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The race is on

Back Mountain residents toss hats in ring

Vernon touts record of service

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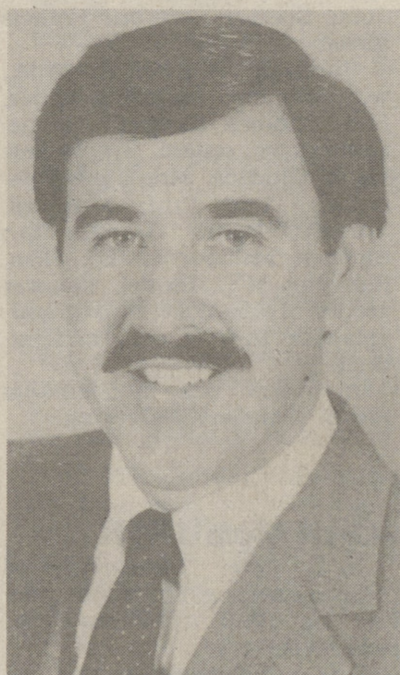
Anne Vernon of Highland Avenue, Trucksville, announced her candidacy, Tuesday, as a Republican candidate for Representative of the 120th Legislative District, a position now held by Rep. Scott Dietterick. Vernon becomes the fourth candidate overall, and third from the Back Mountain, to seek the office.

Dietterick said several weeks ago that he will run for re-election. Clarence Michael of Dallas announced his candidacy Jan. 30, and Luzerne County Commissioner Jim Phillips declared his intention to be a candidate a week later.

