

Background Data of Primary Candidates

To aid voters in determining which candidates to vote for in the September 14 primary, the Birmingham League of Women Voters and the Inter-Lake Area League of Women Voters have issued a detailed bulletin, outlining the biographies of the candidates and describing the functions of each office to be voted for.

Copies of the report have been sent to all members and additional copies are available for free general distribution at the Birmingham Public Library. Copies will also be available at the Birmingham election booths located in various stores, according to Mrs. F. G. Garrison, League president.

The material for this voter's handbook was gathered from questionnaires sent to the various candidates by the League as well as personal interviews with the candidates. The League of Women Voters of Michigan in cooperation with other Leagues throughout the state assisted the local leagues in the gathering of material for the publication.

Background information Since the League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization, it never supports or opposes any political party or candidate. The purpose of this publication is simply to provide information to the voter so he may decide on the candidate of his choice and to encourage citizen participation in government.

To at least give the Birmingham voter some idea of the candidates he will find on the ballot next Tuesday, The Eccentric presents the names of candidates on both Republican and Democratic primary ballots. The background information listed below was obtained from the League pamphlet,

ON THE MAP THIS WEEK

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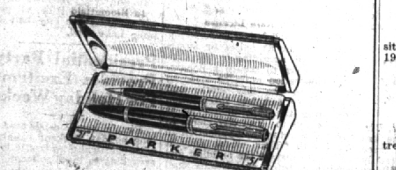
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mission; supervisor Wayne county; Dearborn councillor.

Congressional U. S. Senator
(To elect one)

HOMER FERGUSON
Incumbent; Detroit; 69; Univ. of Pittsburgh; Univ. of Mich. LL.B. City 3; appointed judge of Wayne City 3; elected court 1923; elected 1930; re-elected 1935, 1941; elected U. S. Senator 1942.

Representative in Congress
Seventeenth District
(To elect one)

MILTON F. COONEY
Pontiac; 42; Detroit College of Law; LL.B. 1914; elected 1935; re-elected 1938; active in veterans' groups; ex-anna, and Nat'l Security Council.

Congressional U. S. Senator
(Elect One)

FRANK E. HOOK
Not available for interview.

Legislative State Senator
Twelfth District
(Elect One)

EDGAR F. DOWN
Highland Park; 69; retired; grad. Cortland Normal School; Univ. of Mich. AB; Detroit College of Law; LL.B.; auditor; superintendent schools Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge.

Legislative State Senator
Twelfth District
(Elect One)

ODIN J. JOHNSON
Not available for interview.

Legislative State Representative
Third District
(Elect One)

HOWARD E. ESTES
Incumbent; Birmingham; 64; retired; grad. Michigan State College, BS and MSC; city commissioner; Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Legislative State Representative
Third District
(Elect One)

MARVIN KUSCHINSKY
Birmingham; 36; former con- sultable and Justice of the Peace, Buena Vista Township, Saginaw County.

COUNTY Prosecuting Attorney
(Elect One)

J. HAROLD STEFFES
Berkley 42; attorney; Detroit College of Law, LL.B.; municipal judge seven years; city attorney two years.

COUNTY Prosecuting Attorney
(Elect One)

CLYDE D. UNDERWOOD
Incumbent; Pontiac; 66; attorney; University of Detroit and Detroit College of Law; County Prosecutor 1925-29 and 1946-48.

Sheriff (Elect One)

WALTER J. ALSBACH
Hazel Park; 67; maintenance man for water department, Royal Oak Twp.; deputy sheriff 1925-38.

County Clerk (Elect One)

Clyde L. Johnson
Unavailable for interview.

County Treasurer (Elect One)

JAMES MURPHY
Berkley; 38; accounting and advertising at Columbia Univ., as- sistant to manager War Assets Administration; past commander Berkley Post, American Legion; leader Cub Scouts; manager Ameri- can Legion Junior Baseball.

Register of Deeds (Elect One)

FLOYD E. LAMPHIER
Unavailable for interview.

DEMOCRAT STATE Governor (Elect One)

BURNETT J. ABBOTT
Not available for interview.

Drain Commissioner (Elect One)

WILLIAM R. HAHN
Unavailable for interview.

County Surveyor (Elect One)

EMMETT W. MILLS
Unavailable for interview.

Register of Deeds (Elect One)

HERBERT T. BAYNES

Board of Review of Independence Township.

JAMES L. GARDNER
Milford; 62; Township super- visor since 1935; treasurer 1931-32.

FREDERICK J. HARMER
Pontiac; 49; Detroit College of Law; Pontiac constable 1932-33.

Drain Commissioner (Elect One)

EARL L. CLARK
Incumbent; Pontiac; 46; civil engineer; grad. Michigan State College 1914; grad. Wayne State College 1919; date; past president Okla- land County Engineering Society; vice-president Michigan Engineer- ing Society; past president, Michi- gan Association of County Drain Commissioners.

County Surveyor (Elect One)

RICHARD J. BETZING
Incumbent; Sylvan Lake; 47; tax description engineer in coun- ty treasurer's office; deputy coun- ty surveyor 1928-31; county sur- veyor 1944 to date.

Non-Partisan Judicial Ballot Circuit Court Commissioners

MAURICE F. COLE
Incumbent; Ferndale; 54; grad. Alma College, AB; Univ. of Mich., MA; Detroit College of Law, LL.B.; asst. prosecuting city 1932-34; circuit court commissioner since 1938.

