

# EAST CLEVELAND VOTERS SCOREBOARD

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

## CANDIDATES FOR CITY COMMISSION—3 TO BE ELECTED

TERM OF OFFICE—FOUR YEARS . . . SALARY—\$100.00 PER YEAR

Personal Data and Present Occupation:	<b>RALPH H. BARTON</b> Age 59 13431 SHAW AVENUE  Assistant Auditor, The Cleveland Trust Co.	<b>PAUL W. BROER</b> Age 54 14508 TERRACE ROAD  Operator of Paul's Restaurant at Shaw and Hayden Avenues. Operator of Quality Products Co., 2970 E. 50th St.	<b>JOHN J. EWERS</b> Age 41 14010 SHAW AVENUE  Attorney.	<b>DON FISHER</b> 1819 GARFIELD  President of Don Fisher Furnace Company	<b>J. DURANT MIX</b> Age 50 16204 HELMSDALE ROAD  Certified Public Accountant for fifteen years, engaged in public accounting practice at 15461 Euclid Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio.	<b>MISS DOROTHY M. SCHOLL</b> 1820 CHAPMAN AVENUE  Teacher.	<b>THOMAS STEVENSON</b> Age 59 1015 EAST 131st STREET  Teacher . . . Social Studies, American History and Government at Patrick Henry Jr. High School, 37 years.
Education, Training and Experience:	Executive experience with financial and accounting background. Six years of service as a member of the City Commission. Graduate, West Commerce High School. Attended Dyke Business School and Cleveland College. Graduate, American Institute of Banking.	Glenville High School graduate. Active member of numerous civic organizations. Member of East Cleveland City Commission for eight years. Member of Police and Fire Pension Board of East Cleveland. Business man in East Cleveland for thirty years. Present occupation, operator of Paul's Restaurant at Shaw and Hayden Avenues; operator of Quality Products Co., 2970 E. 50th St.	Two years of college and three years law school, all at St. John's University in Brooklyn, N.Y. Received LL.B. degree. Have practiced law for about 8 years, all in East Cleveland. Obtained experience in parliamentary procedure as member of executive committee of Local 1228, International Association of Machinists.	Shaw High School, Cleveland Trade School 32 years President of Don Fisher Furnace Company.	Graduate, Cathedral Latin High School, Wilcox Commercial School, and advanced accounting courses at Spencerian and Fenn College. Twenty-five years public accounting and tax consultant experience. Administrative offices in numerous civic, fraternal and industrial organizations. Four years a member of the City Commission of East Cleveland. Member of Sinking Fund Commission, City of East Cleveland.	University of Michigan, A.B. & M.A. Several years additional including two summer fellowships from National Science Foundation, one at Michigan State University and the other at Leland Stanford Jr. University in Palo Alto, California.	Bachelor Sc. in Education Western Reserve University. Past Pres. of Glenville Area Community Council and Past Trustee of Glen. YMCA. Secy. of Northeast Kiwanis Club (12 years). Secy. 15th Division Ohio Dist. Kiwanis.
What Factors in the Administration of Our City Have Motivated You To Seek the Office of a Commissioner?	In my opinion the administration of the City of East Cleveland has been, over the years, very efficient and well administered. I have observed that the municipal services are unexcelled in the county. It is my desire to continue to provide the excellent police and fire services. As a Commissioner I would hope to maintain East Cleveland as a good residence community for the next fifty years.	I am seeking re-election to the office of City Commissioner because of my desire to continue the good government which has been East Cleveland's good fortune for the past many years. I am very proud of our City Manager, Charles A. Carran, and our Finance Director, Grant Aphorpe, and the present members of our City Commission. I also have a desire to serve my community and to maintain the excellent municipal services and police and fire departments in the City of East Cleveland.	Many things, for example, the slowness of the city in building off street parking; issuing season passes for recreation facilities; pedestrian signals; correction of flooded basements and air pollution; failure to take a strong stand and publicize that stand as to opposition to exorbitant increases in utility rates.	Life long resident of East Cleveland; feel it is a civic duty to help continue the good government we now have. To promote a friendlier feeling between the City Hall and the business people, landlords and property owners of the City. Feel that the city should shovel the snow from sidewalks in the winter. Promote more off street parking in the community. I will support the present Commission-Manager form of government and will pledge myself to preserve and improve East Cleveland's record of honest and efficient government under the City Manager plan.	I am seeking the office of Commissioner only because of a deep sense of civic pride in the efficiency and economy of the present administration as directed by Messrs. Carran and Aphorpe. Furthermore, I feel that it is the responsibility and the duty of every citizen to serve his community and his neighbors in any way and in the best manner possible.	For years the failure of the present commission to recognize the following: 1. Lack of season passes for swimming pool and rink. 2. Lack of off street parking, hindering business. 3. Lack of pedestrian traffic signals. 4. Lack of adequate sewers to prevent flooded basements. 5. Air pollution control that is non-existent.	Because the present Commissioners have failed to recognize the following: 1. To promote in an effective manner the operation of Swimming Pool and Skating Rink. After years of prodding by PTA Council the Commission finally presents for 1962 a plan, to issue season passes and to admit deficit operation of over \$10,000.00 in 1960. These changes came not in immediate response to PTA efforts, rather after this state had expressed concern about this area of recreation. 2. We are amazed that this incumbent Commission should wait six years to take action on off-street parking. Action on off-street parking could have been approved by a Commission by the use of Councilmanic bonds at any time in the past five years. 3. That the incumbents have neglected to approve pedestrian crosswalk signs. 4. That though bonds were approved by the voters three years ago to alleviate flooding in any or all areas, only in the past months has any of these funds been appropriated for their intent. 5. That despite complaints, covering several years, the air pollution in the south east section of the city has continued and has been ignored by the Commission. 6. That sectional eyesores have been ignored despite the fact that delegations from these sections have attended Commission meetings to ask for consideration.
What Changes in the Zoning Laws Do You Envision Over the Next Ten Years To Maintain Our Community?	Following our existing policy I do not contemplate any broad changes in zoning. However, as conditions change it may become necessary to make changes in specific cases. Such changes can only be decided in the light of existing conditions and circumstances and must be decided in the best interests of the people. Our efforts should and will be to protect East Cleveland as a fine residential community, and at the same time be prepared to modify zoning as necessary in line with the changing desires and needs of the people of the City of East Cleveland. I also feel that a master plan, such as that presently being readied in the City of Lakewood, might be beneficial for the City as a whole.	It has been my feeling that each matter involving zoning is different, and that changes in zoning should be made only when they were shown to be the most practical and advantageous for the city as a whole. As any judge, or referee, and in our case, commissioner, will tell you there are always two sides to every question, and I have always tried to weigh all arguments carefully and then decide what course of conduct would be fair and most beneficial to the city as a whole. Recently, actions have been taken by the city in the field of long-range planning, and we are now considering the advisability of developing a complete master plan which would anticipate our changing conditions. This master plan would be similar to one which is being prepared in the City of Lakewood, and which we have been following closely.	See Joint Statement of Ewers, Scholl and Stevenson in Columns 7 and 8.	Any reasonable change for the building of new buildings. Rigid restrictions on zoning changes for old buildings.	The Charter of the City of East Cleveland establishes the basic zoning law for the city and I feel that amendments to the Charter should be made only to meet needs and conditions as they arise and after careful consideration, not only of present needs, no matter how seemingly pressing, but also consideration of the effect that the proposed change might have on future growth, development and stability of the community. I am at the present time looking forward to the development of a master plan for East Cleveland. To this end the Commissioners have been watching developments in the City of Lakewood, as they have been released in their development of a master plan. By master plan I mean an over-all evaluation of the city's needs in zoning, housing, traffic, and other major areas, to the end that we may progress as a fine community during the next fifty years.	See Joint Statement of Ewers, Scholl and Stevenson below.	
JOINT STATEMENT OF EWERS - SCHOLL - STEVENSON The immediate appointment to a responsible and active city planning commission, consisting of five (5) members according to the state law, one of which members would be a merchant, the proper member of the city commission and others not connected with the city government. Said planning commission would at once make a comprehensive study of the zoning laws, housing codes, etc., to determine if they fit into the general plan of rejuvenating the city with particular emphasis on the following: 1. Restrictions on the type of zoning along our main arteries and enforcement of same to prevent our business districts from becoming an area of unsightly makeshift warehouses and gas stations.							

