

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

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January, 1953

UNIT MEETINGS

Hostess: Mrs. Fred Leach, 238 S. Crea
Jan. 8th Discussion: Civil Liberties
9:30 AM Discussion Leader: Mrs. Floyd Birt
2:00 PM Resource Committee: Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Chairman,
238 S. Crea Mrs. G. F. Meyer, Mrs. Emanuel Rosenberg, Mrs. Merle
Borden, Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, Mrs. J. A. Melrose, Mrs.
R. E. Harroun, Mrs. Irving Melnik, Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. F. A. MacKay.
This session of the State Legislature will undoubtedly introduce bills
affecting your Civil Liberties. This meeting will give you a good basis
for judging whether such legislation will serve to protect your liberties
or to destroy them. Be sure to attend either the morning or afternoon
session.

DATES to be marked on your calendar now:

Monday, Jan. 5th, 9:30 AM, 648 W. Prairie: Members of the Economics
Panel meet to bring their material up to date.
Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 9:30 AM, 1379 W. Macon: Members of the Civil Liberties
Workshop hold a last meeting with Mrs. Doubleday.
Wednesday, Jan. 7th, 7:30 PM, 1492 W. Decatur: The League is offering
this night unit meeting at Mrs. John Kuhns' home for those
members who find it impossible to attend the regular unit
meetings. Mrs. Perley Lupton's committee will repeat the work
on the Illinois Court System. Every League member who missed
this presentation in November should attend this meeting.
Thursday, Jan. 8th, 9:30 AM and 2 PM Unit Meetings (See above)
Tuesday, Jan. 13th, 2 PM: The members of the Economics Panel will present
their material to the Civics Division of the Women's Club.
Wednesday, Jan. 14th, 1:30 PM, 1435 W. Macon: Members of the Sewer
Committee and members of the City Manager Committee will meet
with Mrs. Robert Wood to 1) formulate the letter on the Decatur
sewer problem to be mailed to all League members 2) to sum-
marize the material gained during the past two years on the
City Manager form of government.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, Jan. 21st, 7:30 PM, Public Library: "What Do You Want to
Know About the League?" All Board members and Committee
Chairman will be present at this meeting. This is your
opportunity for a thorough orientation in League finance,
policies, administration and research work. Be there and
have the questions that have been puzzling you ready to ask.

LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

This is the time of the year when those committees that are character-
istically League swing into operation. They need your help.

1. Suggestions for the 1953-54 local Agenda: Your local Board decided
to create an Agenda Committee this year to sift all ideas offered by
the members on items that we should study locally in the coming year.
Mrs. Gerald Cox, 3-8892, has accepted the Chairmanship of this
committee. Please let her know what you would like to see on the
League program as a study item.

2. Nominating Committee: Mrs. John Kuhns, 5520, 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.

3. Budget Committee: This committee as yet has no Chairman, however
both Mrs. F. Hanly Brock, 2-7258, and Mrs. Robert Lewis, 4535, are
members by virtue of being League Treasurer and Finance Chairman,
respectively. They will be glad to accept any recommendations with
regard to where and how League money should be spent in the '53-54
budget.

We must vote upon all these items at the March annual meeting so
please make your suggestions early.

At the December Board Meeting, Mrs. Floyd Birt presented material
on the State Budget and on the State Agenda. If you have any
suggestions for change in either item, please send your ideas to the
State Office on or before Jan. 9th. Those items on the State Agenda
that may be carried over, depending upon the delegates' vote at
convention, are the three basic Constitutional Revision items:
Judiciary, Reapportionment and Home Rule; and Item II, Civil Liberties.

From Mrs. Ayrlie Morris, Economics Chairman - - -

At the State League meeting in Chicago on November 13th, the speaker was Mrs. Marion Daugherty. She is at present lecturer at Loyola University's College of Commerce and co-author with her husband of "Principles of Political Economy". She studied at the London School of Economics and has served as an economist in the State Department throughout the war. She spoke on inflation and its effect on the individual.

The Friday speaker was Dr. John K. Langum, who is an economic consultant and president of Business Economics, Inc. of Chicago. He was formerly vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Dr. Langum gave a quite detailed discussion of the budgetary process.

The material gained from these meetings will be presented in detail at the Economics Workshops to be held in February. Watch for their dates in your February bulletin and plan to attend.

During the session of the State Legislature, your State League publishes every two weeks, a legislative letter which contains a summary of all bills introduced in the Legislature and notice of their progress through the various committees. This legislative letter will be mailed direct to you upon payment of \$1.00 to the State Office. Contact Miss Katharine Patterson, 2-4678, for further details concerning it.

We regret the demise of two of our members during the month of December: Mrs. Madeline Smith, a charter member of this League; and Mrs. Virgil Drew, a new member who was killed in an automobile accident early in the month.

About the middle of January, you will receive a separate mailing from the League: a letter giving as much information on the Decatur sewer problem as can be crammed in. Please be discussing this problem in the meantime in order that you may have as much comprehensive knowledge concerning it as it is possible to have. The sewer situation will be discussed in the February unit meetings and all members should know enough about it to form a definite resolution as to 1) what should the League do about it and 2) how should such a project be financed.

On Dec. 27th, Mrs. Gerald Cox and Mrs. Neal Doubleday attended the Association of Commerce luncheon at which Congressman Springer talked. Mrs. Doubleday reported to the local Board that Mr. Springer offered the following: that there would not likely be a tax reduction this year, that the main concern would be balancing the budget; that while wage and price controls would be maintained on a stand-by basis, he strongly favored the enactment of credit controls; that there had been a great deal of loose talk about 100% parity for farmers, that likely it would remain 90% parity with a bipartisan committee set up to insure a long range farm policy; that President-Elect Eisenhower would keep direct charge of foreign policy but that domestic policy would be handled by his advisors; that the Reciprocal Trade Agreements would be renewed; that there would be no foreign aid hand-outs and that waste, particularly in the military, would be eliminated. Mr. Springer had nothing to say about the United Nations.

Your last Illinois voter is excellent. In particular read the article titled "What about Subversive Influences in Our Schools?" Your Resource Committee will have more to add to this article at the Jan. 8th Unit Meetings. Also keep abreast of the articles on the Judiciary and Reapportionment. Those two amendments to the Constitution will probably be up for consideration by the State Legislature within a short time.

In January and February, the State Board is sending its members as visitors to local Boards in a 'give and take' program of information. We are expecting such a visit in February.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

BULLETIN #11, Series 3.

February, 1953.

UNIT MEETINGS

Feb. 11 - Wed. A special night Unit Meeting for those who missed
7:30 PM the regular Unit meetings on Civil Liberties in
1379 W. Macon January. HOSTESS: Mrs. Neal Doubleday, 1375 W.
Macon. DISCUSSION: Civil Liberties. We hope
that all of you who have expressed an interest in further discus-
sion of this subject will plan to be there. It will serve as an
excellent background should we succeed in securing Mrs. George
Siebel to discuss this subject at our Annual Meeting.

