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Charter Group Answers Charges from Opponents

by Kurt Weidner

Next Tuesday's election will decide the fate of Luzerne County's Home Rule Charter.

County Commissioner Edmund C. Wideman and many county employees have organized "vote no" groups to fight passage of the charter, and have plastered the court house with "vote no"

signs. The Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce is for it as is the Government Study Commission who drew it up.

As the campaign has progressed the two sides have leveled various charges, some of which have tended to lower the intellectual level of the campaign.

It has been charged that county employees are against the charter because they will lose their jobs. In a letter to this newspaper; however, Bob Prawdzik, Harveys Lake, refutes that charge and says "county employees know more about the charter because we are more closely involved with its contents and feel it is not the best form for Luzerne County."

Of Commissioner Wideman's statement that Dallas Borough could pass its costs for police protection on to the county, Charles H. Miner, a member of the charter study commission writes: "Under the charter, if the county government should decide to make police protection available on a county-wide basis,

only the taxpayers of the municipalities using such service would be taxed for it."

Act 62, the State legislation that enables the adoption of home rule makes clear that should a county under home rule adopt a service on a county-wide basis, (police protection for example), the township or municipality must participate in the service unless it already provides it. If it does not already provide the service it must join in the county system or take steps to provide it themselves. Some rural townships may not already have the service and may not want it but they would be forced into it.

Marie Gentileco, Mountaintop, heads a committee against the charter. Her group opposes the charter, basically, because they feel it is an attempt at regionalization. She equates it with the "mess" created by consolidation of schools, feels it is being pushed by a group of liberal intellectuals called "1313 Chicago," does not like the idea of regional police, fears the replacement of elected officials with appointed ones, and thinks that the major population centers of the county will ultimately run it.

Mrs. Gentileco said home rule will gradually eliminate local government. But there is nothing in Act 62 which precludes establishment of home rule in a township or municipality, (Kingston Township put their own through in the spring primary), and setting it up as they see fit.

Mrs. Gentileco also takes issue with Article I of the charter, which defines the

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Yvonne Pearsall, Dallas New Seminary Queen

Yvonne Pearsall, Dallas, was crowned Wyoming Seminary Homecoming-Parents' Day Queen during halftime ceremonies of the football game between Seminary and The Hill School Oct. 26.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Pearsall, Yvonne has attended Seminary schools since nursery school and kindergarten. She is senior vice president of the Athenian Society and had been vice president in her sophomore year. She is secretary-treasurer of the "W" Club, a four-year member of the girls' field hockey team and was captain of last season's basketball team. She enjoys horseback riding, flying, skiing and guitar playing.

A dean's list and high honors student, Yvonne was awarded the Adelaide Jeffers prize in her junior year for showing outstanding scholarship, fine "womanly qualities" and "effective support to the program and ideals of Wyoming Seminary." She was escorted by Bill Koehl, Dallas.

The Queen's court included April Krajieski, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D.S. Krajieski, Wilkes-Barre; Dawn E. Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rose, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Cornelia Conyngham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Conyngham, Shavertown.

Miss Conyngham was escorted by Mark Frantz, Forty Fort; Miss Rose, by R. Kell, Wilkes-Barre; Fernandez Magregor Maza, Mexico; and Miss Krajieski, by Mike Drake, Mountaintop.

Miss Pearsall was crowned by Lennis Aue, Aibonito, Puerto Rico, last year's Homecoming Queen. Miss Aue is presently attending classes at Gettysburg.

Wyoming Seminary's Homecoming-Parents' Day featured, besides the football game and the crowning, a soccer match against Sullivan Area; mini-classes, a special meeting and luncheon for parents; ground-breaking for a new school Student Activities Center; an after-game reception in Seminary's Swetland Hall; the judging of society displays; the annual, student-sponsored United Way Dinner; and a student Homecoming Dance.

Chairman of the Homecoming-Parents' Day committee was John G. Ruggles Jr., a member of the Seminary class of 1955. Other committee members were Jeanne McLaughlin Durkin, class of '58; Paul D. Griesmer, M.D., class of '43; Barbara Harter Koehl, '53; Sylvia Kehoe Mack, '55; and Harold C. Snowdon Jr., '55. Committee members selected the Homecoming Queen and the winning society display.



Photo by Ace Hoffman

Yvonne Pearsall, Dallas, is crowned queen at Wyoming Seminary Homecoming-Parents' Day by Lennis Aue, Aibonito, Puerto Rico, last year's queen. Left to right are John Ruggles, Dallas; Miss Aue, Miss Pearsall,

Bill Koehl, Dallas; and Dr. Wallace F. Stettler, school president. Mr. Ruggles was chairman of the Seminary Homecoming-Parents' Day Committee which selected the queen from student-elected candidates.



Photo by Alex Rebar

Left to right, Holly and Camille Carson, Mathew Carson and D.J. Hopkins took first place in the best group category at the Dallas Kiwanis Halloween Parade last Sunday with their "Around the World in 80 Days" display. More photos on page 20.

Sunny Skies Abound for Witches and Monsters

The Stegmaier Band led the way as witches, monsters, brides, clowns and princesses marched in the annual Halloween Parade early Sunday afternoon in Dallas.

