

January 1949

THE LEAGUE LETTER

Macon County League of Women Voters

The discussion groups for January will meet on Tuesday, January 11, at one o'clock at the Decatur Club (Luncheon meeting); and on Thursday, January 13, at seven-thirty in the Library. Note the change of time and place of this last meeting: 7:30, Library.

The subject of these meetings will be "Should the United States join collective defensive pacts?" Some of the points to be discussed will be:

1. The main U.N. Charter provisions for an U.N. collective security system and reasons why this system has not been established to date.
2. The Rio de Janeiro pact.
3. The Brussels pact.
4. General vs. regional pacts.
5. The Vandenberg resolution.

Mrs. C. E. Smith's committee will lead these meetings. Mrs. Smith will be assisted by Mrs. Cohen at the luncheon meeting and by Mrs. Sterns and Miss Perry at the evening meeting. In view of the urgency of this question, we hope every member will be present at one of these meetings. To quote from a letter received from Miss Strauss, President of the League,

"The issue is expected to come before Congress early in January. Your Board will need to point out the importance of this question to your members and plan for them to discuss the BRIEF and form their opinions during the next few weeks. I urge you to write the National headquarters of opinion in your League as it develops..." In accordance with Miss Strauss's request, the committee will ask for the opinion of the group at the end of each meeting.

The general meeting for January will be on January 27, at seven-thirty. Subject: the present status of the Constitutional Convention.

The fight for a new state constitution (our state project) will be renewed with the 1949 General Assembly. If the General Assembly agrees to another trial for a new constitution, it will mean a referendum in the general election of 1950. If it passes then by a majority of all voting, the General Assembly of 1951 will set a date for an election of delegates to a Constitutional Convention. It's a long process, even if there's success at every turn.

There is to be a meeting in Chicago, January 13 and 14, to plan the part the League will take in this fight for a new constitution. Mrs. Kuhns is attending this planning meeting. Mrs. Charles Ruedi has agreed to help our local League with the above program.

Mrs. Kuhns had an interesting interview with Representative Ferguson to see how the League could help.

Discussion groups for February will meet on February 8 and 10, at the usual times and places. Mrs. E. C. McConnell and Mrs. W. W. McLaughlin will discuss the budget, based on the Memo, "The Forty Billion Dollar Question".

On November 4 and 5, there was an Economic Conference of the Chicago area. Mrs. McConnell and Mrs. McLaughlin attended, as representatives of the Decatur League. What they learned there, they will try to bring to Decatur's membership as fully as possible. It would be well for all members who are interested to become familiar with the Memo mentioned above--"The Forty Billion Dollar Question". If you do not have time to read it, it would pay you at least to glance through it and study the charts a bit. They are most revealing.

The big reason for studying the Federal Tax and Fiscal Policy is that it seems to be essential that we women understand it if we keep urging better schools, etc. After all, if we insist on the spending of more and more money we should know something of how this money is to be raised.

In February we hope to have a good speaker from outside our organization who can enlighten us as to what we must know about our Federal and Fiscal Policy if we are to be intelligent voters.

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The School Bond Issue

The Education Committee, headed by Mrs. Simmons, offered the following recommendation, which the Board unanimously approved:

"Since our project this year has been education, we recommend that:

1. We will either assume leadership in urging the school bond issue, or cooperate to the utmost with any other group that leads.
2. The board make a public statement of our endorsement of the school bond issue."

The School bond issue is expected to come up in March or April. League members will consult Mr. McIntosh about suitable action.

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The United Nations Committee

On October 12, at the luncheon meeting of the League, the U.N. Committee gave a report on the work done by the Workshop Group. Three members took part: Mrs. Martin Cohen reported on the Charter, with special reference to the "Veto" and other articles currently in the news; Mr. Elwin Clark reported on the many worthwhile things the United Nations had accomplished; and Mrs. David Wood reported on the various methods which might be used to strengthen the U.N. A general discussion was held by all members present, after the reports were given.

On October 14, at the evening meeting, the same procedure was followed with Miss Grace Bridges reporting on the Charter, Mrs. Clifford Smith on the accomplishments, and Mrs. Wood on the possible ways of strengthening the organization.

On Sunday, November 7, an article written by members of the Workshop was published in the Herald and Review. This was a summary of the findings in the Workshop study meetings. We hope it accomplished the goal set by the National League: that of reaching the greatest possible number of people in our community and helping them to know and understand their United Nations a little better.

On January 21, we are to present programs to the Parent Teachers Associations of Annie School at 3 P.M. and of Pugh Street School at 7:30 P.M.

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The Government in Operation Committee reports the eleven Voters' Handbooks were presented to the Senior High School, St. Theresa and the four Junior High Schools of Decatur by the League of Women Voters of Macon County.

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The Action Committee: All calls for action were answered. Only in the case of protesting the possible cut in E.C.A. funds did we think that the consensus of opinion was strong enough to justify sending telegrams to our congressmen.

In the case of Reciprocal Trade Treaties, Federal Aid to Education and Home Rule, the Board decided that we could not support the issue as a unit, but those most interested were urged to write individually--supporting their convictions.

No publicity was necessary since these issues already had strong press support here.

Congressman McMillen was twice interviewed at the request of the Chicago office.

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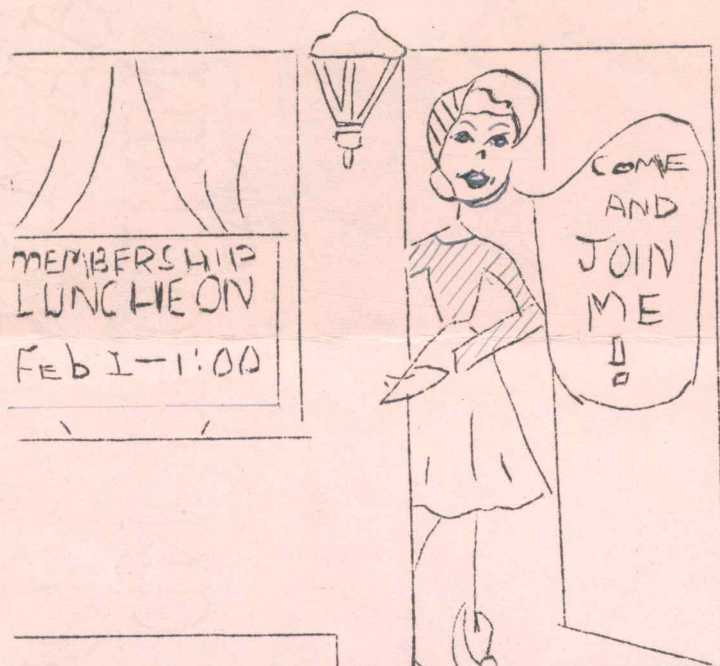
The State Convention will be held May 13, 19, 20, at the Shoreland Hotel, at 55th St. and the Lake, Chicago. Suggestions concerning current agenda, or for changes in by-laws of the state constitution, are requested of members.

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SURREY



Regular meetings.

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 7:30 at the Library. In continuing our study of state government, Mrs. Ruedi will report of one of the four areas of greatest spending in our state-- Education. Since there has been so much controversy about education, lately, this should be a lively meeting.

Mrs. Robert Wood will give the report on Re-apportionment, that had to be omitted at an earlier meeting.

Thursday, February 8, at the home of Mrs. Perley Lupton, 9:30 and 2:00. Mrs. Etheridge will discuss another area of greatest spending-- Public Welfare. Part of our discussions will deal with the recommended merging of the Public Welfare and Public Aid Commission.

We could have more fruitful discussions if members could inform themselves as far as possible on matters of state government before coming to the meetings. There have been a number of articles in our local paper on the recommendations of the Shaefer commission (sometimes called the Little Hoover Reports), such as the one on January 11 on the Civil Service.

A League Shelf at the Library

We now have material sent to our League from state and national headquarters on a shelf at the Public Library. Miss Garrett will be glad to show it to you.

Local Project

It has been proposed that our local project should be a study of the city manager plan.

Candidates meeting

The candidates meeting will come shortly before election--probably on Monday, February 19, if we can get the High School Auditorium on that date. More information later.

Membership Luncheon

The board has decided we should make a concerted drive for new members this year. Now that our League has grown in strength that our importance is recognized our community, we can, with confidence offer women a League program that will help them to understand some of the problems that face us these troubled times. So we will have a luncheon in the Sheffield Room the Surrey restaurant on Thursday Feb. 1, at one o'clock, the cost be \$1.25 a plate. Miss Charlotte Meyer, who attended the mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth, will speak. This promises to be a most interesting program.

Every member is expected to attend the luncheon, and to bring as a guest, one prospective member for the league. If you do not know a one you think would be interested call Mrs. Birt (2-2962) who has a list of women who have indicated some interest in the League.

Remember the date: February the Surrey restaurant, 1:00 p.m. You will be called about January 21 for reservations.

Last Thursday's meeting.

The meetings on January 11 gave us a summary of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of our state government as now set up. Such a wealth of material was presented that adequate summary is impossible but these are a few of the highlights:

Mrs. Lupton spoke of the Legislative Council, started in 1937, acts as a research committee for the legislature. The Council with its staff gathers information to help guide the legislator in voting.

Mrs. Cox pointed out the difficulty a governor has when he is one party and the chief elected officials are of another. Some states have shortened their ballots so that only three or four officials are elected, and the rest are appointed by the governor.

Mrs. Melrose commented on the tendency in the last legislature to exempt state employees from Civil Service.

Mrs. Lupton, in outlining the judicial system in Illinois, stressed the bewildering number of courts now. Apparently, however, Macon County gets along much better than Cook County. Perhaps some coordinating authority is needed.

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The League of Women Voters of Macon County

February, 1951

The Report of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Greenfield, chairman;
Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Etheridge, Mrs. Lupton, Mrs. Melrose:

For President:	Mrs. Floyd Birt	Members of the Board:
First vice-president:	Mrs. Gerald Cox	Mrs. Lee A. Reid
Second vice-president:	Mrs. Clifford Smith	Mrs. Robert Lewis
Third vice-president:	Mrs. William Hipsher	Nominating Committee:
Secretary:	Mrs. Perley Lupton	Mrs. Horace Pettee, Ch.
Treasurer:	Mrs. Otis Chumbley	Mrs. James Moore
		Mrs. Robert Lewis

This slate will be presented at the Annual Meeting on March 28. The annual Meeting will mark the end of our fifth year as a League.

Professor Stine will speak:

On Wednesday, February 21, Professor Stine of Millikin will speak on our present problems in the United Nations and the Atlantic Treaty. The meeting, in the Public Library at 7:30, is open to everyone and husbands are especially welcome.

The March 8th Meeting:

The regular discussion groups will meet at Mrs. C.M. Jack's, 451 West Macon, at 9:30 and 2:00. Members who attended the state Finance meeting will report, and there will be discussion of the State Agenda.

The Membership Luncheon:

Fifty-two persons attended the membership luncheon at the Surrey in February. We gained several members and interested more. Miss Meyer's summary of the White House Conference on Children and Youth gave us much to think about.

