

LEONARD ROOT FAMILY A CREDIT TO NEVADA



THE LEONARD ROOTS, A CONTENTED FAMILY MAKES A CONTENTED CANDIDATE. SURROUNDING MARY AND LEONARD, LEFT

TO RIGHT, MICHAEL, ELIZABETH, HOLLY, LEONARD AND TINA.

BY JACK TELL

There is something about Leonard Root that spreads an aura of easiness and comfort, as with us, when we met him for the first time during this interview.

He is seeking a seat on the Nevada Supreme Court, and we have every assurance he would be a credit in the post. Here's why.

Root, a lawyer and district attorney in Nevada since 1965, has a wide open mind. He is eager an anxious to hear both, or all sides of a controversy, which is the supreme tribute to a man seeking a seat on the highest court of appeals in our state. He has his convictions, as each of us, but he will listen, and that makes the big difference.

It follows naturally, that Leonard is a man of compassion, and what more could the man-in-the street voter ask for? But that's not all about Leonard Root. His background speaks for itself.

For three years during World War II, Root, a captain in the U.S. Air Force, flew B-17 bombers. In 1947 he received A.B. Degree from Ohio State and then his L.L.B. from Georgetown. Then he spent 1950 to 1953 in Korea where he met and married the lovely Mary Manson, who was serving as a second lieutenant. They have five adorable children (pictured). Mrs. Root is a registered nurse at Sunrise Hospital.

Leonard served a four year hitch as District Attorney of Mineral County. There was no rubber stamp to his tenure. One of his tasks was legal advisor to the County Commission during the passage and construction of a new courthouse and hospital. He has an 85 per cent record of convictions as county prosecutor.

In his quest for Supreme Court, Root advocates:

(1) A protest to the proposed Supreme Court Amendment to the Nevada Constitution which will have future justices appointed by the governor. Leonard prefers to have the voters determine who will be their justices.

(2) A protest to the present practice of allowing district attorney and their deputies continue to practice private law. Nevada is practically the only state that allows this procedure. Root advocates higher salaries to attract more dedicated public servants.

(3) A revamping of legal code for speedier trials and equally timely appeals. The delays for criminal procedure in practice today, "are criminal."

The LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE does not hesitate or qualify its endorsement of LEONARD ROOT for SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.

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 'A MAN WITH A COMMON NAME FOR THE COMMON PEOPLE'

BOB REID FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE

BY JACK TELL

Robert Reid, seeking re-election as Justice of the Peace, is an overwhelming choice of LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE, because the man has the courage of his convictions.

He owes allegiance to no one and he judges each case fairly and squarely on its merits. He probably has visited more sites of crimes than all other judges combined, to determine first hand, the correctness of testimony in his court.

Bob tells you why he is seeking re-election:

The 1969 session of the Nevada Legislature passed Nevada Revised Statute 122.173. This law created the position of Commissioner of Civil Marriages in all townships with a population of 50,000. In effect this law precluded the Justice of the Peace from performing marriages.

Prior to this enactment, the office of Justice of the Peace was a very lucrative and much coveted position, with JPs earning in excess of \$100,000 annually. Performing marriages was the first and foremost thought in the mind of the JP, and felony hearings and trials often took a back seat as the Magistrate recessed court proceedings in order to tie the proverbial nuptial knot.

In 1970 with the financial incentive no longer a goal, the office of Justice of the Peace attracted well qualified candidates, dedicated to the judicial system. One of these candidates was Robert L. Reid, a practicing Las Vegas Attorney since 1963. Judge Reid campaigned long and hard, promising to make Justice Court a court of the People. Since this election he has done just that.

Perhaps it is because of his dedication to serve the people of Clark County, that judge Reid has at times been controversial. In the past, when JPs were preoccupied with performing marriages, inequities often slipped by the Magistrate and justice fell by the wayside. Today, a few short minutes spent observing in Judge Reid's court will tell even the most unseasoned neophyte that nothing slips by the keen senses of Judge Reid.

Judge Reid's sense of fairness goes unequalled in the history of Clark County. His decision not to hear a case involving prostitution unless the girl's customer is charged also has earned him praise throughout the state. Judge Reid's motto of, "We are going to do it right, or we are not going to do it," has caused considerable consternation to many young prosecutors and law enforcement officers, but the quality of law enforcement and the legal system have benefited many fold. The real winners, however, are the people of Clark County. They can be sure that as long as Judge Reid is sitting on the bench their interests are being looked after, for truly, "He has the courage to care."

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