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Election time!

Campaigning heats up as Primary draws near

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Despite the number of accusations that have been leveled against him by his opponent, incumbent State Senator Charles D. Lemmond Jr., R-Dallas, said he feels confident that voters know the truth and that he will retain his 20th District seat.

Lemmond, who will take the first step next week in the May 20 Primary, has come under heavy criticism over the past two months by his adversary, Charles W. Kirkwood, owner of Shawnee-on-the-Delaware, concerning his voting record on various issues.

Kirkwood has charged that Lemmond's position has been counterproductive to the people he represents which has led to a series of verbal exchanges between the two. That battle evolved into a physical one as well when a Kirkwood campaign worker was allegedly attacked by a Lemmond backer.

Lemmond said that although he does know the alleged attackers, he does not condone that sort of thing, and is not aware of the details of the

fiasco.

"It's been a most unusual campaign," the 56-year old Lemmond stated. "There have been so many allegations that are unfounded. But my record of accomplishments speaks for itself and I think that will balance out what he's (Kirkwood) been saying.

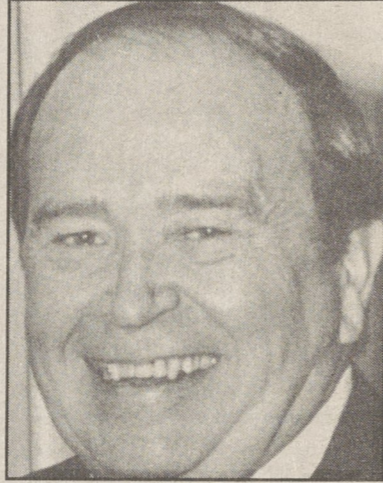
"Just because somebody says something, that doesn't mean it's

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true. It doesn't make it so."

Lemmond stated that he prefers not to get into the type of campaign Kirkwood has been waging, but would not hesitate to fire back if necessary.

"We have to tell the people the truth," he noted. "Like, for example this nuclear waste site thing (Low Level Radioactive Compact). "It's absolutely incredible to think that myself or the Governor would want to put a nuclear dump site in this district. It is absolutely untrue.



SEN. CHARLES LEMMOND
Incumbent

Lemmond said he has also helped sponsor or voted for 54 other pieces of legislation, including a first-time ever bill that would reject rate increases for any utility that does not provide quality service.

If Lemmond does advance past the Primary, he said his top priority would be the economic revitalization here and to provide more jobs.

Lemmond is currently serving out the unexpired term of Senator Frank O'Connell who retired last August. He has also served as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Luzerne County; First Assistant District Attorney and Assistant District Attorney.

Lemmond received his A.B. from Harvard College in 1952 and L.L.B. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1955. He resides in Dallas with his wife, the former Barbara Northrup. They have four children.

For the past three months, State Senatorial candidate Charles W. Kirkwood has virtually stood toe-to-toe with incumbent Charles D. Lemmond Jr. and exchanged verbal blows regarding various issues, undoubtedly making the 20th District race the hottest political battle of them all.

But according to Kirkwood, the biggest issue of the campaign is the personalities of the two candidates.

"Lemmond has this nice guy, everybody's-buddy type image," Kirkwood said. "He's the type of guy who goes along with whatever the party says. He doesn't buck the system. Even the people I've talked



CHARLES KIRKWOOD
Challenger

to say, 'Yeah, Lemmond's a nice guy...but.

"I am much more independent. I will fight for the issues the people are concerned with. They are the ones who elect us and that's who I am concerned about.

"So it depends on what the people want: Do they want someone who goes along with the party or do they

want someone who is independent?"

Last September, the 50-year old Pocono Resort owner ran unsuccessfully against Lemmond to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Frank O'Connell of Kingston who retired. Kirkwood charged, however, that Lemmond was "hand picked" by party bosses and that there wasn't much time to campaign and give the voters the opportunity to choose.

For his part, Kirkwood has initiated action in an attempt to have the Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company removed as the chief supplier of water because of the poor quality of the substance West Side residents have been receiving over the years.

In addition, he recently received the support of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Political Action Committee.

In 1978, he purchased the Shawnee-on-the-Delaware and now serves as vice president of the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce.

He is married to the former Virginia (Ginny) Pearsall, who also serves as Activities Director of the Shawnee Inn and is Director of the Shawnee Playhouse.

Holtzman runs on issues

By JOHN HOINSKI
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Even though he will be running unopposed in the May 20th Primary election, Republican congressional candidate Marc L. Holtzman of Kingston, says he is not taking any chances and is hot on the campaign trail in an effort to unseat incumbent Paul Kanjorski, D-Naticoke.

