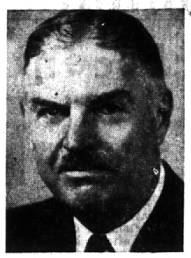
Candidates, Election Propositions Reviewed

ALVIN BENTLEY



NEIL STAEBLER

At-Large Post For Congressman Up to Electors

Republican Alvin M. Bentley and Democrat Neil Staebler will be two of the ballot choices for a two-year-term as congressman-at-large from Michigan. A third candidate is Ralph W. Muncy, running on the Socialist Labor ticket.

The candidates were asked six questions by the state LWV:

1. **What course of action should the United States pursue to improve trade with other nations?**
2. **Do you favor financial assistance to the nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America? If so, what basis should this aid be extended?**
3. **What federal legislation, if any, should be enacted to promote the planning and development of our growing water needs?**
4. **In your opinion do the states need more help from the federal government to finance education adequately? If so, what form should this assistance take?**
5. **What responsibility, if any, do you think the federal government has for meeting the health needs of our older citizens?**
6. **What national government problem interests you most? Please explain.**

ALVIN BENTLEY (R)

1. "The United States and its representatives should receive authority and considerable flexibility to negotiate, on a genuinely reciprocal basis, the lowering of tariffs and the reduction of quotas with other countries in order to improve international trade relations.

"This will also require assistance for certain domestic industries on the basis that this country will continue to possess a favorable balance of trade in world markets.

2. "FINANCIAL assistance of both an economic and military nature may properly be extended to the nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America within the limits of our available resources, provided that two conditions are met: (1) Priority should be extended to those countries who are firmly and unequivocally on our side in the struggle against international Communism and (2) needed internal reforms within the recipient countries should be required so that the citizens of that country contribute as much proportionately as our own people.

3. FEDERAL GRANTS, on a matching basis, might be extended to the states to enable them to promote the planning and development of our growing water needs. The cooperation of industrial and conservation organizations should definitely be enlisted.

The Federal government might also be authorized to regulate the use of those navigable waters over which it already has jurisdiction to

(See ELECTORS, 3-B)

Roberts Vies With Smith In 12th District

Farrell E. Roberts, Republican, and Leland H. Smith, Democrat, will vie for the post of state senator from the 12th district.

Two questions were asked the candidates by the LWV.

1. **What course of action is needed to improve the financial situation of Michigan?**
2. **Do you feel the proposed Constitution should or should not be adopted? And why?**

FARRELL ROBERTS (R)

1. "A strong executive must review our state services and abolish those not required.

Having decided upon these services needed he must plan how most efficiently to furnish them.

He must then act to finance them responsibly.

2. "Yes. The new constitution is a balanced document and a great improvement over the present. It will aid toward streamlining our present hodge podge of one hundred twenty odd commissions by allowing the governor and legislature to reform them into twenty departments."

ROBERTS, 40, won his law degree from the U of M and his bachelor of science from the U.S. Naval Academy. A member of the state and national bar associations, he is a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve and has seen service in the governmental field as assistant prosecuting attorney, as state representative for three years and as state senator for the past year.

LELAND H. SMITH (D)

1. "Michigan's current financial mess requires immediate and complete revision of our present illogical and discriminatory tax patterns.

"We must honestly reappraise our presently inadequate state services, especially in the areas of mental health, education, and recreation, and then we must courageously develop a totally new tax program aimed to insuring adequate financial support for necessary state activities.

"I am convinced that a revised tax system must be built around a state income tax and that other taxes should be considered as they

(See VIES, 4-B)

In cooperation with the League of Women Voters of Oakland County, The Birmingham Eccentric is publishing the candidates' answers to questions prepared by the LWV.

Biographies of the candidates appear with each reply.

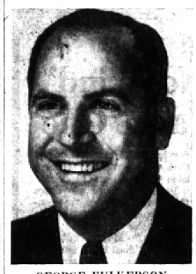
Three area branches of the league worked closely with this newspaper to present information to help each voter make his or her decision. They are the Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Southfield LWV branches.

The ballot on Nov. 6 will include three proposals and present voters with a choice of candidates for numerous state and county posts as well as candidates for the national and state house of representatives.

Broomfield, Fulkerson Running for Congress

Two men will try for the post of U. S. Congressman from the 18th congressional district. They are incumbent Congressman William S. Broomfield, Republican, and George J. Fulkerson, Democrat.

