

"The Sense of achievement and worthwhileness which each person yearns to have can be primarily secured in one of two ways; by solitary creativeness, as in the case of the artist; or by social effectiveness, as in the case of most of us."

....Ordway Tead

"Art of Leadership"

UNIT MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 19th, 9:30 AM, YMCA

Program: World Trade Survey

Committee: Mrs. Walter Morey, Mrs. Arthur Adelman

Wednesday, January 19th, 7:30 PM, Library

Program: World Trade Survey

Committee: Mrs. Fred Bartley, Mrs. Fred Schudel, Mrs. F. A. MacKay

Thursday, January 20th, 1:30 PM, in the home of Mrs. E. L. Simmons, 610 Southmoreland Place

Program: World Trade Survey

Committee: Mrs. H. J. Pettee, Mrs. R. E. Greenfield

XTRA! XTRA!
ATTENTION - ALL

LUNCHEON MEETING

JANUARY 13th, 1:00 PM

Decatur Club, "Chatter Room"

Price \$1.50

Speaker: Dr. Royden Dangerfield, Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois and Director of the Institute of Governmental and Political Affairs.
Subject: "What our Foreign Trade Policy Means to You."

The Decatur League is responsible for conducting the World Trade Survey in the 22nd Congressional District. Champaign County, Lincoln and Mattoon will consult with us on this project.

"Support of U.S. trade policies will help solve national and international problems".....

THE LEAGUE POSITION

Over the years the League of Women Voters has developed several positions in support of expanding world trade, which we believe is vital to the economic health of the United States and to the free world. Six of the most important of these positions are listed below.

1. The Congress must determine our general trade policies and then delegate to the Executive their implementation as exemplified in the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act.
 2. Our trade policies should be as permanent as possible, which means the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act should be extended for a period of no less than three years and preferably longer.
 3. Our basic trade law must contain the authority for the U.S. to lower trade barriers-- its own as well as those of other nations through bargaining-, therefore, we support those provisions of the RTA that give the President authority to change tariff rates.
 4. Our trade policies should have stability so that exporters and importers will know on what they can depend. The use of the escape clause in the trade agreements program means that foreign traders hesitate to enter our markets because if they succeed in selling products competitive with U.S. goods, the U.S. producers will seek to have barriers raised against the foreign goods. If foreign goods cannot come into this country, our exporters will experience difficulty in selling abroad and trade will shrink rather than expand.
 5. Our national interest should be considered above the special interest of any one group. Factors which help determine trade decisions should be based on various considerations: the needs of our exporters to sell abroad, the importance of free nations of trade with the U.S.; the desires of consumers to have a variety of goods at reasonable prices, our defense needs, and the amount of injury inflicted on any one industry by competitive imports. The League of Women Voters would like to see the elimination of the peril point and escape clauses in the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act because they provide protection for one segment of the economy at the expense of our overall national interest.
- We would also like to see plans developed to assist those people engaged in an enterprise which may be hurt by reduction of trade restrictions.
6. Our trade policies can be handled most effectively by negotiating with other countries on a multilateral basis. Therefore, we would like to see the establishment of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, with full U.S. participation, on a

permanent basis. The negotiations among nations involving trade are so numerous and complex that a permanent international organization is needed to service the trading countries.

MEMBERSHIP

LIGHTS!

CAMERA!

ACTION!

The first membership meeting for 1955 will be the Luncheon on January 13th at 1:00 PM at the Decatur Club. Every League member should be there to help start off the New Year with fire and enthusiasm. We can all add another resolution to those already made to be more active in the League this year. A mere handful of members cannot carry the program of the League alone. We presently have one hundred and thirteen members---we need two hundred active members. Decatur is growing! We must grow with it! The League of Women Voters has a vital place in Decatur. Your active support for the League program is needed for 1955. Several important work-shops are now in progress. You are invited to visit any or all of these workshops to determine which one you would prefer to work on. We strongly urge you to attend this Luncheon and bring a prospective member or interested neighbor with you. You will be contacted soon for your reservation or you may call Rachel Hurley, phone 2-2747....

