

WHY MR. BEER FOR THE BENCH?

You Be the Judge!

For 18 Long Years You Have Had No Strongly Contested Election for Circuit Judges

Why is this true? Generally only a lawyer is qualified for the Circuit Court Bench. Able lawyers have discouraged themselves from trying to unseat any Circuit Judge, be he good or bad. Lawyers know it is about impossible to beat out a judge at election when he carries the ballot label of "Circuit Judge".

State Senators Blondy and Hutchinson said at Lansing, February 25, 1953, "A lot of good lawyers would like to run for the Bench, but the incumbent designation on the ballot perpetuates those in office."

When these good Senators attempted to remove this unfairness from the Judge ballot, the Lansing News Bureau reported, February 26, 1953, as follows: "In the Senate, pressure from Judges stymied a proposal to eliminate their designation as incumbents on the nonpartisan election ballot."

IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE. Because a man is designated "incumbent" or "Circuit Judge" does not mean he is best fitted for the high honor and privilege of serving as Oakland County Circuit Judge. The citizens of Oakland County should have opportunity to vote for someone else as judge if they desire. Several thousand citizens, by constitutional nomination, asked William John Beer to give them that opportunity. Mr. Beer has accepted their nomination. He believes the voters will do the right thing when given the chance.



HERE ARE OTHER REASONS TO VOTE FOR MR. BEER AS CIRCUIT JUDGE

A JUDGE MUST BE A PATRIOTIC CITIZEN. He is part of our Government. In 1942, Mr. Beer, though married and with small children, left his law practice to enlist in the Navy. He became a Gunnery Officer, experiencing enemy action in the North Atlantic. Because a lawyer, he was called upon several times as defense counsel in Court Martial trials. At the close of World War II and after his discharge, Mr. Beer was Oakland County's representative to the State of Michigan \$50,000,000.00 Veterans' Trust Fund. He was attorney for the Veterans' Rehabilitation Committee in Oakland County, and was Judge Advocate of a Veterans of Foreign Wars' Board. He is presently a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and AmVets. **WILLIAM JOHN BEER HAS PROVEN HE IS A PATRIOTIC CITIZEN.**

A JUDGE MUST KNOW THE LAW. From time of graduation from Law College in 1930 until 1937, William John Beer was with a Detroit Law Firm; although then living in Oakland County. In 1937, he opened his own law offices at Royal Oak where he remained until he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942. After his discharge from the Service, he practiced law in Rural Northern Michigan for three years. There he handled the legal problems of farmers and miners as well as city business problems. For years he has practiced law at your county seat, Pontiac, Michigan, where he is senior member of the law firm, "Beer and Osgood". Mr. Beer is past president of the South Oakland Bar Association. He is a respected member of the Oakland County Bar, Michigan State Bar, and American Bar Associations. He is a past Circuit Court Commissioner, A City Attorney, and a School Board Lawyer. He was instructor in advanced law at The Business Institute. He is a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar. **WILLIAM JOHN BEER KNOWS THE LAW.**

A JUDGE MUST SERVE THE PUBLIC. William John Beer has served in many capacities. He has been a Boy Scout Counselor, a Director for the Oakland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, a Director of the Michigan Children's Aid Society, a Chamber of Commerce Director, and President of the Royal Oak Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the Pontiac Kiwanis Club, Pontiac Y.M.C.A., and Pontiac City Club. He has been a School Board Trustee. Among the many using his counsel is the Oakland County 4-H Club, farm youth organization. **WILLIAM JOHN BEER WILL SERVE THE PUBLIC.**

A JUDGE MUST BE ALERT. Age is important! Remember, the Judges elected April 6, 1953, take office January 1, 1954, for a six-year term. William John Beer, although he has been a lawyer for 22 years, is only 44 years of age. He is in his prime. **WILLIAM JOHN BEER IS ACTIVE AND ALERT.**

A JUDGE SHOULD BE PATIENT AND HAVE PLEASANT DIGNITY. Impatience has no place on the Bench. The people and their lawyers should have the "ears" of the Court, but seldom his "voice". He must be sober and industrious on and off the Bench. He must be fair minded and courteous. **WILLIAM JOHN BEER, WHO IS JUST BUT SCHOLARLY, KIND BUT FIRM, HAS THE PATIENCE AND DIGNITY FOR A GREAT JUDGE.**

A JUDGE SHOULD BE A FAMILY MAN. Many problems coming before the Court concern children and families. William John Beer is married. Dora Beer is his wife. They have three sons, Dick, 22 years; Wally, 18 years, and Johnny, 8 years; and two dogs. He knows the sympathy, understanding, but firmness necessary when dealing with children today. For years he has been a member of the Domestic Relations Committee of the Michigan State Bar. He is recognized as an expert in solving divorce matters. Divorce cases involving the nation's children are the largest group of cases brought before the Circuit Courts. **WILLIAM JOHN BEER IS A FAMILY MAN. HE BELIEVES IN STRICTER COMPLIANCE WITH DIVORCE LAWS.**

A JUDGE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS OF BUSINESSMEN. Mr. Beer, while handling the affairs of owners of various businesses, has successfully operated a Hardware Store, a Wholesale Fruit Company, and a Grocery Store. He ably served as General Manager of one of the largest automobile dealerships in Oakland County. **MR. BEER UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEMS OF BUSINESSMEN!**

WILLIAM JOHN BEER IS AN OAKLAND COUNTY LAWYER. Mr. Beer is of a well-known Oakland County pioneer farming family. John Looney was his grandfather. Stella (Looney) Beer was his mother. His father, Bert Beer, is remembered for his many years of work in the churches of Oakland and Wayne Counties, as a vocalist and Director of Music.

WHY HAVE WE PUBLISHED THIS ARTICLE? Lincoln said, "I have faith in my fellow voters to do the right thing when they get the facts." We have given you the honest facts about Mr. Beer. Though the present Judges are again running for election, we are sure, for the six years ahead starting January 1, 1954, we need Mr. Beer on the Bench. **VOTE FOR WILLIAM JOHN BEER AS CIRCUIT JUDGE AT THE SPRING ELECTION APRIL 6, 1953.**

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