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Voters OK school budget; incumbents, Linken win

About 17 percent of the township's approximate 11,000 voters, 1,755, turned out for Tuesday's Board of Education Elections.

The three available Board of Education seats went to two incumbents, F. Donald Paris and Thelma Purdy, and to newcomer Dennis C. Linken. They defeated incumbent James E. Kehoe and candidates George R. Cisneros and John Schroeck for the three-year terms.

By a narrow margin of 122 votes, Clark voters approved the 1986-87 elementary school budget which includes a Current Expense portion of \$6,304,326 and Capital Outlay of \$147,500.

This means an average tax increase of \$3.73 per month for Clark's homeowners.

The approved budget includes a Developmental Reading Program in grades 1-8, increased library expenditures, increased expenditures for materials and supplies, full-time nurses in each school and a campaign to upgrade heating, plumbing and mechanical needs by district personnel. The Capital Outlay account in-



F. Donald Paris



Thelma Purdy



Dennis Linken

VICTORS IN BOARD RACE

cludes proposals for blacktop repair at Hehnlly, roof replacement at Kumpf School and window replacements at Valley Road School. The Current Expense portion of the budget was approved 790-706 and the Capital Outlay portion was approved 754-716.

The newcomer to the Board, Dennis Linken, garnered the most votes, 987, to regain his seat. He is

an attorney with Exxon Research's Law Department in Florham Park and has resided in Clark 20 years.

Thelma Purdy, with 981 votes, will be serving her eighth term on the Board. She is a 30-year resident of Clark.

The Board of Education is now totally comprised of supporters for the 1986-87 budget.

The three winners were followed by James Kehoe with 730 votes; John Schroeck with 699; and George Cisneros with 687.

Mr. Paris had 168 votes at the Frank K. Hehnlly School, 248 at Carl Kumpf School, 260 at the Charles H. Brewer School, 262 at Valley Road School, and 49 in absentee ballots for a total of 987.

Thelma Purdy tallied 175 votes at Hehnlly; 258 at Kumpf; 250 at Brewer; 248 at Valley Road; and 50 in absentee ballots for a total of 981.

Dennis Linken tallied 172 votes at Hehnlly; 236 at Kumpf; 256 at Brewer; 258 at Valley Road, and 49 in absentee ballots for a total of 971.

James Kehoe received 93 votes at Hehnlly; 218 votes at Kumpf; 169 at Brewer; 245 at Valley Road; and 5 in absentee ballots for a fourth showing of 730.

John Schroeck received 75 votes at Hehnlly; 195 votes at Kumpf; 182 at Brewer; 241 at Valley Road; and 6 absentee ballots for a total of 699 votes. This was his seventh unsuccessful try for a seat on the Board of Education.

Last place candidate, George Cisneros, received

86 votes at Hehnlly; 196 at Kumpf; 172 at Brewer; 227 at Valley Road; and 6 absentee ballots for a total of 687 votes.

The Current Expense portion of the elementary school budget passed by 84 votes with a tally of 130 for and 91 against at Hehnlly; it passed at Kumpf 211-199; was approved at Brewer 198-173; and went down at Valley Road 232 to 221. 42 absentee ballots were cast supporting the Current Expense portion and 11 against.

The Capital Outlay portion passed at Hehnlly 132-90; and also at Kumpf 205-198. It was rejected at Brewer 179-163 and at Valley Road 240-211. Absentee ballots were cast 43 for and 9 against, for a grand total of 754 supporting the Capital Outlay and 716 rejecting—a margin of 38 votes.

Of the 21 districts in Union County, Clark ranks 10th in expenditures per pupil, and of the 158 New Jersey school communities most like Clark, 82nd in per pupil expenditures.

Clark ranks 15th in actual tax dollars paid on a given valuation out of 21 communities in Union County.



KNIGHTS KICK-OFF ... Mayor George L. Nucera of Clark kicked-off the Annual Fund-Raising Drive of the New Jersey Knights of Columbus in Clark for the benefit of mentally retarded citizens and those with learning disabilities which is scheduled for April 24, 25, and 26. The fund drive, which is being conducted for the eleventh consecutive year by the Knights of Columbus throughout the state has raised over three million dollars for the retarded and those with learning disabilities. The mayor is pleased to lend his support to this outstanding fund-raising effort as the money raised is distributed to

organizations throughout the state working in the field of mental retardation, and the mayor encourages people of the community to contribute generously to this program. Grand Knight Thomas Withka said the members of The Bishop Justin J. McCarthy Council of Clark will be asking for donations in shopping centers and other public places in the Clark area. Pictured above, Mr. Grand Knight Thomas Withka joins Mayor Nucera to kick-off the year's drive with Co-Chairmen Don McArdle and Stanley Gora.

