

Candidates Give Brief Views on Political Issues

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A famous coin collector once advertised an offer of \$75 for every 1913 Liberty-head nickel sent to him. During the 1920's and 1930's it was common practice for one to look at his change to see if such a nickel turned up. Finally the public came to realize that 1913 was the year the Liberty-head design was changed by the U. S. Treasury to the buffalo pattern. Strangely enough the Liberty-head nickels with 1913 date were struck off at the mint which didn't show up in the Treasury records. The most recent exchange of one of these nickels was made for \$375. This is a high price for a coin of 25-cent intrinsic value at the time of issue was about half a cent.

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Candidates for Congress	What steps do you consider most important to our foreign policy in securing the peace?	What Federal fiscal policies do you have, will best promote a prosperous U.S. economy?	In what pieces of legislation are you especially interested? State support or opposition.
George A. Dondero (Rep.), 66, Royal Oak, Incumbent since 1948.	Comments firm stand taken in Korea. "Until Russia knows we are going to stand firmly for our principles, there will be no peace. Now it is necessary to provide adequately for our defense and security."	Reduce public spending and taxes as much as possible. Favors reducing excise taxes.	Opposes socialized medicine. Opposes entrusting U.S. government any further in socialized patterns, doing services that should be done at grass-roots. Favors legislation to curb "red aliens."
Eugene G. Donohoe (Dem.), 65, Detroit atty. Former law professor. Univ. of Detroit. Asst. State Atty. General, 1951-55.	Continue assistance to friendly nations, economically and militarily, if need be, so they can resist communist aggression. Strengthen UN to give it a strong military force to enable it to intervene without delay in case of armed conflict by aggressor nation.	Favors Social Security to cover those not now under law; placing Social Security Fund on sound basis. Favors tax on excess profits, luxuries to meet war expenditures.	Urgently needed is elimination of over governmental bureaus, agencies. Authority of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service be strengthened to eliminate long and costly strikes. Favors St. Lawrence Waterways and River Flood Control legislation. Advocates enlargement of trade agreements.
State Candidates	Do you think state services and financing are adequate, economical and efficient?	How do you feel about the state taxation system?	Do you think the legislature should be reappointed? How?
GOVERNOR Harry F. Kelly (Rep.), 55, Detroit Governor, 1942-46. Former secy. of state, Atty.	Believes mental health program should be carried forward; adult education promoted. Wants complete survey of all governmental units to increase efficiency, reduce costs.	Wants complete revision of system. Hopes there will be no new taxes except gas and weight tax for better roads.	Favors straight population in House, additional seats and area in Senate. Enforce through constitutional amendment.
G. Mennen Williams (Dem.), 49, Detroit, Incumbent, Atty. State Liquor Control Commission, 1947-48; OPA, 1946-47.	Believes many state services inadequate. Need hospital for children who need treatment in mental health; social and educational rehabilitation service for aged. Urges "Hoover" form of state reorganization.	Believes new state revenue source inevitable. Recommends corporation tax, consumer tax, alcohol sales tax, would not change it unless there is another way to provide school funds.	Legislature should be reappointed. Suggests some state officer be made responsible, so reappointment can be enforced by responsible, mandatory action. Apportion on straight population basis.
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR William C. Vandenberg (Rep.), 54, Holland, 3rd term as state senator. Former member Holland city council.	No additional services needed; none need improving. State has sufficient funds, but not equitably distributed.	Believes entire structure needs revamping. Doesn't favor corporation income tax. Wouldn't remove or decrease sales tax at this time.	Did not care to comment on reappointment.
John W. Connelly (Dem.), 39, Detroit, Incumbent, Atty.	Mental hospital situation bad, but state can't render more services than now has; funds insufficient.	If more tax required, would favor corporation income tax. Opposes individual income tax. Opposes more excise taxes.	Favors both houses on straight population. Enforce by making some state officer responsible. Would re-district cities separately.
SECRETARY OF STATE Frederick M. Alger (Rep.), 49, Grosse Pointe, Incumbent.	Can give improved services with facilities state now has. Wants increased mental hospital program, but not until enough money if sales tax holds up.	Opposes corporation tax. Doesn't favor changes in state tax system at present. Favors increase in gas and weight tax to improve roads.	Wants reappointment, but more interested in re-districting cities. Would apportion on straight population basis in House, area in Senate.