Feb. 12 - Thurs. HOSTESS: Mrs. William Hipsher 1374 W. Wood St.
9:30 AM DISCUSSION: Final report on the Council Manager
2:00 PM form of Government; Full discussion of the sewer
1374 W. Wood problem. DISCUSSION LEADER: Mrs. Perley Lupton.
Resource Committee: Mrs. Robert A. Wood, Chairman,
Mrs. Milton Malsin, Mrs. Lowell Gill, Mrs. Oliver Etheridge, Mrs.
J. A. Melrose, Mrs. I. A. Wallins, Mrs. Otis Chumbley, Mrs. H. W.
Gibson. We sincerely hope that we will have full attendance of the
League membership at these Unit Meetings. Every League member should
know and should express her approval or disapproval of the contents
of the final report on the Council Manager Form of Government.

The sewer situation is the most vital community problem before us
at present. Your local board has recommended that a request for
immediate League action be submitted to the membership. It is of
concern to you, both from the standpoint of the continued health
and welfare of your family and from the standpoint of continuing to
live in a progressive and growing community. You cannot afford to
miss these Unit Meetings.

7:30 PM A night Unit Meeting held for those who could not attend
day Unit Meeting on the sewer problem. All those inter-
ested meet with Mrs. H. W. Gibson at 1091 W. Cerro Gordo.

Dates to remember --

ECONOMIC WORKSHOP These workshops have been set up to consider
Feb 16 - 10 AM ways that the budget can be examined by Con-
2 Southmoreland Place gress more efficiently and to consider poss-
March 2 - 10 AM ible revisions to the budgetary procedure.
253 N. Oakdale These workshops will be used as a basis for
the discussion of the March Unit Meetings. This study is author-
ized by Item (2) of the National Current Agenda, "How to Improve
the Budgetary Procedures of Congress". This is a field to which
we could all very well devote considerable time and study and I
hope that many of you will plan to attend these workshops.

Mrs. R. E. Harroun will serve as the hostess for the February 16th
meeting. The second workshop will be held in my home on March 2nd.

Mrs. Avrilie Morris, Chairman.

To the Membership

From Lola Smith, President.

I regret very much the general membership did not have an op-
portunity to meet Mrs. Maurice Pollak, our State President, when
she was in Decatur briefly on February 5th. Her arrival at 1:00
PM for our 1:30 Board Meeting and the fact that she had to leave
very soon after the meeting to return to Chicago made it impossible
to arrange any social event. Mrs. Pollak's presence at the Board
Meeting made it a more interesting one for all Board Members, I'm
sure.

Corrections: 1. In the Civil Liberties Unit Meetings, a mimeographed
sheet of terms erroneously defined "Procedural Rights". The explan-
ation under that term really defines "Freedom of Association".
2. Also in the same meetings, the suggestion was made that the
North Central Association censored new text books. We have found
this to be incorrect. The NCA has nothing to do with the publica-
tion or adoption of texts. It does, however, suggest replacing old
text books that are badly outmoded.

Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Civil Liberties Chairman

3. Legislative letters are published when needed instead of every
two weeks as stated previously in the bulletin. The price is still
\$1.00 per Legislative session, payable to the League of Women Voters
of Illinois, 225 N. Michigan Avenue; Chicago, 1, Illinois.

Editor

To: Local Board of Decatur League of Women Voters.
From: Local Project Committee on Current Agenda.

We recommend a continued active interest in the sewer problem in order that the League may support any moves to relieve the problem.

We recommend a study of budgetary procedure and tax structure of the Decatur Public School System.

These items, too, were considered: Swimming pools, Police Pals to combat delinquency, School for election judges and clerks, and County Health Unit.

The Local Leaders' Handbook states that "No new subject matter may be put on the Local Current Agenda unless it has been previously submitted to the Board for consideration. Items submitted..... but not recommended by the Board should be sent to all members for their information. This not recommended material may be considered by the members at the Annual meeting, as well as the recommended material". It also specifies that "Local Leagues are restricted to governmental matters in which the League as a whole has been active". During the last few years Local Agenda Items have included studies of the Sewer Problem, City Manager Form of Government, and Sources of Revenue for the City of Decatur. It has been a number of years since attention was given to school problems and finance. Since a large portion of local taxes go to the support of the public schools, a study of that field seems advisable at this time.

Florence W. Cox Chairman.

Your local Board recommended that these committee suggestions be submitted to the general membership at the Annual Meeting for approval or disapproval.

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Board Changes--- The Board accepts with sincere regret the resignations of Mrs. Robert Wood and Mrs. Robert Lewis. Mrs. Wood has been active in League work for a number of years. She is moving to Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Lewis has been asked to serve on the State Budget Committee and attended the State Meeting, January 23rd. We hope to have her back with us on the Board soon.

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Milton Malsin will serve as co-chairman with Mrs. Gibson on the Sewer Sub-Committee of the Local Project Committee.

Mrs. Perley Lupton has accepted the Chairmanship of the Budget Committee.

We have fifty (50) copies of the pamphlet of the History of the League of Women Voters of Illinois entitled "Thirty Years of Faith and Work" compiled by Mrs. Walter Fisher. They are 25¢ a copy and may be purchased at the Unit Meetings.

The National Board has authorized Seventeen Regional Conferences on Political Effectiveness. The Regional Conference closest to us will be the one held at Indianapolis, Ind. March 31st and April 1st. The Conference will begin at 1:00 P.M., March 31st. Registration is \$2.00 per delegate. This meeting is open to all League members. It is vital that a great many individuals and organizations know how to be effective in the coming years. The deadline date for reservations to Mrs. Clifford Smith, 1684 W. Riverview, Phone 2-1764, is March 17th. We hope that we will see many of our Decatur League members as possible at this conference.

The Township Elections are coming up the second Tuesday in April. Every League member should know the offices to be filled and the qualifications necessary to that office as well as knowing the individual candidate. This information can be found by reading the Statutes of the State of Illinois on file in the Reference Room of your Public Library.

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March, 1953.

UNIT MEETING!

WHERE?? At the home of Mrs. R. E. Greenfield
288 S. Westlawn
WHEN?? March 12th - Thursday at 9:00 A. M.
and 2:00 P. M.
TOPIC?? 1921 Tools for a 1953 Job!

The idea of preparing a meal in a 1921 kitchen would appal most of us. And yet the multi-billion dollar job of preparing our Federal Budget is being done with 1921 equipment. Is your Congressman confused? Would you be confused?

Is it time our legislative body had efficient tools for examining this vital document?

Come to the meeting and help us decide if the proposed new tools seem adequate. Chairman: Mrs. Ayrle Morris. Discussion Leader: Mrs. R. E. Harroun. Resource Committee: Mrs. F. Hanly Brock, Mrs. Charles Griffin, Mrs. F. A. Mackay, Mrs. William L. Winn.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE WORKSHOP
Trade or Aid.

HOSTESS: Mrs. George F. Meyer
March 20, 10:00 A. M.
7 Lincoln Place

We will consider the problems resulting from a continuance of our present tariff policy and those resulting from a possible change to lower or no tariff restrictions. As this is a most timely subject concerning our relations with the world, economically speaking, and one upon which we as a nation must act, our League members can receive an excellent background by attending these workshops.