"I'm fortunate that I will be unopposed in the primary and that I can focus on the general election," Holtzman said. "But I'm not taking anything for granted. I have been visiting 15 to 20 plants and factories every week and I've also been knocking n about 300 doors a week. Last month alone I made 45 speeches to all sorts of clubs in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

"And everywhere I go I talk about the No.1 issue: jobs, jobs and more jobs."

If Holtzman is successful in the Nov. 6 general election, at the age of 26, he would become the nation's youngest Congressman. Detractors argue, however, that because of his youth he may not be familiar with some of the problems people are facing in the 11th Congressional district. Holtzman disagrees.

"I think the issue is not age, but values," he explained. You have to show people that you are excited,



MARC HOLTZMAN

dedicated and committed. I think it's more important for me to go face-to-face with people and prove that I am capable and qualified, and to get feedback from them.

"If I can accomplish that, then people should vote for me. If I can't, then they probably shouldn't.

"But one very positive aspect about this district is that there are a half million people in it and approximately 300,000 voters. And that gives you a chance to speak on a one-on-one basis with them."

Another element Holtzman has

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going for him is recent history. Four different Congressmen have held office over the past four elections. And, although he would like to keep in line with that trend, he does not view the race as a battle with Kanjorski.

"This is not a campaign against Kanjorski," he stated. "I am debating the issues. I am trying to outline the issues and let the people know where I stand. But I believe by the time the general election rolls around, the people will have a clear choice. In fact, I think it will be the clearest choice they have had in the past 10 years."

Holtzman has also had the benefit of plenty of political backing to aid his cause. Dignitaries including former U.S. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick and U.S. Rep. Jack Kemp, R-New York, have pledged their support in addition to receiving the endorsement of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Financially, Holtzman said his campaign fund has reached \$560,000 to date from 2,600 contributors, 80 per cent of which has come from people in Northeastern Pennsylvania, with an average contribution of \$40.



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Final gathering

Members of the Dallas Intermediate School faculty pose for a photo following their final luncheon as a group, hosted by the school's PTO. From left, first row, are Sharon Nardone, Shirley Breymer, Sharon Hartshorne, Nancy Biscontini, Marsha Spear, Marilyn O'Connell, Grace Reishus, Jean Myers, Ann Camp. Second row, Ruth Tetchner, Anthony Martinelli, June George, Glenda Crabtree, Maryann Jesse, Kathy Reiss, Jan Borton, Bobbie Shurnicki, Virginia Jenkins, Barbara Reilly, Mary Ann Walsh, John Doerfler. Third row, Reese Pelton, Larry Griffin, Alice Krispin, Fred Wesley, Dave Jones, Pauline Donahue, Joseph Sallitt, Cathy Tasco.

Intermediate teachers gather last time

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Members of the Dallas Intermediate School faculty held their final luncheon as a group last Friday at the school, as guests of the Intermediate's Parent-Teachers Organization. The majority of the teachers have been together as a group since they were first in the Dallas Township Building and then moved to the Intermediate School when it was first built following the 1972 flood.

The building was first put up for a five year period following the Hurricane Agnes Disaster in 1972. When the agreement expired in 1978, the District negotiated to purchase the modular building and continue to use it as the intermediate building for fifth and sixth grade students. Later, fourth grade students were moved into the building and the faculty family grew.

"That's exactly what these teachers were," said Ruth Husband, elementary principal. "They have always worked as a team. I believe that is what has made our program in the building so successful. We have a lot of good times together - and a lot of hectic times, but we've always managed to pull through."

Gerald Wycallis, now district superintendent, was the first principal of the Dallas Intermediate School. After he moved up as an assistant to Dr. Richard Shipe, Ruth Husband was appointed as principal. Although the sixth grade students are moving up to the junior high, Ms. Husband will continue to be their principal as well as princi-

pal of the kindergarten through fifth grade students at the now intermediate school. She will work in cooperation with the principal of the junior high.

Ms. Husband said that she and the teachers realized the day would come when it would become necessary to move up the sixth grade students and bring in the children from Dallas Township Elementary. "The township school is too old and needs so many renovations it would probably cost more to make it safe for the children than to construct a new building," said Ms. Husband. "This is much better for the younger children, and the junior high is laid out in such a manner that the sixth grade students will have their own area for most programs in the junior high."

Seven of the intermediate teachers are moving up with the sixth grade students. They are Janice Borton, Anthony Martinelli, Sharon Nardone, a 13-year team of three; Sam Jayne, Joseph Sallitt, Sharon Lyons and Anthony Chiarucci.

Four teachers will be going into the intermediate school from the township elementary school and the rest will go down to Westmoreland Elementary where Samuel Barbose is the principal.