## STATE ISSUES TO APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

### 1. FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(Proposed by Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio. A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.)

SHALL SECTION 11 OF ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OHIO BE AMENDED, RELATIVE TO THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE SENATE?

#### EXPLANATION:

Under our State Constitution any vacancy occurring either in the House or the Senate shall be filled by election. It is proposed to amend this section of the Constitution so that a vacancy in the Senate shall be filled by appointment by the members of the Senate who are of the same political party as the person last elected to the vacant seat. If the vacancy occurs during the first 20 months of the 4-year Senatorial term, the new appointee shall only serve until the end of the even-numbered year in which the next general election is held. The remainder of the vacated term shall be filled at that election.

### 2. CONTINUITY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

(Proposed by Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio. A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.)

SHALL ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED BY ADDING SECTION 42 THERETO TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS IN EMERGENCIES CAUSED BY ENEMY ATTACK?

#### EXPLANATION:

This addition to the Constitution is proposed in order to give the General Assembly the power to appoint or arrange for the prompt election of temporary government officials if such a need occurs; also, to adopt other measures necessary to insure continuity of government operations.

### 3. MILITIA.

(Proposed by Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio. A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.)

SHALL SECTIONS 1, 3, AND 4 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED TO EXTEND THE AGE LIMITS OF THE MILITIA; TO DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR CALLING FORTH THE MILITIA; AND TO CLARIFY APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR?

#### EXPLANATION:

This Constitutional Amendment will:  
Sec. 1. Extend the age limit of those subject to enrollment in the State militia (which is now 18-45) to 17-67. This applies to all citizens of Ohio, not only male citizens as formerly.

Sec. 3. Make the governor responsible for the appointment of such officers as may be provided by law. At present certain officers appoint those under them.

