

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

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"Diligence is the mother of good luck". -- Franklin

UNIT Tuesday Morning, Jan. 13, 9:15 A.M. 2095 W. Sunset, Mrs. T. L. Hurst
MEETINGS Wednesday Morning, Jan. 14, 9:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.
Place, Decatur Water Building, South Main, square brick building on right hand or west side of So. Main, as it curves to meet Franklin. It is NOT the water building by lake. Dr. Greenfield will be present to lead discussion of Big Creek Development at the morning unit, and Mr. Beeson for the evening unit.

The League Resource Committee will present findings at the "Bring the Children" unit January 13, discussion will follow.

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 29th - 6:30 P.M.
Dinner, "All You Can Eat for \$1.45"
plus, drink 10¢ plus dessert 25¢, plus service ch. 10%
at "The Redwood"

Reservations due by Jan. 26, 8 P.M. to Irene Mills, 2-3654.

Dr. Stephen S. Chang, Senior Research Chemist at A. E. Staley Co. will be the speaker; he will bring us pertinent information about Formosa and Red China. Members may invite husbands or friends as guests. Please assemble in the meeting room.

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE..

The League hopes to reach consensus to the Big Creek bond issue at our next unit meetings, please come and vote.
Meetings, Jan. 13 and Jan. 14.

Report on Decatur's Water Resources -- pamphlet is to be mailed to all members and contributors.

Over 20 members attended conducted tours to survey Big Creek area.

Over 20 members attended meeting where Dr. Greenfield was speaker.

Rebecca French, chairman.

FOREIGN POLICY WORKSHOP

Mark February 11th as a day to remember!

Our very important Foreign Policy Study is fast approaching and we want you now to save Wednesday, February 11th, for a special initial workshop session. Actually, it will be three sessions including a sack luncheon at the home of

our president, Irene Colvis, 559 S. Taylor. Our hostess will furnish the coffee. The hours will be from 9:30 until 2:30, bring a "sack lunch".

This one-day workshop is being set up as a basis for resource committee sessions and as a basis for the March unit meetings. Therefore, we want as many members as possible to attend. We think the day will be not only profitable, but enjoyable.

The theme for the workshop is "New Perspectives in Foreign Policy", also the title of an interesting new pamphlet we shall use. By April we should be ready to report our opinions on two questions-- (1) Are we ready to expand or change any of our current League positions on foreign policy issues? If so, which ones and in what directions? (2) What areas of foreign policy are emerging as of special interest and importance to the Leagues? A new area for us to consider might be the development of communication and understanding between peoples.

Hope to see you February 11th!

Lola Smith, Foreign Policy Chairman.

Welcome to new member, Mrs. Keith G. Westenhaver, 3420 N. University, tel. 8-2498

LOOKING TOWARD 1959

A HAPPY 1959 TO ALL!

An active 1959 to all...no doubt of its being active with 4 local elections in the next four months:

Jan. 27.....Vote on Big Creek Land Acquisition

Feb. 10.....Vote on The Future of Decatur's Streets

Mar. 3.....Primary to choose those to be elected to our New Council

Apr. 21.....The Election of those to carry out our new Council-Manager government.

Watch for plenty of action in State Assembly and National Congress.

Foreign Policy: Evaluation of U. S. foreign policy with continued support of the United Nations system, world trade and economic development, and collective security.

Water Resources: Support of those national water policies and practices which promote coordinated administration, equitable financing, and regional or river basin planning.

Announcement of study groups will be in our bulletin or call...

Lola Smith in charge of Foreign Item

Ruth Hipsher in charge of Water Resources

A BOUQUET To Rebecca French who designed and (published) the folder "Decatur's Water Resources" which you are receiving with this bulletin...

And if you would like to know more about "water resources", the city library has a table arranged by Dottie Booth, our Publications chairman, and Rebecca French.

A SPECIAL "bring the children" unit had a December meeting..December 9, to continue discussing Election Laws and Procedures started at the November meeting. 10 members and guests and 6 children braved zero and icy weather to attend an unscheduled meeting. Congratulations!

**NEW
APPOINTMENTS**

Mrs. Edward Booth will replace Mrs. G. R. Cohn on Nominating Committee.

The Local Agenda Committee is composed of: Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, chairman
Mrs. L. C. Auby, Jr. Mrs. James Leigh
Mrs. C. E. Barnes Mrs. Don Livergood
Mrs. Ralph Fredrickson Mrs. Thomas Protzman

If you have any ideas for suggested Local Study for 1959, please send them to the chairman, Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, 1390 W. Macon St.

The Budget committee includes: Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, chairman

Mrs. G. R. Cohn Mrs. Forrest Martin
Mrs. E. J. Cresswell Mrs. William Miller
Mrs. John H. Fairs Mrs. William Winn
Mrs. Dan Gannon

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan. 7 Water Workshop at Shirley Landholt's
Jan. 14 State Budget Meeting in Chicago (Pauline Winn will represent us)
Jan. 13 Mother's Unit
Jan. 14 Morning and Evening Units
Jan. 22 State Meeting on Foreign Item
Jan. 27 Vote on Big Creek Proposal
Jan. 28 State Meeting on Water (our Katherine Donovan, State Chairman)
Ruth Hipsher and Rebecca French will attend
Jan. 29 Our General Meeting with husbands and guests (surprise entertainment)
Feb. 5 Board Meeting
Feb. 10 Vote on Street Bond Issue
Feb. 11 Sack Lunch Workshop on Foreign Item (559 S. Taylor)
Feb. 17 Mother's Unit
Feb. 18 Morning and Evening Units
Feb. ??? Candidates Meeting (Virginia Gibson, chairman)

OLD BUSINESS:

And now a big cheer for all present and past League Members after a successful vote on council manager government for our city. The League did a thorough educational job four years ago. This time we worked with "committee for council manager" and we like to feel all these combined efforts pushed the referendum over the top.

Thank you to the telephone committee with: Mrs. James Leigh, chairman

Mrs. L. C. Auby, Jr. Mrs. E. J. Cresswell
Mrs. C. E. Barnes Mrs. Ralph Frederickson
Mrs. M. N. Bennett Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt
Mrs. Edward Booth Mrs. George Kuhns
Mrs. Wm. Cleary Mrs. C. M. Nicholson
Mrs. William Colan Mrs. Thomas Protzman
Mrs. Robert Cole Mrs. Verne Roby
Mrs. Gerald Cox Mrs. Hans Wolff

Thank you volunteer drivers with: Mrs. H. W. Gibson, coordinator

Mrs. Henry Bachrach Mrs. Nat Kessler
Mrs. L. L. Colvis Mrs. George Kuhns
Mrs. E. J. Cresswell Mrs. Forrest Martin
Mrs. Neal Doubleday Mrs. William Miller
Mrs. John H. Fairs Mrs. Russell Oplinger
Mrs. Ralph Fredrickson Mrs. Clifford Smith
Mrs. Lowell Gill Mrs. Edward Weiland
Mrs. Emmett Juergens Mrs. William Winn

December State Meetings in Chicago.

Lola Smith represented our League at State Council Meeting,
Mary Barnes and Irene Colvis at the Local Agenda Meeting.

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