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Republican Senate candidate

Lemmond just thrilled with GOP appointment

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Dallas resident Charles D. Lemmond Jr. says he wants to be the next State Senator for the 20th Senatorial District recently vacated by retired GOP Journeyman Frank O'Connell of Kingston.

Lemmond, a practicing Wilkes-Barre attorney and former Luzerne County Orphan's Court Judge, received 40 out of a possible 49 delegate votes during a special Republican nominating convention held last week at the Nichlos Village Inn, Clarks Summit.

The GOP selection of Lemmond came as no surprise to Luzerne County politicians as Lemmond is regarded as a highly experienced public official with great knowledge of the 20th district.

State Senate President Pro Tempore Robert C. Jubelirer (R-30th district) said of Lemmond selection last week, "The Republican convention delegates in the 20th Senatorial District have selected an outstanding and eminently electable candidate in former Luzerne County Court Pleas Court Judge Charles L. Lemmond."

Jubilirer continued by stating, "Lemmond possesses a fine mix of legal and judicial background, local government experience and civic involvement."

Lemmond, a 25-year resident of 58 Lehman Avenue in Dallas, said this past week that his main concerns for the 20th district are economic development, environmental issues and a strong anti-gambling stance.

"Economic development has to be the major concern for all of us," Lemmond said. "Senator O'Connell and former Senator T. Newel Wood and others were committed to eco-



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conomic development and we need to continue that effort."

Lemmond said whoever is elected for the 20th senatorial district seat this coming November must concentrate on "zeroing in on" our main economic problems. The problems then need to be corrected, Lemmond said.

"Gambling is another very important issue in the upcoming election," Lemmond, a 1955 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, said.

"I am fully aware of the fact that Senator O'Connell was strongly against any form of casino gambling in this district," Lemmond said. "I want it to be known that I am strongly opposed to any legalized casino gambling, slot machines and the like," Lemmond stressed.

Another issue Lemmond said

must be considered is that of gun control.

"This country has over two million sportsman clubs," Lemmond explained, "and gun control is a major issue to these people. As you know, we live in a district with many sportsman clubs and gun clubs. I am firmly against any form of gun control."

Lemmond was challenged at the GOP delegate convention last week by Monroe County Republican candidate Charles Kirkwood. Kirkwood, who received 19 delegate votes, told The Dallas Post last week that he planned to run for election in November regardless of the outcome of last Tuesday's GOP delegate convention.

Said Kirkwood during an interview with The Dallas Post, "I am in it (Senate race) until the end."

When asked how he felt about the possibility of Kirkwood challenging the GOP choice, Lemmond said, "I have said in the past that I would not run against the Republican party choice. It would be harmful to the party."

"I am just delighted to be nominated," Lemmond added. "I have lived all my life in this district. I was born in Hazleton, educated in Forty Fort and lived in Kingston before moving to Dallas."

"I do not mean to sound corny," he added, "but an elected official must carry on with business and must represent the people fair and firmly. We all want good representation from our senator and the fact that I am so much part of this area was a major reason for me running for this Senate seat."

Lemmond said if elected he will work with area GOP leaders in pushing for economic revitalization.



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Paving continues

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation crews begin work on the last section of construction near the Dallas Shopping center. The five-mile, \$1.6 million construction project is slated to be completed by early November.

Traffic light may come next year

Highway paving will be completed in November

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The current highway construction along routes 309 and 415 in the Dallas area is scheduled for completion in early November, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) regional project engineer said Friday.

The \$1.6 million construction project entailed resurfacing over five miles of roadway. The project, which began last May, opened construction near the Dallas Shopping Center and branched off north over route 309 up to New Goss Manor and is currently completing work along the northern section of 415 near Harveys Lake.

"We may be done a little bit earlier than we first expected," said Jim Lewis, PennDOT's regional project engineer. "Our first estimate for completion was around November 19," Lewis said. "But I think we will be finishing up a week earlier (November 12)."

American Asphalt Construction crews, PennDOT's primary contractor for the project, are presently finishing up paving and repair work near the 309-415 shopping plaza. The construction ends at the 309-415 Plaza. The remaining work will consist of drainage repair, guard-rails and paint lines.

"Right now it is just a matter of paving the 'shoulders' of the highway on both sides," said Lewis. "This helps keep the pavement from breaking up," he explained.

Lewis said the one and half inch of new pavement laid this season will last for a decade.

"Re-surfacing like this generally lasts for ten good years," said Lewis. "Of course, it depends on the amount of traffic, the number of heavy trucks driven over it and on frost and other winter conditions."

According to Lewis, this year's construction also laid the foundation for a traffic signal scheduled to be installed at the intersection of routes 309 and 415 near Franklin's Restaurant.

The traffic signal, expected to be installed next year, has been sought by area residents in order to alleviate the dangerous traffic congestion at the intersection.

