

PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1951

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LUZERNE COUNTY

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VOTE AND URGE YOUR FRIENDS TO VOTE

JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

(vote for 1) Term of Office: Single 21 years T. McKeen Chidsey R. Unopposed.

Grover C. Ladner

D. Justice Supreme Court Philadelphia. Age: 65. U. of P. U. of P. Law, LL.B. Pres. Schuylkill Valley Restoration Assoc.; Hon. Phila., Pa. Fed. of Sportsmen's Clubs; Ch. Conservation Comm.; Nat'l Dir. Izaak Walton League; Mem. Phila., Pa. and Amer. Bar Assos. Dep. Atty. General, 1935-37; Judge Orphan's Ct., Phila. Co., 1937-July 1950; Justice Supreme Ct., July 1950 to date.

Michael A. Musmanno

D. Pittsburgh. Judge, Court Common Pleas. Age: 52. Georgetown, George Washington, American National and Rome U. A. B., M.A., LL.B., LL.M., M.P.L., Dr. of Juristic Science; author, Pa. Legis. 2 terms; Judge, Court Common Pleas, 2 terms; U.S. rep. Internat'l War Crimes Trib., Nuremberg; Mil. Gov. war devastated areas.

JUDGE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

(vote for 1) Term of office: 10 years J. Harold Flannery R. & D. Unopposed.

JUDGE OF ORPHANS' COURT 11TH DIST.

(Vote for 1) Felix W. Bolowicz R. & D. Larksville Borough. Age: 59. Lawyer. Dickinson, A.B., A.M., Phi Beta Kappa; Columbia U. of Law, LL.B. Ass't Dist. Atty.; School Dir. Larksville Borough.

Benjamin R. Jones, Jr. R. & D. Wilkes-Barre, age: 45. Atty at Law. grad. Wyoming Seminary, Princeton, U. of P. Law. Trustee, Wyoming Seminary, Pres. Luz. Co. Bar Assn., 1948-50; former dir. Georgetown Settlement, Boy Scout Com., Asst. Dist. Atty., 1934-37, 1943-44.

Leon Schwartz R. & D. Nanticoke. Age 54. Atty. at Law. Public Schools; priv. law study in law offices of Arthur H. James, Ch. Welfare & Red Cross campaigns Nant.; Pres. Dist. Atty's Assn. of Pa., 1943; V. Ch. Pa. Bar Assn. Pub. Relations Comm.; Ch. Legal Com. St. Stanislaus Ins. District Atty., 1935-51.

T. G. Wadzinski R. & D. Nanticoke. Age: 49. Atty at Law. Penn State, B.S.; N.Y.U., M.S., J.D. Dir. Red Cross Chapter, 10 yrs.; Sel. Ser. Bd., 6 yrs.; Mem. Bd. Mgrs. Luz. Co. Indust. School, 1947 to pres. Luz. Co. Commissioner.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(Vote for 2) Term of office: 4 years Question: 1. Do you think the county should assume the responsibility for the maintenance of the contagious hospital? 2. What is your opinion of the need for a review of county property assessments to provide more adequate support of schools?

Herman C. Kersteen R. Incumbent. Kingston. Age: 51. Civil Eng., I.C.S.; Alexander Hamilton Inst. Ch. Highways Com., Wyo. Valley Motor Club; C. of C.; Lion's; Kingston Bus. Men's Assn.; Church Trustee; Pres. State Assn. Co. Commissioners; Ch. Civil Def. Com.; Nat'l Assn. Co. Officials. Kingston Borough Council.

John A. Riley D. Incumbent. Sugar Notch. W-B Bus. Col.; Ch. USO, Sugar Notch; Red Cross. Burgess, 8 yrs.; Tax. Coll. Sugar Notch, 14 yrs. Answer: 1. Yes, always have. 2. In favor. I think the State should do more.

Patrick J. Toole D. Failed to reply.

John H. Coopey, Sr. R. Nanticoke. Age: 38. Bus operator. W-B Bus. College.

Robert Sherrock R. Incumbent. Hazleton. Age: 34. Grad. H. S.; Kiwanis Club, C. of C.; welfare drives.

John Yourishin D. Unopposed.

Louis H. Coopey, Sr. R. Nanticoke. Age: 38. Bus operator. W-B Bus. College.

Stephen Barney R. Kingston. Age: 47. Horticulturist. H. S.

Joseph F. Bonfanti R. Forty Fort. Age 48. Merchant. F. F. Sporting Goods Store. Grad. Hershey H. S. Ret'd State Police. Supt. Luz. Co. Bureau Criminal Ident. Sheriff's office, 3 years.

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the most equitable assessment possible.

