

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS
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Bulletin #19, Series 2

January, 1954

UNIT Date: WEDNESDAY, January 20
MEETINGS Time: 9:30 AM Place: YMCA
" 7:30 PM " Library
FOR Date: THURSDAY, January 21
Time: 1:30 PM, at the home of Mrs. Russell
Oplinger, 152 Cobb
JANUARY Program: Prognosis: Budgetary ills of Congress
Diagnosis: Antibodies of income seem to
have no effect on the germs of expenditure.
Prescription: INFORMATION! INFORMATION!
Procedure: Unit meetings
Committee: Mrs. Ayrle Morris, Chairman; Mrs. R. E. Harroun, Discussion
Leader; Mrs. Charles Griffin, Mrs. William Winn, Mrs. F. A. MacKay,
Mrs. Dorr Taylor. Mrs. Perley Lupton and Mrs. Clifford Smith
participated in the Workshop discussions.

XTRA XTRA XTRA XTRA XTRA
Put on your calendar NOW!

League Luncheon : Mrs. Foreman will speak on "The
Tuesday, Jan. 26 : League--An Adventure in Democracy".
1 PM, Victorian Room : If you're heard her, you'll be
Hotel Orlando : enthusiastic about hearing her again.
Speaker: Mrs. Orville Foreman, : If you haven't heard her, here's
National Director, LWV of US : your chance.
Mrs. Foreman considers herself one of the
mothers of the Decatur League and will be
checking to see "how we're doing".
Mrs. J. W. Hurley is in charge of luncheon arrangements.

From Katherine Donovan, President --

Once again it is the time in the League year for our committees
concerned with organization and administration to become active.
They need your HELP.

FIRST, Suggestions for the 1954-55 Local Agenda
What's the local bugaboo that's bothering you? If it's
a problem to be solved directly or indirectly by the ballot Box, it
concerns the League. Turn it in NOW to Mrs. Robert E. Lewis, 215
N. Woodlawn, telephone 4535. She is the Chairman of this committee.

SECOND, Nominating Committee
Mrs. James Moore, 444 S. Edward, telephone 6435, is
the Chairman of this committee. Please send to her your suggestions
as to the League member you would like to see as an officer or as an
elected Board member.

THIRD, Budget Committee
If you have any ideas concerning the spending of League
funds, call Mrs. Frank Schroeder, 425 S. Edward, telephone 3-4858.
She's the Chairman and her committee will take all recommendations
under consideration.

FOURTH, Revised By-Laws
A copy of the revised By-Laws for the LWV of Decatur
will be mailed to you later this month. Please READ them, please
KEEP them, and please BRING them with you to the Annual Meeting in
March. Mrs. Floyd Birt, Chairman; Mrs. John Kuhns, Mrs. Clifford
Smith, Mrs. Robert Lewis and Mrs. F. Hanly Brock.

FIFTH, Platform
Depending upon the response from the State League, you
receive also a copy of the proposed Platform for the LWV of Decatur.
Again please READ, KEEP, and BRING it with you to the Annual Meeting.

We must vote upon all these items
at the March Annual Meeting. Please
make your suggestions early.

Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr. and Mrs. Gerald Cox attended a State League
meeting in Chicago, Jan. 12, to gain information and materials
regarding the Welfare and Constitutional Revision items. We will
have the benefit of their trip in future Workshops on these subjects.

MARK THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW --

Monday, Jan. 18 A General Membership Meeting (this means you) has been called at 9:30 AM in the YMCA All Purpose Room. This meeting is necessary in order to bring League members up to date on the work accomplished by the Education Committee. Mrs. Lewis, as Chairman of this committee, will appear at the Public Hearing, Jan. 20, to offer information concerning the petition which would negate Decatur's Special Charter and would result in reorganizing our school district as a Community Unit District under State Law. We would like to see EVERYBODY there. Whether you're a taxpayer, a parent, or just a member of the community, it's still your problem.

Wednesday, Jan. 20 Don't forget the Unit meetings: 9:30 AM, YMCA, or 7:30 PM at the Library.

The Public Hearing on the petition to reorganize School District #61 will be held in the County Bldg. at 2 PM. It should be very interesting to all League Members.

Thursday, Jan. 21 The third Unit meeting at 1:30 PM, 152 Cobb

Tuesday, Jan. 26 Don't forget the League Luncheon at 1 PM, Hotel Orlando. Make your reservation with Mrs. Hurley early.

ALERTING all Board members: You're due at the Hotel Orlando at 10:30 PM. A State Board member and Mrs. Foreman will discuss with the Board the steps involved in revision of the National Platform. This is a major National Convention decision and needs some serious thought in advance.

Thursday, Jan. 28 The Civil Liberties Workshop held a first meeting Jan. 12. Under discussion are 1) Rules proposed for Congressional Investigations, 2) the Fifth Amendment Controversy and 3) Wire tapping. The second meeting on this date will be held in the home of Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, Chairman, 215 Park Place at 9:30 AM. The third meeting will be same place, same time, Feb. 9th. It's not too late to participate in these varied and always interesting discussions. If you would like to, give Betty Nicholson a ring, 9446.

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The Membership Committee met Jan. 6 and came up with the following:

As the membership grows, it becomes a PROBLEM to phone all members for reservations on special occasions, so this new policy has been adopted: ONLY NEW MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED SOME MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR WILL BE ON THE CALLING LIST. As usual, all members will get notice of special events through the bulletin.

Mrs. E. L. Simmons plans to investigate the possibility of inviting newly naturalized citizens and some not-yet-citizens to a League meeting this spring.

The experiment that is America depends on an informed electorate. If you haven't been active yet this year, why not resolve to DO A CHORE IN '54 for the League. It's safe to say that our President, Katherine Donovan, would welcome volunteers. There's occasional need for a typist. A replacement to finish the year is wanted on the calling committee. If you enjoy a good discussion, there's always a Workshop going on some item. You might like to open your home for a League meeting. And Pauline Winn (she's the Chairman) can use some people on her committee for the Candidates' Meeting. To lift a word heard from a youngster at Christmas-time, the Candidates' Meeting is one of the "fun-est" things we do.

Florence Cox, Membership Chairman

Here are a couple of recent expenditures of local League funds--
10 copies of the Voters Handbook to Social Studies teachers at Centennial

All material printed by the State League on Constitutional Revision during the year will be mailed direct to the Decatur High School Library.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Bulletin #20, Series 2

February, 1954

UNIT Unit #1: Wednesday, Feb. 17th at 9:30 AM, YMCA
MEETINGS Unit #2: Wednesday, Feb. 17th at 7:30 PM, Library
Unit #3: Thursday, Feb. 18th at 1:30 PM, 253 N. Oakdale
Program: Current Problems of Civil Liberties
Resource Committee: Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, Chairman; Mrs. J. A. Melrose, Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. Nat Kessler, Mrs. F. A. MacKay, Mrs. Forrest Martin; Hostess: Mrs. Arylie Morris

C A N D I D A T E S' M E E T I N G

1954 is an important election year - Voters will consider these:
Representatives in Congress and the Illinois Legislature
State and County offices

And in November, the Blue Ballot Amendment to the Illinois
Constitution for Re-apportionment

The League is endeavoring to keep its membership and the citizens of our community well informed on the above items by holding a Candidates' Meeting, March 11th at 8:15 PM in the Decatur High School Auditorium. Dr. Daniel Gage will be the moderator. County, district and state candidates have been invited. The League invites all members to support and attend this meeting.

