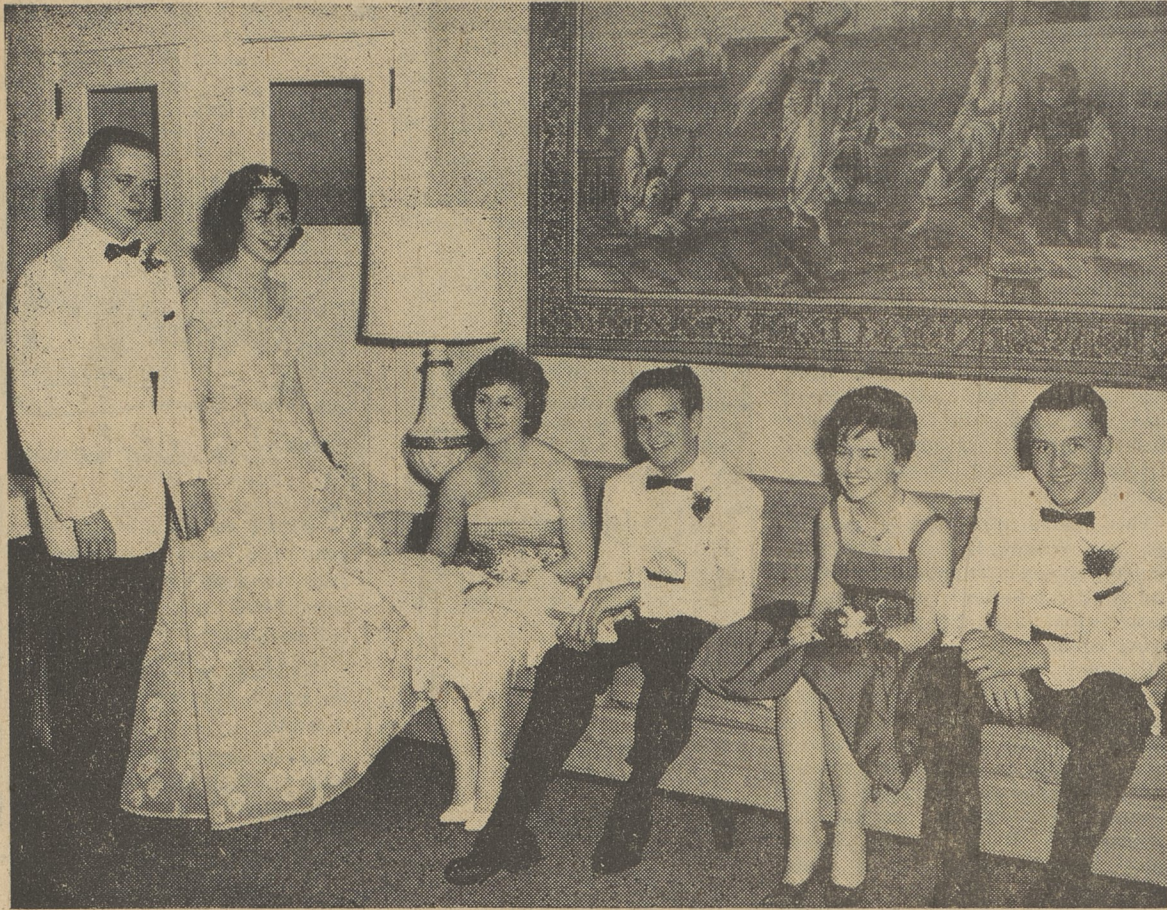


Westmoreland Seniors Gather For Their Last Formal Prom



Westmoreland Students gathered in groups and couples, a kaleidoscope of changing form and color, Friday night at Irem Country Club for the crowning night of the school year, the formal prom. Above, sitting out a dance, are Barry Slocum, Judy Williams, Judy Woolbert, and Edward Coolbaugh.

In the central picture, Marjorie Walp, Queen of the Prom, is flanked by Dale Mosier and Tommy Gauntlett. Marjorie and Tommy are also shown above.



Above, gathered in the lobby, waiting for the music to start again in the ballroom, are Glenda Williams, Maryalice Knecht, Barbara Hildebrand, and Joyce Anderson. Standing behind them are the escorts, Dale Mosier, Robert Peterson, Richard Brown, and Harold Hislop. Chaperones are Mrs. James Lord and Kenneth Kirk, standing at either end.