Although the response to the Luncheon was gratifying, we must remember throughout the year to urge people to become active members in the League. Our effectiveness will grow with numbers. We should particularly try to reach a cross-section of our population.

Radio Programs:

Remember to listen to WSOY "Listen, Ladies", Wednesdays at 1:00. Throughout February, the A.A.U.W. are discussing problems of city government, with members of the League participating. On February 14, Mrs. Smith will be one of the panel, on February 21, Mrs. Akers, and on February 28, Mrs. Ruedi.

State Finance Meeting:

On Friday, February 16, Mrs. Etheridge, Mrs. Chumbley and Mrs. Birt will go to Chicago to hear Mrs. Malcolm Cummings, National Finance Chairman.

Proposed State Current Agenda:

1. Provision for a flexible state fiscal structure, particularly for the essential programs of education, welfare, health, and highways.

This would entail a further study of state expenditure, taxation and sources of revenue. It might envision action on a constitutional amendment to give the legislature more general powers in tax matters. The League should aim to decide what are essential programs in the four fields as opposed to the desirable.

2. Provision for functional and administrative reorganization of state government, particularly for the essential programs of education, welfare, health and highways.

This is directed toward League support of recommendations of the Sahaefer Commission. However it could also authorize action in support of constitutional amendments for annual session of the legislature, the short ballot, reapportionment, reform of the judiciary, and home rule for municipalities.

Proposed Agenda, continued:

3. Protection of civil liberties, including the enactment of a Fair Employment Practices Act.

We would continue to work for such constitutional rights as academic freedom of press, speech and assembly; the proper treatment of accused persons including due process of law; and the equal rights of all citizens, regardless of race, creed or color. The term "civil rights" has generally come to designate more narrowly the rights of minority groups. The broader field of constitutional rights of all citizens is now usually called "civil liberties." The right of employment on merit only without regard for race, creed or color has been declared a civil right by the United Nations in its Universal Declaration of Human Rights and by the states of New York, Connecticut, etc. In Illinois, it remains one of the rights retained by the people not yet specifically defined as a civil right in law.

Proposed Additions to the Continuing Responsibilities:
A Constitutional Convention.

Strengthening the motor drivers' license law. (The League supported the original law under which we now operate.)

The Decatur Educational Association and the Association for Childhood Education have invited League members to "The Quiet One" at the High School Auditorium on February 19, at 7:30. No admission charge. This is a documentary film, dealing with juvenile delinquency. It is done with great skill and has been rated one of the best films of the year by Time, etc.

We are all proud that one of our members, Mrs. Florence Cox, has been appointed assistant to the state legislative chairman.

Sue Ann Borden, daughter of Mrs. Merle Borden, has drawn the cartoons for the last numbers of the League Letter. They have certainly helped to make the Letter interesting.

We welcome the following new members:

Miss Gussie J. Gorin, 328 W. Prairie
Mrs. Robert Howie, 1460 West Sunset
Mrs. Nat Kessler, 534 South 23 St.
Mrs. George Myers, 7 Lincoln Place
Miss Katherine Patterson, 1985 West Wood
Mrs. William J. Tucker, 1064 West Main
Mrs. W.E. Watts, Jr., 439 West Wood
Mrs. O.P. Schlachter, 73 Fairview Place

The League of Women Voters of Macon County

April 12 Meeting:

At Mrs. Elbert Smith's, 9:30 and 2:00

Mrs. Brock will review some of the recommendations of the Schaefer commission.

United Nations Radio Series:

Beginning on March 31, there is to be a series of thirteen weekly broadcasts on the U.N. WDZ will carry these, 4:15 every Saturday. Mrs. Ruebhausen, the League's observer at the U.N. since 1946, recommends these broadcasts. She suggests we read Nelson Rockefeller's Partners in Progress as the most up to date account of the U.N.

Membership Dues:

With the start of another fiscal year, your dues of \$3.00 are now payable. We get more for our money this year--in addition to The Illinois Voter, each member will receive The U.S. Voter (formerly Trends.) To receive additional publications, you need only pay \$2.00 extra this year for the Publication Service.

Annual Meeting:

Although the attendance at the annual meeting on March 23 at the Decatur Club was disappointingly small, the reports of the various committee chairmen indicated a profitable year.

Mrs. Chumbley, our treasurer, reported a balance of \$330.25.

Mrs. Kuhns, in presenting the proposed budget, suggested we make this balance a sinking fund for future needs and try to raise the necessary amount, to balance our next year's budget, through contributions. It was so voted.

The nominating committee presented the slate for the next year and the following were elected:

President: Mrs. Floyd Birt

Vice-Presidents:

First, Mrs. Gerald Cox

Second, Mrs. Clifford Smith

Third, Mrs. William Hipsher

Secretary: Mrs. Ferley Lupton

Treasurer: Mrs. Otis Chumbley

Members of the Board:

Mrs. Lee A. Reid

Mrs. Robert Lewis

Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Lowell Gill, Chairman

Mrs. James Moore

Mrs. Robert Lewis

The reports of the various committees followed:

Mrs. Kuhns, as publicity chairman, showed an unbelievably large number of newspaper clippings accumulated through the year. The Decatur papers have published stories we supplied but have also printed a number of items on their own. We are grateful to our good Press--few Leagues are so fortunate.

Mrs. DeVore, for Voter's Service, reported on the efforts at the two largest laundrettes to inform people of the need for the Gateway Amendment. Members talked to 223 people; we also had a radio program on Gateway. On February 14, we held our fifth candidates' meeting where about 575 people heard 24 candidates.

Mrs. Smith, program chairman, reviewed the materials presented at meetings this year. In our study groups, we have discussed the branches of our state government and the areas of greatest spending in the state; on the national agenda, we heard Dr. Stine on the U.N., and reviews of Chicago addresses on the UN and Asiatic problems and inflationary trends.

Mrs. Cox told of our local project--the distribution of 6,000 grocery sacks on which were printed a few facts before the tax referendum.

Mrs. Donovan, economics chairman, spoke on the League's support for a pay-as-we-go fiscal policy for the federal government, both as a basis for sound financing and as a means of curbing inflation. We sent Senator Douglas a telegram indicating our support of increased taxes and credit restrictions.

A report, prepared by Mrs. Wood, on the Reciprocal Trade Agreements, urged members to write their Senators to support these agreements without the crippling amendments added in the House.

Mrs. Nelson told of the two days in Springfield where several of us watched the senate and house in session and sat in on committee hearings.

Mrs. Cox, our legislative chairman, reported on present legislation pending and reviewed on a recent hearing on the Broyles bills.

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The League of Women Voters of Macon County, Ill.
October, 1951

Meetings for October:

October 11, 9:30 A.M.; 2:30 P.M.
at Mrs. Borden's, 1027 West Prairie.
Mrs. Donovan's group - Mrs. Cox, Mrs.
Gibson, Mrs. Ruedi - with Mrs. Smith
as discussion leader, will begin our
study of "The Pressing Problems of
Inflation."

October 25, 7:30, Library.

Mrs. Gibson, in charge of the International Relations field, will lead the discussion - "A 50-50 chance for peace or war". With maps and charts she will show some of the troubled parts of the world. This promises to be a most interesting meeting and you are urged to bring your husband and friends. The International Relations group of the Business and Professional Women will be our guests.

Note: All meetings will be held on Thursdays this year - the second Thursday of the month for discussion groups, the fourth Thursday for open meetings. (Except in December)

Drive for Contributions:

Under the able direction of Mrs. Simmons, our contributions drive has been most successful. Our goal was \$600. Mrs. Simmons compiled a list of 100 prospects; and was assisted by 10 workers. They collected \$737 !!

Of this amount, \$85 was contributed by League members; the rest, of course, by non-members. There were 22 new subscribers.

The success of this drive demonstrates again that confidence in the work of the League which we have felt in the past.

Workshop on Inflation:

Mrs. Donovan's group which prepared the October 11 program will continue to work on the problems of inflation. Any member who would like to join this group will be most welcome. We should all be reading articles as we see them in magazines and newspapers - there was a good introductory article in the October's Reader's Digest, "Inflation Concerns Everyone". A recent Harper's also had a good article.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

The names of paid members go in to State as of November 1. Many of us have forgotten to send in our checks. Won't you send your \$3.00 to Mrs. Otis Chumbley?

Local Project Committee:

Mrs. R. Wood is Chairman of the committee studying the City Manager form of government. This timely subject should interest new members. So far, Mrs. Lupton, Mrs. Walloons, Mrs. Melrose, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. W. E. Watts, Mrs. Meredith Watts, Mrs. Etheridge, Mrs. Ruedi, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Schlacter and Mrs. Scott are working on this study. If you would like to join this group, get in touch with Mrs. Wood. Among their activities will be visits to the City Council, School Board meetings, etc.

Program Meeting in Chicago:

Friday, October 19, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Congress Hotel, Chicago.

The morning speaker, Dr. Carroll R. Daugherty, Professor of Economics at Northwestern University, will discuss the major ways of fighting inflation.

The luncheon speaker will be Mr. Benjamin Cohen of Chile, Assistant Secretary General for Public Information of the United Nations, who will analyze current collective security developments.

An afternoon speaker, yet to be determined, will talk on economic aid to allied nations.

We hope that many of you will be able to attend this meeting which will examine such crucial issues. If you can go, call Mrs. Birt for further information.

Recommendations to the National Convention:

Local Leagues have the responsibility for determining the kind of national program they want. Items you would like to see on the national Agenda should be recommended by October 28, so that the state Board can correlate suggestions from local Leagues. Please think about the program you would like so that we can discuss suggestions.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MACON COUNTY

Bulletin #1, Series 2

December, 1951

UNIT MEETINGS Hostess: Mrs. McLean Funk, Country Club Road
Jan. 10th Discussion: City Manager form of government
9:30 AM Mrs. Robert Wood has invited members of Dr. Leo
3:00 PM Stine's class in government to meet with the units
to present in panel form the results of their
research work on the city-manager form of government. This presen-
tation will serve as a basis for future work of the Resource group.
Every League member needs this background. Do not let the lack of
transportation keep you from attending this meeting. Call Mrs.
Clifford Smith, 2-1764, and she will ask someone in your vicinity
to pick you up. Mark Jan. 10th on your calendar now.

Radio Station WBBM has stated that it might carry programs of the
United Nations General Assembly now in progress in Paris providing
there is a public demand for them. Call Mrs. Floyd Birt, 2-2962,
or Mrs. H. W. Gibson, 3-4344, who have petitions to be signed for
these programs if you are interested.

Your local Board received the information that Mr. Richard S. Childs,
Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Municipal
League, will be in Illinois the week of Jan. 14-19. The Board is
endeavoring to make arrangements to secure him for an evening
dinner meeting during that week. He will talk to us about the city-
manager form of government. This will be a major piece of community
work for the League to undertake. Should Mr. Childs' accept our
invitation, the League will contact other organizations to work
with us in securing the largest community attendance possible.
Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Wood will serve as co-chairmen of the project.
Time and place, dependent upon Mr. Childs' acceptance will be in
your January bulletin.

As a basis for the above meetings, every League member should
attend one or more of the following city and county meetings:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - County Bldg.