W. BROOMFIELD



GEORGE FULKERSON

In answer to the six questions asked of the two candidates (see list of questions in story on candidates for congressman-at-large post).

W. S. BROOMFIELD (R)

1. "BECAUSE we are a nation capable of producing much more than we consume, we must go out into the world to market our goods. To permit our businesses to better compete abroad we need: 1. A sound tariff and trade policy with power to reduce tariffs on a reciprocal basis. 2. Lower depreciation rates to permit plant modernization and expansion. 3. Wholehearted cooperation between management and labor to meet the competition we will face.

2. "YES, NOT ONLY do we have a moral obligation to attempt to ease misery in these areas, but we also find it in our own best interests. Strong local governments mean less chance of Communist infiltration. As living standards rise, people in these developing areas become customers for our goods, thereby helping to raise our own living standards.

3. "FEDERAL LEGISLATION is not as necessary as local awareness, as water supply generally is a state and local problem. Our own problem, for instance, is not lack of water, but lack of water in the right places. We need sound planning, a continuing fight against pollution of water sources and more efficient use of water supply by industry and local government.

4. "MOST DO NOT need Federal help. A few states without adequate tax base might need a helping hand over the rough spots. Federal participation should be limited to helping those that need help and not a shotgun program of handouts. We need continuation and expansion of the National Defense Education Act and its loan and scholarship provisions.

5. "I THINK THE Federal government has the responsibility of supplying adequate medical and hospital care to all our citizens, whether or not they receive social security. Also, such programs should give maximum benefits to

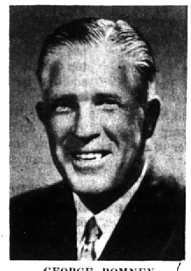
(See CONGRESS, 4-B)

3 Candidates in Race For Governor's Chair

On Tuesday, Michigan voters will cast their ballots for one of three gubernatorial candidates, Republican George Romney; incumbent John B. Swainson, Democrat; and James Zim, Socialist Labor. The three men were posed two questions by the Michigan League of Women Voters:

1. **What course of action is needed to improve the financial situation of Michigan?**
2. **Do you feel the proposed constitution should or should not be adopted and why?**

JOHN SWAINSON



GEORGE ROMNEY

GEORGE ROMNEY (R)

1. Romney said, "Michigan's biggest need is leadership to provide jobs. We must bring job creators to Michigan and we must encourage the expansion of job creating businesses already located in Michigan.

"We also need spending reform as well as reform of our tax structure. This involves establishing the essentiality of every aspect of state government, insuring the efficiency and economy of all operations, and a revision of our tax structure to provide adequate money for essential state operations.

"Any tax reform must have the objectives of relief to low income families, property tax relief, business tax relief and adequate revenue for local government operations."

2. "The issue here is a simple one: Is the new Constitution better than our present 1908 constitution? Does it provide for better government and better living for Michigan citizens? My answer is an emphatic "yes."

In the new document delegates have written the finest civil rights provision in the nation; revamped election procedures to save at least one million dollars every two years.

"THE LEGISLATURE apportionment has been unfrozen to provide for shifting populations of the future and to increase immediately the representation from industrial counties; the executive branch has been streamlined; overall planning and leadership responsibility for education is given to the state Board of Education; finance provisions are made more realistic; local government has been strengthened; and counties are permitted home rule."

THE REPUBLICAN candidate, 55, is a resident of Bloomfield Township and was formerly chairman and president of American Motors Corp. He attended the University of Utah and George Washington University and his career has included various executive posts with Nash-Kelvinator Corp.

Credited with organizing "Citizens for Michigan," Romney was a delegate and vice president of the state constitutional convention. He has served on numerous business and civic committees.

JOHN B. SWAINSON (D)

1. "Total reform of Michigan's structure is vital if we are to remove the unfairness inherent in our out-moded tax system; provide for soundly-financed public services and give impetus to the state's economic growth.

"An income tax, alone, would not achieve sensible fiscal reform. I have advocated repeal of unfair business taxes, which are neither conducive to nor reflective of economic growth. In addition, it is my firm conviction that total reform must be based on a decreasing dependency on consumption taxes and a greater dependency on taxes levied upon earning power.

"MY TAX PROGRAM called for exemption from the sales tax of the basic necessities of life—groceries and drugs—since these taxes hit hardest the persons with low incomes.

