

## ANNOUNCEMENT

In announcing my candidacy for State Representative, I believe it would be of interest to the voters to give the reasons that have prompted me to be a candidate.

At the 1928 general election, I was also a candidate for the same office and on the face of returns was apparently defeated by Richard J. Lyons by 2606½ votes. However, an investigation of the returns of the election showed so many grave and startling discrepancies in the count of the votes that I decided to contest the election and ask for a recount. My decision to contest the election was influenced particularly by the returns from Libertyville Township in Lake County. In each of the three districts in this township there were grave irregularities in the counting of the vote for Representative. In the 3rd Libertyville District (Mundelein) the total vote counted for candidates for Representative exceeded the possible vote by 296 if every person voting in that District cast three (3) votes for that office.

More votes were counted in two other Lake County Districts (Cuba and Benton No. 1) than the maximum vote possible to cast.

This impossible count made the returns void in these three Districts (Libertyville 3, Cuba and Benton 1), so far as the vote for Representative was concerned. This much was conceded by the chairman of the Legislative Committee at Springfield in charge of this contest.

By eliminating the entire vote for Representative from these three districts, Mr. Lyon's lead was reduced from 2606½ to 592½.

An examination of the tally books from the first Libertyville District showed that an error of 110 votes was made in Mr. Lyon's favor in totaling the votes he received on split tickets. Then in McHenry County, the canvassing board made a error of 100 votes in Mr. Lyon's favor in the Grafton District. The errors in these two districts reduced Mr. Lyon's lead to 382½ votes.

Again because of the action of the election officials in counting the straight Democratic ballots as one vote for me instead of three votes as required by law, I was deprived of 1356 votes in the following districts:

McHenry County—Dorr (Dist. 1) Woodstock	426
McHenry County—Hebron	100
Lake County—Libertyville, 1	192
Lake County—Libertyville, 2	182
Lake County—Antioch, 1	146
Lake County—Shields, 1 (Lake Forest)	232
Boone County—Leroy	34
Boone County—Poplar Grove	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>1356</b>

In addition, through minor errors in Waukegan Districts No. 5 and 11, I was deprived of 49½ votes, making a total of 1405½ additional votes that I should have received.

Thus by eliminating the votes in the district wherein the returns were void because of an impossible count, and by deducting the errors in Mr. Lyon's favor in two other districts and by crediting me with the additional 1405½ votes that I should have received, it can readily be seen that a prima facie case was established with 1000 votes to spare.

Affidavits covering all the election districts mentioned were submitted to the election contest committee of the Legislature. These affidavits in practically every case should be verified and substantiated by the returns of election on file in the Secretary of State's office, also in the offices of the County Clerk of the three counties.

In spite of the fact that the evidence submitted showed a margin of 1000 votes for a prima facie case, a recount of the votes was refused and the contest dismissed.

I protest that decision and my candidacy may be considered in the nature of an appeal from that decision direct to the people of this District.

It should be emphasized that in any election or election contest personal ambitions or personal interests count for little. The public interest should always be paramount. If there is reason to believe thorough ballot irregularity, of any kind, the will of the people has been thwarted and they have been deprived of their rightfully elected officials then a situation arises that should command the concern of every fairminded citizen.

In this case there is good reason to believe that the people of this District were denied their proper representation in the last session of the General Assembly.

The right of franchise, or the right to vote is one of the most precious privilege of citizenship, and the right to vote, if it means anything, means the right to have the vote honestly and accurately counted, otherwise an election is a farce and the privilege of voting nothing but a mockery and a delusion.

There are many important issues in this campaign, but the issue of honest elections is fundamental. The question of whether the candidates are entitled to a fair and accurate vote-count is not a personal issue. Neither is it a partisan issue. The desire to see fair play and the desire to see that justice is done is not confined to the voters of any particular party. Confident that this is true, I submit my candidacy to all the voters of this district and earnestly request that they give it their serious consideration.

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*Democratic Candidate for State Representative*

## TEAM MEMBERS OF Y. W. C. A. CAMPAIGN

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every worker is expected to make a daily report and as there are new instructions to be given, questions to be answered, suggestions to be discussed, and as there are new names to be given out. Experience has shown that these daily meetings are instructive and stimulating, that they greatly improve the morale of the workers, and that they prevent the campaign from dragging. A short program with music and a brief talk by some friend of the association has been arranged to follow each luncheon. Many of the most successful solicitors are mothers of young children, and the luncheon committee will serve a children's luncheon daily at 12:30, so that the mothers will not be forced to be absent from these important noonday meetings.

### Team Captains and Members

Many friends of the association have already renewed their pledges and the listing committee reports that there are over seventy-five people to be called on during the week of the campaign. This calling will be done by women representing at least five different church denominations. Women who are not yet enrolled should communicate with Mrs. Henry M. Pier, or with one of the team captains. The partial list of solicitors is as follows:

### Campaign Workers

Team 1—Mrs. E. T. R. Murfey, captain "Y" board team; Mrs. Wilson Kline, Mrs. J. D. McDougall, Mrs. H. M. Pier, Mrs. F. C. Noerenberg, Mrs. R. A. Wood.