Dec. 11, 9:30 AM

Dec. 12, 9:30 AM (THIS IS A MUST)

The County Board of Supervisors meets quarterly. There will
be no other opportunity until March to observe this Board in
action.

CITY COUNCIL - 10 AM Monday and Thursday - County Bldg.

BOARD OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS - 1st Monday in January

9:30 AM - City Council room - County Bldg.

BOARD OF EDUCATION - 2nd Tuesday of each month - 4:15 PM

Board of Education room - Decatur High School

PARK BOARD - 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month - 7:30 PM

Decatur Club

If we are going to evaluate the city manager form of government,
we must first understand the operations and problems facing the
governments we now have. First hand information can only be had
through direct contact. Your Board realizes that this is a busy
time of the year for every League member, but civic problems do
not respect the holidays,--so fit in as many meetings as it is
possible for you to do.

On Dec. 5th, Mesdames Birt, Chumbley and Cox spent a pleasant half
hour discussing national problems with Representative Springer.
They were gratified to find that Mr. Springer is fully aware of
the inherent dangers of our present inflated economy and of the
necessity for avoiding further deficit financing.

Dec. 6th your Board met at luncheon in the Decatur Club with
Representatives Atkins and Ferguson during which current state
problems of highways, truck fees, and the possibility of recipro-
city between states was discussed. Mr. Ferguson kindly offered
his file on Constitutional Revision and Apportionment for League
use.

Mrs. Lofton DeVore is laying the ground work for Voters' Service
and the coming Candidates' meeting. Should you desire to work in
this most interesting and vital field of League activity, call
Mrs. DeVore, 3-7453.

National League publications of memos and briefs on national
program material are excellent information for all League members.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU,
and the best possible LEAGUE work for the COMING NEW YEAR.

Publications Service costs \$3.00 per year mailed direct to you. If you would like this material, send your \$3.00 to our treasurer, Mrs. Otis Chumbley, 1461 W. Sunset.

The combined Economic Workshops will hold a last meeting in January to discuss current aspects of our economy. The definite date will be in your January bulletin. Mrs. John Donovan, Economics Chairman, urges any League member who is interested to attend also. The meeting will be held at 648 W. Prairie. If you belong to or know of any organization or club that will need a last minute fill-in program, call Mrs. Donovan, 2-4984, and she can furnish your organization with a panel discussion or a speaker on the basic principles behind the causes and cures of Inflation.

On Jan. 9th, the League will present such a program to the Business and Professional Women. Mesdames Donovan, Ruedi, Cox and Gibson compose the panel which also presented this League material to the Woman's Club on Nov. 27th.

City-Manager
Resource Committee
1:30 PM
Jan. 14th
Ass. of Commerce
Board Room

Mrs. Wood's Resource Committee on City-Manager will meet to present the results of their research on local government. This committee is just getting underway, so any League member who wishes to join the group may still do so.

A recent appointment to your local Board is Mrs. J. A. Melrose who has accepted the Chairmanship of Civil Liberties.

FLASHES from the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, Inc.
From the East: Japan: Best wishes to Taki Fujita, one of our first visitors from Japan, on the exciting news that she has been appointed Chief of the Women's and Minors' Bureau of the Labor Ministry. She was one of the founders of the Japanese LWV. Michiko Watanbe has added another first to her list: she is now the first Japanese woman graduate student at Yale Law School. The CCMF made this possible with the aid of a generous grant from Independent Aid, Inc., a scholarship from Yale University, and a grant from the College Women's Club of Tokyo. She will specialize in Family Law, a new field in her country. Mrs. Togano, a member of the Diet, returned for a second visit. She reported that her earlier study tour had helped her immensely in her work, and was interested to compare the number of women in the Diet (24) and in the US Congress (9). Mrs. Tanaka, of the Women's and Minors' Bureau, attended the NY State LWV convention to watch parliamentary procedure and the adoption of a program by democratic methods. Pakistan: The Begum Saida Waheed urges us to send a team of a social worker and a political educator to her country, social work and the practice of citizenship going hand in hand. She reports that the All Women's Congress is hard at work and that women from the villages are beginning to join their city sisters in taking a far more active part in the progress of affairs. Philippines: Mrs. Balboa reports that the Press gave very generous space to the Voters' Information Service patterned on the LWV in the recent election campaign.
From the West: Germany: Mrs. Dyke brought messages from all the German women, sponsored by the CCMF more than 2 years ago. She was immensely impressed with the spirit the hard work, and the progress all of them are making in their various fields. Florence Harrison, of the Women's Service Bureau, visited Germany this summer and met nearly 100 women who had been in the US, each of whom is demonstrating the value of the exchange program. We wish space let us quote her whole wonderful report. They discussed the grim realities of the refugee and unemployment problems that underlie all others and affect all decisions of Parliament. Nora Melle, she says is a force on our side in the cold war through the Staatsburgerinnen-Verband in Berlin. Anna Haag is doing great work and Julie von Campenhausen is active in the trade union group.
Italy: Dr. Scelba says, "There is a general conclusion to be drawn from observation of American community activities and organizations at work; the public and social spiritedness of the people and groups, the cooperation among individuals and government, and private agencies." It is this cooperation which every visitor from every other land always stresses. Sardinia: September 24 saw the start of the program of teacher training for Sardinia, with 50 enrolled. The Union to Combat Illiteracy organized it; we financed it, \$3000.00 worth.

Enclosed with this bulletin is a copy of the League of Women Voters of Macon County Membership List for your own use. The League now has 95 paid memberships.

UNIT MEETINGS Mrs. McLean Funk, Hostess, gives the following
 Jan. 10th directions for reaching her home: Turn to the left
 9:30 AM on the first road beyond the Staley Club House
 2:00 PM bridge; follow this Lakeshore Drive or Country Club
 Road, whichever you prefer to call it, 1½ miles to
 the high metal fence on the lake side of the road which surrounds
 the Funk property. There will be plenty of parking room on the drive
 leading up to the house. Mrs. Robert Wood reports that Don McIntyre,
 Robert Johnson, Marshall Fusler, and J. R. Britton are Dr. Stine's
 students who will compose the panel to discuss their research work
 on the City-Manager form of government. Call Mrs. Clifford Smith,
 2-1764, if you can offer transportation to other League members; also
 those members needing transportation, please call Mrs. Smith.

Jan. 24th Dr. Leo Stine will discuss state taxation policies and
 7:30 PM their effect on local finances for the members of the
 Public City-Manager Committee and all other League members who
 Library wish to attend. He will present also the results of a
 survey of Decatur made by his students showing why the
 recent corporate tax referendum failed and comparison tables of
 finances per capita of Decatur with other cities of comparable size.
 This is basic knowledge that all League members should know; besides
 it will be a very interesting discussion so come yourself and bring
 anyone you want to.

The following committees were appointed at the local Board meeting
 held Jan. 3rd: Budget Committee: Mrs. Merle Borden, Chairman, Mrs.
 Otis Chumbley, Mrs. Charles Griffin, Mrs. John Kuhns; Nominating
Committee: Mrs. J. A. Melrose, Mrs. Robert Lewis, Mrs. James Moore,
 Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. E. L. Simmons.

Your Board found upon contacting Mr. Richard S. Childs that he was
 unable to come on an acceptable date. His schedule on this trip to
 Illinois is very crowded. We hope that Mr. Childs will be available
 at sometime in the future when our work will have better prepared
 us for his talk. He will be in Bloomington, Jan. 15th, Springfield,
 Jan. 16th and in Lincoln, Jan. 17th. If you are interested in
 driving to any of the above places to hear Mr. Childs, call Mrs.
 Robert Wood, 2-6118, for further information.

 The following workshops are coming up for February, March and April.
 Pick the one that interests you and call the chairman for further
 information concerning it.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION - by Mrs. W. E. Watts, Chairman
 The passage of the Gateway Amendment has made revision of the
 Illinois Constitution a reality. The League of Women Voters has
 committed itself, in accepting responsibility for representative
 government, to the study of basic revisions in four areas: a co-
 ordinated and flexible state fiscal structure, court system re-or-
 ganization and non-partisan selection of judiciary, re-apportionment
 and home rule. Basic revision implies rejection of proposals which
 do not solve the problems in the interests of the whole state.
 Therefore, careful consideration of the many factors involved will
 be a great challenge to those who would like to take greater pride
 in their state government.

CIVIL LIBERTIES - by Mrs. J. A. Melrose, Chairman
 Is individual liberty important to self-government? Can we have
 both security and liberty? During January, February and March, the
 Civil Liberties Committee will conduct a workshop in which we will
 consider in a calm and thoughtful manner the perplexing questions
 involved. The basis for this will be the pamphlet "Individual
 Liberty USA" published by the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, Inc.,
 a research and educational fund created by the League of Women Voters
 of the United States. Anyone wishing to join this group may phone
 me, 2-7616.

CONSERVATION - by Mrs. F. Hanly Brock, Chairman
 Our study for April will be Item III of the 1950-52 National Current
 Agenda "Re-organization measures to improve administrative effici-
 ency in the development and use of natural resources". We propose
 to examine the ways in which the federal government programs relating
 to water, soil and forests are organized and the various proposals
 that have been made to administer them more efficiently. We will
 emphasize particularly federal water programs for which the govern-
 ment is spending 10% of its expenditures not related to war, or

over 1 billion a year. Please read the Memo "Big Government and Conservation" and be ready to indicate at the February unit meetings whether or not you would be interested in helping with this study.

On Jan. 11th Mrs. Lofton DeVore and Mrs. Oliver Etheridge will attend a state-wide meeting on "Operation Citizen" in Chicago. The purpose of the one-day school is to examine the role of the individual citizen in the US today; to alert ourselves to what constitutes "government of the people, by the people and for the people"; and to promote effective action by its citizens.

The Association of Commerce has kindly offered League members the advantage of sitting in on their committee meetings in order that we may gain information which would not be available to us otherwise. The committees are: Agriculture (Conservation), Civic Improvements, Construction Industry (will work on revising the Decatur Building Code), Education, Legislative, Decatur Neighborhood problems, Parking, Public Health, Roads and Streets, Safety in Traffic, Statistical Research, Taxation and Water Supply. If you will leave your name and address at the Association for those committees you are interested in, they will mail you a card direct when meetings are called.

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the League of Women Voters of the U.S. for action at the Convention in 1952? It is not possible to condense these amendments in this bulletin in an intelligible form, however, any League member interested may secure, sometime within the next two months, Mrs. Birt's copy of the national by-laws and the copy of the proposed amendments and then let Mrs. Birt know her thinking with regard to these proposed amendments. Our delegate to the National Convention will be required to vote on each amendment and she should be able to vote in the manner that will represent a majority of our League's opinion.