"Right now, the traffic signal is in the bid and contract stage," Lewis explained. "This year during the highway construction we did lay part of the system needed for the traffic light," said Lewis. "We installed the underground conduit needed for the wiring."

"Assuming everything goes as planned, the traffic light should be installed next year," Lewis added. "Again I am just assuming. You never know when the monies needed to install the light will dry up."

Waste group is organized

Three Back Mountain municipalities recently formed a special Back Mountain Solid Waste Committee (BMSWC) in order to study the ever-growing problem with solid waste disposal.

The BMSWC committee consists of representatives of Kingston Township, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough. The committee was formed August 28 at the Kingston Township municipal building after the three communities voiced concern over the recent increases of "Tipping" fees at the West Side Landfill Authority (WSLA).

The WSLA increased its "Tipping" fee earlier this month from \$3.50 per cubic yard of garbage to \$5 per cubic yard. The \$1.50 increase was the third such rate-hike since January. One year ago today, the WSLA charged garbage haulers \$2.50 per cubic yard of garbage.

The increase in "Tipping" fee increases, which is the charge the WSLA charges garbage haulers, prompted many independent garbage haulers to boycott the landfill in favor of Amity Landfill in Taylor, Pa.

Many independent garbage haulers asked for help in fighting the rate hike. The consensus among the independent haulers and Back Mountain officials was to find a long-term solution to the area's waste disposal problem.

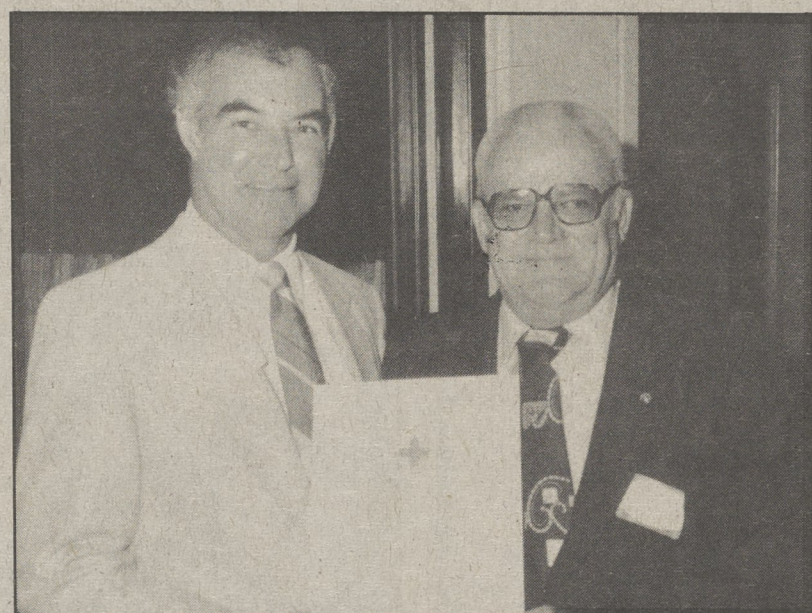
This past Thursday, members of the Back Mountain Solid Waste Committee attended a solid Waste Disposal seminar sponsored by the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania at Convention Hall, Pittston Township.

The focus of the seminar was to discuss current options for waste disposal. Both new and old technology was discussed.

"The solution to solid waste disposal will not be found within the next two weeks or the next two months," said BMSWC representative Fred Potzer, "but this seminar did offer us a great deal of information on the existing technologies available for waste disposal." Potzer is also Kingston Township's manager and board secretary.

"One thing we did determine at the seminar," said Potzer, "was that landfilling is not the way to go. The trend is to get something (monetary return) out of your garbage." Kingston Township supervisor

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Certificate presented

Dallas Kiwanis members Bernard Banks, left and Pete George were presented with a certificate of appreciation for their efforts in the Kiwanis "Buck-A-Bowl" fund-raising project held this past year on behalf of the Red Cross. The Kiwanis sold tickets for \$1 and Franklin's Restaurant honored the ticket for a free bowl of soup.

Red Cross honors area volunteers

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross held its first annual Back Mountain Area Awards ceremony last Thursday night with over 200 recipients and friends in attendance and a total of 195 awards presented.

The Back Mountain awards ceremony was the first time the American Red Cross had targeted a particular community and presented certificates of appreciation and plaques for volunteer service to the Red Cross. The ceremony, held in College Miericordia's student cafeteria, was a night everyone seemed to enjoy.

"Tonight we open an entirely new awards ceremony concept," said Awards Chairman Robert Cartier in his opening address. "Our (Red Cross) goal is to reach out into the local areas and recognize the many hours of service volunteers such as you, have contributed to the American Red Cross."

Carties said the Awards ceremony was intended for smaller groups in order to reach what he called, "a close knit family of volunteers all living in the Back Mountain area."

"As you know volunteers are the backbone of a Red Cross Chapter,"

said Cartier. "And we are all here tonight to say thanks for a job well done."