Mrs. Thomas Vernon Outruns Two Opponents For Director-At-Large

Showing surprising strength in every municipality comprising Dallas Union School District, except Dallas Borough, Mrs. Thomas Vernon, Trucksville, ran far ahead of her two opponents for the Republican nomination for School Director-at-large in Tuesday's voting.

She polled 1,101 votes in the four districts as compared with 859 for incumbent William H. Clewell and 529 for Edward Ratcliffe.

The vote by districts was as follows: Dallas Borough—Vernon 80; Clewell 155; Ratcliffe 80; Dallas Township—Vernon 337; Clewell 261; Ratcliffe 216; Kingston Township—Vernon 599; Clewell 412; Ratcliffe 219; Franklin Township—Vernon 85; Clewell 31; Ratcliffe 14.

Mrs. Vernon, a young mother active in PTA work, attributed her success to the skillful work of her campaign manager, Mrs. Becky Schuster, president of Back Mountain Parent-Teacher Council and a Junior Leaguer.

Mrs. Vernon paid a nice compliment to her opponent William Clewell who, she said, she observed to be an excellent school director. "I think I won," she said, "because of the voters' interest in a woman on the board and because I now have children in school."

In the General Election in November, Mrs. Vernon will have to run against the Democratic nominee, Weldon G. Farrar, of Dallas, Wilkes College professor, who was unopposed on his ticket.

Pritchard And Smith Winners

Upset Organization In Kingston Township

Backed by a smoothly running political organization and heavily supported in Shavertown, Arthur Smith, incumbent Supervisor and his running mate, Vern Pritchard, seeking the Republican nomination for Tax Collector, scored an upset victory in Kingston Township, defeating incumbent Tax Collector Theodore Poad and thwarting the effort of the local Republican organization to seat Edward E. Richards as a Supervisor.

Along the way Theodore Woolbert, candidate for Tax Collector, was also defeated but he came in second high man.

Unofficial returns showed Pritchard 534 votes, Woolbert 487, and Poad 391.

In the Justice of the Peace contest, Mrs. Beatrice Williams, Trucksville, received 862 votes. Fred Anderson, Shavertown, received 713 defeating Ralph E. Walp, Jr., who received 320. Two were to be elected.

In the Supervisor contest Smith received 664 votes to 584 for Richards and 98 for Louis Rainer. Smith failed to carry his home district in Trucksville and the Carverton area, but a heavy plurality in Shavertown brought him in a winner.

F. Allen Nichols was unopposed for auditor.

On the Democratic ticket Henry Kann was unopposed for Tax Collector as was Barbara Lohman for Justice of the Peace and Weldon G. Farrar for School Director-at-large.

(See separate story for school director-at-large contest.)

School Board May Have Two Women Members

Mrs. Paul Steinhauer Nominated For Seat In Franklin Township

Mrs. Louise (Paul D.) Steinhauer scored a surprise victory in Franklin Township over incumbent Donald W. Hislop for school director in Tuesday's voting.

Mrs. Steinhauer received 91 votes to 54 for Hislop.

Her Republican nomination is tantamount to election in Republican Franklin Township, and if Mrs. Thomas Vernon is successful against Weldon G. Farrar, Democrat, in the November election for Director at Large, Dallas Union School District will have two women on its board.

Mrs. Steinhauer, a graduate of Bucknell University, is employed in the office of her husband, a partner in Galland and Steinhauer, Insurance, with headquarters in Miners Bank Building, Wilkes-Barre.

Active in community life, she is an enthusiastic supporter of Back Mountain Little League. Her son, William, is a student at University of Delaware; a son, Ross, is a senior at Westmoreland High School, and a son, James, is in the lower grades.

Richards And Lamoreaux Win

Richards Will Oppose Hudak In November

Wilson Ryman, long time Dallas Township Tax Collector, went down to defeat for the Republican nomination in a four-way race for that office on Tuesday.

He was defeated by Daniel Richards who squeaked out a margin of 24 votes. Richards received 373; Ryman 349; Thomas Moore 262 and Clarence Laidler 139.

Another close one was the contest for Supervisor between Fred W. Lamoreaux, incumbent, and Harry A. Martin, Lamoreaux won by 15 votes receiving 504 votes to 489 for Martin.

Martin and Moore were backed by Earl Layaou with a nip and tuck battle all down the line.

Frank Wagner, Sr., unopposed for constable, was the high man in the Township, garnering 812 of the votes cast. Thomas B. Robinson, unopposed for Justice of the Peace, was second high with 733.

