

"Be wiser than other people if you can; but do not tell them so."
Lord Chesterfield

UNIT Wednesday Morning, Nov. 20th, 9:30 A.M. 130 N. Westlawn
MEETINGS Wednesday Evening, 7:30 P.M., 2090 W. Riverview
Hostess for the morning group Mrs. Porter (Rebecca) French.
The evening group meets with Mrs. William R. (Pauline) Winn.
Program: "Little Drops of Water"
Discussion leaders Water resources committee: Mrs. Floyd Birt,
Mrs. L. L. Colvis, Mrs. G. J. Cresswell, Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. Wm. Hipsher,
Mrs. W. F. Kuntz, Mrs. Hilmer Landholt, Mrs. H. J. Pettee, Mrs. Thomas Protzman
and Mrs. Porter French, chairman.
To be discussed: River basin planning and how costs should be shared.

FINAL	Goal for 1957-58	\$1,460.00	
FINANCE	Dues \$550.00	Member gifts \$150.00	Non-member gifts \$760.00
REPORT	ACTUAL RECEIPTS		
	Dues \$550.00	Member Gifts \$190.00	Non-member gifts \$829.00
	Non-Member gift analysis:		
	18 New prospects did not give (50% will probably give next year)		
	26 New prospects gave		
	13 Former donors did not give		
	61 Former donors gave.		
	Total received for 1957-58	\$1,569.00	

Helen H. Leigh, Finance Chairman

The following workshops have been slated: You have received two opportunities to sign up. Once when you were contacted to fill out your personnel card, secondly at the October Unit Meetings. Now if you wish to join any workshop you must call the chairman listed below and ask her to add your name to the committee list.

COURT REFORM Date: November 19th
WORKSHOP Time: 7:30 P.M.
Place: 1390 West Macon

As you know, the Legislature adopted SJR 47 last June, and the new proposal will come before the voters in 1958. On November 1st, I attended a meeting in Chicago called by Mrs. Velde, State Chairman of the Judicial Item, at which time the new proposal was discussed. There have been many changes from the Joint Bar Proposal that the League worked for, and we do not yet know what our position will be with respect to SJR 47; that is, whether we will support it, work against, or do a Voters' Service job in the community. Join us for our meeting on November 19th - future workshop dates will be fixed in accordance with the convenience of those present, and the committee.

Eileen Gebhardt, Chairman of Judicial Item.
Telephone: 2-3229

PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE
WORKSHOP

The Public School Finance workshop had its first meeting on October 24th. We shall continue to meet each Thursday morning from 9 to 11 at the home of the chairman. The study is being based on (1) the financial needs of School District 61, (2) available resources, local, state, and federal, and (3) an evaluation of items 1 and 2.

It would be advisable to join the group not later than the November 14th meeting if you are interested. Committee members are:

Mrs. Maurice Brown	Miss Gertrude Hill
Mrs. E. H. England	Mrs. T. L. Hurst
Mrs. Bernard Evans	Mrs. J. C. Leigh
Mrs. H. W. Gibson	Mrs. Robert Lewis
Mrs. R. E. Greenfield	Mrs. Henry Malone
Mrs. Fritz Woyna	

(Mrs. R. H.) Lucy A. Oplinger, 152 Cobb Ave., Chairman

ELECTION PROCEDURES
WORKSHOP

First meeting early in January; political organization study will continue after the January Units. If you are interested in joining this study, call me for time and place.

Lou Cole, Chairman, 8-8703

TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP First meeting, December 9th (Monday) 9:15 - 11 AM at 160 Kellar Lane.

Virginia Gibson, Acting Chairman
3-4344

IMPORTANT The January General Membership meeting is to be a luncheon with an outstanding speaker. Watch the January Bulletin for time, and place.

MEMBERSHIP Irene Colvis entertained new members of the League at her home with a Coffee
ACTIVITY Hour and Orientation meeting on November 12th.

Changes of Board

Personnel It is with regret we accept the resignation of Helen Bolton as Township chairman. Helen has illness in her family.

We are happy to welcome Louise Cole (Mrs. Robert L.) Election Procedures, chairman.

LETTER sent to Mr. K. H. Williams and Mr. E. E. Lindsay

Dear Mr. -----:

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Decatur voted unanimously that, in line with our continuing responsibility, the League will align itself with a responsible citizen's committee to promote action to obtain the Council-Manager Form of Government for Decatur.

The League will not initiate this action because we have neither the woman power nor the finances to enable us to carry such a campaign alone, nor do we believe the campaign would be effective if carried by one organization.