Pauline Winn, Chairman

Welfare Workshops - - - A study of the structure of State Welfare Services and their relationship to one another with a limited coverage of the services offered is under way at 3255 Chestnut. The first meeting was held Feb. 8th. The next will be at 2 PM, Friday, Feb. 12 and again at 7:30 PM Monday, Feb. 15th. The study is just begun so you haven't missed a thing that cannot be easily caught up with, and we would certainly like to have everyone who would like to and can participate, do so. The workshop so far is composed of Mrs. Kirby Riley, Mrs. Arylie Morris, Mrs. Dorr Taylor, Mrs. J. G. Jones and myself. If you can join us, just give me a ring, 3-7622.

Phyllis Watts, Chairman

Reapportionment Workshops - - - Workshops to study SJR#32, a proposition to amend Sections 6, 7 and 8 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, will start Tuesday, March 2nd at 1:30 PM at 160 E. Kellar Lane. SJR#32, popularly known as the Reapportionment Amendment, will be submitted to the voters Nov. 2nd and every League member, whether she participates in taking the material to the April units, should be acquainted with the contents of this bill and its pros and cons.

Virginia Gibson, Chairman

PS: It's not nearly so difficult as was the Revenue Amendment.

ODDS & 'NDS * - * - * Please read your Feb. 1st issue of the National Voter very carefully. Katherine Donovan will need to be sure that she is reflecting the majority local League opinion when she votes on these items at the National Convention in April. If you have any questions or conclusions, be sure to call her, 24984 * - * - * Mrs. Robert Lewis has been appointed a member of the A of C Water Committee * - * - * Members of the Education Committee will give information on the petition to change School District #61 to a Community Unit District Feb. 19 before the Pugh School PTA and Feb. 23 before the Education Council * - * - * Betty Nicholson's Civil Liberties Committee will take their material to the Woman's Club in Shelbyville March 8th * - * - * Florence Cox, Katherine Donovan, Pauline Winn, Elizabeth Lupton, Lola Smith and Anne Kuhns will attend the A of C luncheon Feb. 12, at which Rep. Springer will talk * - * - * Attendance at the Unit meetings has been deplorable, particularly the night meeting. You're in the League to become informed. You're not benefitting the League and the League certainly is not benefitting you when you bypass the discussion held at a Unit meeting * - * - * The Decatur Herald & Review will carry the League's pertinent information on the school petition in the Feb. 14 issue * - * - * Dorothy Morris' Budgetary Procedures Committee will give information on Listen Ladies. Watch your paper for the date * - * - * Lola Smith's International Item Committee took the Bricker Amendment to Zonta Jan. 20 * - * - * Voting information will be the subject for the Decatur Woman's Club when Pauline Winn's Voters' Service Committee appears there March 1st.

MORE WORK IS NEEDED ON THE BRICKER AMENDMENT - Letters from individuals addressed to President Eisenhower, commending him for his stand are in order now. It is also suggested that we reach other women's organizations and urge their additional effort. TIME and QUANTITY are the immediate considerations.

The following is respectfully submitted by the committees' concerned to the membership as the order of business at the Annual Meeting, March 25th. READ it and BRING it, with your copy of the Revised By-Laws to the Annual Meeting.

I. NOMINATING SLATE:

PRESIDENT - Mrs. John Donovan
 1st VICE PRESIDENT - Mrs. Perley Lupton
 2nd VICE PRESIDENT - Mrs. Arylie Morris
 3rd VICE PRESIDENT - Mrs. William Winn
 SECRETARY - Mrs. F. A. MacKay
 TREASURER - Mrs. G. R. Cohn
 ELECTED DIRECTOR - Mrs. Robert Lewis
 ELECTED DIRECTOR - Mrs. Fred Schudel
 NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 1955 - Mrs. E. L. Simmons, Chairman;
 Mrs. H. J. Pettee, Mrs. Richard Wood
 Signed: Mrs. James Moore, Chairman; Mrs. Charles
 Ruedi, Mrs. J. MacKechnie, Mrs. Clifford
 Smith, Mrs. H. W. Gibson

II. BUDGET:

	Budget '53-54	Actual '53-54	Proposed Budget '54-55	Comments
RECEIPTS:				
Dues	\$354.00	\$396.00	\$420.00	- Anticipated 140 members
Contributions				
Non-member	650.00	766.79	700.00	- Estimates based on an
Member	150.00	163.00	200.00	appraisal of community
Publications	46.00	5.50	10.00	recognition
Total Receipts	1200.00	1331.29	1330.00	
EXPENDITURES:				
State & Nat'l	450.00	450.00	450.00	
General Administration				
Supplies & Post.	70.00	29.68	50.00	
Tel. & Tel.	10.00	3.70	10.00	
President's Exp.	25.00	25.00	25.00	- Low estimate
Delegate Exp.	200.00	157.33	200.00	- Denver Convention
State Confer.	none	53.95	150.00	
Committee Exp.	100.00	29.19	50.00	
Bank Charges	5.00	1.46	5.00	
Activities				
Meetings	40.00	none	40.00	
Action in				- For local service and
Community	150.00	68.44	150.00	- promotion of programs
Bulletins	75.00	49.79	125.00	- Additional assistance
Publications	75.00	24.54	75.00	- Some sold, some given, some used in committees.
Total anticipated expense remaining		173.83		
Total Expend.	1200.00	1065.91	1330.00	
Balance in budget		134.09		- available for purchase of equipment
Signed:				Mrs. Frank Schroeder, Chairman; Mrs. G. R. Cohn, Mrs. John Kuhns, Mrs. John Donovan

III. LOCAL AGENDA: The Agenda Committee proposes the following local agenda for 1954-55:

ITEM: Study of welfare in Macon County extended to the various independent boards and commissions, with action where indicated.

The item proposed for local project for '54-55 was selected from the following suggestions submitted by League members:

1. Local taxes
2. Water
3. Flouridation
4. General study of local government (as a second item)
5. Local welfare
6. Federal Housing
7. Lateral Sewers

In weighing numbers 1, 2, 6, and 7, we have previous study to draw from in case of urgent call for attention. The committee felt that possibly #3 could be better interpreted by groups more directly concerned. The apparent work load of Decatur League precludes a

second item on the agenda such as #4. Both #1 and #4 will be covered in some measure in the workshops on the State Item of Home Rule. Local welfare was selected on the basis of state interest and lack of previous local study.

Signed: Mrs. Robert Lewis, Chairman; Mrs. Floyd Birt, Mrs. John DeBoice

IV. BY-LAWS: On your copy of the Revised By-Laws for the League of Women Voters of Decatur, will you please note the following:

Your Local Board recommends upon suggestion of Mrs. Robert Phillips, President of the League of Women Voters of Illinois, that Article VI, Section 2, be changed from

"Annual dues of Three Dollars (\$3.00) shall be payable April first. Any member who fails to pay her dues within six months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Any voting member may present a request for a change of dues to the Board no later than the January Board Meeting. The Board must then notify the membership of the requested change, in writing, no later than one month previous to the Annual Meeting. It may or may not recommend the change. The change must be passed by a two-thirds vote of the members attending the Annual Meeting."

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"Annual dues of Three Dollars (\$3.00) shall be payable April first. Any member who fails to pay her dues within six months after they are payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls."

The reason for this deletion in Article VI, Section 2, is that any change in dues should be handled as a part of the regular amending procedure as stated in Article XII, Section 1, of the revised By-Laws.