**WORK
SHOPS**

A work-shop on World Trade will be held in the home of Mrs. Arthur Adelman, 2275 W. Forest on Monday, January 10th, 9:00 AM. All members interested in these studies are most cordially invited to attend these workshops....Evelyn MacKay, Chairman, Phone 2-3538.

P.S. Wonderful background material, the new League publication, U.S. Foreign Trade Policy 1776-1955.....may be obtained from Helen Ruth Schudel, phone 2-7637.

CIVIL LIBERTIES

The Civil Liberties committee has been asked to start a Freedom Agenda project within the community. The purpose of the Project is to promote better understanding of individual rights in our system of constitutional democracy by forming discussion groups, work shops and educational programs in interested organizations. Through the Carrie Chapman Catt memorial fund, these interesting and informative pamphlets are available: The Bill of Rights and Our Individual Liberties; Where Constitutional Liberty Came From; Freedom of Speech and Press; Constitutional Liberty and Seditious Activity; The Constitution and Congressional Investigating Committees; The Constitution and Loyalty Programs. Any who are interested in these subjects and would like to carry them into discussion groups in other organizations to which they belong, will be most welcome to attend the Civil Liberty workshops and learn more about the project. There will be two meetings in January, Wednesdays, the 12th and 26th at 1:00 PM...215 Park Place. February meetings will be announced later and the program will be presented in March.

Betty Nicholson, Chairman, Phone 9446

WELFARE

ITS BIG BUSINESS! ITS GOVERNMENT BUSINESS! ITS YOUR BUSINESS!

Local Welfare workshops are getting under way. The next one will be held Wednesday January 12th, 7:30PM, 253 Oakdale. As a result of the studies made in these workshops we hope to give to Decatur a picture of her welfare services. This is an ambitious project and we need your help.

KNOW your community.

HELP us find the answers.

COME to the next workshop.

.....Dorothy Morris, Chairman Welfare Com.

The State Board is in the process of considering the Leagues program for the next two years. Please bring any ideas or suggestions you feel the Leagues of the State of Illinois would be currently interest in to the Unit Meetings.

.....K. Donovan, President

Virginia Gibson has resigned from the nominating board; Elizabeth Lupton will replace her.....'bye Virginia, 'lo Elizabeth.....

A REQUEST

From Katherine Donovan, President:

The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois, shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The policy of the League is to take action on local governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Platform of the League of Women Voters of the United States.....Article II. Sec. 1-2 of the BY-LAWS of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois.

League Committees responsible for organization and administration will please have their reports ready for the February bulletin. It is the policy of the League to give a full month before the Annual Meeting for the membership to consider these reports. This is your opportunity and responsibility to have an active part in making the Leagues program, keeping in mind that our program is based on governmental issues.

1. Nominating Committee

Mrs. H. J. Pettee, Chairman, 1470 West William, phone 2-4159

Please send her your suggestions for Officers and Elected Board Members.

2. Local Agenda, 1955-1956 Committee

Mrs. Perley Lupton, Chairman, 619 W. Forest, Phone 2-4293

One of the important items to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting is the Local Agenda. WHAT should the League concentrate on for 1955-1956? Turn in your suggestions now to the Chairman.

3. Budget Committee

Mrs. Floyd Birt, Chairman, 429 N. Summit, phone 2-2062

If you have ideas concerning League finances--either raising or expanding--please call Mrs. Birt.

COMING UP!

CANDIDATES MEETING!

1955 is an important election year for Decatur. Voters will consider candidates for Mayor and Commissioners. The League is, as always, endeavoring to keep its members and the citizens of Decatur informed by holding a Candidates Meeting on Thursday, February 17th, 8:15 PM at the Decatur High School Auditorium. Dr. Daniel Gage will again be our most able moderator. League members please call me if you would like to help. This meeting is always most interesting and fun to participate in. You will be hearing from me again on this but call early to "get on the band-wagon".....

