

COUNTY CANDIDATES REPLY TO QUESTIONS

Candidates for Sheriff, County Judge and County Clerk Answer Questionnaire

At the request of the Winnetka League of Women Voters many of the candidates for office at the coming primaries have written their views on various important governmental questions so that these things can be put before the voting public in Winnetka. Copies of the complete letters of all candidates replying to the league's questionnaire may be obtained at Community House on Monday, April 12. Important excerpts from all the letters which came from candidates for sheriff, judge, and clerk are printed here. Others were printed in last week's issue of Winnetka Talk.

CANDIDATES FOR SHERIFF Patrick J. Carr

Democrat—Real estate. Present county treasurer. Grammer school and De La Salle Institute. Platform: "I believe that the office of sheriff of Cook County presents great possibilities for public service in that it affords an opportunity of originating and maintaining a vigorous campaign to make the highways of the County safe for every man, woman, and child, and as a means to that end I advocate the establishment of an efficient motorized patrol of the highways. The completion of the new county jail will also permit of the execution of some of my ideas of handling prisoners awaiting trial with humaneness but without maudlin sympathy. The enlarged quarters will prevent the present overcrowding and enable the jailer properly to separate the less serious from the more heinous offenders and thus prevent the jail itself from becoming a breeding place of crime. I am also of the determined opinion that if prisoners held for trial are given some definite occupation or schooling, or both, they are less of a menace to the administration of the jail." "I favor the appointment of employes by a civil service examination for fitness." "In addition to the prosecution in the courts of those keepers of road-houses which violate the law, I will advocate an increase in the number of patrolmen under the direction of the Sheriff, and through them will maintain a vigilant inspection of road-houses for the purpose of reporting violations to the Board of County Commissioners and asking for the revocation of the licenses of such violators." "I believe that both the primary election law and the convention method of choosing candidates have their defects, although I have the utmost confidence in the judgment of the people I believe that when the delegates to nominating conventions properly represent the principles of their party and their constituency, a better type of candidate is nominated by the method than by the present primary law."

Charles J. Peters

Republican. Deneen faction, state grain inspector. No business connection. Public schools of Chicago, Chief clerk, city attorney's office; chief clerk, bailiff Municipal court. Republican ward committeeman old 35th and new 36th wards. "I make this open pledge that if I am nominated as the Republican candidate for Sheriff, and the people of Cook County elect me, I will so administer that office that no person can charge me with any dereliction of duty at any time or in any way. I will observe the laws myself and will see that all subordinates of the Sheriff do the same, and that the laws are faithfully executed without fear or favor." "It will by my first official act to tender the appointment of attorney for the Sheriff to Honorable John J. Healy, former State's Attorney of Cook County. Secondly, I

will invite the Association of Commerce, the Crime Commission, the Better Government Association, the Bar Association, several of the prominent women's organizations, the judges of the Criminal Court, and the Board of County Commissioners each to name one of their number who shall serve as a board to select the best fitted man in Cook County for the office of Jailer, and the man so selected will be appointed." "Other employes of the sheriff's office who attend strictly to their business and perform their duties honestly and conscientiously in their employment will not be disturbed." "In view of the present bipartisan attempt through corrupt combines in both the major political parties to share certain public offices for personal profits and the prostitution of power. I want to volunteer the pledge that no power, no interest, or no person can swerve me from the fearless and conscientious performance of my (Continued on Page 49)



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