KEEP THESE LEAGUE DATES IN MIND:

Jan. 7th 1:30 PM meeting with County Treasurer Sablotney in his office to discuss county assessments and the multiplier.
 7:30 PM Economic Panel workshop, 834 W. Division
 Jan. 9th 6:30 PM Economic Panel presentation to the Business and Professional Women in the Decatur Club
 Jan. 10th 9:30 AM Unit meeting
 2:00 PM " "
 Jan. 14th 1:30 PM City-Manager Committee meeting, A of C Board Room
 Jan. 17th 1:30 PM Last meeting of the combined Economic workshops, 648 W. Prairie
 Jan. 24th 7:30 PM meeting in Library with Dr. Stine

WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND SOME OF THESE TOO:

Jan. 7th 9:30 AM Board of Local Improvement, County Bldg.
 10:00 AM Council, County Bldg.
 Jan. 8th 4:15 PM Board of Education, Decatur High School
 Jan. 14th 7:30 PM public meeting on parking, Decatur Club Ballroom
 Jan. 17th 7:30 PM Park Board, Decatur Club
 Remember City Council meets every Monday and Thursday, 10 AM

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What becomes of the taxing district, should our Council decide to sell or lease City Hospital? Will the act of selling or leasing abolish the taxing district? Or will the taxing district remain in a sort of suspended state? Or will the law force our Council to continue to assess even a minimum rate for a taxing district that has not been abolished but that in reality no longer exists?

Here are things to follow in the news - - - - Some of the issues that will be before the next session of Congress - - - -

An omnibus foreign aid bill, possibly an extension of the Mutual Security Act.

The Customs Simplification Bill

Appropriations for the UN and other international agencies

Repeal of Sec. 104 of the Defense Production Act which sets import restrictions on imports of dairy products, fats, oils, and peanuts

Be sure to follow the work of the Patman Committee which will analyze the Federal Reserve System and its relation to the Department of the Treasury. Our national economy can be affected, perhaps adversely, by the decisions made by this committee.

S.1976, D.C. Home Rule is still a long, long way from giving the residents of the District of Columbia the right to vote.

UNIT MEETINGS Hostess: Mrs. John Scott, 413 W. Decatur
 Feb. 14th Discussion: Proposed Amendment to the Revenue Article
 9:30 AM Resource Committee: Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr., Chairman,
 2:00 PM Mrs. R. E. Greenfield, Mrs. Elbert Smith, Mrs. Frank
 Schroeder, Mrs. Russel Oplinger, Mrs. G. F. Meyer,
 Mrs. Richard Wood; Discussion Leader: Mrs. Clifford Smith
 You will be required to vote for or against this proposed amendment
 at the General Election in November. These unit meetings will be
 your only opportunity to hear the arguments, both pro and con. Dig
 up your copies of the Illinois Voter, Sept., Oct., Nov., and read
 the articles in them pertaining to this Revenue Amendment. They will
 give you a good background for participating in the discussion on
 Feb. 14th.

PUBLIC MEETING We shall discuss Home Rule for cities, Reapportion-
 Feb. 28th ment of state representation, and the Reorganization
 Public Library of the Court System; areas in which there may be
 7:30 PM constitutional revision during the next session of
 the Legislature. The League is endeavoring to secure
 members of the Decatur Bar Association and representatives from our
 state and city governments to participate in the discussion.
 Resource Committee: Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr., Chairman, Mrs. Oliver
 Etheridge, Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. Perley Lupton and Mrs. John Scott

CANDIDATES' MEETING by Mrs. John Donovan, Chairman
 March 19, 1952 Decatur High School Auditorium 8 PM
 Please mark this date on your calendar now with a red circle around
 it. We are proud to announce that Dean C. L. Miller of Millikin
 University will be our moderator. He is giving us the utmost co-
 operation and encouragement. Thanks to the work of our secretary,
 Mrs. Perley Lupton, our invitations to the candidates were in the
 mail promptly by Jan. 25th. Although it is still early, many of the
 candidates have already replied in the affirmative. Committee
 members are Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mrs. Robert A Wood, Mrs. Lupton, Mrs.
 Honore M. Owen, Mrs. Oliver Etheridge, Mrs. Charles Ruedi, Mrs. Mark
 Hubble, Miss Bernice Wagner, Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr., Mrs. W. A. Kutsch,
 Mrs. W. D. Ward; in charge of publicity are Mrs. Gerald Cox, Mrs.
 R. K. Howie, Mrs. O. E. Schlachter. This is the most important
 project for our community which the League sponsors, also the most
 fun. Our next committee meeting will be held Feb. 10th at 2 PM at
 648 W. Prairie. If you are interested in serving actively on our
 committee, call me at 2-4984. We need your help.

Join the Flying Squadron - by Mrs. Gerald Cox, Publicity
 Will you give two (2) hours from 10-12 AM on Monday, March 17th to
 flying from door to door inviting people to our Candidates' Meeting
 which will be held on March 19th? Nothing to sell; no money to
 solicit. Get an early choice of territory by calling me, 3-8892.
 We'll probably meet for lunch afterwards to report. Those who can't
 fly can join the phone squad for the same period of time and report
 to Mrs. I. A. Wallins, 2-5494. We hope every member will join the
 fun. - - - - - Mrs. R. K. Howie reports AAUW has graciously
 agreed to devote a "Listen, Ladies" program early in March to informa-
 tion on our Candidates' Meeting.

In accordance with our local By-Laws, we are printing the slate of
 officers and the proposed amendment to the By-Laws offered by your
 Nominating Committee one full month in advance of our annual meeting:
 PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1: The corresponding secretary shall carry on such
 correspondence as may be required and shall assist the recording
 secretary.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS: President, Mrs. Clifford Smith; 1st Vice-
 President, Mrs. Gerald Cox; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. John Donovan;
 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Otis Chumbley; Recording Secretary, Mrs.
 Perley Lupton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fred Leach; Treasurer,
 Mrs. F. Hanly Brock; Elected Board Members-at-Large, Mrs. Oliver
 Etheridge and Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr.; Nominating Committee Elected
 Members, Mrs. Charles Ruedi, Chairman, Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs.
 William Hipsher.

Please make your suggestions for our local agenda to Mrs. Birt, 2-2962
 this month. We have just begun our study of the City Manager form
 of government so please give adequate consideration to the continuance
 of this project. You will be required to vote upon the agenda for
 the coming year at the annual meeting.

LAST MINUTE NOTICE: Mr. Charles Lippert, Representatives Ferguson
 and Atkins will attend our Feb. 28th meeting.

LISTEN - - -

Mrs. John G. Lee, President of the League of Women Voters of the US, will be on the air with Mary Margaret McBride from 1 to 2 (EST) on Monday, Feb. 11th over ABC stations. She will take part in a round table discussion on women's part in politics. The broadcast has already been recorded and we hear it is GOOD. Be sure to check your newspaper for the exact time here.

The National Convention will be held in Cincinnati, April 28-May 2, at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel. Mrs. Clifford Smith will attend as the delegate for the Macon County League. We are sorry we can't urge you to attend also. We are allotted only one delegate and there will be no room for visitors. The Proposed Current Agenda on the National level to be voted upon at convention is "The development of a program of mutual security, including cooperative aid for international economic advancement, related wherever possible to the United Nations. While almost every League member would greet a shortened agenda with a hallelujah, this proposed current agenda will relegate the study of inflation and conservation to the platform. Be sure to let Mrs. Smith know how you feel about this proposal. She will be reflecting your opinion when she casts her vote.

Mrs. J. A. Melrose, Civil Liberties Chairman, attended the dinner meeting of the Citizens Committee on Human Relations at which Dr. James Robinson spoke of his experiences during his trip around the world. The meeting was held Feb. 5th.

We would like to greet the following new members: Mrs. Walston Bennett, Mrs. L. W. Cook, Jr., Mrs. A. F. Goodyear, Mrs. G. A. Sheehan and Mrs. C. W. Dawson, who transfers from Mentor, Ohio.

ECONOMICS

- by Mrs. John Donovan

The second workshop on the basic principles behind the causes of inflation finished with its last meeting in January. We were pleased and encouraged by the interest and knowledge which our League members showed on current economics. There were 135 women present at the Business and Professional Women's dinner to which our panel was invited to present the Causes of Inflation. If interest on the part of the BPW's and fun on our part is any indication, the evening was a success. We ordered the League material "Facts on Inflation" to distribute among the group as part of our community project.

Mrs. E. L. Simmons, who was appointed a member of the State Budget Committee, reported to your local Board on Feb. 7th that the cost of the State League of Women Voters has increased about 7%. The increase comes mainly in the salaries paid to maintain the state office. Your local Board voted accordingly to up our pledge to State and National from the \$350 of last year to \$375 for the coming year.

Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr. reported to your local Board on "Operation Citizen" which she and Mrs. Lofton DeVore attended last Jan. 11th. The morning session was devoted to a panel discussing the citizen role in government. One of the main issues under discussion was that of Congressional Investigations. Four safeguards were advanced to protect the rights of the individual: 1. Right to counsel 2. Should have some way of direct or indirect questioning of hostile witnesses 3. Testimony in own defense 4. Advance notice of nature of charges. The afternoon session was given over to a panel discussion of the nature of political parties with members from both parties in the Chicago area participating. - - - The school was set-up to serve as a basis for a similar undertaking by each local League. Your local Board determined the need and advisability of such a program here, deciding that if it were to come before the primaries, it must be a special meeting. Place: Mrs. Gerald Cox, 834 W. Division; Time: Feb. 21st.; more about this in a later special notice.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- by Mrs. H. W. Gibson

Export-Import Survey: Is it possible that your husband's business or your neighbor's job is dependent, either wholly or partially, upon maintaining and increasing our foreign exports and imports? We don't know but we think that quite possibly a greater percentage of our citizens are more dependent upon unrestricted trade than they are aware. We think it's worth trying to find out. This will not be a workshop in the usual manner. There will be no time limit to meet. We will not begin our work until after the Candidates' Meeting. If you believe the United Nations must work; then you must be willing to make it work. Our own community is the place to begin. If we can show Decatur citizens that their welfare is affected by foreign trade, we will have accomplished a major step toward making the UN succeed.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MACON COUNTY

Bulletin #4, Series 2

March, 1952

UNIT MEETINGS Hostess: Mrs. Robert C. Schaub, 450 W. Forest
March 13th Discussion: Civil Liberties
9:30 AM Resource Committee: Mrs. J. A. Melrose, Chairman,
2:00 PM Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. Ruth Walker, Mrs. C. M.
Nicholson. Civil Liberties is one of our most con-
troversial topics of the day. Everyone has opinions and probably
prejudices, either for or against, in this field. Let's all meet
on Thursday, March 13th, and see if we can resolve some of our
opinions into facts.

REMEMBER THE CANDIDATES' MEETING

March 19 Decatur High School Auditorium 8:00 PM

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters will
March 27th be a luncheon meeting at the Decatur Club, March 27,
1:00 PM at 1:00 PM. Dr. Daniel Gage will speak on "Personal
Decisions to be made by Voters in an Election Year".
Business to be transacted will be held to a minimum.

The Decatur League will serve as Hostesses
for a Regional Board Planning meeting in
April. Watch for further notice of this in
your April bulletin.

From Our PRESIDENT to All League Members - - - -

It has been a privilege to serve as League President for the past two
years. I feel much as Miss Strauss ably expressed it, though in a
much smaller way, when she said that, "No one need ever thank me for
acting in your behalf as National President of the League of Women
Voters. I have gained so infinitely much more from the job than I
could have put into it, despite a lot of hard work, that the thanks
are entirely in reverse."