V. PLATFORM:

Adequate appropriations, efficient administration, structural organization, and qualified personnel are subjects applicable to all the program and may be adopted for action in relation to any part of it. The platform represents principles supported and positions taken by the League in the past to which it has given sustained attention.

The Local Board may select items from the platform for action if an opportunity or necessity arises to do work in conformity with these principles. In case an issue has been inactive for an extended period, further examination and study by the local league members would be required before the Local Board could call for renewed action.

To promote knowledge of, and action for, the League of Women Voters of Decatur has concluded

1. That we retain the Special Charter for School District #61 with the possible exception of the section pertaining to size of the Board of Education, until the best interests of the school district deem otherwise.
2. That the Council-Manager Form of Government is preferable to the Commission Form of Government.
3. That we will continue to support a sewer system which provides all citizens of the Decatur Sanitary District with adequate sanitary facilities.

Signed: Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Chairman; Mrs. James Leigh, Mrs. Gerald Cox, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mrs. John Kuhns, Mrs. Floyd Birt, Mrs. John Donovan

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Bulletin #21, Series 2

March, 1954

UNIT Unit #1, Wednesday, March 17th, 9:30 AM, YMCA
MEETINGS Unit #2, Wednesday, March 17th, 7:30 PM, Library
Unit #3, Thursday, March 18th, 1:30 PM, 425 S. Edward
Program: Structure and relationship of the various welfare services in Illinois
Resource Committee: Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Kirby Riley; Mrs. Ayrlie Morris; Mrs. J. G. Jones; Mrs. Dorr Taylor; Mrs. R. L. Nagle; Mrs. Ralph Frederickson; Hostess: Mrs. Frank Schroeder

A N N U A L M E E T I N G

Thursday, March 25th For League local program, organization and
Decatur Club Bldg. general business, this is THE MEETING OF THE
1 PM YEAR. What we decide to work on locally in
'54-'55 should be the majority choice of all
members. It can be only if you attend this meeting. Don't forget to
BRING your copy of the BY-LAWS and the February Bulletin PLATFORM
section. You will be contacted by the Telephone Committee for your
Luncheon Reservation - cost \$1.50.

CANDIDATES' MEETING
March 11th
DHS Auditorium
8:15 PM

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Considerable work has been accomplished by a
most co-operative committee on this meeting.
As reported last month, Dr. Daniel Gage, Prof.
of History & Political Science, has consented
to be Moderator. We are most happy to have
him because he does make the meeting run smoothly. Approximately
35 candidates plan to attend, including those for US Senator, State
Representatives, County Judge, County Superintendent of Schools,
Sheriff, Senatorial Committeemen, County Board of School Trustees. -
- - Napkins with information about the meeting were printed and passed
out at different civic luncheon groups. Also, several posters are to
be placed in windows of department stores and the Illinois Power Co.
Television time has been arranged for spot announcements and perhaps
a 15 minute program this week. Spot announcements will also be on
WSOY and WJZ. To date, 7 articles have been published in the news-
papers. There will be a picture of the committee in the Herald &
Review, March 7th, and a picture of Dr. Gage later in the week. In
an effort to get a larger crowd out, cards were sent to all Precinct
Committeemen urging them to get out all the people in their precincts.
We hope it will be successful. - - Also we will have the night of the
meeting, the Woodrow Wilson Band directed by Mr. Kenneth Stilwell. -
- - The Committee: Florence Cox, an all-over trouble shooter and
advisor and an excellent one; Rachel Hurley, in charge of Ushers and
typists; Dorothy Morris, TV and radio publicity, napkins; Betty Volle,
posters; Eileen Gebhardt, typing; Elizabeth Lupton and Helen Gill,
to meet candidates.

Pauline Winn, Chairman

Re-apportionment Workshops
When: Wednesday, March 10, 1:30 PM
Where: 160 E. Kellar Lane

Only the first workshop is
scheduled. Committee members
will decide when best they can
meet for the second. Under
consideration will be SJR #32. This is an excellent opportunity for
new members. The subject is not complicated yet it is basic to the
kind of work the League does. Call me if you are interested and have
not been contacted.

Virginia Gibson, Chairman, 3-4344

Mrs. Robert Lewis has withdrawn as candidate for Elected Director.
The slate will carry in her place, Mrs. Kirby Riley.

Emmy Lou Moore, Nominating Chairman

From the President to all Members - - -

Another League year is coming to a close and once again it is
time for your Board members to give their final reports. I feel that
it has been a year of well-rounded growth for the League. We success-
fully concluded a community project with the passing of the Intercep-
tor Bond Issue. Our membership shows a most satisfactory growth.
Our financial drive was over the top. The increased numbers of
persons showing an interest and taking an active part in the workshops
has made our program easier to carry. To the League Officers, to
the Chairmen and to the Membership, I wish to say "Thank You",

Katherine Donovan

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK

NATIONAL AGENDA

Item I: International Relations: The League's fiscal new year, April 1953, began with a study entitled "Trade or Aid?". At this time, Mrs. G. F. Meyer, Chairman, and her workshop group considered the problems resulting from a continuance of our present tariff policy and those resulting from a possible change to lower or no tariff restrictions. In October, three members, Mrs. H. J. Pettee, Mrs. Wayne Dymond and myself, appeared on a local television program observing United Nations' Day. In this month, we began workshop sessions on "Making Foreign Policy". This subject with particular emphasis on the proposed Bricker Amendment was discussed in the November Units. A large majority of those members voting on the issue felt that the League of the US should oppose the Amendment. In January our National Board requested action in opposition to the Amendment. As a community service, Mrs. Pettee, Mrs. W. H. Hipsher and myself presented our material to Zonta. An important state conference on Trade was held in Chicago Nov. 3rd. A report of it, by Norma Lewis and Virginia Gibson, who attended, appears in the local bulletin of Nov. '53.

Lola Smith, Chairman

Item II: Budgetary Procedures: In April 1953, 4 members of this Committee took the program that had been used in the Units to the League in Lincoln, Ill. Five members attended the State Workshop held in Mattoon in October. This year in the Units, the Committee used large pictorial charts for reference background. From the material presented, a radio skit was written and presented over WSOY and WDW. The Committee has been invited to repeat the 1954 program in April to one of the PEO Chapters.

Dorothy Morris, Chairman

STATE AGENDA

Item I: Basic Constitutional Revision: a) Revenue: Since our strenuous and unrewarded efforts in behalf of the Revenue Amendment in the fall of '52, we have rested on this item. Review and further study will probably not be undertaken until '55. b) Court System: A summary of information to date will be presented in the April Units. Decatur League members appeared at every hearing on the Judiciary bills during the last session of the General Assembly. c) Re-apportionment: The first workshop is scheduled for March 10th with presentation of the material in the April Units. Following that we will work during the summer months to set up an organization for active community work prior to the vote Nov. 2nd.

Item II: Home Rule: Since the State League wished to work also for statutory home rule should it be impossible to secure constitutional home rule, this item was separated from Item I at the last State Convention. Workshops will begin sometime in May and carry on throughout the summer months in order that we may be thoroughly grounded in the local forms of government. With this background, we should be ready in the fall to submit the home rule problems of this area.

Virginia Gibson, Chairman

Item III: Civil Liberties: This committee held 3 workshops. The items of study were Congressional Investigations, the Fifth Amendment, wiretapping and equality of opportunity in employment in Illinois. The material was presented at 3 Units Feb. 17 and 18 and will be presented to the Women's Club of Shelbyville on March 8.

Betty Nicholson, Chairman

Item IV: Welfare: The 5 workshops have dealt largely with studying the structure and relationships of the various welfare services in the State. The Unit meetings will be on March 17th and 18th.