"A state tax on corporate and personal incomes is the cornerstone of fiscal reform. It responds to growth and, at the same time respects the reduction of ability to pay in times of economic slowdown.

"I do not believe any resident of Michigan should be called upon to pay more than his fair share in taxes, nor less than his fair share."

2. "I have proposed seven points of action that would result in a constitutional draft the majority of people will accept. My seven-point proposal would eradicate the glaring deficiencies of the draft as presented when the convention recessed. Without these changes the Constitution is unacceptable."

SWAINSON, 36, was lieutenant-governor before assuming his post as governor of the state. From 1955-58, he was state senator from the 18th district. He is a member of the Lions, Elks and all congressionally-chartered veterans' organizations.

JAMES SIM (SL)

1. "I cannot conceive of any action which would improve the financial condition of Michigan. Michigan cannot be isolated from the whole nation and the whole nation cannot be isolated from capitalism with its production of commodities based on sale and private profit. The economic conditions of the working class ever sinks in relation to the growing wealth of the capitalist owners of industry.

"As the condition of the workers grows worse, unemployment and poverty-created physical and men-

(See CHAIR, 4-B)

Proposals Explained

Voters in the area will decide the fate of three proposals Nov. 6. Explanations of the questions, as prepared by the county League of Women Voters, follows:

BIRMINGHAM

The local proposition is a request by the City to sell a 10-acre site it owns on Coolidge Highway in the City of Troy.

With the completion of the Coolidge branch of the Twelve-Town Drain next year, the City states that it will have no further need of the property. The money from the sale of this property would be placed in the City's capital improvement fund.

OAKLAND COUNTY

According to the 1960 census, the population of Oakland County was 690,603 at that time. The County Clerk is now asking the permission of the electorate to abolish the office of county surveyor as so designated in State Act No. 196 of the Local Acts of 1941.

MICHIGAN

The present state constitution prohibits a general revision of the statutes. The state legislature is asking for an amendment to the state constitution which would permit it (the legislature) to enact a law to provide a method for the general revision of the statutes. Any proposed revision would then have to be adopted by the legislature.

At present, Michigan is the only state which by constitutional provision prohibits the general revision of the statutes.

This amendment will not effect the proposed constitution which will be voted on in April, 1963.

3rd District Race Paces Hogan, Foley

Candidates in the third district race for state house of representatives are Republican Henry M. Hogan Jr. and Democrat John F. Foley

Answers to the LWV's questions (see list in story on state senate race) are:

HENRY M. HOGAN JR. (R)

1. "The executive department must first have a performance audit made on all administrative agencies to identify and eliminate duplication of activities. The legislature should then encourage business growth by repealing the Business Activities Tax, modify tax to be more equitable."

The repealed taxes must then be replaced by the lower administrative spending, new revenue from increased growth and a fair broad based tax.

II. "THE NEW constitution should be adopted because it is an overall improvement over the present document. While there are areas where it could be improved to suit my own political philosophy, such improvements might not be accepted by all the voters of the state and practically we must compromise. The improvements in the executive and judicial departments alone should be enough for the citizens of the state to overwhelmingly endorse it. The new document will streamline the far too numerous commissions and relieve some of the political pressure from the judiciary."

HOGAN, 29 incumbent representative from the Third District, is a Birmingham resident and won his law degree at the U. of M. A practicing attorney and associate publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric, he is a member of the state, national, county and Detroit Bar associations and a director of Wayne University Press Club.

He also a member of the board of Brookside School and a referee for the Birmingham Teenage Traffic Court.

JOHN F. FOLEY (D)

I. I favor the passage of Gov. Swainson's fiscal reform program, including the income tax. I believe a reapportioned legislature is essential to responsive and respon-

(See RACE, 3-B)

County Contestants Line Up to Go

The races for county offices are probably less publicized, yet are the most important local part of the election. The electorate will be asked to select a prosecuting attorney, drain commissioner, sheriff, clerk-register of deeds, treasurer and surveyor for the next six years.

Each of the candidates were asked by the League of Woman Voters the following question: "What are the problems connected with the office you seek and how would you solve them if elected?"

A brief biography of each candidate and his answer to the question follows:

Pros. Attorney

GEORGE F. TAYLOR (R)

Bloomfield Township, age 66; LLB Detroit College of Law and Wayne University post graduate work in criminology, Northwestern University; legal clerk for Judge Doty 1944-1946, assistant Prosecutor, Sept. 1946-1953, chief trial lawyer and chief assistant prosecutor, 1953-Nov. 1959; Prosecuting attorney for Oakland County.