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ANNE VERNON



ANDREW KOTCH

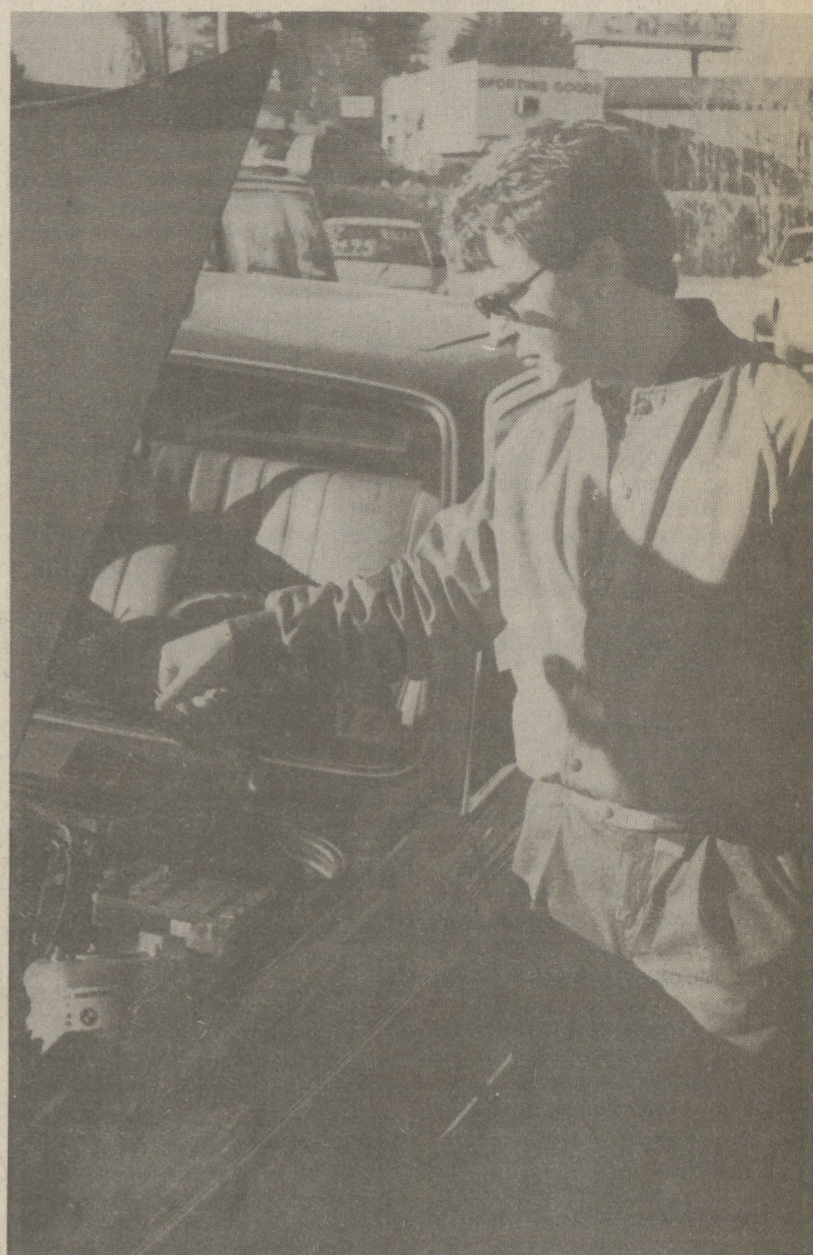
Kotch a political newcomer

Andrew Kotch has officially announced his candidacy for the office of State Representative of the 120th District. A resident of Kingston Township, he will be running on the Republican ballot.

Kotch is employed by WBRE-TV. He has kept in close touch with the people and governmental offices of the district during his 15 years in the television news business. He has reported on events throughout northeast Pennsylvania both as an on-air reporter and photographer.

Kotch is a lifelong resident of the community. He is particularly concerned with the economic future of the area and would like to see better employment possibili-

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In spring a young man's fancy turns to? Dan Shilanski of Harveys Lake took advantage of Monday's holiday and fair weather and looked over a sporty car at a local lot. (Photo by Ron Bartizek)

Lemmond will run again for Senate

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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State Senator Charles D. Lemmond cited improved cooperation between the state and local officials in announcing his intention to run for reelection.

"During my term in office the achievement I am most proud of is the improvement in communications between the Commonwealth and the municipal governments. We now have a direct line from the state to PennVEST, PennDOT, DER and the municipalities," Lemmond told The Dallas Post on Monday. "I am also glad that the Judiciary Committee is updating some of our laws."

Lemmond said wetland protection and park expansion were top priorities

"In the future, I'd like to see us to continue working well with municipal and appointed officials. The 911 emergency system needs to come into existence and I am very much in favor in enacting the state's first living will. Presently, while most states have laws and regulations, Pennsylvania does not have any regulations. I believe it is important for a person to make a rational choice."

Sen. Lemmond also said he would advocate that the Pennsylvania State Police be improved by an additional 500 staff to be used to aid outlying areas.

"I also want to continue to work with the Back Mountain Citizens' Council on our environmental needs. I feel this has to be on the top of our list of priorities with the wetland subject at the top of the list. The passing of the environmental bill mandating county planning is one I am very pleased about."

"We will also be addressing issues on child abuse which is so badly needed. I am the Republican representative on the caucus," he

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SEN. CHARLES D. LEMMOND

New principal Oliver no stranger to district

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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When Lake-Lehman Senior High School Principal Jay Zaleskas steps down from his position in June of this year, John Oliver, the current Junior High Principal will take over.

Oliver, who resides with his family in Dallas, has been a principal in the Lake-Lehman District since 1975, first as an assistant junior-senior high school principal. In 1983, at the time of high school principal James Nicholas' death, he was appointed as junior high principal.

"Prior to becoming principal, I was a member of the faculty," Oliver said. "The only place I taught following graduation from college was at Lake-Lehman. I received my graduate degree from Rutgers and my upper-graduate degree in educational administration from the University of Scranton," Oliver

Oliver has spent his entire career in the Lake-Lehman district

said. "As a member of the faculty I taught science, health and physics."

"When I came to the district, Edgar Belles was superintendent and Anthony Marchakitus was high school principal," Oliver explained.

Oliver said that in the junior high school, the student population numbers approximately 370 and in the senior high there will be about 650.