Phyllis Watts, Chairman

LOCAL AGENDA

Item I: Decatur School District #61: At the Annual Meeting of 1953, we voted to undertake a "Study of the Budgetary Procedures and Tax Structure of the Decatur School System". After contacting every possible available source of information, we further compiled statistics from 20 school districts in 9 adjoining states in order to compare Decatur's financial operation. The next natural step in procedure was to turn our attention to the Special Charter and the State Laws under which we operate. We were hurried a little in this due to the petition to change the school district which was circulated early in November. Our conclusions from our financial study and from the laws are as follows:

1. By keeping the Special Charter we will avoid the possibility of lending ourselves to what appears to be experimentation going on at present where Illinois laws concern schools.

2. The wealth of the district appears to be above average for the size and is well directed in support of a good public school system.

Voters' Service on Item I: In connection with the Bond Referendum to build new school buildings, the League printed 10,000 "I can't vote-You Can" tags and distributed them to school children to take home to their parents. We also served as a source of information for the PTAs' in ways and means of getting information to the public and in getting out the vote. In connection with the petition, talks were made at Riverside, Pugh, Lincoln, Washington and Enterprise Schools, before the Education Council and will be made before the PTA Council, March 9th. A radio skit will be presented over the AAUW "Listen Ladies" program late in March and early in April.

Norma Lewis, Chairman

Item II: Sewers: The first step in the Sewer program was brought to a successful conclusion with the passage of the Bond Issue May 26th, to build Interceptor Sewers. The third step, that of the individual neighborhoods building laterals, is well underway in affected localities. To date no action has been taken on the second step by the city, that of instituting a system of cleaning and maintaining all sewers within the city limits.

Virginia Gibson, Chairman

OTHER LOCAL COMMITTEES

Publicity: The League's effectiveness in the community can be gauged, in part, by the willingness of press, radio and television to give us space to report our activities. WTVP arranged a program for us to explain the workings of the League; Mrs. Clifford Smith co-operated with AAUW in a UN program; and information about the Candidates' Meeting was given also. On the radio, Listen Ladies' time was twice available to the League, once for the economics committee to explain federal budgetary procedures, and, by the end of March, for the local project committee for their information on the school system. Also the stations are allowing the League to use spot announcements time for the Candidates' Meeting.

Besides the announcements of regular meetings, the paper also has been most generous when we have had special projects. In the drive to pass the referendum allowing interceptor sewers, the League and its members were continually in the papers. The report of the School Committee, showing the comparison of Decatur's budget and those of other towns, was printed. And there have been a succession of articles about the Candidates' Meeting.

Frances Doubleday, Chairman

Membership: On July 21, I attended a State membership meeting at Allerton Park. July 23, we held a Get-Acquainted-with-the-League Round-up in Fairview Park. Eight seasoned Leaguers spoke at three tables on League Policies, Program, action and Political Effectiveness. Sept. 24, there were 100 reservations for the Fall Luncheon with state legislators as guests. Senator Smith spoke on "There Ought to be a Law". Jan. 26, Mrs. Orville N. Foreman, National Director, spoke at a luncheon at the Hotel Orlando. Her topic was "The League, An Adventure in Democracy". Mr. Franzy Eakin and Edward Lindsay were guests. Mrs. J. W. Hurley was chairman.

Those who have served on the membership and calling committee include Mrs. David Beggs, Jr., Mrs. Charles Griffin, Mrs. R. E. Harroun, Mrs. E. L. Simmons, Mrs. Ivan Wieland and Mrs. Hans Wolf.

An encouraging number of new members have taken part in workshops and other activities during the year.

Florence Cox, Chairman

Action: These requests for action have been complied with officially and many times, by individual members, as well:

- Reciprocal Trade Agreement
- Technical Assistance
- US Contribution to UN
- Renewal of Mutual Security Program
- Support of Dulles Statement on Foreign Relations
- Proposed Bricker Amendment

Elizabeth Lupton, Chairman

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Bulletin #22

April, 1954

UNIT Unit #1, Wednesday, April 14, 9:30 AM, YMCA
MEETINGS Unit #2, Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 PM, Library
Unit #3, Thursday, April 15, 1:30 PM, 215 Park Place

Program: A thorough examination of SJR #32, a proposition to amend Article IV, Sections 6, 7 and 8 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, for the purpose of Reapportioning the General Assembly. We vote on this Nov. 2nd. Also a brief resume to bring us up to date on the Judiciary.

Resource Committee: Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Chairman; Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt; Mrs. Perley Lupton; Mrs. J. W. Hurley; Hostess: Mrs. C. M. Nicholson.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY APRIL 13
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON THE SCHOOL PETITION APRIL 14th

Report of the Annual Meeting, March 26th

A. Local Current Agenda adopted:

- I. A study of local welfare extended to independent boards and commissions, with action where indicated.
 - II. To continue consideration and action where approved by the membership on school financial problems and organization.
- B. Continuing Responsibilities placed on the local Platform:
1. That we oppose the Community Unit District for School District #61.
 2. That the Council-Manager Form of Government is preferable to the Commission Form of Government.
 3. That we will continue to support a sewer system which provides all citizens of the Decatur Sanitary District with adequate sanitary facilities.

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The fiscal League year begins April 1st. Dues are now payable. Please send your check to our Treasurer, Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe.

Workshops on Home Rule:

In order to formulate the Home Rule problems of this area, it will be necessary for the League to examine thoroughly the structures of government for the city, township and county. Workshops on this item will start late in May and continue throughout the summer. Time and dates will be announced later. If you are interested in participating, call Virginia Gibson, 3-4344.

TIME FOR ACTION ON NATIONAL ITEMS

Item I: The Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, the basic trade law, expires in June 1954. It is time to WRITE Senators Douglas, Dirksen, and Congressman Springer NOW. Letters received before they have formulated their opinions are even more important than Calls for Action on specific legislation later on. The League's position is based on the following principles:

- A. A U.S. trade policy should aim to expand World Trade rather than contract it.
- B. We have supported the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade as methods by which nations negotiate lower tariffs.
- C. We have advocated a permanent international trade organization which would establish fair trade rules for all nations.
- D. We have never advocated "free trade." We do advocate a gradual lowering of tariffs and the elimination of such barriers to trade as embargoes or quotas. We believe in a stable trade policy in the sense that once a tariff has been lowered it should not be raised when foreign products begin to compete with American products in this country. We are, therefore, opposed to the "escape clause" and the "peril point" provisions of our basic trade law.
- E. We recognize that there may be times when foreign competition will inflict undue harm on a domestic producer. But the first consideration must be the national interest - that which is best for the total economy and our national security. When a domestic industry has been harmed, instead of raising the tariff or applying quotas, a readjustment of the industry to achieve greater efficiency or to diversify its products should be sought. Industries most closely concerned with national defense may require exceptional treatment.

If you agree with the majority League opinion as expressed in these principles, formulate your own individual letter in your own language and write PROMPTLY. Knowledge of the contents of the Randall Report will be of value to you. See below for the proper way to address your letters.