Philip A. Hart (Dem.), 38, Birmingham, Atty. Present Commission. Ex. Corporation and Securities Comm.	Would expand state hospitals with emphasis on children's, mental hospitals. Expand work of sex deviate clinic. State hasn't enough money to provide existing services.	Immediate need for substantial, adequate, new revenue source. Corporation profits tax will do this on an equitable basis. With it, could reduce some inequitable excise and sales taxes.	Favors both chambers on population basis. Would district cities separately, as objective would be lost if this included in a reappointment plan.
AUDITOR GENERAL John B. Martin (Rep.), 41, Grand Rapids, Atty. Present member, State Senate.	Services to children, mental hospitals need improvement. Spent \$65 million bond issue amendment. Whether or not state has enough money depends upon the trend of state revenues and war program during the next few months.	Gas and weight tax should be increased because of road needs; all other taxes remain "as is". Changes in tax system depends on how much revenue is needed.	Favors straight population in house except as this is affected by the moiety provision, area in the Senate. Plan should provide for districting of cities.
Margaret Price (Dem.), 38, Ann Arbor, Housewife, Present Chairman Mich. Youth Comm.	Should institute mental hospital program, provide facilities for children's hospitals. State responsibility to promote state housing program. Increase health facilities. State needs further funds.	Doesn't favor increase in consumer tax. No change in sales tax. Favors corporation net income tax. Opposed to income taxes. Favors no change in excise, gas or weight tax.	Favors on basis of straight population in both chambers. Favors districting of Detroit. Three state officers should be authorized to enforce apportionment.
ATTORNEY GENERAL Frank G. Millard (Rep.), 58, Flint, Special Asst. Atty. General, Stram Control Comm.	Unable to arrange interview in time for publication.	Opposes individual income taxes. No additional excise, gas and weight tax. Favors corporation net income tax.	Favors straight population in both chambers, districting of cities considered separately. Some state elected official should reappointment if legislature doesn't.
Stephen J. Roth (Dem.), 42, Flint, Incumbent, Pres. Atty. Genesee County 1941-42.	Mental health program most pressing improvement. Cannot consider money services now. With expected deficit, need new taxes.	Would review sales tax exemptions. Leave sales tax "as is". Favors either Corporation Net Income Tax or Individual Income (flat rate), depending on amount needed.	Favors straight population in house, districting moiety and area in Senate. Favors modifying cities. Would enforce by giving authority to an administrative body or state official.
STATE TREASURER D. Hale Brake (Rep.), 59, St. Clair, Incumbent, State Senator 1935-42, State Treas. since 1943.	Need better highways, facilities for mental hygiene. Impossible to expand state services without great tax increase. Need more funds to continue present services in the near future.	Believes tax system needs overhauling, but no new taxes needed if tax laws plugged.	Favors reappointment of senate under a plan prohibiting any county getting more than 25 per cent controlling vote on population basis. Districting of cities a separate issue.
Maurice E. Ewland (Dem.), 37, Marysville.	Unable to arrange interview in time for publication.	Favors corporation net income tax. Opposes additional consumers' tax. Favors reduction of sales tax, gas and weight tax if possible.	Favors districting of cities. Would base reappointment more nearly according to population, but would avoid centralizing power in any one area.
STATE SENATOR George N. Higgins (Rep.), 50, Ferndale, Incumbent, Auto dealer.	More state aid necessary for hospitals, schools, but believes state already provides too many services. State has enough money now.	Believes present gas and weight tax works against cities. Favors larger return of intangibles tax to 1946 localities from which they come. Thinks present tax burden maximum.	Voted for reappointment. Districting of cities necessary. Believes enforceable by giving authority to already established state agency.
Wilbur W. Woody (Dem.), 28, Hazel Park, Salesman.	State mental institutions, hospitals, roads need improvement. Says economies could be made in some services but not to hinder operations.	Favors tax study commission report soon as possible on coordinating tax system. Says "It's a question of whether we have new taxes but what new taxes are best."	Favors straight population basis in House, area in Senate.