The League in Decatur has come a long way in the past six years. I
am particularly gratified with the increased study and scope of our
program on all three levels. The membership increase is a forward
looking sign, but should serve as a stimulus for that ever present
ideal of every member participation.

The proof of our community regard is evinced first of all by the
success of our finance drives and second by the increased number of
requests to participate in community affairs plus the increased
attendance and interest in our Candidates' meeting.

I firmly believe that we are ready for definite action or stands in
some areas, and should be the spearhead of any such movements that
are, of course, in conformity with our program and will further good
government. Particularly this is true, I believe, if it is in a
field in which we have had general membership study.

I wish to express my gratitude to those with whom I have shared this
enriching experience. I can truthfully say that I have the same
enthusiasm and high esteem for the League of Women Voters as when I
took office. May I repeat what I have often told the Board members,
"Nothing is impossible for League members!"

Harriett Birt
March 6, 1952

Re: Publicity for the Candidates' Meeting - - by Mrs. Gerald Cox
23 candidates have accepted our invitations to appear on the platform
- - - Mrs. O. E. Schlachter has mailed postal card announcements to
organizations - - - Retail ads will carry a reminder - - - Mrs. R. K.
Howie has made arrangements for spot announcements on WSOY and WDZ
- - - Hear Mesdames Birt and Owen being interviewed on AAUW's Listen,
Ladies program: WSOY Wed., March 12 at 4:30 PM and WDZ, Sun.,
March 16 at 10:15 AM - - -

Flying Squadron - - - - Have you signed up yet? 23 members have
and we'll count the rest of you angels if you sign up without being
pushed. Just spend 2 hours 10-12 AM, Monday, March 17th, flying from
door to door inviting people to our Candidates' Meeting. Then report
at Greider's Mezzanaine while you revive yourself with calories. If
you must work by phone, report to Mrs. Wallins, 2-5494. Then if we
have the best turnout ever at our meeting, think how positively smug
you'll feel - - as if you'd saved the country single handed.
Volunteer by calling me at 3-8892. - - - Florence Cox

We now have 101 members. Our new year is just beginning so encourage
any prospective members to sign up now.

TO BE APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING - - -

Proposed Current Agenda for 1952-53 on the local level: Continuance of the study of the City-Manager form of government.

Proposed 1952-53 Budget:

RECEIPTS:	Budget 1951-1952	Actual 1951-1952	Proposed Budget 1952-1953
Dues	\$240.00	\$267.00	\$300.00
Contributions	591.00	776.50	625.00
Publications	40.00	20.25	50.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	13.56	0.00
	<u>\$871.00</u>	<u>\$1077.31</u>	<u>\$975.00</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
State and National Dues	350.00	350.00	375.00
General Administration:			
Supplies	30.00	15.25	25.00
Postage	15.00	9.00	15.00
Telephone & Telegraph	10.00	0.00	10.00
President's Expense	25.00	25.00	25.00
Delegates' Expense	150.00	96.35	150.00
Committees' Expense	30.00	5.04	25.00
Committee Chairmen Expense	21.00	13.50	50.00
Bank Charges	10.00	3.97	10.00
Activities:			
Meetings	25.00	10.98	25.00
Publications	65.00	40.60	100.00
Bulletin	35.00	12.88	70.00
Action in Community	75.00	49.35	75.00
Local Project	25.00	6.75	15.00
Miscellaneous	5.00	2.66	5.00
	<u>\$871.00</u>	<u>\$661.53</u>	<u>\$975.00</u>

It was decided at your local Board meeting on March 6th to shorten, as much as possible, the business of the Annual Meeting. We therefore voted to mimeograph the minutes of the last Annual Meeting for distribution rather than having them read.

You will want to read "A Citizen Decides" by Ralph Barton Perry. It has been put on the shelves of the Decatur Public Library and is dedicated "with admiration to the thinking citizens of the League of Women Voters".

SUMMARY OF THE PAST YEAR'S WORK - - -

Local level:

City-Manager form of government

by Mrs. Robert Wood

The City-Manager Resource Committee has devoted itself so far to an examination of the recent State Legislation permitting the establishment of the city-manager form of government and to a study of city finances. Believing that we could better relate the advantages and disadvantages of the city-manager to our present Commission form of government, we began a detailed study of the sources of revenue for the city. We shall follow this study with an examination of city expenditures and department operations at all times correlating such studies to the material relating to city-manager.

State level:

Basic Constitution Revision

by Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr.

The need for basic revision of the Illinois Constitution has been studied by a Resource Committee of 12 League members. The Revenue Article received particular attention as an amendment to it is being offered to the voters of Illinois this fall. Although the amendment has drawbacks, the League will devote Voters' Service work to its passage in the November elections. The committee also examined the problems of the Reorganization of the Court System, Re-apportionment and Home Rule: areas in which basic revision of the 1870 Constitution are needed to bring it up to date. The League has studied these last in order that we may be prepared to offer suggestions as to the structure of the amendments should the Legislature consider them.

Civil Liberties

by Mrs. J. A. Melrose

The Civil Liberties Committee has met in several sessions since January. We have studied the Memo "Individual Liberty USA", the Federal Constitution, the Illinois State Constitution and amendments dealing with Civil Liberties. We have sought knowledge on some of the Supreme Court decisions concerning prominent civil liberties cases. An excellent reference book has been "The Loyalty of Free Men" by Alan Barth. Also very valuable has been the study of reprints of speeches made before state meetings: "Civil Liberty and Democratic Loyalty" by Prof. Donald Meiklejohn and "Some Modern Problems of Civil Liberties" by Prof. Francis A. Allen.

National level:
Conservation

by Mrs. F. Hanly
 Brock

The first meeting of the Conservation Committee will be Tuesday, March 11th at 1:30 PM at the Public Library. Resource material will be given out at that time. The April 10th unit meetings will take the form of a Symposium on "Reorganization measures to improve administrative efficiency in the development and use of natural resources". The Committee will prepare briefs from the available material (such intriguing titles as "The Battle that Squanders Billions") and attempt to draw the comments from the entire group attending the meetings. Did you see the picture in the January 18th issue of the Decatur Review of the bridge at Decatur Neb., showing the Missouri River skirting the end of the bridge? Are you going to pay the estimated eight million dollars to move the river back under the bridge?

Economics

by Mrs. John Donovan

Our first workshop on "Inflation" started in September. The background material gained was presented by Committee members at the October unit meetings. Mr. Franzy Eakin of the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co. and an economist, spoke to the November unit meeting on "Inflation". Workshop members presented a panel to three groups: The Women's Club, the Business and Professional Women, and a combined meeting of the Daughters of Isabelle and the League of Women Voters in Lincoln. We held a second workshop in November because of the interest shown by our League members. The members who took part in both workshops were Mrs. Birt, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr., Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Ruedi, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mrs. Gibson and myself.

International Relations

by Mrs. H. W. Gibson

In October, one public meeting was held on the effects of our trade policies on international economics. The entire group participated in the discussion to which members of the BPW international study group had been invited. Plans have been laid for the projection of an Export-Import Survey for the Macon County area. Should any pertinent facts come from this survey, we will try to develop effective Voters' Service work in this area next year.

ODDS 'N ENDS - - - -

March 11th, Conservation Committee meeting at 1:30 PM in the Public Library. Conservation is a fascinating study so call Mrs. Brock if you want to join in - - - Same day, 2 PM, Mesdames Smith, Watts and Gibson take the proposed Revenue Amendment before the Women's Club - - - March 14th, City-Manager Committee meeting to discuss the report on Assessments, 1:30 PM Association of Commerce, Decatur Club - - - Who believes enough in the UN to want to work to make it work. Join the Export-Import Survey group and work only in your leisure time. Call Mrs. Gibson, 3-4344 - - - The Decatur Review is running an excellent series of articles titled "Defense of the Dollar" March 5, 6 and 7th. Don't miss them - - - The best way to understand the operation of government is to study its budget. Decatur Township has formulated its 1952-53 budget and it is open for public inspection until the annual town meeting on April 1st when it will be adopted. Plan to go to the County Bldg. to look it over sometime this month and also plan to attend the town meeting on April 1st. - - - Watch for the March Illinois Voter. It will have the questions and answers from the candidates on the State level - - - March 17th, 10-12 AM EVERYBODY FLIES - - - AND DON'T FORGET THE CANDIDATES' MEETING MARCH 19th. Bring everybody in your block with you.

Make these corrections and additions to your membership list:

Bennett, Mrs. Walston	535 W. Macon	2-1218
Cook, Mrs. L. W. Jr.	R.R. #7, Country Club Road	3-2581
DeVore, Mrs. Lofton	18 Southern Drive	8-3248
Dawson, Mrs. C. W.	2nd South Shore Addition	
Gill, Mrs. Lowell	294 N. Taylor	6491
Goodyear, Mrs. A. F.	1398 W. Macon	2-2737
Hubble, Mrs. Mark	1610 W. William	8-2839
Nellis, Mrs. J. F.	174 Park Place	3-0452
Scott, Mrs. John	413 W. Decatur	5657
Sheehan, Mrs. Gerald A.	1 Southmoreland	7991
Thompson, Mrs. R. N.	896 W. Leafland	3-2393
Vitton, Miss Vera	138 W. Frairie	3-2334
Wood, Mrs. Richard L.	2005 W. Wood	3-3308

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Who should be responsible for the extension and maintenance of both lateral and interceptor sewers within the city and outside of it? Can we add the Townships in order to get sewer service for the outlying areas and expect 3 forms of government to pull in harness where 2 now have difficulty?

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April, 1952

UNIT MEETINGS Hostess: Mrs. Oliver Etheridge, 635 S. Seigel
 April 10th Discussion: Conservation
 9:30 AM Resource Committee: Mrs. F. Hanly Brock, Chairman,
 2:00 PM Mrs. Frank Schroeder, Mrs. O. E. Schlachter, Mrs. Neal
 Doubleday, Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. H. W. Gibson,
 Mrs. H. W. Pettee, Miss Katharine Patterson. This committee has
 prepared an informative and interesting program for you so MARK THIS
 DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW. You will find anyone of the following good
 background preparation for this meeting: "Our Plundered Planet" by
 Fairfield Osborn, "Road to Survival" by William Vogt, "Water, Land,
 and People" by Bernard Frank and Anthony Netboy, "Muddy Waters, The
 Army Engineers and the Nation's Rivers" by Arthur Maass, "The Dammed
 Missouri Valley" by Richard Baumhoff.

OPERATION X coming up!

The League has never before undertaken a project of
 this magnitude. Sorry we cannot put the details in
 print at this time but watch for a special League
 announcement within a week!

Greetings to all League Members:

"The officers who shall be elected at an Annual Meeting take office
 immediately." So reads an excerpt from the local by-laws and that is
 just what has happened. Your president has already received her
 "baptism by fire of questions" in a telephone call that came just as
 we were ready to sit down for dinner yesterday evening. A lady who
 recently came back to Decatur after living in Chicago was much in-
 terested in knowing more about the public housing situation here.
 "Just what is the bone of contention?" "Did the League make the
 housing survey?" "Would not Decatur benefit more by money received
 through public housing than by taxes on run-down property?" Etc - -
 I hope I was a good representative for the League in trying to answer
 these questions, but I was beginning to wish we had already studied
 the matter here.

