

# Comment/Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### You have another obligation

The April 9th election which passed this week is simply a cafeteria of political selections and the entrees will be repeated in the April 22 primary.

No area races we recall have received the attention of the 11th Congressional District race and it's urgent that the public participate to the fullest in casting the ballots to make the choice.

There are those who say candidate Rafael Musto, as the endorsed selection of the Democratic party, has sufficient influence over the county voting process to assure his party's nomination in the primary.

But when we look at the performance of both parties in the 1979 primary we can see that endorsement no longer proves tantamount to election or nomination.

It's not politics as usual in the 11th unless the voting public defaults on its responsibility to participate in the election process.

If you don't vote or if you permit your vote to be unduly influenced by matters of party pressure or other compromise, you deserve the representation you get.

As the slogan says, Northeastern Pennsylvania is "A Place To Grow." And we can grow best by making individual decisions about our electoral choices, reporting any observed voting irregularities to federal officials and by urging acquaintances to fulfill their responsibility to vote.

Don't default on your voting privilege even if you had reason to doubt the purity of the franchise in the past and it left a "bad taste."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Pro-lifers blast Kennedy record

Editor:

Pro-life voters in Pennsylvania should be aware that the only presidential candidate in the April 22 primary who steadfastly opposes abortion-on-demand and fully supports a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution is Republican Ronald Reagan. No Democrat listed in the presidential primary even comes close to gaining the support of the pro-life movement.

Pro-life advocates should be wary of contenders George Bush and Edward Kennedy. Though both pretend to posture a "personally opposed to abortion" stance, their actions have proved that they are not only not a friend to the unborn child, but are openly pro-abortion. Even President Carter who personally opposes abortion and the federal financing of it, has done nothing in 3½ years to stop the slaughter of over a million unborn babies each year in the U.S.

George Bush and Ted Kennedy are now in our state looking for support and votes. And John Anderson, who is not listed on the ballot (but who is planning to wage a write-in campaign), not only supports abortion-on-demand but also favors the financing of it with our tax dollars. Democratic candidate Jerry Brown falls into the same category as Anderson. Baker and Connolly, who dropped out of the race, but who are still listed on the ballot in Pennsylvania, are also not acceptable to pro-lifers.

As the candidates invade Northeastern Pennsylvania, pro-lifers are warned not to be fooled by any candidates' charisma or charm. When a candidate says "I am personally opposed to abortion 'but'" the word 'but' is a signal that the candidate is not willing to act on his convictions, and the statement itself is recognized by pro-lifers as a phrase of the uncommitted.

While Ted Kennedy may consider Northeastern Pennsylvania fertile ground, and may even tout his

Catholic heritage as proof that he sympathizes with the right to life movement, Catholics are quickly learning that Kennedy opposes almost everything that they stand for. And it is not generally known that Sen. Kennedy has cast 26 solid pro-abortion votes in the U.S. Senate since 1973, while never casting a really important anti-abortion vote. His candidacy must be rejected, and actively opposed by those Pennsylvanians who have worked so long and hard to save the lives of the innocent babies who are dying each day because abortion is legal.

President Carter cannot be regarded as being any better than the others. While he insists he is opposed to abortion, he continually places abortion advocates in key positions; Sarah Weddington in Womens Affairs, Pat Harris in HEW, and Jim Tucker as national chairman of the White House Conference On Families.

George Bush, who is quick to say he is opposed to federal funding of abortion, nonetheless does not support a Human Life Amendment to correct the situation and to reverse the "Supreme Court created" right to abortion. Bush is on record as becoming angered with a Florida physician who asked him how he would protect the rights of the unborn as president if he did not support a human life amendment.

Since pro-life Democrats do not have a pro-life choice in the primary, they would do well to vote the uncommitted slot, and then look to getting Reagan elected in the general election. In order for pro-life Republicans to cast a meaningful vote for president, they must also vote for delegates who are committed to Reagan. In the 11th district, they are Jim Phillips, Hon. Frank Trinisewski and Mrs. Diane M. Ushinski.