Workshops are for anyone who wishes to participate. They are in preparation for the April Unit meetings. We hope that many of you will plan to attend this and the following workshops.

Mrs. George F. Meyer, Chairman

The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters will be a luncheon meeting at the Decatur Club, March 26, at 1:00 P. M. Mrs. G. E. Seibel, a state board member will speak on "How Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Legislation Affect You."

Please set aside Tuesday and Wednesday, April 7th and 8th to attend the Legislative School in Springfield, Illinois. Over a five week period, Tuesdays and Wednesdays are given to visits from League members. Ten leagues are represented. The Legislative Committee plans for our visit. The 9:00 Briefing Session is most important. It is in Room 416, Capitol Building. A dinner will be held for those attending Tuesday evening at 6:30 P. M. at Washington Park Pavilion. The cost will be \$2.00 per plate. This is an excellent opportunity to see our Legislature in action. Plan to attend.

The National Regional Conference closest to us will be the one held at Indianapolis, Ind. March 31st and April 1st. The Conference will begin at 1:00 P. M. March 31st. Registration is \$2.00 per delegate. This meeting is open to all League members. Send all reservations to Mrs. Joan Donovan 2-4984 by March 13th.

On March 18th, there is scheduled a hearing of the Broyles bill before the Committee on Aeronautics and Military Affairs, headed by Senator Elbert Smith. Inasmuch as there is great pressure on members of the legislature to report favorably on such legislation, it is advisable that League members write Senator Smith urging his opposition. Senator Smith has shown firmness and courage in the past in refusing his support of such legislation and he should be reminded that we approve his stand.

Mrs. Neal Doubleday
Civil Liberties Chairman

From our PRESIDENT to all League Members-----

" In this issue of the Bulletin your Board members will give their final reports for the year 1952-53. It has been a year full of activity from the very moment we met in the first Board meeting when we received an unexpected request to arrange for the Forum "The Citizens View of '52" to last night's community meeting on local sewer problems.

I wish now to say "Thank you" most sincerely to every member who has helped in any way to make our League the unique service organization that it tries to be. Comments from many people in Decatur indicate their appreciation of our efforts."

Lola Smith, President.

A vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting on the following change. Please read carefully. ----- At the June Meeting of the Board, held June 5, 1952, Mrs. Smith brought up the matter of changing the name of our League, and stating that National and State urges that individual Leagues do that where Leagues are named County Leagues, the reason being, quoting Mrs. Pollack, "That if County Leagues held strictly to the rules they would not be able to take action below the County level."

Accordingly, it was moved by Mrs. Brock, seconded by Mrs. Gibson and carried that this change be made in Article I, Section I of our Local By-Laws, which now reads "The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Macon County to: "The League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois."

B U D G E T

	Budget 1952-1953	Actual 1952-1953	Proposed Budget 1953-1954
RECEIPTS:			
Dues	\$ 300.00	\$339.00	\$ 354.00
Contributions	625.00	685.00	650.00
Member contributions		152.00	150.00
Publications	50.00	32.65	46.00
Miscellaneous		20.30	
	<u>\$ 975.00</u>	<u>\$1,228.95</u>	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
State and National Dues	375.00	375.00	450.00
General Administration:			
Supplies and Equipment	\$ 25.00	29.50	70.00
Postage	15.00	3.46	
Telephone and Telegraph	10.00		10.00
President's Expense	25.00	25.00	25.00
Delegates' Expense	150.00	91.37	200.00
Committees' Expense	45.00	36.63	100.00
Committee Chairman Expense	30.00	30.00	
Bank Charge	10.00	3.47	5.00
ACTIVITIES:			
Meetings	\$ 25.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 40.00
Publications	100.00	56.72	75.00
Bulletin (and Letters)	70.00	64.65	75.00
Action in Community	75.00	75.70	150.00
Local Project	15.00	10.00	
Miscellaneous	5.00		
	<u>\$ 975.00</u>	<u>\$ 818.50</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>

Please save this copy of the budget and bring to the Annual Meeting for interpretation.*****
Mrs. I. J. Hutchens has accepted a place on "A Citizen's Committee for Judicial Amendment, a state-wide layman's committee.

IMPORTANT NEWS: REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE composed of Mrs. John Kuhns, Chairman, Mrs. William Hipsher, Mrs. Charles Ruedi and Mrs. Neal Doubleday. The following slate will be presented at the Annual Meeting.
President.....Mrs. John Donovan
First Vice President.Mrs. Perley Lupton
Second Vice President.Mrs. George Meyer
Third Vice President. Mrs. Ayrlie Morris
Secretary.....Mrs. F. A. MacKay
Treasurer..... Mrs. G. R. Cohn
Elected Directors.....Mrs. Clifford Smith and Mrs. William R. Winn

Nominating Committee report continued;

Nominating Committee for the coming year:

Mrs. Otis Caumbley, Chairman. Mrs. J. Lackechnie, Mrs. James Moore.

SUMMARY OF THE PAST YEAR'S WORK

Local Level:

Mrs. Gerald Cox

The Local Projects Committee published the results of a two year study on the Council Manager form of government which received considerable publicity in the newspapers and on the radio. The committee concluded that no definite steps should be taken toward a change in city government at this time in view of the aggressive manner in which the present administration is attacking problems, but that the report should be filed for future reference.

Activities on the sewer problem included an exploratory meeting at the Y. M. C. A., Unit Meetings, publication of a letter for members giving the background of the problem, and co-operation with the Association of Commerce and other groups interested in solving the problem. These efforts culminated in a public meeting spearheaded by the League and attended by over 140 interested citizens. The citizens group passed a resolution calling for a referendum this Spring on a 4 million dollar bond issue for interceptor sewers. Mr. Wayne Hatfield, who was chosen chairman of the Citizens' Committee, was to present the resolution to the Sanitary District Trustees.

When Mrs. Robert Wood, Chairman, resigned because of moving out of the city, Mrs. H. W. Gibson and Mrs. Milton Malsin, Co-Chairman carried on the work. Committee members included Mrs. O. B. Caumbley, Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. Neal F. Doubleday, Mrs. Oliver Etheridge, Mrs. Lowell Gill, Mrs. Perley Lupton, Mrs. J. A. Melrose and Mrs. I. A. Wallins.

Voters Service last Spring got out questionnaires for candidates for the Board of Education. Last Fall Voters Service worked with the committee for the Revenue Amendment in distributing Blue Ballot material and the League Publication "When You Vote."

State Level:

Mrs. H. W. Gibson

Constitutional Revision

Revenue: The study of our tax structure viewed from the standpoint of amending our Constitution to correct inequities caused by it culminated in action to promote the passage of the Revenue Amendment to the Illinois Constitution proposed by the Legislature and placed on the ballot, November 4th, 1952. League activity resulted in a Macon County vote of 66.16%. 66.66% was needed to pass the amendment. Due to the state wide narrow margin of failure, this amendment as revised by the Legislature will undoubtedly be again offered to the voters in 1956.