Item II. Now is the proper time to write Congressman Springer on Congressional Budgetary problems. Following are the points upon which a majority of League members have reached agreement:

1. Congressmen need a better opportunity to weigh the benefits of various proposals against their costs and to determine the relative merits of such proposals.
2. Congress should have better methods for relating taxation and spending measures.
3. In making authorizations, Congress should be able to appraise the total federal spending which will actually result through such legislative action. The inclusion of expenditure estimates in some authorization bills has been a step in the right direction. In making appropriations, the ultimate cost of a project or program should be pointed out clearly to the Congress.
4. Better coordination between the houses of Congress on budgetary matters would save time, avoid duplication of effort, and lead to more informed deliberation on appropriation bills.
5. Congressmen should accept full responsibility for positions taken on appropriations. Roll call votes would make this information available to their constituents.
6. Congress should continually recognize its responsibility in improving its own procedures. When Congress sets up rules it considers to be good, it should either abide by them or change them. Citizens are confused by such practices in Congress as the attachment of legislative riders to appropriation bills, in spite of Congressional rules against such riders.

There is also agreement in the League on the desirability of granting the President the power to veto individual items in appropriation bills, if this proposal is combined with some of the more comprehensive changes outlined above.

The proper way to address:

The Honorable William Springer, House of Representatives,
My dear Mr. Springer: Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable Paul H. Douglas, United States Senate, Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Douglas:

The Honorable Everett McKinley Dirksen, United States Senate,
My dear Senator Dirksen: Washington, D. C.

Memo to all Workshop Chairmen from State:

In order to conserve time and woman power, and in order to more adequately meet the demands for Action on Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities, it is suggested that every chairman examine her item in relation to other fields of League work. Past experience shows that every General Assembly proposes measures dealing with problems of housing, education, child labor, civil service, permanent registration, voting machines, and civil liberties under many disguises. These are all League Continuing Responsibilities. The following correlation has been prepared on the State level. It should be carried through by chairmen on local items, and, after the National Convention, on national items.

Inter-relation of Current Agenda Items

Constitutional Revision

Reapportionment: underlies all efforts to improve government

Judicial Reform: relates to Welfare Services

Fiscal Structure: relates to Home Rule and Welfare Services
underlies all efforts for honest and efficient government

Home Rule: relates to Fiscal Structure

Civil Liberties: relates to Welfare Services

Welfare Services: relates to Reapportionment, Judicial Reform,
Fiscal Structure and Civil Liberties

Platform relates to Current Agenda

Housing: Home Rule; Civil Liberties; Welfare Services

Education: Fiscal Structure; Civil Liberties

Civil Service: Home Rule; Welfare Services

Child Labor Laws: Welfare Services

Permanent Registration:

Voting Machines:

Rachel Hurley, Bulletin Editor

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

BULLETIN #23

MAY, 1954

"There is some quality of spirit deep in human beings which is inextinguishable yet infrequently finds expression. It is the stuff of which greatness is made. I wish I could find the words to release this spirit in you so that you would reach for greatness with all the wisdom and courage and faith that is in you.

I have come to look upon the League not as just a worthwhile but somewhat incidental occupation, but rather as a vivid and vital expression of that imperishable idea that is deeply rooted in the American conscience - indeed, it is the mainspring of western civilization. It is the idea of the dignity and work and capacity of the individual human being. This idea does not need crisis-treatment at this time as much as it needs steady, commonplace, everyday application. It takes a quality of greatness, I think, to be moderate and restrained and unwavering in devotion. I believe you can do much to keep the breath of creative life in this idea, in this faith. I believe it is your destiny to do so."---

From the report by the President, Mrs. John G. Lee,
at 21st National Convention.

UNIT
MEETINGS:

Date: WEDNESDAY, May 19
Time: 9:30 AM Place: YMCA
7:30 PM Place: Library
THURSDAY, May 20
1:30 PM at the home of Mrs. Edwin Jokisch,
33 Southmoreland Place.

PROGRAM: Katherine Donovan, our President, has brought back to us her 'News & Views' of the National Convention recently held in Denver, Colorado. We know every GOOD League member will not want to miss this interesting presentation of the Conventions National program adopted at this meeting. Make a note of these dates and BE THERE!

INTERIM COUNCIL MEETING

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS: May 18, 6:30 PM, Leland Hotel--This will be a kick-off dinner meeting (\$3.10--but well worth it) on Reapportionment. Guest speakers will be Governor William G. Stratton, who will speak on "The Campaign Ahead," and Mr. Samuel W. Witwer, Jr., will tell us of "The Role of the Illinois Committee." All who are interested in going please contact Katherine Donovan, 2-4984 for reservations.

HOME RULE These workshops are to start May 27, 1:30 PM and 7:30 PM, in the home of
WORKSHOPS: Mrs. H. W. Gibson, 160 Kellar Lane, and are to continue on subsequent dates throughout the summer. The first study will be on "Physical and fiscal structure of City Government; second and third studies on Township and County government. This is basic information all League members should have. If you wish to attend these meetings, and ALL members are most welcome, please call Virginia, phone 3-4344.

A VISITOR IS COMING!!

Miss Irmgard Muehlhaus, District Women's Secretary, National Consumers Cooperative Society, Westphalia, Germany, is visiting the United States and is interested in learning about women's organizations in America, and how they promote civil welfare and go about citizens' education. She is interested also in social conditions in general in this country and in Trade Unions and Cooperative Movements. We are honored Decatur has been selected as one of the Cities she is to visit, and plans for her sojourn here will be made after her arrival and subject to her approval.

MEMBERSHIP Another important date to remember! Got a piece of string and an
MEETING: extra finger?? Tie it around this one!
TUESDAY, JULY 27, 9:30 AM, in the home of Mrs. G. R. Cohn,
777 S. Monroe. Coffee was promised (subject to price changes)

Anyone who has a prospective name for a good League member, please tell Elizabeth Lupton, phone 2-4293, so they may be invited to this meeting.

And, while we are on the subject, another MEMBERSHIP MEETING has been planned (the membership committee are busy little planners, aren't they?) for SEPTEMBER 16th. Mr. Paul Powell, representative in the General Assembly, and Mr. Samuel S. Witwer, Jr., Chairman of the Illinois Committee for Constitutional revision, will be with us to discuss the reapportionment issue. Time and place of the dinner will be announced later.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

BULLETIN #23 (Continued)

MAY, 1954

- NATIONAL
CURRENT AGENDA:
1954-1956
1. Support of U. S. trade policies that will help solve national and international economic problems (Principle 17).
 2. Development of understanding of the relationship between individual liberty and the public interest (Principle 1).
- STATE
CURRENT AGENDA:
1953-1955
- I. Basic constitutional revision to provide for
 - a. Court system reorganization with nonpartisan selection of the judiciary.
 - b. Reapportionment
 - c. Coordinated and flexible state fiscal structure.
 - II. Methods of achieving home rule through constitutional revision and/or statutory means.
 - III. Protection of the citizen in his civil rights and liberties including-
 - a. Preservation of constitutional liberties.
 - b. Enactment of a law to equalize employment opportunity in Illinois.
 - IV. Measures to secure high standards in state welfare services.
- LOCAL
CURRENT AGENDA:
1954
- I. A study of local welfare extended to independent boards and commissions, with action where indicated.
 - II. To continue consideration and action where approved by the membership on school financial problems and organization.

The following is a list of the 1954-1955 Board of the League of Women Voters, Decatur, Illinois.

