

O'Neil Gets Nod From MEA For State Bd. of Ed.

EAST LANSING—For the first time in its 112-year history, the Michigan Education Association has announced its endorsement of candidates running for state elective offices. In a precedent-breaking move, the MEA has recommended the election of candidates running for the State Board of Education.

"Education in Michigan is at a crossroads," said Dr. E. Dale Kennedy, MEA executive secretary. "In deciding to endorse candidates for the new State Board of Education, the MEA is recognizing the importance that this new eight-member board can and should play in providing adequate educational opportunities for Michigan youth at all levels, pre-kindergarten through post-graduate work."

To be elected on Nov. 3 are eight members of a new State Board of Education as created by the new state constitution: two will be elected for eight-year terms, two for six-year terms, two for four-year terms, and two for two-year terms. Eventually all terms will be eight-year terms, with two members to be elected every two years. The present State Board of Education has only four members, elected for six-year terms.

The MEA identified candidates from both parties it feels are most qualified to provide constructive leadership in meeting Michigan's educational needs in the years ahead.

Two candidates are endorsed for the two eight-year terms, two are endorsed for the two six-year terms, and two are endorsed for the two four-year terms. For the two two-year terms, the MEA felt all four candidates merited endorsement. MEA recommendations are as follows:

EIGHT-YEAR TERMS: Alvin M. Bentley (R), Owasco; and James F. O'Neil (R), Livonia.

SIX-YEAR TERMS: Dr. Peter Oppewall (D), Grand Rapids; and Robert P. Briggs (R), Jackson.

FOUR-YEAR TERMS: Bourke Lodevick (R), Bay City; and Mrs. Joyce Halton (R), Grand Haven.

TWO-YEAR TERMS: Donald M. D. Thurber (D), Grosse Pointe; Mrs. James Parker (R), Grand Rapids; Ellen Solomonson (R), Norway; and Dr. Leon Fill (D), Huntington Woods.

Bentley, a former Congressman, was chairman of the Education Committee at the recent Constitutional Convention and was appointed by Gov. Romney in 1963 to the Citizens' Committee on Higher Education.

O'Neil, the only incumbent running for re-election, is an executive for the Ford Motor Co. He also was a trustee for the Northwest Wayne Community College.

Dr. Oppewall is professor of English at Calvin College and a former Fulbright scholar. Briggs is executive vice president of the University of Michigan and was a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Michigan Tax Study in 1958.

Lodevick, who owns a Bay City insurance agency, was president of the Bay City board of education for four years and was chairman of the 1964 Bay City School Study Committee. Mrs. Halton has operated a nursery school in Grand Haven for eight years and serves on Gov. Romney's Citizens' Committee on Higher Education.

Thurber, a public relations consultant, has served five years on the University of Michigan's Board of Regents and is a member of the Harvard Board of Overseers Committee. Mrs. Parker is a past president of the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers (1942-45) and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (1958-61).

Mrs. Solomonson, an ex-teacher and former president of the MEA, serves on the Norwalk board of education. Dr. Fill is a physician and director of the Wayne National Life Insurance Company of Michigan.

Livonia Seaman Makes Tour With Navy Nuclear Force

Theodore M. Stevens, machinist's mate second class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Stevens, all of Livonia, has returned to Norfolk, Va. He is serving aboard the USS Bainbridge following the completion of operation Sea Orbit.

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