Ruth Husband and the teachers reminisced about some of the highlights enjoyed over the years, such as the PTO providing both entertaining and educational programs for the students during the years. They paid for professionals to come in and present various subjects to the students such as sign language taught to the hearing handicapped;

how to deal with other handicapped children; and fun programs-puppets, dance and similar presentations.

None of them will forget the musical productions under the direction of Marilyn O'Connell nor the annual art shows and competition held in the building with each student exhibiting his favorite project, all done under their art instructor's supervision.

Several of the teachers spoke about the wonderful field trips taken by the children and paid for by the PTO-trips to cultural and historical sites which otherwise would be impossible. They laughed when they told about one teacher, who realizing his children were bored, taught on roller skates for an entire week. It worked, said the teachers, the children's interest was aroused - whether they were waiting for the teacher to fall on his face or because it made the lessons more interesting.

None of them will forget the living book reports in Mr. Martinelli's class. No written book reports for his class - the students read the book, then acted out the characters (the main characters, that is) in costume. And the other faculty members and their students had an opportunity to observe.

There is also a successful handicapped class at the intermediate school, a class Ms. Husband is hoping will continue.

Dallas band director resigns

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David Benn, Dallas Junior and Senior High School band director, will leave the local district at the end of this school term to accept the position of Boyertown Senior High School band and chamber orchestra director.

The Boyertown Senior High School, located approximately 15 miles west of Allentown, includes students in grades 10th through 12.

Benn, who is completing his sixth year as band director at Dallas, explained that the position was just "too good" to pass up.

Boyertown, according to Benn, is a district about twice as large as the Dallas District and the position is a "plum" job. The area is noted for its dedication to music and its band has been to Europe, the Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl and other national and international competitions.

The former director had notified the Boyertown administration of his

intention to retire at the end of this year and the district has been reviewing applicants since January.

"I was not looking to leave Dallas," said Benn. "The kids here are great and I wish I could take them with me. The band sponsors are also a great group. I have made many friends in this area and it is difficult to leave."

Benn said, however, that he has been teaching for 12 years and if he is to make a move, now is the time to do so. The Boyertown administration approached Benn about submitting an application. They indicated that some of them had seen his band when he was in Pittsburgh as well as his band in Dallas.

There were approximately 300 applicants for the position, when Benn interviewed in March. The number was narrowed down to seven and then to three.

Finally, they called and offered Benn the position. Boyertown officials gave Benn 30 days to come up with his answer. Benn said he gave the offer much consideration and decided the professional advancement in music and the area's strong support of the arts made it worth his while to accept.

"It wasn't so much the money although it is a slight increase," said Benn. "But living is much higher in that area. I have been at Dallas for six years and neither the budget nor the scheduling has progressed. At Boyertown, there will be band and orchestra classes every day and a budget with which I can live.

"I will leave a lot of good friends here, but I am sure the band will not regress," Benn said. "I understand there are a lot of applicants for the position, among them some very good ones."

Dallas soccer trip is not cancelled - yet!

The rumors circulating in the Back Mountain that the Dallas High School soccer team is not going to Scotland are completely unfounded, according to co-chairpersons Mrs. Robert Richardson and Mrs. David Morris.

"A few persons have expressed concerns because of the recent terrorism, but no decision has been made to cancel the trip," said Mrs. David (Carol) Morris.

"We have until June 30 to finalize plans for the Scotland trip and until then we will take a wait-and-see attitude," said Mrs. Robert (Sandy) Richardson.

A closed meeting for the boys who are planning to make the trip to Scotland and their parents will be held this week to discuss alternate trips in the event any terroristic acts between now and June 30 should make the trip impossible.

Mrs. Morris said the group does

not anticipate any reason to cancel the trip, but if the situation in Europe becomes too bad, any alternate trip will include the same goals of soccer-oriented and educational programs. All of the money contributed by residents and business people will be used for these goals, according to Mrs. Morris.

"We are planning the golf tournament and all other fund-raising, and those players making the trip made a commitment right from the beginning. That is exactly what will be carried out," said Carol Morris.

According to the co-chairpersons, if plans have to be changed, the public will be the first to know and if it is believed necessary to alter present plans, everything will be checked out with the school administration with the P.I.A.A., so the athletes will in no way violate any school or P.I.A.A. codes.

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Schools vandalized

Both the Dallas Junior and Senior High Schools were vandalized over the weekend Dallas Township Police reported Monday.

The break-in at the Junior High was discovered Monday morning at 6:30 a.m., in the cafeteria office, where it was believed a small amount of cash had been taken. It is not known how the building was entered.

Although no money was reported taken from the Senior High building, vandals discharged dry chemicals (fire extinguishers) on the floor. The break-in was discovered at 10:30 Sunday night.

In a separate complaint, police also reported that five cars on the campus of College Misericordia were splashed with blue paint. The incident was discovered last Tuesday morning at 2 a.m.

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