"PERSONS IN JAIL are entitled to a speedy trail, and my record proves that they are afforded same under my jurisdiction. I have originated and 'Off the Record' Court for teenagers from 17 to 20, to prevent them from having a criminal record. Since 1953 to date, 1150 teenagers have been handled through this novel court. 420 are in the armed services and all have made good.

"Only 30 of the above number have committed a second offense, for which they have been punished. I have just filed a new bill in the legislature to expunge the record of first offenders who have lived in society for a period of five (5) years without violating any law."

S. J. BRONSON (D)

Oak Park; age 32; U of M; LL.b. Wayne State University; attorney, Madison Heights.

"DIFFICULTY IN keeping competent trial lawyers on the Staff. A definite plan of salary increments and a consistent promotion program is called for to keep talented men from leaving prematurely.

"The prosecuting attorney should be more than a public relations man, he should participate in the trial of cases. Because of the inconsistent approach in the issuance of warrants on the local level — depending upon the personal whims of the assistant prosecuting attorney on duty at that particular moment—Warrants are sometimes issued or not issued for an identical offense.

"This has caused confusion and not the best working relationship between local police and the office of the prosecuting attorney. This must be corrected. A division of labor is called for with some assistants trying justice court cases and conducting examinations, and some assistants trying circuit court cases. There is too much confusion and too much time being lost by assistant prosecutors running all over the county, and in all different directions, and doing all different things."

Drain Commissioner

DANIEL W. BARRY (R)

Union Lake, age 39; attended MSU. Presently Oakland County Drain Commissioner. Three terms.

"THE DRAIN commissioner, under petition, is responsible to construct and maintain sewage, drainage and lake level facilities for the county political subdivisions. Problems in these three areas are being solved under my administration by the following projects currently under construction or scheduled for construction in the fall of 1962.

"In the drainage area: The Twelve Towns Relief Drains, Red Run Enclosure Drain, Bear Creek Enclosure Drain, Sharkey Drain, Kitchey Drain, Eight Mile Drain, Northwestern Drain, Southfield Drain and the Skae Drain.

"In the Sewage Area: The Dequindre Interceptor.

"In the Lake Level Area: Commerce Lake, Upper, Middle and Lower Straits Lakes, Cass Lake, Cedar Island Lake, Oxbow Lake, Bevins Lake and Long Lake.

"These projects are solving current problems in Oakland County. As future problems occur, solutions will be found and facilities constructed in the same dynamic pattern which has characterized my administration."

ROY J. RUSSELL (D)

Pontiac, age 32; Bsce, U of M, consulting civil engineer, registered professional engineer. McAlpine Engineers, Inc. as director and a principal of firm. Present branch manager of Birmingham office of Secretary of State.

"THE MAJOR PROBLEM in the drain office today is the present drain commissioner. Recent headlines in local newspapers point out various actions by the incumbent which are contrary to sound administrative principles. Many of his actions would leave one to question his qualifications to administer his office.

"Oakland County currently is indebted approximately 50 million dollars for drainage projects. The drain commissioner, as chairman of the various drainage boards, is entrusted by the public to see that public funds are carefully spent.

"Since all drain projects require extensive engineering plans for their execution, it is necessary therefore, that to properly oversee the vast expenditures of public monies, the drain commissioner must be an administrator who is also an engineer. It is in the engineering and construction phases where thousands of dollars can be lost if un-qualified administrators are in charge.

"THE PRESENT commissioner is Not an engineer. His three immediate predecessors were REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERS as well as able administrators. It is time to fill a professional job with a professional man!"

Sheriff

FRANK IRONS (R)

Pontiac; age 63; high school; sheriff of Oakland County; Chief of Police, Berkley; over 30 years;

(See COUNTY, 4-B)

No Competition For 3 Positions In Oakland

The only uncontested posts on this fall's ballot are in the county category.

For judge of probate, Donald E. Adams is the only contender.

Two circuit court commissioners are sure to win the positions for which they have entered their names on the ballot. They are Maurice F. Cole, and Verne C. Hampton; there are two chairs to fill in this classification.

The three positions are non-partisan contests.