Louis C. Kiscunas

R. Failed to reply.

Robert Lloyd

R. Incumbent. Ashley. Age: 53. Wharton School, U. of P. Amer. Leg.; Kiwanis; Church Off. Bd.; Secy. Sunday School since 1913; Home Rule Assn of Pa.; Past Pres. Men of Good Will; Ashley Rescue House Com.; Co-ord. State Disaster Com.; Red Cross; Dist. Ch. Luz. Co. Rep. Com.; Mil. Manpower Comm.; Un. Sportsmen Am.; School Dir. Ashley Borough.

Answer: 1. I would have no objection to having County assume the responsibility, providing this plan is recommended by the Luzerne Co. Medical Society, the officials of Kirby Memorial Health Center and the various hospitals of the County.

2. County property assessments are continually under review for the purpose of making them equitable. Valuations which serve as a basis for the appropriations from the Commonwealth for the support of the schools are not based upon the county valuations but on "Market Value" established by the State Tax Equalization Board.

Milo B. Serfas

R. Hazleton. Age: 62. Salesman. Fairview and Mercersburg Academies. Pres. Mercersburg Ac. Y.M.C.A., 1912.

Answer: 1. Yes, the county should assume the responsibility providing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania neglects doing so.

2. I believe it is the duty of the County Commissioners to constantly review the county property assessments with a view of attaining a fair and just tax yield including adequate support of schools.

Edward M. Carroll

D. Avoca. Age: 35. Dairy Mgr. Att. Penn State Bus. Adm.; presently U. of Scranton, night school. Rotary; Bd. Dirs. Community Chest; Red Cross. Councilman, 8 years; Nat'l Del. Dem. Convention.

Answer: 1. Yes. 2. There should be a review of county assessments but it is the State and Federal obligations to help out the school district.

Stephen A. Farris

D. Swoyerville. Age: 54. Electro-Plating. H. S. Business Course. Amer. Leg.; Ch. Community Welfare, Swoy. Borough, 2 years; Red Cross. School Dir., 4 years; Tax Collector, 18 years, Swoyerville Borough.

Answer: 1. Yes. An effort should be made to attract the attention of the state and national government for assistance to maintain the hospital, thereby lightening the burden for the county.

2. According to present laws, property assessments cannot be raised or lowered for school purposes only. The assessments must be the same for County, Institution District, Borough and School systems; therefore this question cannot be answered.

Andrew P. Kosik

D. Dupont. Age: 40. Self employed Ins. Agcy.; Welder for coal co. U. of Pittsburgh. Pres. Lion's Club; Sec. Dup. Hose Co.; V. P. Dup. Prop. Owners' Assn.; Comm. Little League Baseball; Pres. Pitts'tn Chap. P.I.A.A. Basketball Off., V. P. Football Chapter.

Answer: 1. Yes, because I understand that if some unfortunate is stricken he is not admitted until a specified fee is paid first. 2. This is a problem for the State Educational Department.

Felix Kwiatek

D. Warrior Run Borough. Age: 54. Merchant. Pub. Schools, Mem. School Bd., 24 years. Church affairs; charity drives.

Answer: 1. Yes; all the municipalities from time to time must avail themselves of the facilities of this institution. The scope of its service would be greatly enlarged and considerable improved under county auspices.

2. Most school districts are financially distressed, largely because of outmoded and inefficient system of assessments, resulting in inadequate valuations as a basis for tax revenue.

John A. Riley

D. Incumbent. Sugar Notch. W-B Bus. Col.; Ch. USO, Sugar Notch; Red Cross. Burgess, 8 yrs.; Tax. Coll. Sugar Notch, 14 yrs.

Answer: 1. Yes, always have. 2. In favor. I think the State should do more.

Patrick J. Toole

D. Failed to reply.

Albert J. Valibus, M.D.

D. Kingston. Age: 50. Physician-Surgeon, Phila. Col. of Sci., Pa. Med. Col. & Hosp., Major, Com. Welfare Campaign, Edws. Boro.; Ch. Red Cross, Edws.; Civ. Doctor W-B Recruiting Ser.; Sch. Dir.; State Rep. 5th Dist.; Deputy Coroner, Luz. Co.; Reg. Vital Statistics, Edws.

Answer: 1. Yes, the County will facilitate a speed-up in admissions as well as improved treatment procedures, under a broader program and at a high level of health regulations. A large, progressive, forward, County-maintained contagious hospital will spear-head more effective campaigns and public consciousness of dangers of contagion.

2. "To cure the ill, eradicate the source of the ailment." Inequitable assessment requires review by County Assessors subject to popular demand by the Electorate, property owners and taxpayers for adequate school support. I would advocate bringing diversified new industries into the valley for new funds and solve the problem.