Glenn M. Howell got the nomination for Auditor receiving 434 votes against 114 for Victor Ridd, of Kunkle, incumbent. Mrs. Margaret Girvan, the third candidate in the three-way race, was second high with 362.

On the Democratic ticket Anthony "Tony" Hudak, unopposed for Tax Collector, received 167 votes.

"I'll be ready to meet the best the Republicans have to offer in November," was his comment after the polls closed. Anthony Weisnewski received 105 for supervisor and John Gosart 101 for constable, Weldon G. Farrar 97 for school director-at-large.

All Chairmen For Auction To Meet Tomorrow

General Meetings Will Be Held To Absolute Minimum

The first general auction committee meeting for all chairmen and co-chairmen will be held tomorrow night at 8:15 in the Library Annex.

Plans are for a minimum of meetings, with dates and definite agenda for each meeting.

Committee reports are not expected tomorrow night, but problems of committees will be discussed, in the hope of reducing later discussions.

Each chairman is asked to prepare in advance, answers to questions contained in a form which has already been distributed, relative to the functioning of individual committees, facilities needed, additions or subtractions to the duties of the committee.

Organization meeting of the major committees will be held at Herman Kern's, Outlet, on Wednesday, May 24, 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The New Goods campaign will start June 1, terminate June 30.

Walter Mohr, named New Goods chairman, has been obliged to withdraw because of extra work involved by passage of the Depressed Area Bill.

Dr. Stanley Hozempa is replacing Mr. Mohr.

Niezgoda Scored Upset; Defeats Bruce Williams

Joe Niezgoda scored an upset victory for the Republican nomination for School Director in Lehman Township unseating the veteran Bruce Williams of Idetown.

Nominated with Niezgoda for the other school director position was incumbent William Naugle, long-time Lehman director.

Other Republican nominees were incumbent tax collector Robert Disque defeated Hope Ide and Mrs. Mildred Sponseller for the position. Mrs. Sponseller placed second.

Michael Godeck was the Republican choice for Supervisor and Joe Ide was unopposed for constable.

9-Months Baby Drowns In Creek

Bonnie Patton Swept Downstream In Flood

A nine-months old baby was drowned Tuesday night before the horrified eyes of her mother, when she was swept downstream on swollen flood waters of Bowmans Creek.

The car in which Mrs. James Patton, Jr. was taking little Bonnie Lynn for a drive on the verge of dark, plunged over the bank at a curve in the Stall Road half a mile beyond the village.

Both doors flew open. The force of the flood tore Bonnie Lynn from her little car seat, which was later found floating in an eddy.

Flood waters from a violent early morning thunderstorm closed over the baby.

Searchers lined the banks of Bowmans Creek with flashlights as darkness deepened. The news spread. Scores of people watched for a bobbing head or an outflung arm.

Shortly after nine o'clock the body was discovered by Constable Michael Traver and Dr. Walter Mokychie, floating near the railroad trestle leading to the tannery.

Mr. Traver tried mouth to mouth breathing. Dr. Irvin Jacobs at Lake-Noxen Clinic tried resuscitation.

Mrs. Patton, in shock, was transferred from the Raymond Scott home where she had gone for help after tearing her way up the bank, to the Robert Engelman home next door, and later, by ambulance, to her own home near the tannery.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 from Nulton's Funeral Home, John Gordon officiating. Burial will be in Orcutt Cemetery.

No Longer On Crutches

Ralph Sands, Carverton dairyman, is able to be about without crutches for the first time since fracturing his right ankle some weeks ago when he slipped on a corn cob while escorting visitors through his dairy barn.

Yaple Now On The Road

Jack Yaple, Goss Manor, is now a traveling salesman for Eastern Pennsylvania Supply Company covering the northeastern Pennsylvania area. Jack has been employed at the firm's headquarters in Wilkes-Barre for some time.

Work On Postoffice Resumed In Shavertown

Work of remodeling the Wyoming National Bank building, formerly the Acme Market, in Shavertown for the new central postoffice has been resumed after labor difficulty.

All exterior trim has been removed and the interior is being prepared for the postoffice which will be located on the right side of the structure toward Evans Drug Store.

Contract calls for occupancy by September 1.

