

PUBLIC FORUM

AN OPEN LETTER

April 2, 1935.

Fellow Citizens:

In justice to myself and the Harmony convention that has honored me by nominating me as candidate for reelection as Village clerk of Wilmette, and also for the reason that the opposition group has not placed a candidate on its ticket against me, I deem it only fair that I inform the citizens of Wilmette and the Harmony convention through WILMETTE LIFE that I am deeply grateful especially to the chairman and members of the nominating committee who have worked long and earnestly to secure candidates for the various offices in order that we may, if possible, eliminate factional contests, and in so doing inspire other citizens to become candidates and serve the people of the village, thereby helping to make this village of homes a better place in which to live.

I fully subscribe and heartily agree to the principles set forth in the platform of the Harmony convention, and when elected promise to abide by them. I am especially interested in securing adoption of the civil service act regarding the police and fire departments in order that both may be taken out of politics, thereby assuring the members of just and fair play.

I also wish to inform all citizens that when elected Village clerk I will at all times be at the service of the people of Wilmette, as they are the ones who have to foot the bill and therefore are entitled to every consideration.

Respectfully,
Nicholas P. Miller.

S. O. S.

One of the most practical and constructive steps taken in behalf of the blind was the recent introduction in Congress of the Randolph bill, H. R. 4688.

This bill, a happy novelty in the welter of "relief" bills now before Congress provides for the operation by trained blind of news, cigar and candy stands in federal buildings, under the supervision of the Office of Education in the Department of the Interior, in cooperation with State Departments of Vocational Rehabilitation and state and private agencies engaged primarily in work for the blind.

It further provides for small loans to the blind with which to purchase stocks of newspapers, candy, cigars, etc., to start these businesses. The stands themselves would be purchased by the Office of Education, and controlled by them through the aforementioned agencies. When a blind lessee of a government stand retired from its operation another blind operator would be chosen from the waiting list to succeed him. Private sale and transfer would be prohibited. Adequate safeguards are provided to prevent these stands from becoming a public nuisance.

This plan is vastly preferable to charity. The blind will prefer occupation to idleness; earned income to a dole. The taxpayers will be saved considerable money if an estimated 20,000 blind can be removed from relief rolls and given the opportunity to earn livings for themselves.

The success of the measure depends upon the energy and ambition of the blind themselves. All they ask for is the opportunity. A similar plan has worked successfully in Canada.

The measure is widely supported by established agencies for the blind, by The Daughters of America, The National Rehabilitation Association Inc., The Federated Churches of Greater Cleveland, American Federation of Labor, American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Progressive Political league, The Temple Sisterhood, and many other agencies and individuals.

If you believe in giving the blind this chance—the chance through cooperation to help themselves—write your congressman without delay. Don't put it off—immediate support is needed. For further information, telephone The Hadley Correspondence School for the Blind, Winnetka 805.

—Alfred Allen,
Executive Secretary, Hadley
Correspondence School for the Blind.

(The many citizens and organizations of the north shore interested in efforts to help the sightless will find in this article a suggestion for practical assistance upon which they will wish to act promptly and thus perform a real service that is urgently needed.—Editor.)

RETURNING FROM SCHOOL

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