TREASURER

(Vote for 1) Term of office: 4 years Erminio J. Cefalo R. Unopposed.

Kermit McDaniels

D. Unopposed.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(Vote for 1) Term of office: 4 years Albert H. Aston

R. Wilkes-Barre. Lawyer. Age 40. Graduate Dickinson College and Law School. Mem. Adv. Bd., Salvation Army; Com. Chest Dr.; Rotary; Red Cross Camp; W-B School Bd. Atty. Pa. Workmens' Comp. Fund, '40-'41; Law Clerk, U.S. Dis. Ct. '36-'39; Ref. in Bankruptcy, 1941 to present; Sch. Dir., W-B, 1947 to present.

Louis G. Feldmann

R. Hazleton. Age: 41. Atty. at Law. U. of P., B.S. and grad. work; Duquesne U., LL.B. Mem. Mid-Century Conf. on Youth; Bd. Catholic Charities; Bd. Salvation Army; Haz. Edu. Council (Penn State Center); Co-Ch. Bd. Employ the Physically Handicapped, 1947-50 (Mem. Bd. 1950-51); Ch. Red Cross Drive, Haz.; Ch. Langel Home Fund Com.; Co-Ch. Gen'l. Solic. Indust. Fund Dr. 1947; Co-Ch. Gen'l. Solic. Haz. Comm. Chest 1948. Secy. Pa. State Civ. Def. Council, 1951; State Vet. Comm.; Judge Adv. Dept. of Pa. Marine Corps League, 1948-50, Ch. Nat'l Amer. Com., VFW, 1949-51; State Commander VFW.

Ettore S. Agolino

D. W. Pittston. Lawyer. Age: 38. Fordham U., B.S.; N.Y.U., LL.B. and Grad. School.

Frank P. Lenahan

D. Wilkes-Barre. Atty. at Law. Age: 49. A.B., LL.B. Rep. of Pa., Gen. Assembly 1933-34.

SHERIFF

(Vote for 1) Term of office: 4 years John J. Allardyce

R. Pittston. Age: 47. Disbursing officer for State Treas., Scranton. 10th Ward Service Club. Pittston City Council and presently Mayor.

Louis Banta

R. Trucksville. Age: 34. Constable, Police officer. H. S. Little League Baseball; sponsor Easter Egg Hunt.

Stephen Barney

R. Kingston. Age: 47. Horticulturist. H. S.

Joseph F. Bonfanti

R. Forty Fort. Age 48. Merchant. F. F. Sporting Goods Store. Grad. Hershey H. S. Ret'd State Police. Supt. Luz. Co. Bureau Criminal Ident. Sheriff's office, 3 years.

Louis H. Coopey, Sr.

R. Nanticoke. Age: 38. Bus operator. W-B Bus. College.

Robert Sherrock

R. Incumbent. Hazleton. Age: 34. Grad. H. S.; Kiwanis Club, C. of C.; welfare drives.

John Yourishin

D. Unopposed.

RECORDER OF DEEDS

(Vote for 1) Term of office: 4 years Pearl J. Jones R. Unopposed.

George Zonko

D. Unopposed.

REGISTER OF WILLS

(Vote for 1) Term of office: 4 years Joseph Dixon

R. Hazleton. Lawyer; Age: 41. Bloomsburg State Teachers', B.S.; Dickinson Law, LL.B.; Att. N.Y.U.; Dir. U.S. Mil. Manpower Com. Haz.; Dir. Red Cross, Haz. 3 years; Past Comm. Haz. Amvets; Ser. Off., Judge Adv. Haz. VFW, 3 years.

Burton E. Howards

R. W-B. News Pub., The Miner; Phifer Inst. Art, Adv. Studies Journ.; Exec. Ch. Com. 12 for Good Govt.; soc. work among mine-workers.

Joseph C. Strobel

R. W-B Twp. Dep. Warden, Luz. Co. Pris.; Age: 54. H. S. Bus. Civic and lay classes local colleges, corres. courses. Active in Am. Leg. community and welfare programs; WB Twp. Commiss.; W-B Twp. Tax Collector.

Charles Prohaska

D. Unopposed.

CORONER

(Vote for 1) Term of office: 4 years W. R. A. Boben R. Unopposed.

Raymond Russin

D. Unopposed.

SURVEYOR

(Vote for 1) Term of office: 4 years R. N. Myers R. Unopposed.

J. Stanley Weir

D. Unopposed.

Dallas Borough COUNCIL

(Vote for 4) Salary: none Term of Office: 4 years

Duties: Enacts ordinances governing Borough; appoints non-elective officials and employees; levies taxes; has power to appoint Borough manager.