Non-Partisan Judicial Ballot Circuit Court Commissioners

VERNE HAMPTON
Incumbent; Pontiac; 44; grad. Detroit College of Law, LL.B.; cir- cuit court commissioner since 1936.

Non-Partisan Judicial Ballot Circuit Court Commissioners

CECIL McCALLUM
Pontiac; 47; attended U. of M.; grad. Detroit College of Law, LL.B.; city for 15 years; member of Ma- sons, dist. committee member Clin- ton Valley Council, Boy Scouts, Exchange club, Chamber of Com- merce, Oakland Cty. Sportsmen's club.

Non-Partisan Judicial Ballot Circuit Court Commissioners

WILLIAM H. SCHAIBERGER
Ferndale; 35; circuit court, pro- secuting city, 1944-47; deputy city clerk assigned to Judge Doty's division of circuit court.

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County Treasurer (Elect One)

DUANE O. JOHNSON
Pontiac; 40; building contractor.

County Clerk (Elect One)

LEO BURLEY
Unavailable for interview.

County Treasurer (Elect One)

CHARLES E. SPARKS
Incumbent; Pontiac; 66; county treasurer for 16 years.

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Around The Cracker Barrel

Most of you will remember that cowboy philosopher, Will Rogers. He was part Indian, all American. You can probably remember him saying, "My ancestors didn't come over on the Mayflower. They were waiting on the shore to greet it." Well, some of Rogers' ancestors were probably sunning themselves on that bright morning at Jamestown, Virginia, when a windjammer slowly came over the horizon. That would be in 1609, some time before the Mayflower. With the Indians there were some Englishmen, standing a bit aloof, their eyes straining to catch the identity of the approaching vessel.

After the ship arrived, sails were furled, themselves were given, the crew started to unload its cargo. The few settlers at Jamestown were waiting for so many things, they must have been quite disappointed when the crew began herding sheep down the gangplank. Many a settler must have turned away in disappointment as this scraggy herd were put to pasture in the small clearing back of the village.

But this was an important day, for these were the first sheep landed in this country, on this continent. It was from this first herd that the first crude woolen fabrics were woven. It was the beginning of a vast new industry, the beginning of a new era.

And now as winter approaches we all begin to think about woollens. For in wool there is warmth and comfort, protection from the cold breezes of autumn and from the cold blasts of winter. Pretty soon we'll be beginning to buy woolen dresses, and coats, and suits, sweaters and hose. Wool is not over-abundant, never has been. That is one reason why it has always been so very expensive than many other fabrics. But so woolens are cheap, it seems. How can this be? Well, let's have a look.

To begin with, almost all of our wool comes from one of four kinds of sheep. The Merino Sheep produces the best wool. The fiber is strong, fine and elastic. It can be readily worked, and is soft and silky. The Long-wool Sheep produces a harder, rougher and scraggier wool. This type is used in some clothing, such as Shetland and Harris tweeds, and in some floor coverings. Mutton Sheep are those animals bred principally for meat, their wool being of a very inferior quality. Yet, the total production of wool from Merino sheep is greater than from all the rest. Crossbred Sheep, being a cross between the Merino and the Mutton Sheep, produces a very irregular wool, used mostly for carpets and inexpensive woolen clothing.

So, right away we can begin to see why some woollens are cheaper. As the biggest part of our supply comes from the Merino and Crossbred sheep, it is quite understandable why there is a great quantity of cheap woolen fabrics for sale.

But there is another difference, even in the same breed of wool. The first fleece sheared from a lamb about six to eight months old is known as lambs' wool. This is the very finest quality, and when taken from a Merino lamb is soft, silky, beautiful. Wool taken from a sheep twelve to fourteen months old is called hogget wool. This fiber is also soft, fine, resilient. But wool taken from a sheep more than fourteen months old is called wether wool. It is tougher, coarser, contains much scum and dirt.

When sheep are slaughtered for meat, their wool is pulled from the pelt, usually by use of lime. This is called pulled wool, is of very low quality, is used as low-grade woolen fabrics. There is still one other type of wool, known as Dead Wool. This is taken from sheep which are found dead on the range. This is a very inferior quality of wool, not to be used by good manufacturers.

Some years ago the Government passed the Wool Products Labeling Act. This act requires that the fabric be correctly labeled, to show the percentage of fibers. But this act does not require the manufacturer to state the type of wool found in the garment. A label which reads "100% virgin wool" means only that the wool used has not previously been worked into fabric. It really doesn't mean much.

Maybe this is all pretty dry and uninteresting. But in it are the few principles we need to know to protect us in our purchase of woollens. But, I can hear you say, how will this information help me get a good buy? How can I tell whether a sweater is from a Merino lamb, or from a dead Mutton sheep? How can I tell whether I should pay an extra dollar, and buy the more expensive of two garments offered? How can a little knowledge about sheep help me get the most for my money?

And such questions, of course, show how very inadequate our knowledge is. For, neither you nor I can tell about wool by looking at it, or even by examining it. We can be very easily fooled. And in this lays the danger. There has to be one thing more; we have to know who puts his name to the garment.

Like everything else you buy, the name of the maker is your best protection. If you know that maker has a reputation to uphold, he won't cheat you or me. But if you go off buying a thing as tricky as woollens, depending upon your ability to judge them, then you'll come out second best.

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So when you begin to buy woollens for yourself and your family, remember you can be badly fooled. Also remember, you probably won't be fooled, if you know the maker's label and his reputation for honesty and quality. Be certain of quality and value by buying woollens at the Store of National Brands.

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