Judicial:

Mrs. Perley Lupton

Our study of the judicial article was made in a series of 4 workshops and presented by the Resource Committee to the Units in November. Under study were the Judicial Article of the Constitution, the Missouri plan and the proposed amendment to the Judicial Article made by the Illinois and Chicago Bar Associations. During this study we had the advice and help of Decatur lawyers. This proposed amendment has been presented to the Legislature and will probably be acted upon during this session; the final revised amendment to be put before the voters at a general election sometime in 1954.

CIVIL Liberties:

Mrs. Neal Doubleday

The Civil Liberties Committee presented its conclusions to Unit Meetings on January 7, and the evening of February 11th. In stressing the delicate balance between liberty and security in our country today, members discussed the following problems: The Supreme Court as protector of freedom of speech; organized attempts to undermine education; if publication of lists of subversive organizations violated freedom of association; present anti-subversive laws and whether the Broyles bills are needed; anti-subversive law enforcement and the F. B. I.; whether loyalty oaths really contribute to security and love of one's country; how far legislative investigations have violated traditional judicial procedure; and how effectively the enactment of fair employment practices legislation would strengthen the state and the nation. Members of the committee: Mrs. Floyd Birt, Discussion Leader, Mrs. Merle Borden, Mrs. John Donovan

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Civil Liberties Continued.

Also included on the committee were Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Mrs. F. A. MacKay, Mrs. Irving Melnik, Mrs. J. A. Melrose and Mrs. C. M. Nicholson.

NATIONAL LEVEL

Economics

Mrs. Ayrlic Morris

In November a meeting was held in the State Office on National Agenda Item II on "How to Improve Budgetary Procedure in Congress." Since that time two local workshop meetings have been held on the subject in preparation for the March Unit meetings.

There is a wealth of material available such as memos, pamphlets, Congressional Records and books. Much of it is free. It will be on display in March at the Unit meeting.

International Relations:

Mrs. George S. Meyer

International Relations organized a community project in the form of a round table discussion. This was on the subject "Is the U. N. worth the Cost?" Six other local organizations, Business and Professional Women, Enai Brith, A. A. U. W., University Club, Decatur Womans' Club and the Decatur Education Association joined in the project.

Four prominent Decatur men participated in the discussion pro and con, of the question. Reverend Logan, Attorneys Lupton, Morey and Owen. Mr. G. R. Cohn was the moderator and Mayor Willis gave an introductory message. We had a good attendance in the high school auditorium.

For our Spring project, we are considering the importance and value of foreign trade in our own lives and in our relationship to the rest of the world. This will give us the necessary background to form an opinion on future government policies.

Publicity:

Mrs. Neal Doubleday

Mrs. Gerald Cox

Our relations with the press have continued to be very good. In such major efforts as the "Citizens' View of '52" Forum*, The United Nations Meeting, The attempt to enlist support for the Revenue Amendment, and the Report on the Council Manager Form of City Government, the newspapers have given us all the coverage-including pictures-that we asked for, and more. The radio stations have been equally cooperative. Twice the A.A.U.W. has made radio time available to the League--once for a United Nations program, and once for a Voters Service program stressing the Revenue Amendment. Our activities have always been reported on in radio news broadcasts, as well.

* About five hundred people heard seven panel members, men from this community, define some of the political issues which they wanted presidential candidates to discuss. The two questions which were of greatest interest were the United Nations and good go vernment: These two were sent on for the various presidential candidates to discuss at the League's National Convention, when such a Forum was broadcast and televised nationally.

STATE CONVENTION

State Convention meets this year at the Shoreland Hotel in Chicago, April 28th, 29th and 30th. Our League is entitled to send our President and five other delegates. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

NOTE:

During the March Board meeting, our Board voted to send Mrs. John Donovan as a delegate to the National Conference at Indianapolis, Ind. She sincerely hopes that a number of our members will attend the meeting with her.

The Editor.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

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April, 1953

UNIT MEETINGS
April 9, 1953
9:30 A.M.
2:00 P.M.

Hostess: Mrs. R. E. Harnoun, Southmoreland Place.
Discussion Leader: Mrs. G. R. John.
Resource Committee: Mrs. George F. Meyer, Chairman,
Mrs. Horace Lettce, Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs.
Fred Schudel, Mrs. Natt Kessler.
Topic: Trade and the coming Tariff Problem.

The League members should know the background for the coming question of renewing the Trade Agreements Act in June, and whether tariffs should be lowered to better the economic situation in the world. We plan to present material toward forming an opinion.

SEWER! SEWER! SEWER!

The League hopes that every member will give her full cooperation to the Citizens' Committee in its campaign to educate the voters of the Sanitary District on the importance of the Referendum for the new interceptor sewer. Please attend the educational meetings and volunteer your services to Mrs. Milton Malsin, who is the Educational Chairman of the Citizens' Committee.
Mrs. John J. Donovan, President.

NOTICE:

The Legislative School for April 7th and 8th has been cancelled because the Legislature will not be in session since it has voted to adjourn for the week following Easter. Our League will be notified of a later date to attend the Legislative School. All those who wish to go April 7th will be called as soon as the date is learned.

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The 26th Convention of the League of Women Voters of Illinois will be held April 28, 29 and 30th at the Shoreland Hotel, Chicago. The Chicago League will be our hostess. Our League is entitled to 5 delegates and 5 alternates. In addition to the business sessions of the Convention, there will be five meetings open to all attending the Convention on the following subjects: Membership, Public Relations, Finance, Civil Liberties, Constitutional Revision. On Wednesday there will be a luncheon at which Lynn Ewing, President of the Missouri Bar Association, will speak on: "Non-partisan Selection of Judges. Does it work?" and a dinner at which Professor T. V. Smith, of the Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, will speak on "Our Issue with Communism". The Convention will close with a luncheon on Thursday at which Mrs. Louise Leonard Wright, Director of Mid-West Office of Institute of International Education, will speak on "The United Nations: History on the March."

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Mrs. Floyd Birt and Mrs. John J. Donovan attended the Regional Conference on Political Effectiveness held by our National League at Indianapolis on March 31 and April 1. This was a most helpful conference dealing with our local League problems such as orientation of membership, education of our own members on League program, techniques for reaching the community and the importance of non-partisanship to our political effectiveness. A brief summation of this conference will be given at the April 9th Unit Meetings!

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE APRIL 7th!

Congratulations to Mrs. H. W. Gibson on the birth of her 8½-pound baby daughter. We have missed her faithful and energetic efforts on behalf of the League and hope she will soon be back with us.

The fiscal year of our League ends March 31st. Dues are now payable and we would appreciate it if you would send your check for \$3.00 to our Treasurer, Mrs. G. R. Cohn, ~~20~~ Lincoln Place.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

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May, 1953.

UNIT MEETINGS
May 14, 1953
9:30 A. M.
2:00 P. M.
120 S. Glencoe

Hostess: Mrs. Ivan J. Hutchens, 120 S. Glencoe.
Subject: Round table discussion by delegates attending the State Convention, with member participation. Delegates: Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. F. A. MacKay, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mrs. Oliver Etheridge, Mrs. Robert E. Lewis. This should be an interesting and informative discussion. Plan to attend.