Fire Department is seeking new members

The Clark Volunteer Fire Department is accepting applications for new members. Any Township resident interested can obtain an application any Thursday evening between 7 and 9 p.m., or on any Sunday morning between 9 a.m. and noon at Fire Headquarters located on Broadway.



CLARK ELKS ELECT KARMAZYN ... Walter Karmazyn Jr. (center) was inducted as Exalted Ruler of Clark Lodge #2327 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. This was the twenty second anniversary of the Clark Lodge on Featherbed Lane. District Deputy James Toner of the Rahway Lodge and Past District Deputy Richard Scofield of Union were honored guests. The installation was conducted by P.E.R. Frank Rokosny and assisted by P.E.R. Paul Gruytch, members of the Clark Lodge. Also seen in photo are installing Officer Frank Rokosny and Terry L. Warneck.

Boright nominated for PTA educator award

Walter Boright, teacher at Carl H. Kumpf School, has been nominated by the Carl H. Kumpf PTA for consideration as the 1986 National PTA Phoebe Apperson Hearst Outstanding Educator of the Year.

This annual award honors an outstanding educator whose achievements inspire excellence in students and other educators and who carries on the work of Phoebe Apperson Hearst, co-founder of the National PTA, on behalf of children and youth. This award is made possible by a grant from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

Mr. Boright, a 20-year career teacher in the Clark schools, was nominated on the basis of his commitment to the children of Kumpf School. His "America, My Heritage" program teaches American history as well as instills patriotic spirit through research, field trips, guest speakers, and sponsorship of programs and activities.

A former Freeholder, Mr. Boright has also directed Student Activities Program and served as Student Council Advisor.

Mr. Boright's name was submitted to the National

PTA, along with those of thousands of others nominated by PTA local units throughout the country for consideration as Outstanding Educator of the Year. Should Mr. Boright be selected as the honoree, he will receive a \$2,500 cash award and an expense-paid trip to the National PTA Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, June 20-23.

The PTA unit that nominates the selected educator will also receive a cash award of \$2,500 to use in a school project of interest to the honoree.



PTA AWARD NOMINEE Walter Boright, is pictured above with students (l-r) Kelly Bonnett, Edie Ernstein and Thomas Scholtz at Carl H. Kumpf School. Mr. Boright is a 20-year career teacher in the Clark School System and was nominated for his "commitment to the children."

Clark Art Association will sponsor children's art lessons

The Clark Art Association will sponsor children's art lessons. Classes to begin on Saturday, April 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and will run for six weeks. Grades fourth through seventh will be accepted. Sessions will be held at the Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Avenue, Clark. Emphasis will be on drawing and color. Registration will be limited. The fee is \$18.

Please call Rose Reilly at 388-0926 or mail a check to the Clark Art Association, c/o Mrs. Reilly, 374 Westfield Ave., Clark, N.J. 07066.

Mrs. Janice DiGiorgio will be the instructor of Children's Classes. She attended the Newark School of Fine Arts and also studied with several noted teachers. Mrs. DiGiorgio has taught in this area for the past 16 years. She has taught both adults and children for the Rahway Board of Education and Recreation Dept., The Clark Adult School, and the Clark Art Association.



MEMBERSHIP GOALS ACHIEVED ... At Clark Post 328's last meeting seven new members were initiated and introduced to the membership. The new members helped Post 328 achieve another goal, 23 consecutive years that it has exceeded its membership. Each member was presented with an American Legion lapel pin, an American Flag and a certificate. From left to right are Richard Tima, Membership Chairman Don Mc Ardle, Anthony Quinones, John Lipka, Michael Hydock, Eugene Kobleska, William Brittin, Michael Truss and Commander John Specht.



ELKS ANNIVERSARY ... Seen in photo, front row, left to right, are George Florian, Exalted Ruler Karmazyn. Second row (l-r) Harvey Dunn, Edwin Ziobro, Edmond Ficke, Jr., Donald Kimmick, George Ebbe, Terry Warneck and Edward Getchis. Other officers taking their stations were: George Florian-Loading Knight; Donald Kimmick-Loyal Knight; Harvey Dunn-Lecturing Knight; Edward P. Getchis-Treasurer; Terry L. Warneck-Esquire; Chaplain George Ebbe; Fred Shultz-Tiler and Trustees Frank Rokosny, George Crater, Nait Blatt, Edwin Ziobro and Edmond F. Ficke, Jr.

Gran Centurions plan blood drive

The Gran Centurions of Clark have scheduled a blood drive to be held at the

Club House located at 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark on Saturday, April 19, from noon to 4 p.m. All those interested in donating blood are asked to contact Valerie

or Frank Barto at 388-8124 for an appointment. The blood drive will be held under the auspices of the North Jersey Blood Center.