Mt. Zion Wreck Demolishes Car

Driver Had No License Car Had No Plates

A 1951 Buick without a license plate or an inspection sticker, driven by a 29 year old Luzerne man without a driver's license or an owner's card, came roaring down Mt. Zion road toward the Grange Hall last Friday at 2:10 p.m., hit the ditch, coasted on its side for 285 feet and turned over, landing on its wheels against a large tree in the Lutz yard. Parts sprayed in all directions.

Driver John Alecnavitch, and passengers Anthony Lech and Theodore Meoberachi, emerged with minor injuries. Taken by Kingston Township Ambulance to Nesbitt Hospital, they were treated and released.

Alecnavitch, was taken before Justice John Fowler of Orange Monday night by Franklin Township Constable Byron Kester, where he answered to a number of charges.

Kingston Township Chief Herbert Udykewicz assisted in investigation.

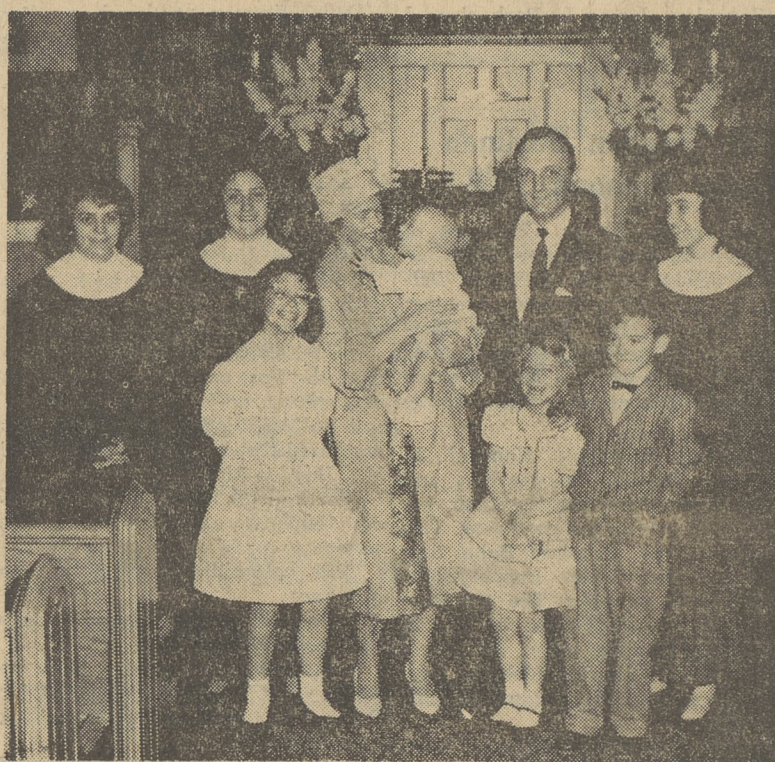
Clyde Birth towed away the remains.

McHose Wins In Three-Way Race

Incumbent Tax Collector Calvin McHose was renominated by Republican voters in Lake Township, polling 340 votes to 85 for Carleton Kocher and 49 for Arthur Engler.

Other candidates on the Republican ticket who were unopposed Supervisor, Sharon Whitesell; School Directors Willard Sutton, Howard L. Piatt and Justice of the Peace Jean, Marie Pall.

Dallas Christian Family Of The Year



Selection of the Robert L. Fleming family for Christian Family of the Year by Dallas Methodist Church, was a popular choice. The youngest, William, six months old, cooed and gurgled all through the morning service at which the family was recognized, bringing the beaming comment from Rev. Russell Lawry that the baby had the right idea, he was saying "Amen" at intervals, as did staunch old-time members of former congregations.

By the time the evening MYF service was held, the baby had vanished from the picture.

Flanking Atty. and Mrs. Fleming and the baby at the left of the picture are the two older girls in choir robes, Susan, 16, and Peggy 14. On the right is another daughter in choir robes, Jean, 13. Down in front are: Lucy, 11; Nancy, 6; and John, 8.

Choice, sponsored by the MYF, is based upon active home, church and community participation. Previous choices have been the Arthur Miller and the Percy Love families.

Program and reception Sunday evening climaxed Family Week.

Photo by Kozemchak

Neighbors Gather To Help Rescue Cattle From Storm-Struck Barn

When Philip Ellsworth's barn blew down out in Kunkle at the height of the twister last Tuesday night, help came almost immediately, neighbors gathering to lift beams from imprisoned cows, and drivers of passing cars stopping to assist.