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To date the following has been scheduled by the Citizens' Committee on the Sewer Bond Issue to be voted on Tuesday, May 26th.

A house to house canvass headed by Mrs. Milton Malsin. This coverage is not yet 100%. We need more block workers so please call Mrs. Malsin and volunteer your services.

Several business men have agreed to urge a "Yes" vote in their newspaper advertising.

A. A.U.W. will carry it on their "Listen Ladies" program on May 20th and May 24th.

The Dairy Companies in the area are cooperating by placing collars on all milk bottles a few days before the election for both wholesale and retail deliveries.

A Speakers' Bureau headed by Mr. Harry Stewart, has already made 23 talks and has 13 more scheduled before organizations.

Passage of this bond issue is necessary and vital for the continued progress and health of Decatur. We need your cooperation to bring about a favorable vote.

Virginia Gibson

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S. B. 101 and 102 (the Broyles bills) have passed the state Senate and are now in the House. Although some modifying amendments were added in the Senate, the bills were not sufficiently changed to meet our standards. These bills are due for a hearing before the Judiciary Committee of which Rep. Paul Ferguson is a member. It is urgent that you all write him, asking him to oppose the bills. Also, write to our other representatives, James Atkins and Barret Rogers to vote against the bills when they come up in the House for full debate. While we expect Rep. Atkins and Ferguson to oppose these bills, anyway, they would be encouraged by support from their constituents. In the last legislature, Rep. Rogers voted in favor of similar bills, perhaps we can persuade him to oppose these.

Frances Doubleday

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We know that women need not be invited in order to join the League, but do THEY know it? Decatur must have many whose names are not on our membership list who would like to give an organized boost to good government, world peace, sewers, or what-have-you.

We've made ourselves heard with a relatively small membership. Think of the noise we could make with twice as many!

Why not bring along to a meeting someone who would find it fun? Do you prefer morning, afternoon or evening meetings? Meetings in the home or in a public place?

We will welcome any thoughts you have for pepping up attendance.

Florence Cox, Chairman
Membership Committee

TO ALL MEMBERS:

It's that time again. Dues are due and payable to:

Mrs. G. R. Cohn
League of Women Voters of Decatur
12 Lincoln Place
Decatur, Ill.

Send your check for \$3.00 Now.

The Decatur League was well represented at the Legislative School in Springfield. Those who attended were: Mrs. Floyd Birt, Mrs. John J. Donovan, Mrs. I. J. Hutchens, Mrs. C. M. Jack, Mrs. Fred Leach, Mrs. F. A. MacKay and Mrs. Katherine Patterson. Our guests at dinner were Senator Elbert S. Smith and Mr. Paul H. Ferguson.
Katherine Donovan

Judicial Amendment.

Hearings are being held in the Senate on all the judicial resolutions on Tuesday, May 12th at 2:30 P. M. Hearings in the House will be held on May 26th and 27th. Anyone wishing to go on May 12th, please call Mrs. F. A. MacKay or Mrs. John Donovan.

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The Board accepts with regret Mrs. George F. Meyer's resignation as 2nd Vice President and International Relations Chairman. We wish for her the best of health and happiness in moving to Arizona and thank her for her fine work in our League. We will miss her.

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The League has been asked to help in the recruiting of blood donors for the Red Cross Bloodmobile visit on June 8th and 9th. This is your chance to save a life in Korea or here at home or help a crippled child for only blood makes Gamma Globulin, that is so effective against the paralyzing effect of polio. If you can't give, find someone or two or more who can. Pledge cards will be distributed.

Mrs. F. A. MacKay

The League has taken a definite stand against Senate Bill #71 pertaining to Absentee Voting because of the following reasons:

1. Such a law will provide the open door to fraudulent voting such as we have never known before.
2. The increased cost to the taxpayer will be prohibitive.
3. There are no provisions for sworn statements as to secrecy for the voter who is hospitalized, aged or handicapped. This is an American privilege which we should protect.
4. There is no penalty provided for falsifying doctor's certificates.
5. There is no provision for notarizing doctor's certificates to assure authenticity.
6. There is no provision for a statement as to nature of the illness.
7. The provision for reporting when voter decided to vote in person is impossible to enforce and would lead to double voting.
8. There should be provision for a central counting agency for absentee ballots to assure secrecy in the counting.

The last official election commission which studied the Illinois Election laws and their effect, found that our present Absentee Ballot Law was such a great source of fraud that they seriously considered its abolition.

LEAGUE PROGRAM

National Agenda 1952-1953

1. Measures which contribute to world security with emphasis on international economic advancement and maximum use of the United Nations. *Jala*

2. Measures to improve the budgetary procedures of the Congress as basic to responsibility and economy in federal expenditures. *Donohue*

State Agenda 1953-1954

1. Basic constitutional revision to provide for: *Hibson*
 - a. Court system reorganization with nonpartisan selection of the judiciary.
 - b. Reapportionment.
 - c. Coordinated and flexible state fiscal structure.

2. Optional methods for achieving home rule. ?

3. Protection of the citizen in his civil rights and liberties including: *Nicholson*
 - a. Preservation of constitutional liberties.
 - b. Enactment of a law to equalize employment opportunity in Illinois.

4. To secure high standards in State Welfare Services. - ?

Local Agenda. 1953

1. Servers. *Ma - Malin*
2. Study of budgetary procedure and tax structure of the Decatur Public Schools. *Nomick*

July, 1953.

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was activities of the League of Women Voters which organization "sparked" the program from its inception."

I thought that you and your associates in the League might like to know of our taking this action.

I want, too, to express my personal thanks and appreciation to your League and its most effective work. Each of you deserves a lot of credit.

Very truly yours,
WARREN & VAN PRAAG, INC.

By: Alex Van Praag, Jr.

From the Association of Commerce of Decatur, Illinois.
League of Women Voters,
Decatur, Ill.

Many thanks to you and your associates in the League of Women Voters for the manner in which you supported and actively promoted the successful election on the \$4.2 million interceptor sewer bond issue.

In reviewing the election, the Sewer Committee recalled your study of the proposals that had been advanced and the support you gave to the project, and your leadership in the formation of the Citizen's Committee to get out a favorable vote. The committee appreciates the many things you did to assure the overwhelming "yes" vote.

While we realize that the steps leading to the election and its favorable outcome are the initial ones, we are also confident that the community can count on your continuous interest in support of the efforts of the Sanitary District and the City Council as they move to bring the sewers to un-served areas.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. CROCKER, Chairman
Sewer Committee

The final letter was from Mrs. Robert J. Phillips, President of the Illinois League of Women Voters.

League of Women Voters
Decatur, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Donovan:

We are surely keeping our fingers crossed today and hope by the time you receive this, congratulations will be well earned. No matter what happens you've done a magnificent piece of work alerting citizens and that is pretty important!

May I tell you as I know you've been told before, how very proud Illinois is to have a League doing the splendid work the Decatur League is. We have come to lean very heavily on your talents.

Sincerely,
Ruth S. Phillips
President.

These letters must make you as proud to be a member of the League as I. I wish to express thanks to Mrs. Malsin and Mrs. Gibson for their work as Co-chairmen on the Sewer Project. Also, I wish to thank every League member for her help and support.

