I saw Joseph P. Leary, County Chairman, at his office in Cooperstown on Oct. 30.

I derived the impression that the campaign in Otsego County has not been particularly active. Mr. Leary was not very optimistic - nor the reverse.

Bennett lost the county in 1942 by 7852. The worst that he thought would happen this year would be to lose it by 7500. It would depend on the vote in Oneonta where there is a considerable group of organized railways workers.

Lehman would run somewhat ahead of Mead.

The State Troopers and the volunteer firemen are anti-Dewey and exert a considerable influence. The school-teachers are disgruntled but it is doubtful whether their dissatisfaction will show up much at the polls.

There is great confidence on the part of the Republicans - to an extent which may represent over-confidence and result in a relatively small turnout in the country districts on Election Day. There has been relatively little Republican activity.

Mr. Leary said that it was of course "a poor time for any Democrat to run" and that the anti-Communist propaganda had been effective. There had also been some propaganda to the effect that Lehman was "too old."