Question: What do you think would be the best methods (consolidation? borough planning commission? township or borough manager?) to provide the needs (zoning? fire protection? sewage disposal? water supply?) of our growing communities?

Raymon R. Hedden

Machell Avenue, Age: 40. Building contractor. Civil engineer, Cornell University. Commander, civil engineers corps, U. S. Naval Reserve. Former school director, Newport Township. Did not answer question.

Timothy LaBar

Main Street. "I am in favor of consolidation, I think it would be a great thing for our schools. I believe in zoning. We need sewage disposal which I am in favor of. I am in favor of a better water system in whatever way it can be brought about."

Joseph H. MacVeigh

Center Hill Road. Age: 64. V. P. and general manager, Pressed Steel Co.; director Kingston National Bank. U. of Minn., civil and mechanical engineer. Past pres. Wyoming Valley C. of C., Director Pennsylvania C. of C., past pres. Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, Ch. Draft Bd. No. 1 W. W. II, Ch. Draft Bd. No. 92, Comb. Bds. 1, 2 and 3, Ch. 8th area ARC, Pa. War Fund, 2nd Army Adv. Com., Ch. Batt. 18 U. S. N. R.

Answer: "Dallas Borough has good zoning ordinance and committee... good fire protection, well-organized fire department.

ment. Sewage disposal a problem... Borough has over ten miles paved roads by low-taxed farm land... makes cost of sewers prohibitive... still have problem of disposal. Water supply a problem... working on this. Scranton-Springbrook-Water to take over with supply from Huntsville... wells are temporary."

Seyern B. Newberry

Wellington street. Age: 41. Sign painter. H. S. 2 years art college, Pittsburgh. Councilman, 4 years. "... people do want all things mentioned but won't pay for it... you can go too far with zoning... Each should keep his property (including sump) in good condition... won't tax everybody to have my work done... meter in each house will take care of water supply. Fire protection is excellent... cooperation needed in zoning and sewage disposal."

SCHOOL DIRECTOR

(vote for two) Term of Office—6 years Salary: none Duties: Policy-making body. Appoints teachers; fixes salaries of all employees. Levies and collects taxes. Establishes, maintains, furnishes and equips school; lets contracts for supplies and insurance.

Questions: Do you believe that larger school administrative districts and attendance areas are desirable? If not, how would you set out to improve our schools? How could these improvements be financed?

Dr. R. M. Bodycomb

47 Main street. Age: 45. Dental surgeon. Grad. Temple University. Rotary, Library Board. School Director, president Board of Health.

Answer: "I have worked for the betterment of our schools for a great many years. I believe that our children are entitled to, and should receive the best education that is within our means to give them. This can best be done by larger school districts and more State aid."

L. L. Richardson

50 Lake Street. No answer received.

Dallas Township SCHOOL DIRECTOR

(vote for 2) Term: 6 years Salary: none

Duties: Policy-making body. Appoints teachers; fixes salaries of all employees. Levies and collects taxes. Establishes, maintains, furnishes and equips schools; lets contracts for supplies and insurance.

Question: Do you believe that larger school administrative districts and attendance areas are desirable? If not, how would you set out to improve our schools? How could these improvements be financed?

Floyd W. Chamberlain

R. D. 3, Dallas Township. Age: 48. Bank teller. High School, Wayne Commercial School, Wyoming Seminary, University of Pennsylvania extension school, American Institute of Banking. Member International Accountants Society. Former State committeeman; present school director and secretary of Dallas Township School Board.

Answer: "These questions will be answered direct to the Dallas Township voters. So Dallas Township voters wait for my letter."

Clarence M. Laidler

R. D. 2, Dallas. Bank teller. High School, Wyoming Seminary, Hahneman School of Science, Syracuse University Medical College, State College, Wharton School, American Institute of Banking. Former Scoutmaster, past president Dallas Township PTA, chairman Dallas Township Zoning Commission, co-ordinator Dallas Township Civilian Defense.

Answer: "1. Since jointure is one of the chief issues in this campaign and not understood by many, I believe that the services of trained, unbiased, experienced organization should be secured to obtain facts and prepare a report. Have definite assurance such services can be secured without cost and pledge myself to such a survey." 2. "The report mentioned above may show that additional financing is not necessary to effect an improved Dallas Township School system."

Thomas S. Moore

Dallas Township. Age: 46. Store manager. High School graduate. Church officer, Justice of the Peace, School Director.

Answer: "These questions will be answered direct to the Dallas Township voters. So Dallas Township voters watch for my letter."