With sunny skies overhead, the Kiwanis Club of Dallas lined up over 600 youngsters at the Dallas Township Elementary School for the beginning of the march which ended at the Acme parking lot in Dallas for the awarding of prizes.

The parade, which chairman Bernard C. Banks Jr. called the "smoothest ever", also included the Back Mountain Fire and Ambulance Companies, the Brass Buick Ragtime Band, Kiwanis Club members, and Rep. Frank O'Connell.

Over 3,000 Back Mountain citizens

turned out for the big event, the largest crowd in the history of the parade. Children from 2 to 92 years of age seemed to enjoy every minute of the parade as tots clung bravely to their mother's hand and dads carried little goblins who tired before the march was over. Each costumed participant received a bag of goodies prepared by members of the newly formed Circle K Club at College Misericordia.

George McCutcheon announced the winners. The groups were divided into four categories. Winners in each category were as follows: prettiest-Kim and Jeff Spudas, Cinderella and Prince Charming; Karen Mastis, bride; Cindy Shaw, bride; Susie Slocum, angel; Jennifer and Dave Parduski, Indians and Christie Scovall, Red Ridinghood.

Funniest category winners were Joanne and Beverly Hoyt, octopus; Lynn Bush, witch; Lori Ogurkis, mouse; Susan Heller, clown, Tom Feeney, football player, and Paul Niezgodka, Raggedy Ann.

Most original winners were Rene Fostick, Kennedy half dollar; Jennifer Ondish, spider; Patrick McDonald, black knight; Forrest Egan, coffee pot; Donna Fry, meals on wheels, and Kevin Martini, the door.

Best group winners were Holly, Camille and Mathew Carson and J.J. Hopkins, Around the World in 80 Days; Denise and Walter Grabenstetter, Poppin' Fresh dolls; Ann, Jody and Chris Martinchak, monkeys; Dawn and Dwin Campbell, Jack 'n the Box; and Amy and Andrea Mazur, a bag of flour and bag of sugar.

Enslens at Yale Bowl For Punt, Pass, Kick

Scott Enslens, 11-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Enslens, 147 Howell Road, RD 7, Shavertown, competed against an opponent from Rahway, N.J., in the area punt, pass and kick competition in his age group, Oct. 27, at the Yale Bowl, New Haven, Conn. The event was held during the Giants pro-football game.

After defeating 4,500 youths throughout the United States to qualify as one of the two area finalists, Scott was runner-up to the Rahway youth.

The Back Mountain boy won in three contests prior to traveling to Connecticut last weekend, the most recent the district competition at Dover, N.J.

He was sponsored by the Luzerne Motor Company and he and his parents were weekend guests of the Ford Motor Company. They were accompanied by James McCabe, manager of Luzerne Motor Co., and John Bugdonovitch, sales representative.

The winner of the area competition will compete in the division contest at an NFL game, Dec. 15, and the winner of that contest will advance to the finals to be held Dec. 29.

Scott is a sixth grade student at Dallas Intermediate School and is the first Back Mountain youth to advance to the area contest.

College Misericordia Forms Circle K Club

College Misericordia's newly formed Circle K Club was formally inducted into the Kiwanis organization last week in ceremonies conducted at the Irem Temple Club by the Dallas Kiwanis Club.

During the ceremonies, district lieutenant governor Charles Charles officially welcomed each of the 45 Misericordia students who comprise the Circle K Club. Kiwanis means service, Mr. Charles told the students.

Kiwanis member George McCutcheon then outlined the responsibilities of each of the club's officers as he introduced Jay Brown as president, Kathey Wolfe as vice president, Mary Schneider as treasurer, and Nancy Cullen as secretary.

Miss Wolfe responded to Mr. McCutcheon's remarks and formal installation, indicating that the club is off to a good start as one of the largest on Misericordia's campus.

Sister Miriam Francis Stadulis, RSM,

and Michael Greico, both of College Misericordia, were introduced as the club advisers.

At the conclusion of the induction ceremony, each of the Circle K members were called before the lectern to receive a Circle K pin.

The club has already completed two projects since its formation at Misericordia. Two weeks ago, members met at a barn which was formerly used as a storage area for paper drives and cleaned the premises. To raise initial operating funds, the club sold cider on campus.

Following last Wednesday's Kiwanis Club meeting, they joined other Circle K members from Luzerne County Community College, King's College, and Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre campus, to prepare "treat" bags for the Dallas Halloween parade.

Candle Light Will Welcome Christ Child

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Dallas Fire and Ambulance Inc. announces that Nov. 1 is the final day for ordering Christmas luminaries. Helen Newberry, chairman, invites Back Mountain residents to join in lighting candles in front of their homes on Christmas Eve.

This custom of welcoming the Christ Child has been growing in the area for the past six years. Ribbons of light can be seen for many miles, and the ribbon will include most of the Back Mountain communities this year, through the efforts of the ladies auxiliary.

Residents can obtain luminary sets by contacting the following auxiliary members: Mrs. Newberry, 675-1712; Shirley Smith, 675-2801; Eleanor Krashkevich, 675-2335. Each set contains 12 candles, bags, and sufficient sand and will cost \$1.50.

Candles are to be placed on front of the home near the road, and they are to be lit at 6 o'clock Christmas Eve. Candles will burn for eight to 10 hours.