The most gratifying part of the whole experience was the Citizens' Committee and the fine cooperation and good relationship which we established with other organizations and individuals. Without this cooperation we could not have effected such a happy victory.

Mrs. John Donovan

A DATE TO REMEMBER FOR NEW MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS.

July 23, 1953. Get Acquainted Roundup at 9:30 A.M. in the small Pavilion in the new part of Fairview Park. It's informal. Have your questions about the League answered, have a coke and get home in time for lunch with the youngsters.

If you need a ride or have the name of a prospective member call
Florence Cox Tel. 38892
Membership Chairman

S U R P R I S E!

You didn't expect to hear from us during the summer lull but we thought these letters too good to keep. They were all addressed to Mrs. John Donovan, President of our League.

League of Women Voters
648 W. Prairie St.,
Decatur, Ill.

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that I am writing this letter of appreciation, at the direction of the Trustees of the Sanitary District of Decatur, to you for your whole hearted and enthusiastic support of the Intercepting Sewer Bond Issue Election.

The gratifying results were due to the hard work of all who assisted on the various committees and to each of you who directed the work of the committees.

It will be impossible to write to each person who deserves this expression of appreciation. However, I am writing to you, who were in charge of the various groups, hoping that you will extend the thanks of the Trustees and myself to the various workers who assisted you in this victory for a better and a more healthier Decatur.

Very truly yours,
W. D. HATFIELD, Supt.

League of Women Voters,
Decatur, Ill.

I predicted all during the campaign that the success of the sewer referendum would be determined by the energy with which the League of Women Voters pursued it. I have no reason to change my mind today. Everyone was surprised and pleased at the splendid margin of victory. I want you to know that I think the difference between this victory and the defeat rests with the League of Women Voters.

Congratulations on a job extremely well done.

Very truly yours,
Robert E. Willis,
Mayor.

League of Women Voters
Decatur, Ill.

The Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District at a meeting yesterday learned in detail of the efforts of the League of Women Voters in behalf of the bond issue-- to be sure Mr. Johnson and Mr. Ray knew something of your work, but Mr. DeWitt knew nothing of it, and neither Mr. Johnson nor Mr. Ray fully realized until yesterday that all of your organization and its committees had done in behalf of the bond issue.

If it had not been for your organization and your committees and one or two other persons, I am quite sure that the result would not have been what it was. I certainly join with the Trustees in saying that we are indeed grateful and shall be glad if you will so inform your Board.

Yours very truly,
WALKER H. MILLS

League of Women Voters
Decatur, Ill.

We were so pleased with the result of the recent Sanitary District bond issue election that we obtained some thirty copies of the newspaper account of the results and sent them to mayors of our acquaintance in Illinois cities. With the newspaper clipping we sent a letter discussing the improvement and the results of the election. That letter reads in part, as follows:-

"The Decatur program had the aid and encouragement of a large group of organizations. These individuals and organizations worked in full harmony and did an excellent job of sponsoring the project and aiding the district. Of particular importance in the program

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

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September, 1953.

"We're born free
but we're not born wise,
And we must become wise in order to remain free," someone said.

Do you sometimes suspect those Civics books didn't tell you All
you need to know about government?
Or wonder what makes the wheels of government go 'round?

The League is off to a good start to help you remedy that.

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER: 10th and 24th.

Workshops are now beginning for study of the Tax Structure of the Decatur School System. The first work-shop will be on Thursday afternoon, September 10, 1953, at the home of Mrs. H. W. Gibson, 160 Kellar Lane. This should be an important and interesting study for League members. Anyone desiring to participate in this work-shop, contact Mrs. Robert E. Lewis, Chairman, Phone 4535.

Thursday, September 24th, at 1:00 P. M. in the Decatur Club Chatter Room, the League will have a membership luncheon. Senator Elbert S. Smith will be our guest speaker. The title of Senator Smith's talk is "THERE OUGHT TO BE A LA.". As our guests we have invited our Representatives James L. Atkins, Paul H. Ferguson, Barrett Rogers, and our Mayor Robert E. Willis. This promises to be an excellent meeting. There will be a question period after Senator Smith's talk. All League members should make every effort to attend this meeting and to bring a guest with them. The luncheon will be \$1.50. Call your reservations to Mrs. Gerald Cox (3-8892) or to Mrs. Perley Lupton (2-4293). Please get your reservations before September 21st.

UNIT MEETINGS IN OCTOBER: Chairman: Mrs. Robert E. Lewis.

October 14, 1953 - 9:30 A. M. Y. M. C. A.

October 14, 1955 - 9:30 A. M. I. M. C. A.
Subject: Tax structure of Decatur School System.

October 14, 1953 7:30 P. M. Library

Same program.

October 15, 1953 1:30 P. M. Hostess: Mrs. G. R. Cohn
777 South Monroe St.

Same program.

The changes in the time and places of Unit Meetings are a result of your responses to the cards sent out this Summer.

FINANCE

You are invited to be a contributor to Good Government. Your extra dollars rolling in really help the League take an active part in worthwhile projects such as The Citizens' View of '52 and the Sewer Drive. Mrs. John Kuhns

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Our League has an excellent program but it cannot operate on dues alone. Won't you send an additional amount to Mrs. G. H. Cohn, 777 South Monroe, Decatur, Illinois.

Tuesday, September 16th, at 4:00 P. M. The League of Women Voters of Decatur will be represented on "A Woman's World" on W.T.V.P. Mrs. John J. Donovan, Mrs. Perley Lupton and Mrs. Gerald Cox will be guest- of Dolores Ryan. Miss Ryan is a member of The League, too and many of you met her are our Get-Acquainted Roundup in the Park this summer. The purpose and the program of The League will be discussed.

Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, our Civil Liberties Chairman, will attend a State Meeting in Chicago on September 9th. Mrs. G. R. Cohn will attend a meeting of all local Treasurers in Chicago on September 11t

We are happy to welcome the following new members:

Mrs. J. G. Jones

Mrs. R. L. Nagle

Mrs. Paul Sphar

Mrs. Henry Volle

Mrs. Ivan Wieland

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Because of the variance in the League's fiscal year, it is easy to overlook the fact that our dues are payable on April 1st. Over the summer, it is understandably difficult to think about sending your check, but now that fall year is starting, won't you please sit yourself down and send off your \$3.00 to the

League of Women Voters of Decatur
777 South Monroe
Decatur, Illinois.

The League of Women Voters of the U. S. asks at this time that all local Leagues give consideration as to what they wish on the National Program for 1954-56. It is suggested that we give some thought to Item III of our State Agenda as a possible National Item. Item III of our State Agenda reads:

- 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.

Methods of legislative investigating committees and the ever constant need for preserving constitutional liberties are fields in which The League would like to know your thinking.

Our National Program is an important thing to us and all suggestions will be appreciated and considered.

The following is a complete list of the 1953-1954 Board of the League of Women Voters of Decatur.