Pauline Winn, Chairman
phone 7757

IN RETROSPECT

Just for the record;

All of you know that the referendum on Council-Manager form of government for Decatur was defeated on November 30th, but this is the first opportunity to state the fact in our Bulletin. For readers outside our city, I should like to mention that we feel that the two major reasons for the defeat were.....1) The rather good record of our present Mayor and Commissioners, and 2) The oppositions more effective use of the taxation issue.

Lola Smith, Chairman.

I'm not sure Confucius said this....but he could have:

"The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm."

Rachel Hurley, Bulletin Editor.

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety".....

Benjamin Franklin

UNIT
MEETINGS:

Wednesday, February 16, 9:30 AM. YMCA

Program: Welfare Structure in Decatur

Resource Committee: Mrs. Kirby Riley, Mrs. Thomas McCracken,
Mrs. Donald Lambka

Wednesday, February 16, 7:30 PM, Library

Program: Same

Resource Committee: Mrs. Herbert Lord, Jr., Mrs. E. B. Freyfogle
Mrs. Ralph Fredrickson, Mrs. Arlie Morris, Chairm.

Please Note: Due to the Candidates meeting being scheduled for Thursday the 17th, there will only be TWO Unit meetings this month. Do try to arrange your time so that you may attend either the morning or evening meeting. The Committee on Welfare has done a splendid job on research and survey in this field, including a tour of five of the public and private Welfare Agencies by some twenty-five members of the League. They are prepared to give you a most thorough and comprehensive report on the Welfare structure in Decatur. Don't miss it.

FEBRUARY'S

PIÈCE de RÉSISTANCE!

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

February 17, 8:30 PM

Decatur High School Auditorium

Moderator: Dr. Daniel Gage

Final plans are being made for our Candidates' Meeting February 17, 1955. Twenty-five candidates have been invited to participate in this meeting, and response from these candidates has been excellent. The League of Women Voters of Decatur presents this Candidates Meeting because we believe so strongly that the citizen's opinion is vitally important. We want to give the voter the opportunity to question the candidate to determine his qualifications for the office he is seeking and to hear the Candidates answers to the Leagues specific questions. We urge every League member to support this endeavor by attending the Candidates Meeting. Again the date: Thursday Evening 8:30 PM, at the Decatur High School Auditorium, February 17.

The following committee has been working diligently and with enthusiasm to make this meeting a success: Eileen Gebhardt, Virginia Gibson, Elise Hurst, Elizabeth Lupton, Sarah Kessler, Rachel Hurley, Marcia McCracken, Dorothy Morris, Helen Ruth Schudel. It is a most gratifying experience to work with such a cooperative group....

Pauline Winn, Voters Service Chairman

(Editors Note: Pauline, you can SUE me if you want to, but I can't resist this)

Didja hear the one about: Down in Republican Vermont a minister introduced a deaf old parishioner to the new deacon.

"Eh? New Dealer?" rasped the old gent.

"No, no", replied the minister. "Not a New Dealer, new deacon! He is the son of a Bishop".

The old man crackled and shook his head. "They all are, they all are", said he gleefully.

WELCOME-MAT
DO COME IN

We are most happy to welcome the following new members into our League:

Mrs. Edgar Bachrach, 1680 W. Wood, phone 2-6820	Mrs. Robt. S. Brown, 2 Millikin Pl. 3-0860
Mrs. Al Brensley, 310 S. Linden, phone 2-6857	Miss Grace Bridges, 262 S. Union, ph. 6043
Mrs. G. J. Cresswell, 220 Delmar, phone 8-5444	Mrs. Porter French, 130 N. Westlawn, 8-5759
Mrs. E.B. Freyfogle, 442 Powers Lane, phone 2-1343	Mrs. Norman Gore, 1315 N. Edward, 7553
Mrs. Wm.D. Hatfield, 249 Linden, phone 7677	Mrs. James Key, 537 S. Oakland, 3-5157
Mrs. Herbert Lord, Jr. 1307 S. Jasper, 4563	Mrs. R. N. Nagle, Park Lane, 3-3780

We know you are going to find your membership in the League of Women Voters a new and rewarding experience. There are always several work-shops in progress (you will find them listed in the bulletin each month); choose the one you are most interested in and pitch right in. Let me assure you new members, we do not wait for "invitations" to work in the League! Just call the Chairman of the work-shop and tell her you will be there. Mrs. John Donovan, our President...just like your family doctor...is most happy to be called, any time, DAY OR NIGHT, to help you out or give you information you may need. Other members - please add these new names to your membership lists. Thank you....

