

Open Letter—

(Continued from page 1, col. 4) tricts equally concerned and militates against the eventual success of consolidation to an extent which casts suspicion on the motives of those who introduced the question. Again one seems to detect that pale blue sensation. Let us cast forth consolidation into outer darkness; it is important, but it is not an issue in the coming election.

What other areas for discussion exist? A little modest research brings forth the fact that all candidates are pledged to the maintenance of the highest educational standards consistent with a reasonable degree of prudence in the matter of expenditures, or something close enough to this so that there is nothing to be gained by kicking it around. Can it be, then, that all these people are really in complete agreement about everything? Can it be that all is sweetness and light, and District 108 is just one big happy family? Well, let us avoid jumping too hastily at conclusions. One man's martini is another man's downfall, and such phrases as "highest educational standards" and "economy" are vague terms, subject to interpretation.

There is no way to assure compliance of an office holder with the conceptions of the voter who supported him if the former decides he didn't mean just what people may have thought he meant at the time of the campaign. The best assurance for the voter is the selection of candidates whose interests are most likely to conform to his own over a period of time.

All citizens, of course, have an interest in economical government, and this includes candidates. Other things being equal, ownership of real property provides an added stake in economy. I am under the impression all the candidates own real property and can therefore reasonably be expected to dislike taxes, even as you and I, though I do not claim to have investigated comparative holdings and assessed valuations. Nevertheless, it seems reasonable to assume none of them is imbued with a desire to play fast and loose with any of that precious folding stuff.

Where, then, do the differences lie? Let us consider the probable interpretation of the words "highest standards of education", and let us assume (for the sake of the argument, of course) that all candidates are equally sincere in believing themselves in favor of this worthy objective. At this point it must be noted that all citizens have an interest in the educational facilities of the community, just as they do in economy of local government, but, once again, there can be a very real difference in the degree and immediacy of this interest. There cannot, however, be the slightest room for doubt that the citizen (or Board member) with children attending the public schools has a greater immediate stake in the excellence of the educational program than the

person who does not have children in attendance, and that he can, in general, be expected to place a stricter interpretation on the term "highest educational standards".

The voter, of course, no matter what his status as regards offspring, knows his own feelings as to the relative proportions of education and economy he feels should be stirred into the public school broth, and it should go without saying that any promise of both to the highest degree can have been conceived only in hypocrisy. Therefore, let the voter who believes in education first vote for candidates with children in school, and let him who believes in economy first vote for candidates without children. Not too difficult a decision, once the mental impedimenta have been cleared away, and one which will shortly cause our school system to reflect the will of the majority for all to see.

So much for the method. Beating a hasty retreat from relative objectivity to frank partisanship, my own application of it follows. Inquiry brings forth apparently reliable information to the effect that each of the Caucus candidates has children in school at the present time, whereas none of the Voters' League candidates has any children at all. A grammar school age or is apt to have any in the public schools in the near future. If it were only a matter of numbers of children the difference probably would not be significant, but when it comes to an entire slate of School Board candidates, no one of whom has children in the schools, the danger of a loose interpretation of "highest educational standards" and of a regime dedicated to false standards of economy becomes too real to be ignored.

Under the circumstances, I shall cast my vote for the Caucus slate, relying for economy on the reputation of the candidates for common sense and reasonable conservatism, and for educational excellence on their presumptive desire for a school system good enough for their children, a desire I find to be identical to my own. In short, to paraphrase Robert Ruark's recent comments on the State Department, I haven't anything against the fellow with no children; I just don't want him representing me.

Very truly yours,
Hugh T. Riddle

Candidates—

(Continued from page 1) as none of the candidates would declare that he was willing to enforce the gambling laws against slot machines. For the same reason the Association declined to recommend any of the Democratic candidates for that office.

Thomas A. Pojuna, former Waukegan Corporation Counsel, was recommended by the Association to Democratic voters as the better qualified candidate for Probate Judge of Lake County.

The Association, which is a non-partisan organization, is making recommendations in both the Republican and Democratic primaries, but is in each case making recommendations only in the case of contested offices. Its recommendations are based upon careful study of the candidates' qualifications as deduced from questionnaires, personal interviews and other sources, according to Stern. Failure of the Association to mention a candidate who is unopposed in the primary should not be construed, Stern said, as indicating that the Association considers him unqualified. Thus it considers County Judge Minard Hulse who is unopposed in either party as well qualified for renomination and election.

The Association recommended to Lake County Republicans that they vote for only two candidates for State Representative, Harvey Pearson of Waukegan and Robert McClory of Lake Bluff. The renomination of Pearson was recommended, according to Stern, on the basis of his good voting record, and McClory received the Association's nod as a vigorous good government candidate. Nick Keller, a longtime State Representative was passed over, a spokesman of the Association said, because of his inconsistent voting record.

As only one Democratic candidate for State Representative is to be nominated, the Association urged Democrats to support Thomas A. Bolger, McHenry County farmer, now ending his ninth term in the Legislature. The Association pointed out that Bolger had an excellent voting record and that his opponents in the Democratic Primary are political nonentities.

In the hotly contested race for the Republican nomination for

State Treasurer, the Association announced that it was backing Theron W. Merryman, fighting independent Chicago alderman. While conceding the qualifications of James Simpson, the Association declined to recommend him because of his connection with the organization of ex-Governor Green. Similarly, the Association by-passed Louis E. Nelson because of his close alliance with Simon Murray, Chicago Westside political boss. The Association conceded the qualifications of William C. Stratton and Warren Wright but contended that neither of them was of Merryman's calibre.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Association recommended that Republicans vote for the incumbent, Vernon L. Nickell and that Democrats vote for C. Hobart Engle, of Cuba, Illinois. Nickell was supported, it was announced, on the basis of his generally good record and Engle because he is the better qualified of the two Democratic candidates.

Since Scott Lucas, Senate Majority Leader, is unopposed for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator, the Association, in accordance with its policy, made no recommendation for a primary voters.

The Association has prepared a summary of the reasons for its recommendations to voters of each party. Copies can be obtained from Mrs. John Levinson, 130 Ravine Drive, Highland Park. Sample ballots, marked in accordance with the Association's recommendations may also be obtained from her.

Almost 700 Voters—

(Continued from page 1, col. 1) Building Fund to the building fund of the consolidated district as provided for by Illinois statute, whereby the indebtedness would be proportionately distributed throughout the entire consolidated district, and whereby a building fund would be immediately available for all proven needs, especially the needs of the high school.

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S.
CUSHMAN**

FOR PRESIDENT—1 YR. TERM
A prominent attorney, member of Governor's Commission which studied school consolidation and redistricting problems, father of four children, and a taxpayer

**MUNROE
FEARING**

MEMBER — 3 YR. TERM
Vice President, Carson Pirie Scott and Co., life long resident of Highland Park, father of two children, and a taxpayer.

**HAROLD
E.
FOREMAN, JR.**

MEMBER — 3 YR. TERM
Business executive, present member of school board, father of two children, and a taxpayer.

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3—Taxation — Lowest possible tax rate to support standards of education consistent with those found in neighboring suburbs.

4—Preservation of a Representative Caucus System — So that politics will not creep into the school board.

5—Defeat of the Voters' League Candidates — There is no place in this community for persons who attempt to undermine our school system with deliberate falsehoods and misstatements.

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