Baker, Kramer Run for Office In 4th District

In the fourth district, two men will run for a post in the state house of representatives. They are Republican Raymond L. Baker and Democrat Albert A. Kramer.

In answer to the questions posed by the LWV (see story on state senate race):

RAYMOND L. BAKER (R)

1. "I did not feel that an income tax as it was proposed this year was the answer to our financial problems in the state of Michigan. As it was being considered it was another formation on top of the many specific taxes which we already have.

"In the future such a tax will probably be considered. I would be in favor of such a tax if studies for relief in other tax areas were given such as some relief in certain property tax areas, some relief to retirees who cannot pay our modern day taxes on the little home which they obtained many years ago.

"I also believe that the term 'fiscal responsibility' means spending as well as collecting the tax dollar which the people pay into the treasury of the various forms of government.

2. I BELIEVE the proposed Constitution should and will be adopted by the people of Michigan. A convention was held as asked for by the people and a good constitution has been written.

"Due to the varied interests of the people in our large and diversified state it is quite natural that everyone cannot be satisfied on all issues involved. However, it is an improvement and any inequities can be changed by referendum of the people as the need arises."

BAKER, 55, attended the Detroit

(See OFFICE, 3-B)

Tickets for 3 Parties List State Candidates

On the state level, in addition to contest for the gubernatorial seat, voters will elect men to fill the posts of lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer and auditor general.

Candidates for the above positions were asked the same two questions by the LWV as the contenders for state congressional jobs. (The questions are listed in the story on the senatorial race in the 12th district.)

The candidates' biographies and answers to the LWV's questions follow:

Lt. Governor

CLARENCE A. REID (R)

Detroit, 69, Circleville, Ohio High School, LLB University of Michigan, Attorney. Previously: State Senator, 18th District, 10 years, and Lt. Governor 2 years. Westown Lions Club.

1. WE SHOULD first have economy in government. Then make the business climate favorable to business thus bringing payrolls to the state and likewise business which in turn would produce a better financial situation.

2. "THE 1908 constitution is somewhat outmoded they say. The proposed new one is an improvement in many ways. However, I do not like the elimination of certain state offices from election as I am strongly in favor of the people expressing their preference at election time. I have great faith in the elective system. The next move could very well eliminate all elective offices. The people will thusly pass on this matter at the proper time."

T. JOHN LESINSKI (D)

Detroit 35; LLB, University of Detroit; Attorney; Lt. Governor of Michigan, 10 years Michigan House of Representatives, Member Interstate Cooperation Commission, member Industrial Center Kiwanis Club of Detroit since 1953.

1. "MICHIGAN IS in dire need of tax reform. Our tax system must be so revised as to give us an adequate revenue yield with the burden of said taxes being spread equitably upon all of our citizens both individuals and corporations. The system should have incorporated in it features of stable yield such as certain advalorum taxes have, as well as equity which is found in an income tax, which is a tax based on ability to pay.

"WE SHOULD guard against a maze of local income taxes. We must give industry relief from the Business Activities Tax, high franchise fees, as well as the personal property tax. We must relieve individuals from the so-called nuisance taxes on beer, wine, whiskey and cigarettes.

"Relief should be granted to individuals on the sales tax charged on food and medical needs. The program advocated by Governor Swainson to this legislature in 1961 and 1962 would have helped to achieve this.

"This program has features which would have permitted new businesses or morginal ones to operate with a minimum fixed tax liability until they were in a position to pay proportionately more. Michigan can no longer stand the patch work it has in its tax system.

2. "MICHIGAN CITIZENS invested more than two million dollars with the hopes that they would have a new improved constitution, a new basic document that would help alleviate our fiscal problems among other things.

"Unfortunately the proposed document does not at this juncture achieve the hopes and desires stated in advance of the constitutional convention. It is true that certain sound advances are proposed such as appeal in criminal matters as a matter of right, the

(See TICKETS, 5-A)

Voters Will Elect 2 State Justices From 4 Candidates

Two seats must be filled in the Michigan State Supreme Court. Both will be voted for on a non-partisan basis.

For a term ending Dec. 31, 1967, Paul L. Adams and Michael D. O'Hara are listed as contenders.

Another term is open to one of two other candidates. This justice seat is for a term ending Dec. 31, 1965. Ballot opponents are Louis D. McGregor and Otis M. Smith.

Voters are urged to exercise caution when voting for these two posts. For each term, only one man will be elected.