With the barn gone and one cow killed, Mr. Ellsworth sold his herd to Elston Dairy, for which he had produced milk. He retained one cow for family use, and has some young stock, now out to pasture.

Recalling the circumstances, Mrs. Ellsworth says that her husband came in from milking at around 7 o'clock. The cows, comfortable and fed, lay down to sleep, which probably saved their lives, as they were partially protected from falling timbers. The one heifer which was killed, was apparently standing up and had its neck broken by a falling beam.

At twenty minutes past seven, with the wind attacking viciously and a great deal of noise outside, a further odd noise was added. This was when wires connecting the house with the barn were uprooted from the side of the house.

Mrs. Ellsworth found the telephone dead. She dashed to the front porch and screamed for help, again and again, her voice lost in the storm.

Allen Brace's wife, next door, finally heard her. William Brace alerted the neighbors while Allen ran to help. Gerald Elston brought Carl Makinson's tractor, and pulled away the side of the barn.

The cows, bruised and scraped, but otherwise uninjured, stumbled out. The body of the dead heifer

Methodists See Few Changes In Local Church

Lehman Charges Loses Rev. Howard, Will Receive Rev. Tiffany

Wyoming Methodist Conference appointments saw several changes in the Back Mountain, and two young ministers elevated to elder.

Rev. William Howard is leaving the Lehman-Idetown-Jackson charge to take the pulpit at Abbott Church in Wilkes-Barre.

Coming to the Lehman Charge is Rev. Norman Tiffany, formerly of Meshoppen.

Rev. Charles Gommer, Jr., pastor at Huntsville Methodist, and Richard S. Wentzel, pastor of the Maple Grove Charge, both ordained elders, are leaving the immediate area.

Rev. Gommer goes to Avoca-Moosic Charge, leaving Huntsville to be supplied.

Rev. Wentzel goes to Wyalusing. His pulpit will be filled by Rev. James M. Garrahan.

Rev. William Heaps, a former pastor of Dallas Methodist, was transferred from Oneonta to Ashley.

Rev. Joseph Fiske, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fiske, King Street, was transferred from Ashley to Oneonta.

Rev. John T. Stahl, Old Orchard Beach, Maine, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stahl, Shavertown, was a candidate for deacon.

Rev. Russell Lawry is starting his sixth year at Dallas Methodist.

Rev. John Gordon remains at Alderson-Noxen Charge for the fifth year.

Rev. Robert D. Yost, Shavertown, has served that church for eleven consecutive years, the longest in point of service in the Wilkes-Barre District.

Rev. Robert E. Germond remains at Trucksville. He took the pulpit at around the time of dedication of the new educational building last fall.

Rev. J. Edwin Lintner remains at Center Moreland Charge, and Rev. William Reid at Carverton Charge.

Dr. Harold C. Buckingham, well known in the Back Mountain, was named Binghamton District Superintendent, replacing Dr. Norman Clemens, when Dr. Clemens was called to Mt. Vernon Church in Baltimore, one of the twelve largest Methodist churches in the country. Dr. Clemens was formerly pastor of First Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre.

Tax-Payers In Lehman Question Proposed Tax

Lehman Township tax-payers, spearheaded by Oak Hill residents, will protest a proposed salary and earned income tax levy of 1%. As result of a meeting Saturday night, when 35 tax-payers attended a special board meeting, a Volunteer Citizens Committee was approved to study the proposal.

Mrs. Ward Jacquish and Mrs. Richard Howe will formulate a questionnaire to be distributed to residents.

Questionnaires must be filled out and returned by May 29, the deadline for decision by the School Board.

Many residents feel that such a levy will impose too great a burden upon salaried people who live in Lehman Township.

Head Table At Testimonial Dinner For Pearl Averett



Miss Pearl Averett's testimonial dinner at Irem Country Club last Thursday evening drew an enthusiastic group of teachers and friends to do her honor upon her well-earned retirement after years of unflinching service in Dallas schools. Seated at the head table, reading from left to right are: Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Eidam; the guest of honor, Miss Averett; Charles Mannear, president of the Dallas School Board; his wife, Mrs. Mannear; Mrs. William A. Austin; Mrs. Walter Prokopchak. Standing: W. Frank Trimble and his wife; Mrs. Robert A. Mellman, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Mellman; Supervisor of elementary schools; William A. Austin; Mrs. John Rosser, and Junior High School principal John Rosser; President of Educators Association Walter Prokopchak.