

Convention delegates races along most vital on ballot

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This is primary election day in Pennsylvania, with much of the attention centered upon the Democratic popularity contest for president and the picking of convention delegates by both the Republicans and Democrats and contests in both major parties for nomination to the U.S. Senate.

The polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Republicans have statewide contests for auditor general and state treasurer, and the Democrats have a five-way scramble for state treasurer.

Nominees will be chosen for the U.S. House in all 25 congressional districts in the state. In the Lehigh Valley, perhaps the top interest will be concentrated on the 13th District of Lehigh and part of Montgomery where GOP Rep. Edward G. Biesler is retiring. Five Democrats and five Re-

publicans are running.

In addition, nominees for the State Senate will be picked in the odd-numbered districts, including the 11th (most of Berks) and the 29th, which comprises Carbon, Schuylkill and part of Monroe.

Further, nominees will be selected by the major parties for the 203 seats in the State House. Locally, the principal contest is a seven-way race on the Democratic ticket in the 133rd District of suburban Lehigh for a seat now held by Democratic Rep. William H. Eckenberger Jr., who is retiring.

Republicans and Democrats — by county — will pick members of their respective state committees. And, on a precinct level, Republicans and Democrats also will elect a committeeman and committeewoman.

Monroe County Republicans and Democrats will elect county chairmen. Each party has a two-way race. Demo-

cratic Chairwomen Rena Baumgartner is being challenged by Richard Surmyle, and GOP Chairman Edward A. Katz is opposed by Russell F. Scheller.

Northampton County voters — all of them, including independents and members of minor parties — have the only referendum question in the Lehigh Valley.

Home Rule Charter. Shall the Home Rule Charter contained in the report, dated Jan. 9, 1976, of the Government Study Commission prepared in accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, be adopted in Northampton County?

All of this makes for a woefully cluttered ballot, particularly for the Democrats who have a host of candidates for concurrent delegate in every area of the Lehigh Valley.

Amid all this, the Constitutional party has a smattering of candidates

on the ballot, generally unopposed.

In the eight Pennsylvania counties of The Morning Call territory, 411,144 Democrats, 448,557 Republicans and 1,636 Constitutionals are eligible to vote today. And in Northampton County, there are also 1,756 independents and members of minor parties who may vote on the county charter question.

From the top, here is a glance at the contests.

President

Eight candidates are on the Democratic ballot in a popularity contest for president — though the political analysts see this as a race among Arizona Rep. Murray K. Udall, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter and Washington Sen. Henry M. Jackson.

The others are George C. Wallace.

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Handslaking Carter aims at victory

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Democratic Presidential hopeful Jimmy Carter yesterday predicted he will beat his rivals in today's primary election, but added: "A temporary setback in Pennsylvania won't be fatal to my campaign."

The former Georgia governor refused to speculate on his margin of victory during a two-hour handslaking

Jackson and U.S. Rep. Morris Udall.

Both candidates, Carter added he would be damaged by the public's belief that they are "stalking horses for (U.S. Sen.) Hubert Humphrey."

Carter said Jackson, Udall and Alabama Gov. George Wallace "will run fairly close." But Jackson has strong support from the state Democratic and Rizzo political machines as well as the backing of organized labor. Carter explained: "I don't know what role that will play."

Carter again refused to rate out the possibility that he might accept the vice presidential nomination, but insisted, "I have no aspiration for the vice presidency, if I had, I wouldn't be in this race."

Under certain circumstances, he explained, "I would consider it." If he fails to win the presidential nomination, Carter said, he hopes the nominee will choose another running mate. "But I can't say on my own how I would never accept that position," he said.

The candidate placed new emphasis on the need to reduce unemployment among 18-20 year olds, but denied it represented any contradiction of his earlier refusal to support the Humphrey-Hawkins bill.

Carter refused to support earlier versions of the measure which called for a federal program to reduce unemployment to 3 per cent of the working population. Carter reversed his stand only after a Congressional committee revised the quota to 3 per cent of the adult population.