Mrs. Helen Gohsler,  
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## Seek seat

where he studied Business Administration, Business Law and Accounting. He is presently employed by Giant Markets.

Pitcavage served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1962 during the Vietnam Conflict. He is a member of Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company and St. Therese's Church.

This is Pitcavage's second entrance into politics. He previously ran but was defeated on the Democratic ticket for the State Senate. That time, however, he ran independently from the party. This time he is the party's candidate.

"I'm running for state representative because the Democratic Party requested that I run," said Pitcavage.

"I'm opposed to abortion clinics and I support the anti-abortion policy.

"I'm also interested in solving our area's water problems but without forming a water authority. People don't realize it, but an authority will not solve the problem.

"There are too many small companies to purchase and the maintenance, replacement and updating of equipment costs would be exorbitant. I've looked into the Federal aid different ones talk about and it's not that great.

"If elected I would give flood control in Wyoming, Kingston, Forty Fort and West Pittston priority," said Pitcavage.

"The corporate tax level also needs to be revised. We need to do something for the small business man. Without him there are no jobs. Many of our small businesses are closing. This is dangerous because without the business man we can't create jobs.

"I'm, for the working man but I also recognize the needs of the business man. It takes both.

"Taxes are a problem. We need to look for alternate sources of revenue. The gas tax is placing the burden on the laborer who needs to purchase gas to travel to and from his employment.

"What qualifications do I have to serve as the representative of the people—the school of hard knocks," said Pitcavage.



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### The solution

Since late 1976, the politics of Harveys Lake borough have been in an upheaval over proposals and arrangements which intended to turn a stone house at the Sandy Beach section into a municipal building and possible public beach.

It's probable that no political issue has generated more animosity in that community. The election of November 1979 produced a change in council which many observers claimed was primarily motivated by the stone house purchase decision.

The successor council overturned the agreement, unilaterally rejecting it. Litigation was underway with the Harveys Lake Taxpayers Association filing suit against councilmembers favoring the purchase.

Personality clashes magnified the

political disagreement to a level of bitter intensity which the young borough really didn't need.

All that is past now. And two of the former protagonists are responsible for easing the situation. When former councilmen Bob DeRemer and Jack McManus agreed to buy the stone house for private business purposes from the property-owners represented by Helen Sgarlet, they effectively defused the issue.

Since they were among those backing municipal acquisition of the land, the two men have subsequently "put their money where their mouth is" and are privately investing in the future of Harveys Lake.

We commend this solution to an aggravating borough problem and wish DeRemer and McManus the very best of business success.

## ONLY YESTERDAY Real estate sales boom in Dallas

50 years ago-April 11, 1930

Many real estate sales in and about Dallas indicate better business for Dallas and communities.

Huntsville Christian Church will celebrate its centennial during this week beginning with Holy Thursday.

Kingston Township School Board borrows \$4,200 to meet current bills.

Mt. Greenwood Kiwanis Club sponsors Yard and Garden Contest to aid in improving community appearance.

Dallas Independent baseball team will play Wilkes-Barre Barons of the NYP League in an exhibition game on April 27.

Now playing at local theatre—"Big Time", Lee Tracy, Josephine Dunn, Himmler Theatre.

Anniversary-Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Altemus, 50 years.

Death-Myron Williams, Alderson.

You could get-Leg of lamb 39 cents lb.; chuck roast 25 cents lb.; butter 3 lbs. \$1.39; milk, tall cans \$1.19 doz.; eggs 99 cents doz.; lettuce 4 hds. 25 cents; radishes 3 bchs. 10 cents; tomatoes 19 cents lb.

40 years ago-April 12, 1940

Harveys Lake police captured a vengeful marauder who broke into Walter Margie's cottage seven times who vandalized the home each time to get even for a quarrel he had with Margie several years ago over a \$10 shortage in candy receipts in a stand the marauder, J.J. Powell, conducted at a charity bingo game.

Susquehanna river receded for the third time in ten days as rehabilitation workers proceeded rapidly believing additional flood damage was ended.