Gordon Fader, Executive Director of the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the Red Cross, said he was encouraged with the turnout for the awards ceremony and that the Back Mountain volunteers should be proud of their area.

"I am really pleased with such a fine turnout tonight," Fader said. "To have this many show up is really encouraging and significant."

Fader continued by saying, "This (Back Mountain) is a very caring area and you all should be very proud of your efforts on behalf of the American Red Cross."

Fader explained to those in attendance that the success of any Red Cross Chapter is dependent on the thousands of volunteers. According to Fader, the Wyoming Valley Chapter had over 50,000 volunteer hours offered by volunteers this past year by about 3000 volunteers. Over 200 of the 3000 volunteers were from the Back Mountain area.

Said Fader, "Our chapter has had over 3000 volunteers this year. And all of you here tonight helped play a

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Advisor says everyone must help to alleviate lake problem

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"We are not free to do whatever we want. If we continue to believe we are free to do as we please, then we will continue to get a green lake."

That is how 73-year-old Dr. Charles Reif of Noxen explained his feelings about how all of us tend to ignore our responsibility for keeping the delicate balance between man and the environment.

Dr. Reif, who earned his doctorate in 1941 at the University of Minnesota in the field of lake studies, said many of the problems currently affecting the water quality at Harveys Lake are the result of man's own doing.

"First, I must say, yes, that the bacteria (anabaena bacteria which caused the green tint) will return," said Reif. "And it will continue to return to Harveys Lake until people stop dumping filthy nutrients into the lake."

According to Reif, some of the major problem areas for the Harveys Lake watershed are the cutting down of trees, fertilized lawns, remaining septic tanks and roadway runoff.

"We have a major pollution problem here in the United States," Reif said. "And at Harveys Lake, you have too many people trying to use the lake."

Reif, who is an advisor to the newly appointed Environmental Advisory Committee at Harveys Lake, said the application of copper sulfate to offset the green tint in the Harveys lake water this past July was what he called, "a temporary solution."

"It (copper sulfate) is like taking an aspirin to relieve the pain of cancer," Reif said. "It will stop the pain, but will not help alleviate the cancer itself."

Reif said the anabaena blooms of the past few years are due to more people using Harveys Lake, a lower water level and the natural aging of

the lake.

"Years back (approximately 10 years) they built a new sewer system for the people living on the lake," Reif said. "Well, their intentions may have been good, but they now have created a new problem. There is simply less fresh water running into Harveys lake because of the sewer system."

Reif did say, however, that returning to the old septic tank mode of waste disposal would be even more harmful due to the increased number of year-round residents living at Harveys Lake.

"You see, when the lake's water level is lowered, the sun's rays heats up the water faster than in the past. And, of course, in the warm water, bacteria such as the "anabaena" thrive and grow much faster than normal."

Another problem, according to Reif, is the use of commercial fertilizers on lawns around the lake. The fertilizers contain phosphates and nitrates which bacteria like the "anabaena" feed on.

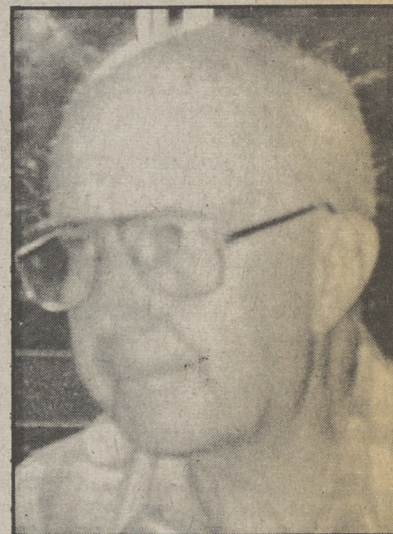
"People spend thousands of dollars on making their lawns beautiful," said Reif. "But when it rains, the runoff picks up the fertilizers and washes them into the lake. This runoff definitely contributes to the lake's bacteria problem."

In addition, Reif said there are many properties which he suspects are still using septic tank sewage disposal.

"I cannot prove it, but if there was a check made you would probably find many properties on the lake which still have septic tanks hooked up to second bathrooms and such," he added. "Of course, these systems add more nutrients to the lake."

When asked what solutions needed to be made, Reif said, "We must make sure that the nutrients in Harveys Lake remain in balance."

"You need a chemist to do a weekly analysis of the water," Reif added. "The only way you can avoid future water problems is to watch the organisms on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis."



DR. CHARLES REIF

Currently, the Environmental Advisory Committee is conducting fund-raising efforts in order to fund a yearly study of Harveys Lake. The cost of year-round water testing is estimated to be about \$30,000 to \$60,000.

"I think people around the lake should contribute to its clean-up," Reif said. "Some people spend \$10,000 on one party out here. I think there is enough money on this lake to set up a year-round surveillance program."

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