President-----	Mrs. John J. Donovan	
	648 W. Prairie	2-4984
1st Vice President -----	Mrs. Perley Lupton	
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Publicity	1379 W. Macon	2-7604
3rd Vice President-----	Mrs. Ayrle Morris	
Economic Policy	253 N. Oakdale	8-2626
Secretary-----	Mrs. F. A. MacKay	
	3301 E. William St.	2-3538
	Rd.	
Treasurer-----	Mrs. G. R. Cohn	
	777 S. Monroe	2-3265
Elected Director-----	Mrs. Clifford Smith	
International Relations	1684 W. Riverview	2-1764
Elected Director-----	Mrs. William Winn	7757
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	1492 W. Decatur	
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	834 W. Division	
State Constitutional-----	Mrs. H. W. Gibson	3-4344
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	215 Park Place	9446
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	3255 Chestnut	3-7622

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LET'S HELP FINISH IT. "What's wrong with this world is, it's not finished yet....It is not completed to that point where man can put his final signature to the job and say, "It is finished." We made it and it works!.... It is not only man's high destiny, but proof of his immortality, too, that his is the choice between ending the world---and completing it."

William Faulkner Commencement Address TIME June 22, 1953.

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER NOW.

Unit Meetings October:

October 14, 1953 - 9:30 A. M. Y.M.C.A.

Program.....Tax Structure of Decatur School System; Referendum.

7:30 P. M. Library. Same program.

October 15, 1953. 1:30 P. M. Hostess: Mrs. G. R. Cohn

777 S. Monroe. Same program.

Resource Committee:

Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Chairman, Mrs. Lowell Gill, Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Mrs. Perley T. Lupton.

This is a vital issue of wide interest and we should be informed. A reporter will be present at the morning meeting at the "Y" so plan to attend. We should like to have excellent turnout for this meeting.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD.United Nations' Birthday Observance on W.T.V.P. October 23rd, 1953.

Each year since our local League was organized, we have celebrated United Nations' Day in some special way. This year we plan to participate with some other womens' groups on a television program which is being arranged by Miss Dolores Ryan of Station W.T.V.P. Please note the date and time.

Friday, October 23rd at 4:00 P. M.

not the 24th which is U. N. Day. More details will be announced at the October Study Group Meetings.

Workshop on Making Foreign Policy, U. S. A.

"Would you like to know more about how the State Department functions? This department is the President's right arm in foreign affairs. However, he also has many other arms. What are they? Do you understand the proposed Pricker Amendment?"

Any member is cordially invited to participate in this workshop which will prepare for the discussion group meetings in November. Let me know by telephone or otherwise of your interest. We will try to arrange meeting times at your convenience.

Mrs. Clifford E. Smith
Tel. 2-1764

On Sunday, October 4th, Mrs. Lee was the guest of Elmo Roper on his Sunday afternoon radio program now being heard at a new time 5:05 - 5:15 P.M. E.S.T.

Mrs. Lee was the first of a series of League guests on the Roper program and discussed the importance of local elections. League appearances are scheduled for the first Sunday of each month. On November first, Mrs. Oscar Ruebhausen, The League's official Observer at U.N. will discuss U. N. with Mr. Roper.

The Roper program will be a part of a new N.B.C. feature entitled WEEKEND and scheduled for two hours of Sunday afternoon listening (4 to 6 P.M.E.S.T.) Listen to the program and let National know if you like them.

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES: Oct. 13th in Chicago. - University College - Group Discussion Institute. The Pricker Amendment and U. N. will be the topics used as illustrations of group discussion methods. Mr. Charles Nelson, Executive Director of American Foundation for Political Education will lead. Mrs. Clifford E. Smith, will attend this meeting.

October 14th in Mattoon.

National Agenda Item II on Budgetary Procedure is again in the interest spotlight. A regional conference has been planned for Wednesday, October 14th in Mattoon, Illinois. The state Economic Policy Committee has arranged a "clinic" for problems concerning Item II on a local level. One of the Illinois congressmen has been invited to discuss budgetary procedures at the luncheon. Mrs. Ayrle Morris and her Economic Policy Committee - Mrs. R. E. Harroun, Mrs. William Winn, Mrs. F. A. McKay, Mrs. F. H. Brock, and Mrs. Charles Griffin

plan to attend "en force".

In the meantime read carefully and thoughtfully on this item. League action is planned for the near future and we need to be informed.

Dorothy Morris, Economy Policy
Chairman

The name of our hard working Local Projects Chairman, Mrs. Robert E. Lewis, 215 N. Woodlawn, Telephone: 4535 was inadvertently omitted from the Board list in September. Please add it to your Board listing.

FINANCE DRIVE -- Mrs. John Kuhns reports that we are now over our goal with over \$850.00 collected. Special thanks go to hard working Board members and a few members from our general membership who made the individual contacts. Contributions made from our own membership are sincerely appreciated. It speaks well for our position in the community to have reached our goal so promptly. Incidentally, all white file cards should be returned promptly to Mrs. Kuhns.

The Civil Liberties Committee asks the members to consider whether they want included on the National Program for 1954-56 an item for the further protection of Civil Liberties of the individual by more sharply defining the scope and methods of congressional investigations.

Mrs. C. M. Nicholson Tel. 9446

Membership The Membership Committee thinks Mrs. Volle's artistic sketches on the invitations to non-members must have caught their eye. Twenty-five who received them attended the luncheon; several other showed interest for later. The fall flowers were an Harroun touch.

Three cheers for everybody who helped round up our crowded roomful and then helped make the guests glad they came.

Florence Cox, Chairman

We wish to welcome the following new members:

Mrs. Fred Bartley2033 N. Broadway
Mrs. Walter C. Bischoff.....11 Greenridge Drive
Mrs. Maurice Brown.....1420 N. Monroe
Mrs. Donald K. Dame.....244 Park Place
Miss Peggy Dick649 W. North
Mrs. Wayne Dymond.....135 E. Manor Court
Mrs. Lew C. Ensign.....Township Line Road
Mrs. Ralston Goss.....1193 W. Main
Mrs. W. Ross Lloyd.....5 Powers Lane Place
Miss Ruby J. Mochel.....1539 N. Union
Mrs. Harry A. Olendorf.....1572 W. Wood
Mrs. Dwight Ridgley.....260 N. Dennis
Mrs. E. Wayne Schroeder.....1495 W. Wunset
Mrs. Dorr Taylor.....1193 W. Main
Mrs. S. Walter Tick.....524 W. Macon
Mrs. Ora Ulbrich.....1063 W. Macon
Miss Georgia Vorce.....352½ S. Webster

ILLINOIS LEAGUE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The League of Women Voters of Illinois was organized for the purpose of promoting political responsibility through informed and active citizens. Its slogan has been, "To let the people know, to make the people care, to help the people act." It is a nonpartisan organization and takes stands on specific governmental issues which it believes to be in the public interest.

Since 1920, the League has worked on and helped to achieve the following:

Mother's Pensions - now called Aid for Dependent Children.

Adoptions Laws.

Child Labor Laws.

Eight Hour Working Day for Women.

State Reformatory for Women.

Jury Service for Women.

Improved Merit System.

City Manager Plan.

Voting Machines.

Permanent Registration.

Increased State Aid to Schools.