Census takers got friendly welcome in local area but most persons are unprepared.

Stiff property damage claims may endanger proposed spur highway into Dallas.

Now playing at local theatre—"The Swanee River", Don Ameche, Al Jolson, Himmler Theatre.

Deaths-Mrs. Marilda Heller, Jackson Township; Alfred L. Schooley, former Jackson Township resident.

You could get-Smoked hams 17 cents lb.; bologna 2 lbs. 29 cents; coffee 25 cents lb.; tomatoes 4 cans 23 cents; mushrooms 19 cents lb.; bananas 5 cents lb.; new cabbage 3 lbs. 10 cents.

30 years ago-April 14, 1950

Dallas Women's Club inducted 23 new members at a dinner meeting at Irem Temple Country Club.

Dallas Borough Hi-Y plans a trip to the United Nations.

Harveys Lake Charter Night celebration was termed a huge success.

Dallas Women of Kiwanis plan a 100-table card party for Saturday night at Dallas Township High School.

Now playing at local theatres—"The Lady Takes A Sailor", Jane Wyman, Himmler Theatre; "Return of October", Glenn Ford, Terry Moore, Shaver Theatre; "Penny Serenade", Irene Dunne, Cary Grant, Star-Lite Theatre.

Engaged-Shirley Alexander to George Smith, Jr.

Married Jean Wright and Clifford Casterline; Lillian W. Huddy and Stephen M. Glova.

82-year-old A.W. Sutton of Lehman announced that after 50 years he will retire from farming and with his wife take a well-earned rest.

You could get-Steaks 69 cents lb.; center cut pork chops 59 cents lb.; Vienna bread 15 cents loaf; margarine 22 cents lb.; Duz giant pkg. 69 cents; frozen Fordhook limas 32 cents pkg.; frozen grapefruit juice 6-oz. can 19 cents; asparagus 23 cents lb.; spinach 2 lbs. 19 cents; mushrooms 49 cents lb.

20 years ago-April 14, 1960

Natona workers almost unanimously consent to final terms of the new contract presented by the company on Tuesday night.

Lake-Lehman jointure signs contract with Roushey-Smith and Uhlman architects for study of site and survey for the new elementary school.

patient since March 10.

Dallas Borough Council signed contract for speedy repair of borough streets badly damaged by winter frost.

Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post welcomes 15 new members going over the membership goal for the third consecutive year.

Dallas Taxicab Company installs radios in cabs.

Now playing at local theatres—"Cash McCall", James Garner, Natalie Wood, Himmler Theatre; "The Son of Robin Hood", Dallas Outdoor Theatre; "The Mouse That Roared", Peter Sellers, Forty Fort Theatre; "The Robe", Luzerne Theatre.

Engaged-Lynette Scheckler to Roy Woodring.

Birthday-Edward H. Kocher, 80 years.

Deaths-Earl E. Culver, Broadway; Lawrence Shaw, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Anna M. Brader, Fernbrook.

You could get-Turkeys 39 cents lb.; kielbasse 79 cents lb.; cranberry sauce 2 cans 29 cents; ice cream 69 cents ½ gal.; stuffed olives 35 cents jar; baking chocolate 8-oz. pkg. 45 cents; egg dyes lg. kit 39 cents; eggs 55 cents doz.; frozen broccoli 3 pkgs. 35 cents; frozen green beans 2 pkgs. 33 cents; Pascal celery 2 stalks 23 cents; sweet potatoes 3 lbs. 19 cents; green onions 3 bchs. 17 cents.

10 years ago-April 16, 1970

Residents charge properties are being littered by bits of shredded paper coming from a chimney at the Valley Paperback plant, Fernbrook. Plant manager, Darrel Smith stated that the situation was a result of malfunctioning equipment and is being corrected.

Auction chairman Robert Richardson announced that the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction traditional kickoff dinner will be April 29 at Irem Temple Country Club.

Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company has established a fund to aid John Engler, 37-year-old Trucksville fireman badly burned when a fire ripped through an area service department of a graage



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