This prologue leads to an important announcement: A Public Meeting
 sponsored by the members of the Housing Authority, April 23rd, High
 School Auditorium, at 7:30 PM. In order to urge the largest possible
 attendance at this meeting, we shall eliminate our general meeting in
 April. Attendance on April 23rd is responsible citizenship in action.
 We hope to see you there.

Lola Smith

REGIONAL BOARD PLANNING MEETING
 April 16th, Orlando Hotel
 10 AM - 3 PM

The League of Women Voters of
 Macon County will serve as the
 hostesses for eight Leagues in this
 area. All Board members are urged

to attend the sessions. All League members may attend the luncheon
 to be held at the Orlando Hotel at 12 noon, cost \$1.40. Turn your
 reservation in to Mrs. Otis Chumbley on or before April 14th.

 Your Local Agenda was increased from one to three items for study
 in 1952-53 by vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting March 27th.
 In addition to the carryover of the study of the Council-Manager form
 of government, it was agreed to add a study of Public Housing and a
 study of the sewer necessities for the Decatur area. Public Housing
 is one of our most controversial subjects today. Our initial intro-
 duction to it will be the meeting sponsored by the Housing Authorities
 on April 23rd at 7:30 PM in the High School Auditorium. Since we, as
 a League, will not have time to form a committee to undertake a study
 of this problem, each League member will have to prepare herself.
 Find the answers to the following: What are the aims contained in
 the Public Housing legislation? If one of the aims is slum clearance,
 have the sites picked by the Housing Authorities followed that aim?
 Do we have any slum areas? Is Public Housing justified if located in
 a previously unsettled area? If there are slum areas in Decatur and
 if they have not been designated as possible Public Housing areas by
 the Authorities, why haven't they been chosen? Is Public Housing
 socialistic? THIS ISSUE IS TOO BIG TO ALLOW IT TO FALL BY THE WAY
 THROUGH IGNORANCE. You have to vote on it this spring. Make it an
 intelligent vote.

 DUES of \$3.00 are DUE and payable to Mrs. F. Hanly Brock, Treasurer,
 1636 W. Sunset, 2-7258

 REMEMBER, The League doesn't care how you vote JUST line up
 the facts you have, then vote as intelligently as possible
 BUT ABOVE ALL, REMEMBER TO VOTE April 8th.

Miss Anna Lord Strauss will speak before the Chicago League of Women Voters at their Annual Meeting on April 18th. Her talk will follow a 12 noon luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House. The Chicago League has extended an invitation to League members all over the State to attend this meeting to hear her. Miss Strauss is the immediate past president of the National League; she traveled with the World Tour organized by Town Meeting; she served as an alternate delegate for the U.S. in the 6th session of the UN General Assembly. She is well worth hearing. Call Mrs. Birt, 2-2962, if you wish to make a reservation.

Report of the League of Women Voters of Macon County Audit 1951-52
made by Mr. J. C. Leigh, March 29, 1952

<u>Expenses</u>			
Total Amount paid by checks	\$	746.13	
Bank Charges deducted from Account		3.97	
Cash for postage, stationery, etc.		6.66	
Total			\$ 756.76
<u>Receipts</u>			
As shown by Bank Deposits		1059.90	
Checks written but returned as contributions		13.75	
Cash used for supplies, etc.		6.66	
Total			1080.31
Balance March 27, 1951		330.25	
Add receipts 1951-52		1080.31	
Total			1410.56
Less Expenses 1951-52			756.76
Balance shown March 29, 1952			\$653.80

Odds 'n Ends.....
On Thursday, March 20th, Mesdames Donovan, Cox, Ruedi and Gibson presented for the 5th time the Inflation panel. On this occasion to Zonta, Decatur Womens' Service Organization, at a dinner meeting - - - On April 3rd, your local Board presided over by our new president, Mrs. Clifford Smith, welcomed Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr, Basic Constitutional Revision Chairman, and Mrs. O. E. Schlachter, Publications Chairman, as new members of the Board - - - The City-Manager Committee has stencilled for your information and use, a handbook on the assessment of real and personal property. To help defray the expense of materials a charge of 20¢ is made for each copy. League members and others wishing copies may obtain them from Mrs. Gibson, 3-4344 - - - Change Mrs. Melrose's address to 1340 W. Macon - - - We would like to welcome into the League Miss Marian Wood, 549 W. North, 2-2876. Add her to your membership list - - - WITH THIS ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR OF LEAGUE WORK. Let's keep our eyes on the goals set by the Current Agendas of local, state, and national Leagues. Pick your field of interest for the year and notify the chairman of that item of your interest and willingness to work. We will list the chairmen for you after the National Convention sets the national agenda.

From the Progress Report of the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, Inc., a Research and Educational Fund created by the League of Women Voters of the U.S. Metropolitan Area Project Under Way: It is generally agreed that widespread and continuous participation of citizens in government is essential in a democracy, and that it is desirable in the U.S. to increase not only the percentage of persons who vote but also those who take some responsibility for government the year around. Groups working to bring this about have not shown widespread results, particularly in the large metropolitan areas where it is especially hard for people to feel in close touch with their government. It seems important to find out why this is true and what fresh approaches and new methods might be used by voluntary civic agencies to obtain better results. The CCCMF is undertaking such a study in a metropolitan area. Philadelphia has been selected as a typical large city in which to work. The project will seek the answers to five vital questions: 1. What are the obstacles to better citizen participation in government? 2. Why have we failed to overcome them? 3. What avenues are being used to overcome them, and how successfully? 4. What existing facilities are not fully utilized? 5. How can they be better utilized?

Mrs. Fred Leach is Corresponding Secretary for the League. This is a new position on the Board so if you have any suggestions to help her along, she will appreciate receiving them.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MACON COUNTY

Bulletin #6, Series 3

May, 1952

UNIT MEETINGS Hostess: Mrs. E. L. Simmons, 610 Southmoreland
May 8th Report from Mrs. Clifford Smith on the National
9:30 AM Convention. If you need transportation, or can
3:00 PM offer transportation, call Mrs. John Donovan,
2-4984; if you have any prospective League people
in mind, this would be a good initial meeting for them to attend.

There will be no evening meeting this month. Mrs. Robert Wood reports that the study conducted by the Council-Manager Committee is still in process, and that since the results of that study are as yet not conclusive, the Committee will submit a letter to all League members sometime before the end of this month. This letter will contain a condensation of our findings to date and the plans laid for next year's work. Since this letter will take the place of the regular Thursday evening meeting, be sure you read it.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE Basic Constitutional Revision will be the
Friday, May 9th order of the day, stressing action on the
Champaign proposed amendment to the Revenue Article and
study of the Judiciary, Home Rule and Re-apportionment. Mrs. Charles Ruedi, Mrs. Gerald Cox, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Oliver Etheridge, Mrs. H. W. Gibson will attend. Your local Board would like to have other League members volunteer to attend. These items are difficult to understand but they are not too difficult if we will all devote some time to trying to understand them. Call Mrs. Cox, 3-8892, if you can go and she will make arrangements for you. This will be a 10 AM to 3 PM session; luncheon \$1.45. Call her immediately upon receipt of this bulletin so your reservation can be made.

Our new year began April 1st. If you have not paid your DUES of \$3.00, please mail a check to Mrs. F. Hanly Brock, 1666 W. Sunset, without further delay. We have to date only 22 paid memberships out of a membership of 105!

Board members turned out full force for the Regional meeting here at the Hotel Orlando, April 16th, on Board planning. Visiting state officers, Mrs. Rouse, Mrs. Waller and Betty McGowan from the state office, urged that planning be done by the Board as a whole in preference to "solo" performances by various officers. They advocated that every League member be assigned to some committee..... We learned that the Chairman of the Nominating Committee should not be a member of the Board, so Mrs. Ruedi is resigning that post, having accepted the assignment as Voters' Service Chairman for next year..... Mrs. John Kuhns has accepted the Chairmanship of the Nominating Committee..... Mrs. Fred Leach has submitted her resignation as Corresponding Secretary now that her husband is the Republican nominee for States Attorney..... Mrs. Homer Harris and her daughter-in-law are lost to the Board in Lincoln, Illinois, for a similar reason..... The Leader's Handbook says, "To avoid misunderstanding and to safeguard the League's reputation for non-partisanship, it is wise not to put on the Board women who are publicly identified with political parties or factions....." And we've lost ANOTHER newly elected Board member, Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr., who will be spending a considerable time in the near future with Wendy, a new arrival in the household. It was nice having Mrs. Leach and Mrs. Watts with us for a while..... Be sure to thank your favorite banker for the boost they gave the League by advertising our "Citizens' View of '52" forum. The National Bank and the Citizens Bank ran a reminder in their ads. The Millikin Bank gave us an entire ad.....

Florence Cox, Acting President

DOLLARS FOR DECENCY: The Citizens of Greater Chicago has been organized by the Committee of Nineteen to destroy the alliance between politics and crime. Representing most of Chicago's civic, religious and professional organizations, including the League of Women Voters, Citizens of Greater Chicago can muster an unprecedented moral force for good. It estimates that \$500,000 will be required to initiate its program. To raise that amount it has instituted its Dollars for Decency drive. All the people in Illinois have a stake in the aims of this committee since Chicago's rotten boroughs reach into the legislature and affect its decisions. If you want to help, send your dollar to: Citizens of Greater Chicago, 1 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Illinois.

REMEMBER DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE NOW

By AIRMAIL from the National Convention:

--- I have only a few minutes to write so shall not attempt now to describe all the interesting people and the floor discussions on proposed agenda. My main purpose is to write a brief appraisal of our own "Citizens' View of '52" forum which I didn't have time to do before I came here. --- I wish to write this brief appraisal of our recent forum because I fear those who should do so, Mrs. Gibson, Chairman of the Committee, and Mrs. Cox, Publicity Chairman, may be too modest to make the report as enthusiastic as it should be. They themselves had so much to do with the meeting's success. We had a few disappointments in the plans made, however, since we did our best under the pressure of a very short time for setting up the forum, let's think no more of such details and consider rather the really splendid results. The number of people in our audience was much larger than we dared hope for. Real interest was definitely apparent. Many comments after the meeting were most heartening. One man said, "We should have more such meetings." That statement, I believe, is an indication that the League has performed a community service that is helpful and is appreciated. I feel that justifiable pride in this achievement will spur us on to increased activity.