"As principal, the management will be about the same, but dealing with the older students will be a challenge although I have dealt with most of the students when they were in junior high."



JOHN OLIVER

"I will have approximately 45 to 50 teachers on the senior high staff - about two times as many as I now have at junior high. I will, however, have an assistant," Oliver explained.

Oliver's wife, the former Carol

Ripa, is a member of the Lake-Lehman faculty where she teaches reading. The couple has two children; Johnny, age 11 year and Joanna, six.

Oliver is involved in the Back Mountain Baseball Association where he is a past president, and is also a member of the Back Mountain Youth Soccer Organization. They enjoy traveling as a family when it is possible although the position of principal is a year-round position.

He is also a member of the Masonic organizations, Pennsylvania Secondary School Principals Association and the National Secondary School Principals Association.

"I would like to express my appreciation to Jay Zaleskas for leaving the senior high in such excellent shape," Oliver said. "Everything I learned, I learned from Jay," he concluded.

'911' available for some Back Mountain towns

In a story published in The Dallas Post on February 7, it was stated that Back Mountain residents should not call '911' to request emergency assistance. Given that the boundaries of the Back Mountain are not defined by any official designation, that statement was not fully correct.

The Noxen Fire Department has offered 911 service through the Wyoming County Communications Center for eight years, according to Fire Chief Lew Hackling.

"When the fire company first went on line with 911, I was very hesitant," Hackling said Monday. "But it has proved to be a success." Hackling mentioned convenient 24-hour answering and profes-

sional dispatching as two major benefits of the system.

Hackling said that using the Wyoming County system has meant real savings to the Noxen fire company, saving it the cost of buying and manning its own radio equipment. Because the system is paid for by a surcharge on all Wyoming County telephone bills, the fire company also avoids the cost of joining the Back Mountain Communications Center.

"Done countywide, it (911) uses the least manpower necessary," Hackling said. He added that the system offers more than efficiency. "There's additional information at

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Coming up:

- HARVEYS LAKE ZONING BOARD - Tues., Feb. 27, 7 PM, Harveys Lake Municipal Bldg., Route 415
- LEHMAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD - Mon., Feb. 26, 7 PM, Lehman Twp. Municipal Bldg.
- LEHMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION - Mon., Feb. 26, 8 PM, Lehman Twp. Municipal Bldg.



New Girl Scout troop forms

A newly-founded Girl Scout troop has been originated in our area. Designed for girls, ages 5-6, Daisy Troop 639 meets weekly at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. (there has never before been a Daisy Troop for kindergarten girls of the Lake-Lehman School District.) The new scouts left to right are Joanna Oliver, Jaclyn Schaffner, Hollie Nichols, Vanessa Goss, Gina Coombs, Theresa Kamarunas, Lindsey Shaw. Absent when photo was taken is Ashley Yan-chik. In the foreground are Mrs. Donna Shaw, troop leader, left; Mrs. Veronica Schaffner, right, asst. leader for first half of the year.

LOCALITY	FIRE & AMBULANCE	POLICE
DALLAS BORO.	675-9912	675-9911
DALLAS TWP.	675-9912	675-9911
KINGSTON TWP.	675-9912	675-9911
KUNKLE	675-9912 or 675-3261	*
HARVEYS LAKE	639-5261	675-9911 or 639-1690
LEHMAN TWP.	675-9912 or 675-3518	675-9912
JACKSON TWP.	675-9912 or 696-1213	696-2879 or 675-8500
LAKE TWP.	477-5121	477-5557
SWEET VALLEY	477-5121	477-2337
LAKE SILKWORTH	675-9912	675-1483
FRANKLIN TWP.	911 (calls from 696/675 dial 1-836-6161)	333-4848
NOXEN	911 or 298-2061	911
IDETOWN	675-9912 or 639-5336	*
ROSS TWP.	477-5121	477-2337

*NOTE: Service not offered. Call nearest listed number