STATE REP. THIRD DIST. Howard R. Estes (Rep.), 56, Birmingham, Incumbent since 1946. Former 28th city commissioner. Dry cleaning plant owner (Alpena).	Knows of no glaring state inefficiencies existing. Says services never perfect because of human element.	Believes present gas and weight tax works against cities. Favors larger return of intangibles tax to 1946 localities from which they come. Thinks present tax burden maximum.	Voted for reappointment. Districting of cities necessary. Believes enforceable by giving authority to already established state agency.
Agne Garrison (Dem.), 42, Birmingham, Pres. Urban Community Council, V-P. League Women Voters.	Wants improvements in services for mental health, children's mental hospitals, education. Says "staff cuts in all these services cost the taxpayer more in the long run."	Believes present gas and weight tax works against cities. Favors larger return of intangibles tax to 1946 localities from which they come. Thinks present tax burden maximum.	Favors straight population basis in House, area in Senate.
County Candidates	What do you consider the most important problem facing Oakland County?	Are there any improvements which you would put into effect if you are elected?	
SHERIFF Clare L. Hubbell (Rep.), 47, Pontiac, Incumbent, Oakland County law enforcement officer 20 years.	Police protection for large factories and industries most pressing now that we face threat of war. Constant police vigilance needed.	Will continue cooperation with other law enforcement agencies; make any improvements that are possible for good of the department. "Was within my budget for 1949."	
Clarence E. Lindsey (Dem.), 48, Pontiac, Pontiac police department 23 years service. Now self-employed.	"Justice depends on law enforcement without fear or favor. Integrity of the sheriff's office can be restored."	"Believe people should have opportunity to get a better job of law enforcement. I am free from control by any clique."	
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY Clyde D. Underwood (Rep.), 60, Pontiac, Incumbent since 1946. Also prosecutor 1925-29.	Traffic. Could be solved by better highways, cuingup police cars with loud speakers, more traffic signals, road signs.	"Would continue reforms in administration and prosecution which I have initiated, and put into effect others which may be needed."	
William A. Welsh (Dem.), 59, Royal Oak, Troy Twp. Atty.	Improvement of local government.	Changing of several laws pertaining to recording matters, enactment of new law pertaining to co-partnership and the changing of a number of election laws to meet the mechanics of printing county ballots.	
COUNTY CLERK Iryn D. Allen (Rep.), 51, Pontiac, Incumbent since 1935.	If approved by board of supervisors and board of additions would microfilm all statistical records in clerk's office, alleviating crowded vault condition, and save upwards of \$10,000 in new vault equipment and construction.	"Any improvements I would make would be made after a complete survey of the present system."	
Fred Wilkinson (Dem.), 63, Farmington, Accountant. Has been office manager, auditor.	Roads, keeping them in repair and extending where necessary.	"We constantly make improvements in the office."	
COUNTY TREASURER Charles A. Sparks (Rep.), 57, Pontiac, Incumbent Jan. 18 years.	Hospitalization and welfare.	"Difficult to say. Not having been connected with the office, I do not know what improvements are necessary."	
A. Glenn Wilson (Dem.), 47, Pontiac, In insurance business 15 years. Former accountant.	County should have county manager form of government.	"Oakland County records its papers for the least cost of any county in the state and thereby records much larger profit. It is planned to continue the project of microfilm index system."	
REGISTER OF DEEDS Opin McQuaid (Rep.), 45, Grand Rapids, Incumbent since 1939.	"Most important general problem is to obtain wider, more enthusiastic public interest in local government."	"If elected, the people would be able to find their register of deeds at the office at all times. I would work for, earn and deliver on the job for the people of Oakland County. I would not engage in any other activity."	
Frederick J. Harmer (Dem.), 51, Lake Orion, Attorney.	Did not reply to questionnaire.	"As in the past, I will continue to make improvements as soon as feasible and practical."	
DRAIN COMMISSIONER Landmark (Rep.), 48, Incumbent since 1931 and held position 1935-46.	Did not reply to questionnaire.		
Glen A. Maples (Dem.)	Did not reply to questionnaire.		
SURVEYOR Clair L. Johnson (Rep.), 39, Drayton Plains, Civil engineer and land surveyor. Former engineer for Oakland County Drain Commission.	No questions asked this candidate.		
Democrat.	No Democratic candidate for this office.		

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