Lola Smith, President

On April 18th, Miss Anna Lord Strauss, alternate US delegate to the recent Paris meeting of the UN General Assembly, was a guest of the League of Women Voters of Chicago and the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. The League, holding its annual meeting at the Palmer House, opened a noon session to the public for Miss Strauss' report. Miss Strauss said Americans shouldn't be disappointed in the United Nations because we are asking it to solve problems that have been a long time in the making. She emphasized differences in language and culture, in political and economic concepts and in the whole way of life. Sometimes, it is even difficult for the delegates to know what they are voting on because the person proposing the question is often confused due to the differences of language and background. Often our delegates cannot vote as they might wish because of the conflicting interests of other nations who are members of NATO. The result is a compromise and what we term a long run policy. Miss Strauss hoped that we would write our Senators to accept the 36.9% of the total UN budget. She felt that it is our responsibility and that we, as a Nation, must live up to Democracy. We voted to have our contribution reduced to 33 1/3%, but the majority did not vote with us. At the last session of the UN General Assembly, the US contribution was reduced from 38.92% to 36.9% of the total UN budget. "UN, in and of itself, has no military or economic power. It is a common meeting ground for free discussion and decision, usually a compromise. This is only a directive decision to the Nations involved and requires action by those nations to become effective. UN is just an extension of the power of the people of all Nations. In UN we have a tool for peace."

Mrs. John Donovan, representative attending League of Women Voters of Macon County

League attendance at the Public Housing meeting was certainly not what it should have been. Even your editor, for family reasons, did not make it. PLEASE let us not use any pretext for failing to vote on the issue next Tuesday, May 6th. Urge your friends to vote. Whatever the final decision on Public Housing, let it be representative of the community, not of any minority groups within the community.

We have today, within the Decatur area, an excellent opportunity to study the issue of INTERNATIONAL TRADE. This month, Section 14 of the Defense Production Act will be brought before our Congress. Retention of this Section means the continued restriction on imports of fats and oils. To repeal the Section will cause the importation of fats and oils to come into direct conflict with our own production of soybean oil. To retain the Section will work definite hardship on many other nations who need to sell us such products in order that they may earn dollars to buy what they need from us. To repeal this Section may result in some unemployment in the Decatur area since the importation of fats and oils may force the selling price of soybean oil below the production costs. NOW IS THE TIME to think seriously about the basic concepts of international trade and to let our representatives know our conclusions. We, and I mean a majority of League members throughout the US, are on record as favoring the liberalism of trade policies. Are we on record in theory or are we on record in fact?

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Bulletin #7, Series 2

September, 1952

LUNCHEON MEETING

Decatur Club

Thursday, Sept. 25th

12:30 PM

Mrs. Walter T. Fisher will be our guest speaker at our first fall meeting. The subject of Mrs. Fisher's talk is "To Make The People Care". Mrs. Fisher has had vast experience as a Leaguer. She has been the president of her local League in Winnetka, president

of the League of Women Voters of Illinois, and a member of our National Board. Due to the fact that Mrs. Fisher must take the afternoon train back to Chicago, we were forced to set the time at 12:30 PM instead of later. We hope that, in spite of the early hour, you will come later rather than not at all. If it is impossible to attend the luncheon, plan to come to hear her at 1:30 PM. Luncheon cost will be \$1.35 per plate. Make your reservation with either Mrs. Otis Chumbley, 9759, or Mrs. Oliver Etheridge, 2-1919. No reservation will be necessary if you attend only the talk and not the luncheon. Reservations must be in by Sept. 20th. We hope that all League members will come and that you will encourage prospective members to come.

From Mrs. F. Hanly Brock, Treasurer -

Just September and October left in which to pay your dues!

At the end of that time we are required to drop all unpaid memberships. Please send your \$3.00 dues for 1952-53 to me, Mrs. F. Hanly Brock, 1666 W. Sunset.

If you will notice this bulletin head, you will find that we are no longer the League of Women Voters of Macon County but are now the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois. This change was made necessary since we must be a part of the lowest political sub-division in which we wish to work. As the Macon County League, we were not qualified to work in governments below the county level. Your local Board has enacted this change temporarily; its permanent status will depend upon membership action at the next annual meeting.

HELP BRING THE LEAGUE FINANCE DRIVE TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION!

Our drive for working funds begins Sept. 9th - our goal is \$675.00! You will receive a letter from the Finance Committee giving you further information. The Finance Committee would like to turn in its final report by Sept. 23rd,-- so please, if you intend to respond with a contribution over and above your dues, do so before Sept. 23rd. If you desire further information concerning our finance campaigns, Mrs. Robert Lewis, 4535, is the Chairman.

Do you know women who are interested in League membership? Mrs. Chumbley, as Membership Chairman, would like to have their names.

TOWN MEETING

We are sponsoring, with six or seven other organizations, a Town Meeting on United Nations. This meeting will be on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 8 PM, in the Decatur High School Auditorium. Mrs. George F. Meyer is Chairman of the project. We will give you complete information in the October bulletin.

Notes and an Explanation -

- by Mrs. Clifford Smith

Such "Good News" came to us recently! Mrs. Walter T. Fisher of Winnetka consented to be our speaker at the luncheon meeting on Sept. 25th. You will read more details of the arrangements made elsewhere in this bulletin. Mrs. Fisher wrote, "I always consider an invitation from a League of Women Voters as a command performance since I think of League work as an opportunity for important service." Mrs. Fisher has had so much League experience and is so enthusiastic in speaking that you really cannot afford to miss this meeting. It will be of much value to new members and prospective members as well as to those who have been working in our League since its organization.

I want to call your attention to the August issue of Woman's Day. It is of interest to us for two reasons--it contains the third part of the book, "The Lemon-Jelly Cake" by Madeline Babcock Smith and an article entitled "A Jealous Care". We want our readers to know that we take pride in the fact that Madeline Babcock Smith is one of our own League members. In the article "A Jealous Care", the author, Muriel R. Hanson, gives quite a little space to the League and uses suggestions provided by the League for a get-out-the-vote campaign.

An explanation may be in order for new members concerning the letters you will receive very soon from the Finance Committee. Financial support for the work of the League comes from membership dues and from both member and non-member contributions. Dues are kept low in order that no one will be excluded for economic reasons. In addition to membership support, each year increasing numbers of public-spirited men and women outside the League contribute to its work in response to local League appeals. Our own Finance Drive will begin in September, about the 9th.

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Just to remind you, if you come across someone who is not registered --

YOU must REGISTER in order to VOTE

YOU must be 21 years of age by election day

YOU must have permanent residence in the precinct 30 days, county 90 days and the state 1 year

YOU must appear in person to register at the Registration Office on the 4th floor of the County Bldg.

OR YOU may register in person at the place and time designated recently by the County Clerk for your precinct.

YOU must REGISTER before OCT. 6th, if you wish to VOTE NOV. 4th.

Once registered, you need not register again unless --

YOU failed to vote in elections held during the last 4 years

YOU moved into the jurisdiction of another election authority (in this case, outside of Macon County)

YOU changed your name, either by marriage or legal procedure

If you have moved to another residence within the county before Oct. 6th, you must mail the Registration Office a notice of your change of address, personally signed, otherwise you lose your right to vote.

If you move from one precinct to another, between Oct. 6th and Nov. 4th, you lose your right to vote Nov. 4th.

If you move from one residence to another within the same precinct, during the Oct. 6th to Nov. 4th period, you may vote on Nov. 4th by securing and signing the necessary affidavits.

Revenue Amendment to Article IX of the Illinois State Constitution:

You will recall that HJR 40 was passed by the last session of the State Legislature. In accordance with the law, the amendment will be placed on the ballot, Nov. 4th, and it must have approval of 2/3rd's of the people voting on the amendment before its passage is assured. If it fails, it will be impossible to place a similar amendment before the voters before 1956.

This amendment has the support of both political parties, it has the support of the Chicago Ass'n of Commerce and Industry, the CIO, the Parent-Teachers Organization of Illinois, the Illinois Agricultural Ass'n and many other organizations as well as the League of Women Voters of Illinois. In studying the opposition to passage of this amendment, we find that opposition is definitely not on party lines and not on economic lines, - instead we find opposition based upon a lack of knowledge of our tax structure and of what the amendment will accomplish.

WE MUST OVERCOME THIS BARRIER OF LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. WE DID IT ON GATEWAY AND IT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ON REVENUE ALSO.

The League of Women Voters of Decatur has been the spearhead for the organization of the Joint Committee for the Revenue Amendment of Macon County. The following organizations are represented in this Committee: CIO, Governments of Macon County, City of Decatur, Decatur Public Schools, Parent-Teachers Ass'n, Kiwanis, Lions, BPW, Zonta, Decatur Newspapers, Farm Bureau, Ass'n of Commerce, St. Patrick's Church and Toastmaster's.

The Committee is in the process of forming a Speaker's Bureau. We will have well informed speakers and we wish to appear before every organization in Macon County during the month of October. If you belong to any organization other than the League, please make our availability known to it. If you or any other person desire to set up a small neighborhood meeting in your own home, we shall be glad to furnish a speaker to groups as small as 8 or 10 persons.

We will, furthermore, need League women to man our Information Booth and to help in the distribution of literature. Please plan to help during the month of October, plan to hold an afternoon or evening neighborhood session for discussion of the Revenue Amendment, and please call and volunteer your services in both these directions.

- Mrs. H. W. Gibson, 3-4344

Just a brief reminder! Unit meetings will begin in October. Put October 9th, either 9:30 AM or 2:00 PM on your calendar now. We will hold these meetings in the home of Mrs. William Kutsch, 645 S. Seigel. The subject will be "If They Ask You?"

We would like to thank Mr. Grant, Superintendent of the Decatur Schools, for the bouquets he threw our way recently in a talk before Decatur teachers.

This process of printing is known as Multilithing. The use of the Multilith machine is a courtesy extended to the League by Father Ringland and the St. John's Episcopal Church. The process is not as expensive as mimeographing. Your Board members would appreciate knowing your reaction to this bulletin.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Bulletin #8, Series 2

October, 1952

UNIT MEETINGS

Oct. 9th

9:30 AM

2:00 PM

Hostess: Mrs. W. A. Kutsch, 645 S. Seigel

Discussion: "If They Ask You"

Discussion leader: Mrs. Gerald Cox

Resource committee: Mrs. Charles Ruedi, Mrs. H. W. Gibson,
Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. Clifford Smith

This meeting will be pure discussion concerning general election information and the Blue Ballot with emphasis on the Revenue Amendment. As League women, let's be sure we know just what we are voting for or against on Nov. 4th. Let's know so well, that "If They Ask You", you will know the answer. Note to new League members: These meetings are identical. It is necessary that you attend only one of them.

TOWN MEETING - -

The League of Women Voters in cooperation with AAUW, Business and Professional Women, B'nai Brith, Decatur Education Ass'n, Decatur Woman's Club, and the University Club are sponsoring a community project observing United Nations Day. This is to be a TOWN MEETING program on Wednesday, October 23rd, at the Decatur High School Auditorium at 8 PM. The topic for discussion is to be "Is the U.N. Worth the Cost?" Participating in the program are Mr. Gersham Cohn, Moderator, Rev. Jay Logan and Mr. Walter Morey on the affirmative side and Mr. Perley Lupton and Mr. A. G. Webber III on the negative side. Mayor Willis will open the program with a few introductory remarks concerning the observance of U.N. day and the reading of the preamble to the U.N. Charter. After the discussion, there will be time for questions from the audience.