Improved Standard for Teachers and Teachers Tenure.

Gateway Amendment.

The League is currently working on:

Basic Revision of Constitution

Revenue

Judiciary

Reapportionment

Home Rule

Civil Liberties including Equal Employment Opportunity.

Higher Standards in State Welfare Services.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Bulletin #18, Series 3.

November, 1953.

Put these dates on your calendar for November now.

UNIT MEETINGS
FOR
NOVEMBER

DATE: WEDNESDAY, November 18th.
TIME: 9:30 A. M. PLACE: Y. M. C. A.
" 7:30 P. M. " " " "
DATE: THURSDAY, November 19th.
TIME: 1:30 P. M. at the home of Mrs. James W. Moore,
444 S. Edward Street.
PROGRAM: Making Foreign Policy, U. S. A.
Chairman: Mrs. Clifford Smith. The proposed Bricker Amendment.
Please take note: The night meeting, customarily at the Library
will be at the Y. M. C. A. for November only.

WORKSHOP PREPARATIONS FOR NOVEMBER UNIT MEETINGS IN INTERNATIONAL FIELD:

Eleven League members and one prospective member are showing an enthusiastic interest in studying The Making of U. S. Foreign Policy with special emphasis on the treaty making power and the proposed restrictions on this power as expressed in the Bricker Amendment.

Our national president, Mrs. John G. Lee, has asked that local Leagues throughout the United States report their conclusions on the proposed Bricker Amendment as soon as possible. Therefore, your presence at one of the November Unit Meetings is especially important. If possible, do some reading on the amendment before we meet. The July 15th issue of the National Voter has an article and periodicals at the Public Library contain interesting material both for and against the measure.

Those who are attending the Workshop include:

Miss Georgia Vorce, Mrs. Kirby Riley, Mrs. Hans Wolff, Mrs. H. J. Pettee, Jr.
Mrs. Walter Tick, Mrs. L. E. De Vore, Mrs. William Hipsher, Mrs. W. E. Watts,
Mrs. Lucian Bohon, Mrs. Perley Lupton, Mrs. Clifford E. Smith, Chairman.

On Tuesday, November 3rd, The Foreign Relations group, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Chairman met at the Decatur Library with other League members to hear Attorneys, J. E. Jackson and Charles Lippert debate the merits of the Bricker Amendment. This was a special meeting especially designed to inform the Foreign Relations group, since the two attorneys were sincerely convinced of their own positions and so argued effectively. Attorney Jackson believes there is growing the concept that treaties have no constitutional limitation and therefore the Bricker Amendment is needed. Attorney Lippert saw no such danger and felt that the Amendment was politically inspired in an atmosphere of distrust, and that the Amendment would cripple any effective leadership in foreign affairs.

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IS THERE A WONDER DRUG FOR THIS?

Prognosis: Budgetary ills of Congress.
Diagnosis: Antibodies of income seem to have no effect on the
germs of expenditure.
Prescription: INFORMATION! INFORMATION! INFORMATION!

Physician I: Joint Committee of the Budget.
Physician II: Single Appropriations Bill.
Physician III: Item Veto.
Physician IV: Requirement that estimates of future costs be
made known to Congress before it acts on future
legislation.

Procedure: WORKSHOP! January 12, 1954!
Home of Mrs. Ayrle Morris!
253 Oakdale Blvd.

UNIT MEETINGS
FOR
JANUARY

TIME: PLACE DATE
9:30 A. M. Y. M. C. A. Wednesday Jan. 20th
7:30 P. M. Decatur Public Lib- " " "
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1:30 P. M. Home of Mrs. Russell Thursday, Jan. 21st.
Oplinger 152 Cobb Ave.
PROGRAM: Item II of the National Current Agenda,
"How to Improve the Budgetary Procedures
of Congress."

Mrs. Ayrle Morris,
Chairman

Comments after discussion by two new members prompted these remarks. One said, "Maybe I spoke out of turn" ; another, "Me and my big mouth!" Far from being critical of ones who "speak up", we're delighted. Discussion is what the League is made of, and it would be dull if we always agreed. Workshop members are present to help guard against our setting false impressions.

Forty-five took part in the three units on education. The morning meeting at the Y. was best attended.

Florence Cox, Membership Chairman

From members of Workshop on Local Project:

Just a note to bring you up to date on progress of work on study of petition to change number of the Board of Education and Charter. Your committee is currently investigating methods of enlarging number of Board members from three to seven without losing special charter. As soon as we have completed investigations and gathered legal possibilities you will be informed.

Norma Lewis, Chairman

In answer to a question asked at the night meeting at the Library about the cost per cubic foot or square foot of Lakeview High School the following is given:

The cost of Lakeview High School was \$11.20 per square foot and the cost of the proposed high schools for Decatur is \$13.75 per square foot.

Norma Lewis, our Local Projects Chairman and Virginia Gibson, a member of the State committee for International Trade attended the Conference on World Trade Policy at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, November, 3, 1953. The following reports are given from this Conference.

Trade Conference -----Dr. Frank Fetter--Topic: "What's this trade issue all about?" "The relative importance of international trade to our national economy." International trade represents but 5% of our total economy. Yet the trade is carried on in items such as manganese, oar, bauxite, coffee, etc; so that should we lose that 5% our total economy would be disrupted to a point far beyond the 5% level.

High tariff exists for those items which are competitive therefore it amounts to an embargo.

The President is authorized to raise import tariff if the volume of import increases too much. This is popularly called the escape clause and does tend to discourage the foreign business man in his effort to put goods on the U. S. market.

This escape clause should be removed entirely.

Charles Taft Topic: "Trade and Survival"

Mr. Taft contributed a picture of the "Committee for National Trade Policy". set up to examine specific tariff problems with a view to lowering or eliminating them. Panel ----Special Interest and National Interest - Theodore Yntema - Business-Ford. It's possible that we could raise our real National Income a couple of billion dollars annually if we lift tariffs.

The Ford Motor Company is not interested in keeping the tariff on automobiles and never has been.

Mr. Allan Kline Farm Bureau

Mr. Kline stated that world trade is head over heels in politics internationally and nationally. We must lift retarding tariffs. No trade not based on mutual advantage is going to stand up.

Dr. Royden Dangerfield - People

What is national interest? It is local community opinion.

Expanding economy requires an expanding market which we do not have because of the failure to coordinate between domestic programs and foreign economic policies. In conclusion all speakers agreed that the following points would tend toward improvement in world trade.

1. Removal of escape clause.
2. Replace power politics with a high order of politics.
3. Eliminate price controls world wise.
4. Remove customs red tape.

Virginia Gibson and Norma Lewis

The Finance Drive has reached a successful conclusion with a total of \$927.00. Member contributions are \$163.00. Thanks again to all members who helped to bring in the highest amount we have ever had.

Ann Kuhns, Chairman

A few of our members have overlooked payment of their annual dues to our treasurer, Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 777 South Monroe. Would you please send your dues immediately so that our membership list will be complete?

BUDGET

Mrs. Frank Schroeder, 425 S. Edward Street has consented to be our new Budget Chairman. Any suggestions you might have for items in our budget please send to her.