President-----Mrs. John J. Donovan
648 W. Prairie, phone 2-4984

1st Vice President-----Mrs. Perley Lupton
619 W. Forest, 2-4293-Membership & Action

2nd Vice President-----Mrs. Ayrle Morris
253 N. Oakdale, 8-2626-Units

3rd Vice President-----Mrs. William R. Winn
2090 W. Riverview, 7757-Voters Service

Treasurer-----Mrs. G. R. Cohn
777 S. Monroe, 2-3256

Secretary-----Mrs. F. A. MacKay
3303 E. William St. Road, 2-3256

Elected Director-----Mrs. Frederick S. Schudel
1014 E. Cantrell, 2-7637-Publications

Elected Director-----Mrs. Kirby Riley
402 N. Oakland, 2-3116-Local Welfare

Appointed Director-----Mrs. Arthur Adelman
2275 W. Forest, 2-0327-International Relations

Appointed Director-----Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt
1390 W. Macon, 2-3229-Local Education

Appointed Director-----Mrs. H. W. Gibson
160 Kellar Lane, 3-4344-Constitutional revision

Appointed Director-----Mrs. J. W. Hurley
1531 West Main, 2-2747-Bulletin Editor

Appointed Director-----Mrs. C. M. Nicholson,
215 Park Place, 9446-Individual Liberties,
National and State.

Appointed Director-----Mrs. Clifford Smith
1684 W. Riverview, 2-1764-Public Relations

Appointed Director-----Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr.
3255 Chestnut, 8-4020-State Welfare

Nominating Committee: Mrs. E. L. Simmons, Chairman, Mrs. Richard Wood; Mrs. H. J. Pettee; Mrs. H. W. Gibson and Mrs. Clifford Smith.

DUES ARE DUE!!!

The League's fiscal year began in April. Please send your check to our Treasurer, Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe. Please do it now. THANK YOU.

This will be your last BULLETIN until this fall. So until then: BYE, have fun this summer, and make a resolution to be a BETTER LEAGUE MEMBER! Come to meetings next year, take part in League activities, join the Workshops; participate in meetings.

Rachel Hurley, Bulletin Editor.

THIS WE ARE PROUD OF:

The Decatur Public School District #61 has purchased one hundred and twenty copies of the "Illinois Voters Handibook", published by the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

.....Is there a League Member without one?????Call Helen Ruth Schudel, 2-7636.

MEETINGS:

A State meeting is scheduled for September 9 in Chicago on Constitutional Revision and Voters Service. Virginia Gibson plans to attend.

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Our Finance Drive for the coming year will begin Monday, September 20th and end Monday, September 27th. Each member will receive a letter giving her the opportunity to contribute. Our goal is \$900.00. We hope to have \$200.00 of this contributed by our own members. The remaining amount we feel sure can be secured from citizens who are interested in the League and believe in our purpose.....Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, Chairman, 2-3229....

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HOME RULE WORKSHOPS

Despite temperatures of 113 degrees, Home Rule Workshops kept going all summer in the home of Mrs. H. W. Gibson, 160 Kellar Lane. A resume of these studies was compiled, presented to our Board, and after approval by them was forwarded to Mrs. Beggs, State Chairman on Home Rule. The success of this program was due to the help and efforts of the following members: Katherine Donovan, Elizabeth Lupton, Marge Tick, Melba Griffin, Betty Nicholson, Eileen Gebhardt, Harriett Birt, Rachel Hurley, Florence Cox, Dorothy Morris, Suzanne Lambka, Jerry DeBoice, Helen Ruth Schudel, Rita Dorsey and Pauline Winn. Thanks again girls, it was a job well done....Virginia Gibson, Chairman 3-4344

NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED AND CHANGES IN RESPONSIBILITIES

We accept with regret Phyllis Watts' resignation from the League Board and deeply appreciate all her efforts on State Welfare. We are very happy to welcome Coleen Martin as a new Board member and our new Unit Chairman. Dorothy Morris, our Second Vice-President, will be in charge of State Welfare. Another change--Evelyn MacKay has resigned as Board Secretary to become International Relations Chairman and Eileen Gebhardt will serve as Secretary after the Finance Drive is completed. The October Bulletin will carry a complete revised list of the Board Members and their respective jobs...Katherine Donovan, Pres. 2-4984

REMEMBER, IF YOU DON'T REGISTER**YOUR VOTE CAN'T!**

Last day for precinct registration is OCTOBER 4, in the County Building, or you may register at your precinct polling place OCTOBER 5. For further information call 3-3659...Pauline Winn, Voters Service Chairman.

COUNCIL-MANAGER STATUS

At present, the Friends of Council-Manager Government for Decatur are waiting for the City Council to set a date for the referendum. We hope the time designated will be in mid-October.

Since a number of League members gave excellent help to the Junior Chamber of Commerce in securing signatures on the petition asking for a referendum, I should like to list their names. (If, by chance, the name of anyone who worked is omitted, I beg your forgiveness.)

Mrs. Fred Bartley	Mrs. Neal Doubleday	Mrs. Nat Kessler	Mrs. Ruby Mochel
Mrs. Maurice Brown	Mrs. C. E. Smith	Mrs. Geo. Kuhns	Mrs. Walter Morey
Mrs. Floyd Birt	Mrs. Herbert Tick	Mrs. J. D. Mackechnie	Mrs. Ayrle Morris
Mrs. G. R. Cohn	Mrs. Ralph Frederickson	Mrs. Forrest Martin	Mrs. C.M.Nicholson
Mrs. Gerald Cox	Mrs. Oliver Etheridge	Mrs. Dorr Taylor	Mrs. Russell Oplinger
rs. Donald K. Dame	Mrs. Lowell Gill	Mrs. Wm. J. Tucker	Mrs. Fred Schudel
Mrs. C. W. Dawson	Mrs. James W. Hurley	Mrs. John Morris	Mrs. Alfred Tick
Mrs. John J. Donovan	Mrs. J. G. Jones	Mrs. Walter McLaughlin	Mrs. Wm. R. Winn
		Mrs. Irving Melnik	Mrs. Walter Tick

Information on the structure of Council-Manager Government from the local League's report is being sent by Mr. Edwin Allen's Committee to signers of the petition throughout the city. Each League member received the full report early in the summer. It will help you answer questions asked by your acquaintances. Perhaps you might start the discussion and help to keep people interested in Council-Manager Government for Decatur.....Lola Smith.

CALL FOR ACTION

"The League of Women Voters of the United States wishes to reaffirm its support of the U.S. and U.N. technical cooperation programs. Our members have been wholeheartedly in favor of these programs since they were instituted. This position was unanimously approved by the Leagues biennial Convention in April of this year."...excerpt from a letter sent to Senator Dirksen by our State President, Mrs. John Phillips. The Decatur League also sent a wire to Senator Dirksen expressing our support of these programs.--Katharine Donovan

He just nudged me..... Rachel Hurley
Bulletin Editor

'Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff,
And nudge me when I've said enough
.....from an Old Negro Prayer

Hello, and yes it's that time again. Time for all good members to come to the aid of their League. Time to start the fall programs, and believe me there is a place for each and every one of you in the League's coming activities. Many interesting items are being outlined for Workshops this year. So lets all get busy and make this a year to be remembered in the League's Record Book!

A DATE TO REMEMBER! SEPTEMBER 16th! MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The League is sponsoring a Dinner Meeting at the Decatur Club, September 16th, 6:30 P.M. Our speakers for the evening will be Mr. Samuel Witwer, Chairman for the Illinois Committee for Constitutional Revision and Mr. Paul Powell, Minority Leader in the General Assembly. Their discussion will be for and against the Reapportionment Amendment which comes to a vote on November 2nd. The League is vitally interested in a YES Vote on this amendment and urgently requests every member who can be present at this dinner meeting. Tickets are \$2.50 and are on sale now at Staubers Department Store. Reservations must be made for the dinner so please make yours now. The public is being invited, your husbands and friends are most welcome. Members in charge of this ticket sale will be: Mrs. Wm. McLean Funk, Mrs. Charles Griffin, Mrs. Richard L. Wood, Mrs. Alfred Tick, Mrs. David Beggs, Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. Carlos Lyons, Mrs. Forrest Martin, Mrs. Perley Lupton, Mrs. F. A. MacKay.

