuracy.

The final chapter is devoted to the years 4000 and beyond.

Mr. Miskowitz found while researching in one of the encyclopedias the year is still 24 seconds too long with respect to the solar system and the calendar will be out one day by the year 4000. The calendar authorities have decided the year 4000 and all its multiples, that is 8000,

12,000, 16,000, etc., will not be leap years.

The "magician" considered this a real challenge and proceeded to develop perpetual calendars to use when that will occur.

The last page in this section shows how Mr. Miskowitz gives the day of the week for December 25, 996,996 (Wednesday) and then refers you to Calendar 57 to check his accuracy. (Note: This calculation involves the dropping of a leap year every 4,000 years which results in 249 dropped leap years or minus days correction. Mr. Miskowitz has developed some unique charts to check out this far off date, and he believes they are the only ones of their kind in the world.)

Mr. Miskowitz is hoping that his publication will appeal to persons who like to do puzzles requiring mathematical calculations and to astrology groups who usually show keen interest in dates.

Students have usually been very impressed with these calculations, and the adult school director hopes this may be a means of improving their mathematical capability as well as their memory and concentration.

He is a firm believer anyone with normal mathematical ability can learn the basic system in a very short time and become quite proficient.

Hopefuls told release dates

ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE GENERAL ELECTION AND THOSE WISHING TO COMMENT ON CANDIDATES AND ISSUES.

The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will publish their pre-election advance issues on THURSDAY, OCT. 31. All biographies and/or pictures of the candidates which they would like to appear in the advance issues should be in the hands of the editor at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, N.J. 07065 NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, OCT. 24 AT 5 P.M.

FURTHERMORE, ALL CANDIDATES OR THOSE WRITING ABOUT ELECTION CONTROVERSIES WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO ONE-AND-A-HALF PAGE SUBMISSIONS, TYPED

Centurions take aquatic crowns

The Gran Centurions Swimming and Diving Team of Clark finished the season by taking first place in both the "D" League Diving Championship held Aug. 1 and 2 and the "D" League Swimming Championships held Aug. 3.

These events, which culminated the summer dual-meet season, were celebrated by Patrick Walker, swimming coach, and his assistant coach, John Bank. Diving coach, Cindy Sabath, applauded the outstanding efforts of her diving team.

In addition to capturing first-place trophies in the championships the team tied for first place in the dual-meet season. Scores in the "D" League swimming championships were as follows: Gran Centurions - first place, 318;

Parents asked to telephone about absences

The co-operation of the parents of Clark public school students has been asked by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul J. Ortenzio to make the Student Absence Call-in System a success.

Parents whose child is absent should telephone the school with information. The telephone numbers of the schools are: Frank K. Hehny, 381-8100; Carl H. Kumpf, 381-0400, and Valley Road, 388-7900.

HELP US CELEBRATE OUR BIRTHDAY

Clark's own hometown newspaper, The Clark Patriot, is 20 years young this year and the paper plans to celebrate in real style.

We are looking for stories, photographs, proclamations or historical pieces about the newspaper and the township and we are asking our readers to help make this a banner year for the only newspaper that can really call its own.

A special anniversary edition will be published in October. If you have any contributions please send them to: ANNIVERSARY ISSUE, EDITOR, THE CLARK PATRIOT, POST OFFICE BOX 1061, RAHWAY, N.J. 07065 or drop them off at the office at 219 CENTRAL AVE., RAHWAY FROM 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. MONDAY TO FRIDAY.