- Mrs. George F. Meyer, Chairman

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On Monday, Oct. 27th, from 12 noon to 8 PM, League women will distribute material on the Revenue Amendment from (we hope) an old-fashioned Surrey parked on the west side of Central Park. Said women will have the fun of wearing 1870 costumes during their stint. If you are a new member and feel yourself to be inadequate to handle any questions concerning Revenue, volunteer anyway. We will see that you are coupled with an old hand at the game. It should be loads of fun and you will probably get your 'picture took'.

On Friday, Oct. 31st, from 10 AM to 2 PM, less spectacularly but no less in earnest, we will need women to serve at tables located at certain busy spots throughout the business district, distributing the same material. This will be a plain table, every day clothes affair. On Monday we will need women to serve from 12 noon to 4 PM and from 4 PM to 8 PM. On Friday, we will need you from 10 AM to 12 noon and from 12 noon to 2 PM. - So please volunteer to serve at one or more of these times.

Mrs. H. W. Gibson, 3-4344

There are still some unpaid memberships - -

Plan to pay your dues of \$3.00 at the Oct. 9th unit meetings - -

OR mail your check to Mrs. F. Hanly Brock, 1666 W. Sunset - -

This is the last bulletin for those still delinquent as of Oct. 31.

From Mrs. Robert Lewis, Finance Chairman -

Once again we have a successful finance drive behind us. Total contributed has been \$773.00. May we take this opportunity to thank all of the member contributors. \$117.00 of the \$773.00 came from this source. Special honors go to the faithful Board members and two from the general membership who made the individual contacts. Top position is shared by Ruby Etheridge and Edwina Funk both of whom had 100% coverage and the largest total contributions. Cooperation is again the key to League progress. Thank you each and everyone for your participation. Our year ahead should be very full of accomplishments. Incidentally if you have white file cards in your possession, please return them to me. They are part of our permanent finance records.

Workshops on the Judicial Amendment to the Illinois State Constitution

Friday, Oct. 17th - 10 AM - 130 S. Oak Crest

Brief summary of our courts in Illinois as they are now.
Missouri and New Jersey plans

Monday, Oct. 20th - 7:30 PM - 130 S. Oak Crest

The proposal on the Amendment made by the Illinois State Bar Ass'n. Mr. Perley Lupton and Mr. A. G. Webber III have agreed to be present at this meeting in order to give us their interpretation of it.

Thursday, Oct. 30th - 2:30 PM - 619 W. Forest

Summary - League position on Amendment

Friday, November 7th - 10 AM - 619 W. Forest

Meeting of committee members who will serve as Resource women at the November Unit meetings.

Practically all our members need a better acquaintance with the Judicial Article and the amendments to it that have been proposed so far. If any of the dates set so far are not satisfactory, we will change them to suit the majority members of the workshop. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you, including our new members, appear for this work.

Mrs. Perley Lupton, Chairman

We have copies of the
ILLINOIS VOTER'S HANDBOOK, 1952 edition,
for you at \$1.00 per copy. If you want one,
please purchase it from me at the Oct. 9th
unit meetings.

Miss Katherine Patterson, Publications

We are very happy to welcome the following new members:

Mrs. Arthur Adelman	Mrs. Virgil Drew
Mrs. J. George Armstrong	Mrs. E. B. Evans
Mrs. Henry Bachrach	Mrs. John Ferguson
Mrs. H. J. Burstein	Mrs. R. E. Harroun
34 Mrs. G. R. Cohn	Mrs. Sam Loeb
Mrs. L. H. Cohn	Mrs. George McClure
Mrs. W. S. Daniels	Mrs. Irving Melnik
35 Mrs. Ayrlie Morris	37 Mrs. Emanuel Rosenberg
Mrs. Fred Schudel	Mrs. William Winn - 2145 1/2 Center, 7757
36 Mrs. Hans Wolff	Miss Charline Wood
Oct Mrs. Harold Brintlinger	Oct Miss Gladys Jones

We are very happy to welcome back into our ranks also Mrs. C. Y. Miller.

Present plans for November: Unit meetings on the Judiciary; and tentatively a community meeting on Decatur's sewer problem. Although workshops are not as yet set up, we do need women to work on digging out the information concerning our sewers. If you are interested, please volunteer by calling Mrs. Robert Wood, 2-6118.

We have received an invitation from the League of Women Voters of McLean County to attend their meetings throughout the year. On Oct. 21st at 2 PM they will hold a meeting on "Revenue Article Revision" with Mrs. Robert J. Saner and on Nov. 18 at 2 PM, "Economy in Federal Expenditures" with Mr. George E. Mahin, Executive Secretary, Taxpayer's Federation of Illinois as the speaker. If you are interested, see Mrs. Clifford Smith, 1648 W. Riverview, for further information.

Editorially speaking - - we would do well to remember Mrs. Fisher's words. Work in the Community Chest, the Red Cross, the Scouts, etc., is vital and important and needless to say, there should be more women working in all fields of volunteer community effort, - - BUT, let us never forget that League work is basic. It is the work that keeps up in touch with our governments, - that keeps us in control of our governments. If we lose that control, all other community work will count for nothing.

Oct 38 Mrs. H. Grier Gregory 1560 W. Sunset 2-1101

39 Mrs. David Beggs, Jr. So. Side 4835

Mrs. Harold Brintlinger 1513 W. Sunset 3-5293

Miss Gladys Jones 1368 W. Marietta

Mrs. Alfred C. Fick 1505 W. Decatur

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Bulletin #9, series 2

November, 1952

UNIT MEETINGS Hostess: Mrs. John Donovan, 648 W. Prairie
 Nov. 13th Discussion: Illinois Court System
 9:30 AM Discussion leader: Mrs. Lowell Gill
 2:00 PM Resource Committee: Mrs. Perley Lupton, Chairman,
 Mrs. Emanuel Rosenberg, Mrs. Ivan Hutchens,
 Mrs. David Beggs, Jr., Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mrs. H. W. Gibson. Certain members of this Committee will present information on the Judiciary as it is now and as it would be under the proposed Amendment made by the Illinois Bar Association. All League members will participate in the discussion following the presentation. This Article VI of the Illinois State Constitution may very well be the next important amendment to the Constitution to be considered by the State Legislature. All League members need this information in order to follow the Legislature in its work of amending the Article. Be sure to attend.

Judiciary The Judiciary Workshop will hold its fifth and final
 Workshop meeting in the home of Mrs. Lupton, 619 W. Forest,
 Nov. 12th at 2 PM on Wednesday, Nov. 12th.
 2:00 PM

Tentative plans are underway to hold a night unit meeting for those League members who cannot attend the day unit meetings. If you are interested, please call either Mrs. Clifford Smith, 2-1764, or Mrs. Donovan, 2-4984. CALL NOW for the League will not set up such a meeting unless there is interest to indicate a sufficient attendance.

SEWER The League of Women Voters is planning a
 COMMITTEE community-wide meeting to discuss the sewer
 Nov. 11th needs of the Decatur area. We hope to secure
 2:00 PM the attendance of all officials and citizens
 Mrs. Robert interested in order that we may disseminate
 Wood the complete sewer picture and arrive at
 1435 W. some definite conclusions. This meeting is
 Macon tentatively planned for the third week in
 November. Many groups and many individuals
 have worked with this problem for years
 without apparent result. If this meeting
 is to be effective at this particular time
 of the year, we must have the cooperation
 of every League member. THIS PROBLEM IS
 ACUTE. Please call Mrs. Wood, 2-6118, and
 volunteer your time and energy.

Civil Liberties Workshop: Following the State Agenda, Item II, the State League believes that "We must encourage a wider understanding on the part of the public of our traditional rights and liberties and an alertness to safeguard our communities against infringements of them". The State League wishes an expression of opinion from local Leagues to assist in determining what legislation should be supported or opposed. The local Committee will consider the protection of Civil Liberties under seven headings: freedom of expression, freedom of association, anti-subversive laws, anti-subversive law enforcement, loyalty oaths, legislative investigations, FEPC. Workshops will be held in January, dates to be announced later, at my home. Continuation of our democracy of free people depends upon protection of these rights and liberties. Particularly League women must be informed and alert upon this subject so plan to keep January free for this study.
 Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Chairman, 2-7604

Board members notice: There will be a December Board meeting, same time, same place; but the January Board meeting has been moved to Friday, Jan. 2nd, Ass'n of Commerce Board Room. Please make this change on your calendars now.

The Decatur League now has 121 paid members. You will receive, sometime before the end of November, a complete membership list for your own use during the year. It takes League time, energy and money to prepare and mail this list to you, so watch for it, and plan to put it in an available and safe place for easy reference throughout the year.

From Lola Smith, President - - -

In spite of the valiant efforts of a number of our members, the Revenue Amendment, though still in doubt, may fail to pass. At this writing, the canvass is still going on and the issue is still undecided in Macon County as well as the State. However, if it does lose, there is little time to weep over the loss for we have another section of our Constitution to consider immediately. That is the Judicial Department. You will be reading the announcement of our study of it elsewhere in this bulletin. The Court system is an interesting subject and I'm sure you'll profit by being with us Nov. 13th. In addition, your reaction to this discussion is very important because I must report it to the State Council meeting early in January so that the Illinois League can formulate it's position before the State Legislature meets. Thus the local Leagues in the state determine our action later.

As you know, two of our board members, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Etheridge, resigned in October to take partisan action during the pre-election campaigning. We shall miss them in board meetings but are proud of their campaigning work. By action of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Donovan becomes the First Vice-President and Mrs. Neal Doubleday as Second Vice-President in charge of Publicity will retain her Chairmanship of the Civil Liberties Committee at present.

We welcome to the board, Mrs. Ayrlie Morris, whose special assignment will be that of Economic Policy Chairman. She will be initiated into this area of study by attending a two-day session in Chicago Nov. 13-14.

- - - - - The United Nations Day Community project sponsored by the International Relations division of the League can be termed a success. According to reports received from the co-sponsoring organizations and comments made by members of the audience, it was well worth the time and effort. Our participating panel members were enthusiastic about their work and said they could go on for hours. We would like to thank all who contributed in any way.

Mrs. George F. Meyer, Chairman

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Summary of Action in the Community on the Revenue Amendment and Voters Service:

60 talks before other organizations by the Speakers Bureau which included members from Toastmasters Club, PTA, and Social Studies teachers. We estimate 3000 people were contacted in this manner.

40,000 pieces of literature on Revenue distributed through the public school system of Macon County downtown on Monday, Oct. 27 and Friday, Oct. 31. placed in most doctor's and dentists's offices

2500 Revenue keys hung on door knobs by DHS students

1000 pieces of literature on General Voting Information distributed

Display of voting material at the Decatur Public Library

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the 25 League women for the time and energy they contributed to this project.

Mrs. Charles Ruedi, Voters Service

Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Constitutional Revision

Welcome to the League!

Mrs. David Beggs, Jr.

Mrs. W. M. Bering, Jr.

Mrs. H. Grier Gregory

Mrs. F. A. MacKay

Mrs. Alfred Tick

Mrs. William Van Law

Mrs. Milton Malsin

Final report on Finance - - - - The Drive is now final and complete. We collected \$811.00 total which is the highest we have ever had. \$146.00 of this amount came from our own membership.

Mrs. Robert Lewis, Chairman

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