Decoration Committee: Mrs. H. A. Olendorf, Chairman; Mrs. Henry Vollee, Mrs. Fritz Woyna, Mrs. M. N. Bennett, Mrs. E. H. England. To date, we haven't been able to break their silence as to what their decoration ideas are, but with such a capable (ahem) team as this we know they will be both beautiful and impressive. Thank you girls.....

And now for a brief resume on what has been done on the Reapportionment issue to date. In May a group of interested citizens from many local organizations met in the YMCA Building to discuss and decide what action to take on the Amendment. Thirty five people were present for this first meeting. Mr. Bernard Reese, Downstate representative for the Illinois Committee for Constitutional Revision was here to explain just what the Amendment would mean to each of us as a citizen of Illinois. At this meeting, Mr. England Penhallegon was chosen as Chairman with Mrs. H. W. Gibson (our own Virginia) as Co-Chairman. Several meetings have been held since, with enthusiasm and activity increasing all along the line. A booth was set up at the Macon County Fair and staffed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and League members. Literature was passed out to the public. A Speakers Bureau is being formed, and to date some forty requests have come in for speakers on this Amendment by different organizations. The A.A.U.W. have arranged for Radio time on their "Listen Ladies" program in October. Mr. Penhallegon and Mrs. Gibson were interviewed on The Television Show "The Decatur Story" on Sept. 6th. Their discussion was most interesting, and many favorable reports have come our way from this interview.

Pauline Winn, Voters Service Chairman, is making plans for distribution of material and Blue Ballot Voters Tags before election day. She will need help, and lots of it, if this work is to be effective. Volunteers needed, lend a hand....phone her 7757.....

Those interested, AND YOU ALL SHOULD BE, in securing material for your own information and study on this Amendment, may do so from Rachel Hurley, Secretary to Macon County Committee.

MEMBERSHIP
NEWS

To those of you who missed our Membership Meeting at Sylvia Cohn's on Tuesday, August 10th...you missed a wonderful meeting. We had a nice crowd, our panelists...Katherine Donovan, Dorothy Morris, Helen Ruth Schudel and Ann Kuhns.. were in fine form and presented a most interesting and informative program; the coffee cake and coffee were ample and good; Sylvia was a gracious hostess, as always, and we all had a grand time. Thanks again, Sylvia. As a result of this meeting, we welcome the following new members: Mrs. M. N. Bennett, Mrs. J. W. Carroll, Mrs. E. H. England, Mrs. Thomas Hurst, Mrs. H. J. Mangold, Mrs. Thomas McCracken, Mrs. M. D. Weaver and Mrs. Fritz Woyna. We also wish to add a welcome to several members who came in last spring: Mrs. Ralph Frederickson, Mrs. Elmer Kraft, Mrs. Bernard Bosley, Mrs. John Morris, and Mrs. Herbert Tick. The Membership Committee will be in touch with our new members prior to the Unit Meetings in October. Welcome to the League! We are so happy to have you and know you will find the League rewarding.....

Elizabeth Lupton, Chairman, 2-4293

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

"If liberty and equality are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons alike share in the government to the utmost".

.....Aristotle...384-322 B.C. Politics.

UNIT MEETINGS:

October 20, Wednesday - 9:30 A.M. YMCA, Room 227

Program: Home Rule

Resource Committee: Catherine Taylor, Melba Griffin and Helen Ruth Schudel

October 20, Wednesday - 7:30 P.M. Library

Program: Home Rule

Resource Committee: Florence Cox and Rita Dorsey

October 21, Thursday - 1:00 P.M. 429 N. Summit

Program: Home Rule

Resource Committee: Virginia Gibson and Harriett Birt

MEMBERS:

BOTH OLD AND NEW

Now that October is here, our Unit meetings begin, and we hope all of our new members - and the old ones, too, of course - (Editors note: Girls, I'm sure she means OLD only in years of service in the League...)... will make a special effort to attend at least one of our monthly Unit meetings. We do want to impress upon our new League members just how important and rewarding the work-shops are....Why not sign up for one now? With reference to this month's meetings, I will be attending the one on Wednesday night at the Library, and I can take four in my car. Just call me...I'll be happy to come for you. Looking forward to seeing you....Elizabeth

Lupton, 2-4293

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The Finance Drive opened on Monday, Sept. 27th. Our goal is \$900.00.

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We hope to have \$200.00 of this contributed by our members. Many have

already responded and those of you who have not and wish to do so please

mail your checks to our treasurer, Sylvia Cohn, 777 South Monroe....and we will accept ANY size check, thank you! The drive is being held open until our goal is reached. Our thanks to those who have been lending a helping hand on this drive, keep up the good work. We must make our goal! Eileen Gebhardt, Finance Chairman, 2-3229

INVITATION: We have received an invitation from AAUW to attend their UN program, October 25, at 7:45 P.M. in the William Harris School. Their program will be on one phase of the UN given by the Decatur Little Theater and Guild group. Those who are interested and can go please do.....

LOOK!

LISTEN!

VOTERS SERVICE

READ!

THINK!

In this election year let's not forget that the privilege of citizenship carries definite responsibilities with it, so before you vote: Look, Listen, Read, Think; so that you can make informed decisions at the polls. A telephone campaign will be conducted October 28-29-30 to "get out the vote", and help pass the Blue Ballot Amendment. This amendment is a most important measure to bring back representative government to Illinois. Also BLUE TAG DAY WILL BE Monday November 1st. Blue Tags will be distributed in the downtown area. These Tags will be urging a "YES" vote on the Blue Ballot amendment. New and OLD members, (Again, please refer to Editors note above) please call me and volunteer to help in this work.....you know, if you don't call me, I'll be calling you, so why not make me run for the phone...here's my number, real handy.....Pauline Winn, phone 7757....Do It Now!

COUNCIL-MANAGER
STATUS

Now that the 13th precinct finally has a polling place, the chief obstacle to setting a date for the referendum is whether the Council-Manager issue will be submitted at the same time as the referendum on issuing bonds to finance the construction of the Illinois Central grade separation at Grand and Garfield Avenues. League members have already helped in getting the petitions signed and we are now working with other sponsoring groups to spread information. Our next duty will be to help get out the VOTER. ...Lola Smith....2-1764

NEW
WORK-SHOP

A work-shop on Court Reform will start on Wednesday, November 3rd, and follow through on Wednesday, November 10 at 160 Kellar Lane...7:30 P.M. All those interested in helping on this, please know you are welcome and come.Elizabeth Lupton, 2-4292

Come now, you negligent ones....Just a few members have failed to send in their Annual dues, and if they are not in by October 25th, such members will be dropped from our membership list and believe me, just the thoughts of dropping a member...and their THREE DOLLARS...is enough to make Sylvia turn pale, so please now, check your memory, 'n check stubs and if you haven't sent in your dues do it before October 25th..... Mail to Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe. Thank you.....

CHEERS - AND A
FEW BOUQUETS

Pauline Winn gave a talk to a group of Westminster Church women on general League information and issues on October 4th. We are indebted to members like Pauline who does such a good job of keeping the League's work known.

Lola Smith, Katherine Donovan and Florence Cox discussed the Council-Manager form of Government for Zonta on September 23rd...If you have any questions on this issue that is so much before the public right now, these girls know all the answers...try them....