Charles J. Roberts

Yeager Avenue. Age 42. Production manager. B. S. degree in labor economics. Assistant cub master, Shavertown; Rotary.

Answer: 1. "Yes, but only after an exhaustive study and public hearings have been held to enlighten the people concerning the advantages of a larger school administration district." 2. "Any improvements can only be financed by more economical administration, by encouraging and holding of the higher taxpayer, and by taking every advantage of state appropriations."

Harry B. Schooley, Jr.

R. D. 1, Dallas. Lawyer. Yale University, University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Answer: 1 "Under present State laws, larger school administrative districts and attendance areas have proved more economical and functionally practical. Further expansion of Dallas-Franklin townships is not desirable until we understand and decide that by such expansion the district would become financially more efficient and better able to solve its present problem of transportation, classroom accommodations, etc." 2. "Financing of our school program must be done through local school tax receipts and State appropriation. With this in mind, we cannot afford to take an attitude toward new taxpayers that will drive them out of our township. We should remember that more families and new industries mean better education for all of our children."

SUPERVISOR

(vote for 1) Term of Office: 6 years Salary: paid not more than \$6 or less than \$4 for not more than 16 meetings per year.

Duties: construct and maintain roads and streets; provide snow removal, illumination, traffic signals, police protection, fire protection; contracting for hydrants and appropriate funds to fire companies for equipment; prohibit nuisances. Can hire or fire township manager; provide ash and garbage removal; adopt and enforce zoning ordinances.

Question: (Same as for Dallas Borough Council in column 4)

Philip Kunkle

R. D. No. 1. Age: 56. Laborer. 2 years High School. "Not being familiar with consolidation, don't think it advisable to comment. Do think in near future state will force us in it, so think it would be good idea to start making plans for future. Am in favor of township management, not in favor of zoning. Favor better fire protection, sewage disposal, water supply.

Charles Martin

R. D. 1. Age 68. Farmer. Road supervisor. Absolutely opposed to consolidation. Opposed to Borough planning commission. "Supervisors have taken care of zoning by ordinance; \$600 a year is being paid for fire protection."

Kingston Twp. SCHOOL DIRECTOR

(vote for two—term 6 years) Salary: none

Question: (Same as for Dallas Borough Council in column 5)

Charles H. Mannear

89 E. Franklin street, Shavertown. Age 37. Office manager, Wilkes-Barre Lace Manufacturing Company. Graduate Kingston High School, Penn State Extension, mechanical engineer; U. of P. Wharton School, accounts and finance. Now serving fourth term as treasurer and official board member of Shavertown Methodist Church; past president of Men's Club; former associate director and director of National Association of Cost Accountants, Scranton chapter; member Shavertown PTA and under its auspices actively operated playground on grade school property in 1947.

Answer: "I believe in larger school administrative districts and attendance areas."

Daniel M. Shaver

106 Shaver avenue, Shavertown. Age 52. Teacher, seven years; insurance claims manager, 18 years; at present a theatre owner. Graduate Stroudsburg Teachers' College. Member of Shavertown Fire Company and Veterans' organizations. Republican committeeman in 1936.

Answer: Believes larger school administrative districts and attendance areas are desirable.

SUPERVISOR

(vote for 2)

Question: (Same as for Dallas Borough Council in column 4)

I. R. Elston

W. Center street, Shavertown. Age: 66. Salesman. Supervisor by appointment past 6 months. Methods need a lot of thought and studying before that part of question can be answered. Fire protection is fair, sewage disposal needs attention, additional water supply needed.

Ralph M. Sands

Answer received too late for inclusion.

Lehman Twp. SCHOOL DIRECTOR

(vote for 2—term 6 years) Salary: none

Question: (Same as for Dallas Borough and Township School Directors in column 5)

Ornan K. Lamb

Lehman. Age 53. Manager Mill and Elevator Department, Pennsylvania Millers Mutual Fire Insurance. High school and three years of college. Vice president, Lehman Volunteer Fire Association; director, Back Mountain Town and Country YMCA.

Answer: "I am in favor of the present Lehman-Jackson Townships jointure which appears to meet the present needs of these townships and apparently those of the immediate future."

Richard Morgan

R. D. 2, Hunlocks Creek. No answer received.

Charles S. Nuss

Lehman. Age 47. Comptroller Hospital Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania. High school, Wyoming Seminary, University of Pennsylvania-Wharton School. Member Pennsylvania Citizens' Association for Health and Welfare; treasurer Wyoming Valley Council Boy Scouts; Official Board member Lehman Methodist Church, director and member executive board Back Mountain Memorial Library. Lehman school director for 12 years.

Answer: