

# Meet a Great Guy

"I don't have all the answers. No one-candidate or office holder does. I understand and recognize how tough trying to do these things for people can be. I'm human and will make mistakes, but they will be mistakes of effort, not mistakes of idleness." - Ed Ford, January, 1977.

## THE CANDIDATE

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## PERSONAL

AGE: 47  
BIRTHDATE: January 1, 1930  
PLACE OF BIRTH: Montgomery, Alabama  
MARITAL STATUS: Married to Dorothy Wood Monson from Ruddles Mill, Bourbon County, Ky.  
CHILDREN: Six - Wood M. Smith, age 26, Claude E. Smith, 22, Debra Gaye Ford, 21, Edward S. Ford III, 18, Lawrence H. Ford, 15, Kimbal D. Ford, age 8.

## EDUCATION

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn Un. 1958  
Undergraduate, Auburn Un., Auburn, Alabama  
U.S. Naval Electronics and Radar School, San Francisco, Calif. 1949  
U.S. Navy C.I.C. School, Point Loma, Calif. 1950  
High School, Montgomery Co. High, Ramer, Ala. 1948  
Junior High and Elementary, Ramer, Alabama

## RELIGION

Member United Methodist Church, Cynthiana, Kentucky

## MILITARY

U.S. Navy 1948 - 1952. During Korean war member of US Naval Amphibious Forces, Pacific. Awarded Korean Presidential Unit Citation and Korean Service Ribbon with five battle stars.



BUSINESSMAN



VETERINARIAN



FARMER

## THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ED FORD

- A man who tells the truth.
- A man who is out before the public every day.
- A man who listens in order to have a broader viewpoint.
- A man who has labored, who has worked to meet a payroll (and stay within a budget).
- A man who has successfully resisted the political pressures of entrenched kingmakers.
- A man who has devoted his time, his energies, his resources to community causes without expecting anything in return except the personal satisfaction that others were helped.
- A husband and father who see the need today for individual involvement that will make tomorrow a little bit better.

## MEMBERSHIPS, ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS

United Methodist Church  
Democratic Party  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association  
Buffalo Trace Veterinary Medical Association  
Farm Bureau  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
American Legion  
National School Board Association  
Kentucky School Board Association  
Chamber of Commerce  
Elks Lodge  
Rotarian  
Community Theatre

## POSITIONS AND AWARDS

1975 Cynthiana-Harrison County Citizen-of-the-Year  
Past President, Cynthiana-Harrison County Chamber of Commerce  
Past President, Buffalo Trace Veterinary Medical Association  
Who's Who in South and Southwest  
Chairman, Harrison County Board of Education  
Director, Cynthiana Country Club  
Speaker, National Convention of School Board Members, Houston, Texas 1977

"Personal service contracts are one issue in this campaign. We need a Legislature that will stand up and challenge the Administrative Branch whenever it begins to rob us of its political friends. We need a General Assembly where the members aren't afraid to say NO to costly ideas, sweet leases and sugar-coated favors at the taxpayers' expense. Some of the politicians tell me that there's so much power on the first floor of the Capitol that the Legislature can't do anything about these things. Well, I want a chance to find out for myself, because I think if you make the facts known, the public will be on your side." - Ed Ford, April, 1977.

If you want to know the truth about Dr. Ed Ford, ask him! He talks straight. He doesn't mince words. He will tell you the truth. And go even another step - examine Dr. Ford's background, from the time he was awarded five battle stars in Korea, to his always being on call for sick and injured animals, to his being honored as a Distinguished Citizen, to his leadership as a School Board Chairman, to his role as a family man. You'll approve of what you find out. He has crowded a lot of worthy activities into 47 years. Maybe that's because he found out in childhood how important it is to "earn your own way" rather than have someone make it easy on you all the time.



## DOROTHY... an equally hard worker

Dorothy Monson Ford is a native of Bourbon County and life-long resident of Kentucky. Born at Glentown, near Ruddles Mill, she was educated in the public schools of Bourbon County at Ruddles Mill and Millersburg, then at Transylvania University in Lexington.

Woman's Club of Harrison County, President of the Garden Club, Family Living Chairperson of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, and is a Director of the local United Fund. In her spare time Dorothy is a Grey Lady at Northside Elementary School in Harrison County.

After completing her education, Dorothy returned to Millersburg to teach at her alma mater, Bourbon County High School. Later she taught at the Cynthiana High School, St. Edwards Catholic School in Cynthiana, and Eastside Elementary in Harrison County. Dorothy shares Ed's love for community service as she has served as Treasurer of the Harrison County Cancer Association for 15 years, is President of her Sunday School class at the Cynthiana Christian Church where she is a member, Past President of the



## Ask Him... You'll Get a Straight Answer

"Dr. Ford, what qualifications do you have for the position of State Senator?"

(A) I have been a resident of my Senatorial District for 19 years, am a Democrat and meet all legal qualifications to run and serve.

"What would you cite as those qualities which make you a more capable candidate than others?"

(A) I'm in touch with the people. This is important. My occupation puts me in direct contact everyday; activities outside my veterinarian profession also put me in touch with people throughout this District. I work and meet with many groups - housewives, farmers, executives, students, people of all incomes and varied backgrounds. I'm in contact with the young, and the senior citizen. I listen, I respect the feelings of others. It's just that my activities in life have made it possible for me to experience this widespread association with so many people, and after all, the People constitute our governments at all levels. Yet, too often their wishes are ignored, or the people are isolated from their elected officials.

"What, for instance, can you do for the business women?"

(A) I can be their voice because of my training, background and roles in business. I've been actively involved with the Cynthiana-Harrison County Chamber of Commerce all my business life... as a Director for seven years, a past Vice President and currently as President. The operation of Harrison Veterinary Clinic is certainly a business. I was President of the Cynthiana Stockyard Company. These are but a few reasons why I am aware of most business problems... I think I can help.

"How about the general laboring man and woman?"

(A) Do you know what made this country great? The clerk in the store, the routeman, the station attendant, the man and women who paid their taxes, who served their country,

who respected authority, who scratched and saved to educate their children. Our nation has survived because of the farmer, the housewife, the assemblyline operator, and the mechanic. I could go on and on, but the point is that we're a nation, a state, a community of diverse interests. As State Senator it will be my responsibility to recognize all elements - equally important. After all, my family and I constitute laboring men and women.

"What about agriculture?"

(A) As a Veterinarian, a large part of my livelihood depends upon the farmer. I know what's in his mind! We think alike, because of my profession and also because my wife and I operate two farms in Bourbon and Harrison Counties. Agriculture is a major part of our lives and will always be. Incidentally, the operation of farms is another business activity - a very difficult business activity today!

"And Education?"

(A) For the past four years I have served as Chairman of the Harrison County Board of Education, and as a Board member two years previously. We must increase the per pupil expenditure in Kentucky to the national average. And it can be done without any increase in taxes whatsoever, just by re-directing the priorities for tax money we are already paying. I believe the local districts should receive more state funds with less bureaucratic interference from Frankfort and Washington. As said before, we know our own needs better than anyone. Government closest to the people is the best form of government.

I'm a firm believer in the premise that local boards are more aware and can furnish more efficient solutions. Also, we must give due consideration to all levels of education. As State Senator, my responsibilities will be to work on the effective coordination of education; elementary, secondary, post-secondary, vocational and other aspects which are vitally important to the well-being of our children!

"Most candidates claim special qualifications. Do you have any?"

(A) I honestly believe that I do. My experience in Education, Business, Agriculture and as a practicing Professional is unique. My daily contact with people outside my own county has to give me a broader view of what's really on the peoples mind and what's happening in the district. In my case, my education, varied business and civic activities and a relationship with the broad spectrum of the public appear to be ideal qualifications. But there's something else. I think we all have some obligation to society beyond the normal routines in life. We have different obligations, depending upon our interests, our training and our talents. I happen to be a non-politician who enjoys public service. I have the time and the motivation to serve. I have no political debts or commitments. My only commitments will be public obligations to those I serve.

"Can you really speak for the average Kentuckian?"

(A) Yes! That would be speaking for the consumer, the hard-working men and women in our District who want some independent thinking in Frankfort. That would be speaking for the taxpayer who is fed up with the game of "scratch-my-back personal service contracts." That would be speaking out for less Executive Imperialism. That would be speaking out against the people having to support flamboyance of state travel, of costly delays in state programs, and idle rhetoric instead of action to help Kentuckians.

But most importantly, no one can speak for the average Kentuckian if that candidate is going to totally be manipulated by any administration in power. And I'm not the administration candidate. Neither can a Senator effectively represent a District when his business office is in another District!

DARK PICTURE