Eileen Gebhardt was appointed as the League's representative to the Assn. of Commerce Education Committee. Those of you who remember Eileen's work as President of Dennis School PTA will know we have a capable representative here...

Norma Lewis, Virginia Gibson and Rachel Hurley gave a panel discussion on the Reapportionment amendment to the Macon County Federation of Women's Club on Oct. 12. They were enthusiastically received.

Lola Smith spoke to the Jayettes on United Nations at their dinner meeting on October 13th.....Good work here.....

MAIL BOX: A summary by the Resource Committee on Home Rule is in the mail to you. Please read carefully, check for questions and bring them with you to the next meeting.

STATE MEETINGS: Betty Nicholson and Rachel Hurley will attend the conference in Chicago on October 15th, and report back to the League on Individual Liberties and Home Rule.

REAPPORTIONMENT: Our activities on Reapportionment are growing stronger. To date we have fifty six speaking engagements in the process of being filled, five thousand pieces of literature urging a YES vote has been distributed to social science students and teachers in the high schools. The Republican and Democratic parties have both accepted large quantities of material to be given to their precinct committeemen for distribution. Senator Elbert Smith, Mrs. R. E. Grossman, representing the AAUW and Rachel Hurley representing the League will present a fifteen minute radio discussion on the amendment on WSOY Oct. 26 at 9:15 P.M.

The following is a revised list of Board Members of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Ill

President..... Mrs. John J. Donovan, 648 W. Prairie, phone 2-4984
1st Vice President... Mrs. Perley Lupton, 619 W. Forest, phone 2-4293, Membership & Action
2nd Vice President... Mrs. Ayrlie Morris, 253 N. Oakdale, Phone 8-2626, State & Local Welfare
3rd Vice President... Mrs. Wm. R. Winn, 2090 W. Riverview, phone 7757, Voters Service
Treasurer..... Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe, phone 2-3265
Secretary..... Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, 1390 W. Macon, phone 2-3229
Elected Director..... Mrs. F. S. Schudel, 1014 E. Cantrell, phone 2-7637, Publications
Elected Director..... Mrs. F.A. MacKay, 3303 E. William St. Rd., 2-3538, International Relations
Appointed Director... Mrs. H. W. Gibson, 160 Kellar Lane, 3-4344, Constitutional Revision
Appointed Director... Mrs. J. W. Hurley, 1531 W. Main, 2-2747, Bulletin Editor
Appointed Director... Mrs. Forrest Martin, 235 Park Place, phone 9236, Units
Appointed Director.. Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, 215 Park Place, 9446, Individual Liberties,
National and State
Appointed Director... Mrs. Clifford Smith, 1684 W. Riverview, 2-1764, Public Relations

AN AFTERTHOUGHT:

On the Blue Ballot form that you will be given at the polls on November 2nd, are THREE amendments to be voted upon. And while the Reapportionment amendment is the one the League has been working earnestly to see passed, we also urge you to take cognizance of the other two amendments, namely, the Proposed Amendment to Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Article V which is the State Treasurers Amendment and the Proposed Illinois-Michigan Canal Amendment, and vote according to your convictions on these, but VOTE ... on all three....

Confucius say: "He that shoots best may sometimes miss the mark; but he that shoots not at all can never hit it".

Think I'll go practice a little... you too?

Rachel Hurley, Bulletin Editor

"LIBERTY IS THE ONE THING YOU CANNOT HAVE UNLESS
YOU ARE WILLING TO GIVE IT TO OTHERS"

.....WM. ALLEN WHITE

UNIT

MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 17th, 9:30 A.M., YMCA

Program: Court Reform

Resource Committee: Eileen Gebhardt, Marsha McCracken

Wednesday, November 17th, 7:30 P.M., Library: Elizabeth Lupton, Rachel Hurley

Thursday, November 18th, 1:00 P.M. in the home of Mrs. Forrest Martin,
235 Park Place, Committee: Virginia Gibson, Elise Hurst

WORK

SHOPS: A Work-Shop on Foreign Trade will start on November 16th, 7:30 P.M., in the home of Mrs. F. A. MacKay, 3300 E. William Street Road. Several more members are needed on the committee. I hope some of the new members will come forth to help. This will be new work for all of us, so don't let a lack of being up on Foreign Trade keep you from coming as we will all be beginning together. I have plenty of material to work from so please me if you are interested.....Evelyn MacKay, Chairman, phone 2-3538

T H E D A T E N O V E M B E R 3 0 t h I S S E T

???? FOR WHAT ????

THE VOTE ON COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR DECATUR!

The Friends of Council-Manager government are in the process of organizing groups to get out information and to list the voters help needed in each Decatur precinct.

Will you volunteer to:

1. Distribute leaflets in your own immediate neighborhood and also ask if there is need of rides to the polls or for baby-sitters? These calls may be made at your convenience between November 22-29th.

2. Drive a car to take voters to the polls?

3. Be a baby-sitter?

It will require the civic interest of many people to make this referendum a successful one. If you can possibly help on any of these things, and we need help on all of them, please call me as soon as possible. Your name will then be given to your precinct captain.

By the time you receive this bulletin your household—those of you who live within the city limits—should have received by mail a question and answer folder giving you much useful information on Council-Manager government for Decatur. Please save these folders, do not throw them away.....

Mrs. Clifford Smith, phone 2-1764

A panel discussion on Council-Manager government was presented to the Women's Club of the First Congregational Church on November 5th by League members Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Lupton and Mrs. Smith. They reported they were enthusiastically received and had an alert and interested group. Much more of this type of publicity is needed to inform the people on this referendum.

THANK YOU

NOTES: The Finance Drive has ended with our goal being reached both from members and others, thanks to all of you who worked and contributed both time and money. A special pat on the back for Ruby Etheridge and Dorothy Morris whose large collections really put us on top. Thanks again for your help.....Eileen Gebhardt, Chairman.

My sincere thanks to all of the sixty five members of the League who helped us so much on the telephone survey, street-corner distributions, and other types of 'get out the vote' on our recent successful Reapportionment Campaign.....Pauline Winn, Chairman

Mrs. Phillips, our State President has written that our report submitted on Home Rule has been found acceptable and the State Board has asked for more copies with the view in mind of having them mailed to all Home Rule Chairmen in the State. All those who worked on this last summer during all the torrid days can feel proud of their results

.....Virginia Gibson, Chairman

Have you received your new membership list? If not, please call me and I will get one to you. My apologies to Mrs. M. N. Bennett...one of our new members too... for overlooking her name on the list. Please add it to yours: Mrs. M. N. Bennett, 1027 N. Monroe, phone 2-3827. If there are any other over-sights (perish the thought, I'll get fired) let me know and I'll try to rectify it. R. Hurley, phone 2-2747

THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN IN DECEMBER, so just a word on the January meeting. This will be a Membership Luncheon. You will be contacted beforehand. We hope each of you will make an effort to be present and bring a prospective member for our League. We need new members.....

So, until then, let me be the first to say

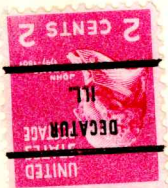
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU!

Rachel Hurley, Bulletin Editor.

PUBLICATIONS

AVAILABLE: For the benefit of new members, and others also, if you are out of reading material, I have lots of new publications on the Freedom Agenda and World Trade items. Also copies of the Voters Handibook, which ALL new members should have. For just three dollars, you may have all League publications sent to you. Call me if you wish these...
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