Sec. 4. Give the governor power to call out the militia in the event of a disaster within the state, in addition to the present circumstances which are: to execute the laws of the State, to suppress insurrection and to repel invasion.

### 4. APPOINTMENTS.

(Proposed by Resolution of the General Assembly of Ohio. A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.)

SHALL ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED BY ADDING SECTION 21 THERETO TO PROVIDE THAT APPOINTMENTS MAY BE MADE SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE?

#### EXPLANATION:

This addition to the Constitution would require that all appointments to State office be subject to advice and consent of the Senate.

## CITY OFF-STREET PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Shall bonds be issued by the City of East Cleveland for the purpose of providing a fund to pay the City's portion of the expense of acquiring land and improving the same for off-street parking of motor vehicles in the sum of \$300,000.00, and a levy of taxes be made outside of the ten mill limitation estimated by the County Auditor to average 2024 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 2.024 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a maximum period of twenty (20) years to pay the principal and interest of such bonds.

#### EXPLANATION:

This will provide the city's portion of off-street parking where needed for the older apartment, business and industrial developments.

## COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA PROPOSED BOND ISSUE

### ZOO

(A fifty-five percent affirmative vote is necessary for passage.)

Shall bonds be issued by the County of Cuyahoga for the purpose of IMPROVING THE ZOOLOGICAL PARK TO BE ACQUIRED BY CUYAHOGA COUNTY in the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$2,500,000.00) Dollars and a levy of taxes be made outside of the ten mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 0.0399 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 0.399 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a maximum period of fifteen (15) years to pay the principal and interest of such bonds.

#### PURPOSE:

The 53-year-old main building, now housing apes, lions, and the commissary will be razed to make way for the West Boulevard extension. Services and animals displaced will be relocated in newly developed areas of the park featuring naturalistic, moated settings.

Bonds to be used for capital improvements only. Private gifts to supplement public funds.

By agreement between Cleveland officials and the County Commissioners, the Zoo will be transferred from City to County control only if this bond issue passes.

## CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD—2 TO BE ELECTED

TERM OF OFFICE—FOUR YEARS  
SALARY—NONE

The Community looks to the School Board for leadership and service in developing and maintaining an Educational Program which best serves the Community's children.

Personal Data and Present Occupation:	ROBERT A. HENDERSON Age 40 1311 HAYDEN AVENUE Henderson Plumbing Co.—President.	GEORGE M. KEITH Age 34 894 CALEDONIA Associate Secretary, Division "A," United Appeal of Greater Cleveland.	RALPH PECKINPAUGH Age 43 16215 OAKHILL ROAD Attorney and owner of Sales Engineering Firm.
Education, Training and Experience:	Graduate Shaw High School, graduate Dyke (2 years) in Business Administration, Fenn College (1 year), 7½ years experience East Cleveland Board of Education.	Shaw High School 1945, B.A., Western Reserve University 1953. Four years as Community Relations Specialist, Lamp Division, General Electric Company, Nela Park.	Ohio Wesleyan University, Cleveland Marshall Law School, 4 years on Board of Education.
List Three (3) Major Responsibilities Facing The East Cleveland School System.	1. The employment of the most qualified, dedicated and cooperative teachers into our system. 2. A school plant equipped with the best buildings, equipment and facilities possible with available tax money. 3. The maintenance of a harmonious attitude and relationship between the schools, parents, City administration and the community as a whole.	To develop the confidence of the students, faculty and the citizens of East Cleveland in the future of our school system. To keep pace with the changing educational and employment opportunities facing our students. To expand the "Pupil Personnel Services Program."	1. Curriculum change. 2. Maintaining high quality staff. 3. Provide adequate housing.
How Would You Meet These Responsibilities?	1A. By the appointment and retention of a top-notch, experienced Superintendent to interview prospective teachers in our system. 1B. Establishing an attractive salary schedule and school environment. 1C. By helping to make East Cleveland a place new teachers would like to live. 2A. By additional building when necessary and the careful maintenance and improvement of present facilities. 2B. By keeping abreast with current educational needs and fulfilling those needs to the best of our ability. 3A. By keeping the public well informed as to our present and future aims.	1. Develop confidence by a positive program rather than a negative approach to the future. Following are several ways the school board can set examples that will stimulate the entire community: (a) Establish continuing lay committees with specific areas of concern and study; (b) Build addition to Kirk. Funds available; (c) Establish a paid alumni secretary (through dues) to coordinate alumni activities; (d) Improve inadequate playground facilities. 2. Establish early and adequate counseling to orient both those students who plan to attend college and those planning business careers on the rapidly changing American employment picture. 3. Provide the funds and personnel to expand and improve Pupil Personnel Services.	1A. Provide physical facilities to accommodate change. B. Give teachers opportunity to attend professional meetings. C. Provide professional consultant services. D. Follow closely developments in television, teaching machine, team teaching. E. Evaluating curriculum by subject area. This year special attention will be given Physical Education and Social Services. 2A. Adequate salary schedule. B. Encourage freedom of staff expression. C. In Service training. D. Attendance at professional meetings. 3. Adequate housing. Enrollment is highest since 1938. Present problems at Kirk and Roselle.

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