On the question of a Middle East peace settlement, Carter reiterated his promise to "prove" Israel with economic and military aid to defend itself.

Carter said he favors withdrawal of Israel from many of occupied territories acquired in 1967.

"This does not mean all occupied territories," he explained. "If I were president of Israel, I would be reluctant to turn over the Golan Heights to Syria or to relinquish control of the Jewish and Christian holy places in Old Jerusalem."

The rights of Palestinians, Carter said, "ultimately have to be recognized. I think when the Palestinians recognize Israel's right to exist, the Israelis should very well recognize the Palestinians' right to have a government and territory."

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campaign stopover in the Lehigh Valley.

"One site would be a definitive victory," he said.

The popular vote in today's election Carter said, is most important to him, but he hopes to win the delegate vote also.

Speaking at a press conference at Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Airport, Carter said losses in Pennsylvania will be a "severe setback" for his chief opponents, U.S. Sen. Henry M. Jackson

Agents grill mystery reporter

Secret Service agents detained a man in Jimmy Carter's national press entourage yesterday when it was discovered his press credentials were invalid.

Jeffrey Grossman, who said he is a freelance reporter for ABC radio news and the Associated Press audio division, was released after four hours, but Secret Service agents refused to disclose who vouched for his identity.

The ABC official who Grossman claims assigned him to the Carter campaign said last night that he never heard of his identity.

George Phillips, news manager of ABC's information network,



called Grossman's account "ridiculous. I never heard him, ABC just doesn't work that way."

Norman Bebe, AP's Pennsylvania coordinator for the presidential campaign, said Grossman has done some free-lance work for the division. "But he has no connection with AP radio as far as the Carter campaign is concerned."

Grossman, Bebe said, "is apparently free-lancing it on his own." But in an interview after his

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breakfast chatter

The Lehigh Valley weather information telephone service, 865-2636, will be continued on a subscription basis. The head of Weather Information Bureau, Philadelphia, says the service costs about \$1,000 a month and, therefore, applications are being sent to anyone who wants to contribute 16 1/3 cents. The bureau suggests that if a person makes a daily call, that he send a check for \$3.65, or a cent per day.

Overbudget worker for Arien Spector got permission to make phone calls from Lehigh County Republican headquarters last night. But he misrepresented the County GOP Committee by saying it was endorsing Spector's candidacy for U.S. Senate. The Drummond King county chairman,



Jimmy Carter woos voters during a last-minute campaign stop at Western Electric

Catawauqua councilman says homes weren't built to plans

Sketch drawings of walls separating homes at Strawberry Hill do not match what was built, a Catawauqua councilman charged last night.

Councilman Richard Schlicher, a supporter of the development since it was approved in 1972, claimed that even if Councilman Richard Deibert's charge is true, it would not change the status of the 100-plus home development.

In another controversial area, councilman announced several stipulations. Councilman DiCello being negotiating with the Fuller Co. for the possible acquisition of Fuller Building No. 3. If the building is acquired, it will be used as a new municipal center.

On April 5, council instructed DiCello to request an inspector from an outside agency to check the firewall construction of the Strawberry Hill

homes.

On April 15, DiCello sent a letter to the Building Officials and Code Administrators' International, Inc. (BOCA) in Chicago listing the councilman's request.

Included with the letter was previous correspondence between the borough and BOCA and a copy of the wall drawings, according to Paul Heilsted, technical director at BOCA.

Based on the information received from DiCello and various interpretations of the BOCA code, Heilsted informed the borough last week that an on-site inspection was not warranted.

The BOCA official said DiCello's letter questioned the proper standards for the type of firewalls at Strawberry Hill.

"Our response to that was that the walls had to be at least three-quarter-

hour burn time and could be constructed with combustible material (such as wooden studs)," he said.

Deibert contended last night that the homes in Strawberry Hill share common exterior walls. This could have made a difference in BOCA's most recent opinion, he said.

