

A PLEA FOR FAIR PLAY AND JUSTICE ON H. S. QUESTION

F. Jason Littleford is For Community Proposition if West Boundary is Changed.

Mr. Editor: The election Saturday, July 31, on the proposed community high school plan is one that is highly important to every person in this locality and is one in which every voter should express his opinion at the polls. I am a graduate of the local grammar and high schools and still reside in the village school district (District 58) and now have children attending the village schools and am heartily interested in the improvement of these schools, but only want it done by fair and just means. I do not want to see it "slipped over." I am in favor of a community high school and also a consolidated grammar school for the surrounding country districts.

There are two serious defects to the proposed community high school proposition. First, it takes in territory not properly in this community, and second there is no understanding as to what the farmers are going to receive for this heavy burden thrust upon them.

When this question was considered at a public meeting some time ago one of the speakers brought in to explain the proposition said it must be a genuine community affair to serve its best purpose, and this could be found out and determined by visiting the surrounding farmers and finding where they traded, where they went to church, where they went to the movies, etc. From the territory proposed I do not think any such plan has been followed, it looks as tho it had been quite arbitrarily determined. It takes in territory west of the Lisle road that is not part of the Downers Grove community. they do not attend church here, they do not trade here, and their associations are not here and further some are as much as seven miles away. I have talked with several progressive and representative farmers of the Lisle district and have not found one in favor of the proposition, but all very much opposed to it.

In district No. 58 there is an assessed valuation of about \$1,400,000, and in the proposed additional territory there is about the same amount thus making a total assessed valuation of about \$2,800,000.

At the present time there are about 192 students in the High School of which there are only 11 tuition students, so the farmers are called upon to pay the same amount in taxes to educate their 11 or more students that the present district taxpayers pay for the education of their 181 or more students, by what rule is that Fair Play?

Again since the farmers will be called on to contribute so heavily what consideration are they going to have in the courses that are to be taught? We have had enough education of the farmer boys away from the farms to the "white-collar jobs," they need education that will better fit them to be farmers, that will dignify their calling for it is one that is vital to the needs of our civilization. History shows that almost all civilizations have had their rise and fall with the rise and fall of their agriculture. Our agriculture at the present time is at a critical point and it behooves us to give proper consideration to the problems of the young and future agriculturalists.

Again, would the farmers be given proper representation on the High School Board?

The farmers are vitally interested in these questions, the majority of them are for education, and all are justly entitled to know what to expect for their hard-earned money. "Taxation without representation is Tyranny."

Therefore I submit that the present proposition be voted against and a new one submitted having proper regard for the community territory and having proper regard for the advantages offered to the farmers' children.

F. Jason Littleford.

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TWO ARGUMENTS—LET THEM ANSWER IF THEY CAN

B. L. Kellogg Has a Few Arguments Favoring Community High School.

July 21, 1920.

Editor, Downers Grove Reporter: This letter is addressed to those who contemplate voting against the Community High School Proposed District.

It is clearly the purpose and design of this law which entitles us to vote to increase our high school district, that the support of elementary higher education shall fall upon the wealth of the entire state, and under this law any city or town may file a petition and vote upon a similar proposition. Therefore it is not a question of time (if the people of Downers Grove fail to elect to its school district boundaries, the adjacent territory) when some other city or town will vote into THEIR Community High School District the territory which should rightfully belong to us. Those outside District 58 cannot postpone the "evil day." They should now come with us where they have natural community interests rather than to be compelled later on to help support a district not of their own choosing.

To the people of District 58: We all know the old story of two dogs fighting over a bone, and the third dog getting the bone. We cannot afford to fight and let some other city or town get the Bone (this territory.)

The residents of District 58 have never voted on any progressive educational proposition that has not carried by substantial majority, and NEVER WILL. If we fail the 31st I can and will (if necessary to support a first class High School) file a petition under Commission Form of Government, and compel a vote on the proposition; namely, "Shall the people of Downers Grove instruct the Township Assessor to increase our taxable value in District 58 to a figure that will enable us to maintain a High School of the highest standard and efficiency," and it will carry. Then we will bear alone what the State of Illinois virtually says with this law, is a responsibility of all. If anyone in this district votes against this proposition to protect their pocketbook they will jump out of the frying pan into the fire, and the fire is infinitely hotter than the pan.

B. L. Kellogg.

STATEMENT BY SCHOOL BOARD ON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL PROPOSITION

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pect this Board wants it to be known that if this Community High School is carried, they will use all efforts possible with the new board to the end that an agricultural course be immediately made a part of the high school curriculum and that everything possible will be done to make this institution a community institution in every sense of the word.

We also recommend that the Community High School Board give serious consideration to the transportation facilities to those in the outlying districts.

In other words let us lend our time and efforts and our money to educate the boys and girls of the farms in those things that will make them see the advantage of their work and show them that success and reward may be found just as surely on the farms as in the stores, offices and shops.

The present board also wishes to go on record to the effect that we would not favor the contemplation of a new building at this time or within two, three or possibly five years. Neither would we favor the accumulation of a building fund by increasing our taxing power for that purpose at present unless our student enrollment during the next two or three

years prove our present housing facilities totally inadequate.

An additional statement setting forth all the material facts regarding the proposed Community High School has been prepared by the school board and a copy will be sent to each home in the proposed district.

Respectfully,
Board of Education.
District 58

By A. C. Miskelly, President.

NOTES OF SUNDAY'S GAME

Lockport next Sunday.

Mochel ran the sacks like a Max Flack in Sunday's game. His triple in the first would have been a double for any other player but his feet-footedness stretched it to three. In the ninth he beat out a bunt and drew a large noise from his boosters.

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1. He lacked pep and he couldn't dance.
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3. He wore square-toed gaiters and a celluloid collar.
4. His clothes shone instead of his shoes.
5. At a pink tea he was a blue funk.
6. He never pressed his trousers or a lady's hand.
7. All he knew of life he saw through his microscope.

So his sweetheart turned him down, and to cure his "sins" he turned to the chorus of "The Rajah's Pet Wife." Come and laugh till you're weak at Anthony's joyous "conversion."

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She became an artist's model because her face and form inspired the famous sculptor to a Chef D'Oeuvre in marble. He met her in a gay Parisian cabaret whither she had been driven in despair—her mother dying and her position lost. As magnet and steel are attracted so these two found their ideals each in the other, and when attempts were made to separate them, the magnetism of her love and virtue held him fast in bonds of true wifely affection and devotion.

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