Team 2—Mrs. P. O. E. Johnson, captain; Mrs. Lyle Gourley, Mrs. E. E. West, Mrs. F. L. Griffith, Mrs. K. B. Lacy, Mrs. J. C. Emery, Mrs. R. M. Jeffries, Miss Laura Sweetland, Miss Jean Allan, Mrs. Dudley Simpson.

Team 3—Mrs. M. C. Rybolt, captain; Miss Abbie Howe, Mrs. B. K. Martin, Mrs. J. T. Heed, Miss Ada Thomas, Mrs. Frank Fitt, Mrs. Harlow Holabird, Mrs. A. M. Belfield.

Team 4—Mrs. Louis Schemmel, captain Mothers' club team; Mrs. E. S. Hall, Mrs. Louise Erickson, Mrs. John Repholz.

Team 5—Miss Carolyn Saathoff, captain Pi Delta team; Mary Cullen, Grace McClure Holden, Ruth Keel, Helen Kauffman, Emily Marks, Emma Jacobs, Marguerite Noerenberg, Dorothy Simpson, Alice Marks, Josephine Snyder.

Team 6—Miss Grace Newmeyer, captain B Y's team; Bertha Crawford, Alvina Culver, Beulah Demgen, Ann Moran, Emily Brynn, Marie Bonson, Vera Whitecomb, Mayfred Hanson.

Team 7—Mrs. Otto Lawrentz, captain; Mrs. G. J. Hinn, Mrs. J. C. Laegeler, Mrs. Orville Wessling, Mrs. E. R. Baum, Mrs. Ernest Garling, Mrs. William Elias, Mrs. H. V. Nichols.

Team 8—Teachers and Nurses team; Miss Wilson, Deerfield-Shields; Miss Pierson, Ravinia school; Miss deHartog, Oak Terrace school; Miss Boyce, Lincoln school; Miss Nixon, Elm Place school; Miss Marxson, Braeside school; Miss Behrens, Green Bay school; Miss Ibsen, H. P. hos-

pital; Miss Bernice Rybolt and Miss Dorothy Lidgerwood.

Team 9—Mrs. J. B. Deibler, captain; Mrs. F. J. Horn, Mrs. B. F. Reike, Mrs. E. E. Mellinger, Mrs. A. S. Burdick, Mrs. K. E. Wagner.

Team 10—Mrs. C. T. Weaver, Mrs. H. C. White, Mrs. J. O. Meyers.

### More Than "Worthy Cause"

According to Miss Esther Huckins, who spoke to the members at the tea on Monday afternoon, a woman who starts giving to the Y in a casual way, because she thinks that it is a "worthy cause" usually ends by giving proudly because she considers it a privilege to be a member of such a fellowship. In our Highland Park Y. W. C. A. the general standards of the association are loyalty upheld so that the girls and women who have associated themselves here occasionally catch a vision of superlative meaning.

In addition, the practical problems of everyday living are met. At the Y club attendance last year amounted to nearly 7,500. Over 400 people occupied rooms at the Y for one or more nights. Nearly 80 girls who went to the Y for advice about where they could find rooms were referred to private homes. Every Sunday afternoon the open fire in the big room is the local point of a throng of girls who gather for informal singing and fellowship. Dancing classes are held at the Y. Lectures are given there; the Choral club meets at the Y for rehearsals. Wedding receptions, banquets, missionary meetings and girl scout meetings share the assembly and game room with the regular Y. W. C. A. clubs.

### The Budget

The budget for the coming year is \$9,632, of which \$5,732 is to be raised by subscription. The balance is provided for partly by rentals and partly by interest on investment. The sale of the land formerly owned by the association realized a sum sufficient to purchase the present building and to leave a balance of \$26,000, which produces an income of \$1,500. Rentals amount to about \$2,400 as the girls who live at the residence pay from \$4.00 to \$6.00 a week, while transients pay \$1.00 a night; and, in addition, the assembly and game room are frequently rented for dancing classes, private entertainments, etc. The Girl Scouts and several religious organizations use the rooms free of charge. The success of the campaign seems well assured, because of the modest budget, the excellent organization of the drive, and the friendly attitude of the community. One Highland Park man, who is the head of a firm doing a nationwide business, renewed his subscription this week with the comment that this is decidedly not the time to cut donations, but rather a time when money should be given more freely than ever.

Mrs. Frank Fitt,

Campaign publicity chairman.

A special collection of mammals of kinds valued for their fur is on exhibition at Field Museum of Natural History. Included are specimens of the American marten or sable, Indian marten, Henrici's marten of Sumatra, Java and Borneo, the Japanese sable, European beach marten, the mink, the South American tayra, North American fisher, skunk, sea otter, the American otter and others.