We are writing to you at this time for three reasons:

1. We believe such a campaign should be initiated. The present unrest over high property tax bills can, properly directed, be utilized to secure the Council-Manager Form of Government. The present spending policies of the city government can motivate citizens toward the desire for a more economical and efficient type of government. We believe, also, that the citizens of this community can and will move to improve democratic processes without the necessity of highly emotional corruption and/or graft cases to motivate them.
2. We believe such a campaign should have the active support of both the Association of Commerce and the Decatur Newspapers. We are fully cognizant that some elements in the community are vocal in opposing activities of both the Association of Commerce and the Herald & Review (perhaps the League too). We do believe that such thinking should not deter any individual or any group from promoting issues they are convinced will benefit the community as a whole.
3. We believe that the time to initiate the campaign is now. Four more years of present wasteful spending policies are unthinkable. We fear that if responsible leadership is not initiated now, as the 1959 primaries draw closer, such a campaign is likely to spring up at the last minute when there will no longer be time to organize a successful campaign.

Four years ago we were in the position of having no issue, no single hard hitting re-iterated statement to burn into the voter's mind. Now we have it and the League believes the campaign can be won on this issue alone. We were defeated four years ago by apathy and fear of increased taxes. We now have two of the most effective facts to hammer home: Taxes were increased twice in the past three years and total salary outlay for a Council and a City Manager will be far less than the combined salaries of a Mayor and four Commissioners.

If you (your Board) find this suggestion agreeable and are willing to meet with the League to discuss it further, we shall be glad to cooperate on a time and place.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. H. W. Gibson, President

NATIONAL AGENDA

Recommended by the Board for consideration by the membership at the November Units:

1. Measures to promote a balanced economy with emphasis placed on the Federal Budget and the effects of taxation on our domestic economy and world affairs.
2. Evaluation of a water resource policy which will develop river basins as a unit with coordinated planning and improved administration, - or further study of water resources and reimbursement policies.

MAILED TO The Federal Loyalty-Security Programs summary of Report on Areas of Agreement.
NATIONAL The following opinions of our League members will be sent to the State Office and thence to the National Office.

Need for the programs: The programs, with alterations, should be continued although regret was expressed that such programs seem to be necessary.

Scope of the program: Only sensitive positions (and therefore fewer people) should be covered. It was agreed difficulties would arise in defining "sensitive."

Coordination, Standardization: A central Security office seems desirable but opinions differed as to whether it should be advisory only on a final decision basis.

Central screening boards probably would result in securing qualified personnel and would permit objective analysis of both the agency and the person being investigated.

Standards and Criteria: The standard should express our time-honored feeling that a person should be considered innocent until proved guilty. "The criteria should pertain to the matter of loyalty". The common sense judgment would surely be the fairest judgment.

Procedures: Reopen cases only on New evidence. No suspension from job without pay during the investigation.

Only FBI should be allowed to withhold witnesses. Witnesses so withheld should be the counterspies working for our government and even these should be interviewed and cross-examined by a Public Defender.

Some would have the Attorney General's list abolished. At the least, it should be re-evaluated periodically.

Further Comment: Above all the programs should be designed to encourage qualified people to enter government service. We need minds that are curious and sometimes free thinking.

- Lola Smith, Chairman

PROGRAM 1957 - 58

Month	Board Meeting	Morning Unit	Evening Unit	General Membership Luncheon	Other Functions
Sept.	Sept. 5			Gen.meeting Dr. DeAlba on Water	<i>Membership Luncheon Sept 19</i> Finance Drive - Sept. 10 - 14 Regional meeting Sept 23
Oct.	Oct. 3	9:30 A.M. Oct. 16 Fed.-Loyalty Security 310 S.Linden	7:30 P.M. Oct. 16 <i>Ind. L-S.</i> 160 Kellar Lane		<i>Oct. 24 Bldg policy discussion</i>
Nov.	Nov. 7	9:30 A.M. Nov. 20 Water 130 N.Westlawn	7:30 P.M. Oct. 16 210 W. <i>Water</i> Riverview		Nov. 7 Program Conference Chicago
Dec.	Dec. 5				
Jan.	Jan. 2	9:30 A.M. Jan. 15 Election Laws	7:30 P.M. Jan. 15	Gen.Membership Luncheon, Out- side Speaker <i>Jan 30</i>	
Feb.	Feb. 6	9:30 A.M. Feb. 19 Township	7:30 P.M. Feb. 19 Township		Candidate Meeting
Mar.	Mar. 6	9:30 A.M. Mar. 19 Court Reform	7:30 P.M. Mar. 19 Court Reform	Annual Meeting	<i>Candidate Meeting</i> <i>Candidate Questionnaire</i>
Apr.	Apr. 3	9:30 A.M. Apr. 16 Public School Finance	7:30 P.M. Apr. 16		
May	May 1			Convention Report <i>Luncheon</i>	

Ella Kuntz, Circulation Editor

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