Schlicher argued that the center construction of the firewalls is not at issue, but whether the firewalls meet the required BOCA standards. He said they do since they meet the minimum burn time requirement.

Schlicher said the center of the firewalls would be sheeting, impregnated sheathing or plywood.

Deibert said the drawings showed at least two pieces of the same material make up the center of the walls. He claimed that the walls in Strawberry Hill only have one piece of material in

the center.

Deibert's argument was that the walls in Strawberry Hill are not structurally independent and do not represent exterior walls.

The Call obtained a copy of a letter from BOCA engineer William J. Tangey to David L. Krause, borough code enforcement officer. The letter was dated Sept. 4, 1974.

Tangey referred to a 1972 supplement to the BOCA code. It changed the section dealing with fire and party walls.

In a recent interview Schlicher said the borough inadvertently failed to adopt the 1972 supplement.

If there were property lines between the units, the common wall on the lot line must have a two-hour burn time rating, Tangey said.

He said there are property lines in the Strawberry Hill case. He said they are structurally independent. Therefore, they become exterior walls with less than three-foot lot line clearance.

"Therefore, the walls must be of noncombustible construction and have a three-quarter-hour rating," he said.

The borough was advised that in future units, walls with "zero" lot line clearance must be of noncombustible construction (steel studs and gypsum board, masonry, etc.) and have the three-quarter-hour fire resistance rating.

There is no practical way, Tangey wrote, to remove wood studs and replace them with noncombustible material in the already built homes.

During the Schlicher-Deibert debate on the walls, DiCello left the meeting to answer a telephone call. As he left the meeting, he said "I'm not really interested in this anyway."

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City zoners decide

Hospital may erect parking tiers

the parking lot which will be used to serve, principally, Sacred Heart Hospital.

Atty Joseph Fruhwirth, zoners chairman, announced several stipulations in granting the appeal of the hospital. One is that a spotlight on Seaton Hall, on the southwest corner of 4th and Chew streets, must be removed.

Other conditions are that the building must be so constructed that all

interior lighting will be installed to direct the light inward and downward, and that all lights must be 50 feet inside the structure's four sides. In addition, the builder must make certain that the ramp is equipped with proper drainage. And there must be 10-foot setbacks at all four corners to assure reasonable sight lines.

Atty James C. Lanhe, Sr. and James C. Lanhe, Jr. represented Sacred Heart Hospital, at the hearing. The elder Lanhe served as spokesman.

Group of 27 Lehigh Valley Mothers of Twins got more than they bargained for at a state meeting in Philadelphia on Saturday. They were included in evacuation of Bellevue-Stratford Hotel when fire broke out in basement.

Meeting of Parkland Community Library trustees has been postponed from tomorrow to May 5 in South Whitehall Township Building. Parkland School Board will meet at 7:30 tonight. Glenn Hunsicker, president of Allentown Patriots, will be guest on Channel 33's "Manager's Chat" at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. today.

Ronald Haas of Allentown Social Security Office will speak about Medicare before Trexleight Senior Citizens at 4 p.m. today in Goodwill Fire Hall. Club was organized with 27 members last week. Ted M.

It may be blustery day when you step out to vote

It'll be a blustery day for that trip to the polls today. There will be considerable gustiness and wind. The high temperature today will be in the mid 40s.

If it'll be partly cloudy and cold tonight, according to the National Weather Service at a B.F. report, with a low in the low 30s.

There's a 20 per cent chance of precipitation today and tonight.

The high temperature yesterday was 47 at 11 a.m. The low was 40 at 11 p.m. There was a trace of precipitation.

Winds averaged from the northwest.

at 15 miles per hour yesterday, with maximum sustained winds recorded from the west-northwest at 20 m.p.h. at 7 p.m. and a peak gust of 26 m.p.h. recorded at 9 p.m.

The skies today

Sunset today 7:54 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:05 a.m.

Temperatures

Here are Monday's high and low temperatures and precipitation in inches (1/2 in. = .5 in.)