

# 'Round the Mountain

## Falcone announces candidacy

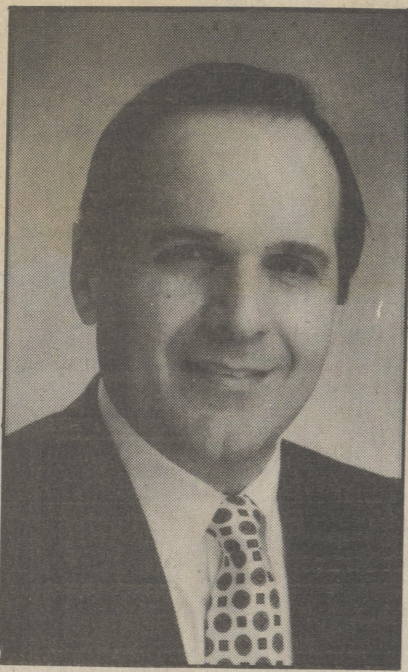
A veteran Luzerne County businessman and community leader, Leonard Falcone, has announced his candidacy for the position of delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Falcone, a resident of Kingston Township and executive vice president and sales manager of the Falcone Beverage Company, is seeking the post as one who will be committed to Vice President George Bush, currently staging a leading battle for the Republican nomination for president.

"I am following this course of action," Falcone said, "because I am firmly convinced that the nation's best interests rest with Mr. Bush. He is one of the most astute foreign policy experts in government today and has demonstrated a strong understanding of the domestic problems, that must be addressed in our nation."

A strong participant in community and civic affairs as a volunteer, Falcone is secretary of the Luzerne County Republican Executive Committee and secretary of the Luzerne County Correctional Facility. He also is the secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Luzerne County Community College.

The Back Mountain resident is a graduate of Pittston High School and has received certifi-



Leonard Falcone

cates of specialized management and sales training on the regional and national levels.

He is vice president of the American Cancer Society, Republic committeeman of Kingston Township, a member of the Elks Club, state committee member of the Republican Party, and a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown.

He is the father of three children: Leonard Jr. Lori, at home; and Carey, a freshman at James Madison University, Va.

Falcone will seek the position throughout the 11th Congressional District which includes Luzerne, Columbia, Montour and Sullivan Counties, and parts of Carbon, Monroe and Northumberland counties.

## Dietterick running for re-election

Kingston Republican, Scott Dietterick, is announcing his candidacy for re-election as State Representative for the 120th legislative district.

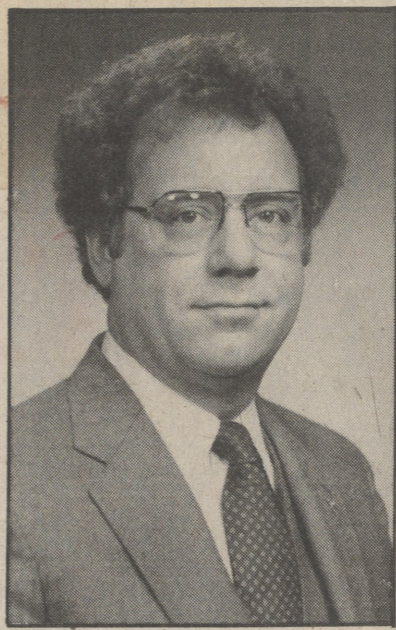
"I have enjoyed the challenges of my first term in office, and I continue, to be grateful for the confidence the voters showed me in 1986. I have done my best to honor that trust and to represent my district well in Harrisburg. I am especially pleased to be the prime sponsor of House Bill 1391, which would authorize funding for a fourth veterans' home. There is a good chance that the home would be situated in the Northeastern section of the state."

Keeping his promise to become a full time legislator, Dietterick has maintained a perfect 100 percent voting and attendance record since being elected. He is a member of the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, Transportation Committee, and Republican Policy Committee.

Prior to Dietterick's election to the House of Representatives, he served nine years on Kingston council. A U.S. Navy Veteran, he was Past President of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Jaycees and Independent Insurance Agents of Wyoming Valley. He is also a 20 year member of Independent Fire Co. No. 1, Kingston, American Legion Post 395, Kingston, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, West Side Blood Council, Dial-A-Driver, Church of Christ Uniting and various Masonic bodies.

Dietterick resides at 100 S. Maple Ave. and is married to the former Nancy Learn, Forty-Fort. They have two daughters, Jennifer, a senior at Bloomsburg University and Julie, a freshman at King's College.

Dietterick's District Office is located at 1265 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, for legislative service for his constituents. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Scott Dietterick

weekdays, with other times available by appointment.

The District consists of the Boroughs of Dallas, Exeter, Forty Fort, Kingston, Exeter, Franklin, Kingston and Lehman, with a combined population of close to 60,000.

## Kay Meeks appointed campaign chairperson

Kay Meeks, Dallas, has been named Wilkes-Barre District chairperson of the "Campaign for the Future" for the United Methodist Homes for the Aging (UMHA) of the Wyoming Conference, Johnson City, NY.

Mrs. Meeks also serves on the UMHA board of directors and the Wesley Village local development committee.

The five-year, \$5 million capital campaign, which officially began November 30, is designed to secure funds for designated needs within the UMHA.

Pledges and contributions total about \$2,500,000, half the campaign goal. "That's a 22 percent increase over the amount initially pledged during the advance gift phase", said David Fanning, campaign director. Fanning is also the UMHA director of institutional advancement.

The "Campaign for the Future" is now in the leadership gift phase. Contributions will be solicited from board members, major donors, corporations and foundations, Fanning said.

Victor J. Pollock, Clarks Summit, president UMHA board of directors, was named campaign chairman.

Other district chairmen on the campaign committee are: Edgar Collins, Scranton, Scranton District; Thomas Kelly, Endicott, NY, Binghamton District and Richard Runyon, Norwich, NY, Oneonta District.

The UMHA is a not-for-profit organization which operates six retirement facilities. In Pennsylvania: the Wesley Village, Pittston; Tunkhannock Manor, Tunkhannock and Murray-Tufts-Garrett Manor, Beach Lake.

## Baseball held at junior high

Mr. John Oliver, President of Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. is pleased to announce the Back Mountain Baseball and Softball Clinic will be held at Lake-Lehman Junior High School on March 5 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Following a brief introduction by Oliver, scheduled presentations include discussions on Coaching Philosophy by John Dorish, King's College Head Baseball Coach and Athletic Director; Care and Strength, The Pitching Arm by Jeff Pace, Athletic Trainer, Lake Lehman High School and Physical Therapist; Catching and Fielding by Jack Wolenski, Dallas High School Varsity Baseball Coach.

Hardball pitching will be discussed by Stu Casterline, Tunkhannock High School Baseball Coach and Athletic Director, and former Red Sox Minor League player Mike Williams will provide instruction on hitting and bunting.

Girls softball pitching will be discussed by Flossy Finn, Penn

State, Wilkes-Barre Campus, Softball Coach, while hitting-bunting coaching techniques in girls softball will be addressed by Cheryl Travis, Lake-Lehman School Assistant Softball Coach.

Each presentation is scheduled for 45 minutes and the clinic will conclude with a question and answer period. There is no admission charge and all present and prospective managers, coaches, umpires and other volunteers are urged to attend.

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