WORK-SHOPS

Civil Liberties workshops are now in progress. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 9th, 2:00 PM, 215 Park Place. Another February 23rd, same time same place. New Members, although these work shops have been started, you are welcome to come, sit in and lend a hand...Betty Nicholson, Civil Liberties Chm.

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Welfare will have two more workshops, Wednesdays 9th and 16th, at 254 N. Oakdale and will then be presented at the February Unit Meetings as already mentioned.....

Dorothy Morris, Welfare Chairman, 8-2626

MEETINGS

PAST & FUTURE

Evelyn MacKay attended the World Trade Survey meeting in Chicago in January and Eileen Gebhardt attended the Budget meeting there also in January. Virginia Gibson, Betty Nicholson and Evelyn MacKay will attend the two day regional meeting in St. Louis on February 28-March 1. This meeting will combine Individual Liberties and World Trade.

LEAGUE ACTION:

Excerpts from letters sent to Congressman Wm. Springer, and Senators Paul Douglas and Everett Dirksen quote

"We desire to advise you of our position with reference to the H.R. 1 and H.R. 536. We support these two bills, however, the League would prefer that H.R. 1 be modified in two respects, i.e., that the Trade Act be renewed for a longer time than three years, and that the escape clause and peril point sections of the present Act be repealed or drastically modified. It is the opinion of the League that both of these points tend to undermine any tariff reductions gained as a result of the Trades Agreement Program.

The Decatur League of Women Voters will begin a trade survey within the very near future. A full report will be made to you when this survey is completed." unquote

Letters of thanks were received from all of these representatives and they assured us they would continue their support of the Trade Act. NOW is the time for all League members to write them asking for their continued support...

Elizabeth Lupton, Acting Chairman, 2-4293

I. NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS FOR 1955-56 AS SUBMITTED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

President. Mrs. H. W. Gibson
1st Vice-President . . . Mrs. James W. Hurley
2nd Vice-President . . . Mrs. Frederick S. Schudel
Secretary Treasurer. Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt
Treasurer. Mrs. G. R. Cohn
Directors. Mrs. James Leigh
Mrs. Forrest Martin
Mrs. Thomas McCracken
Mrs. Charles Griffin
Mrs. F. A. MacKay
Mrs. Arthur Adelman

Nominating Committee for 1955-56

Chairman Mrs. Gerald Cox

Members. Mrs. Neal Doubleday
Mrs. C. M. Nicholson

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:
Elizabeth Lupton, Betty Simmons, Lola Smith,
Florence Wood, Ann Pettee, Chairman.

II. CURRENT AGENDA

The Local Agenda committee, consisting of Elizabeth Lupton and Florence Cox, submit the following:

ITEM I. A study of local welfare, with action where indicated.

ITEM II. Analysis, with action where needed, of governmental units within the County.

PLATFORM SUGGESTION: Item 1 of Platform rewritten to read:

Continued support of School Financial and Organizational needs where such support is deemed in the best interests of the community.

The following suggestions were sent to the Local Agenda Committee for consideration:

"Know Your Town" - "Employment" - "Public Housing" - "Recreation" - "Election Code"

The Local Agenda is to be adopted at the Annual Meeting in March. The above outline is merely a suggested agenda by the Committee. Any member of the League may bring their suggestions for the Agenda to the floor at the Annual Meeting. In fact, you are urged to do so.

Mark your calendar now for the Annual Meeting on March 31st. This will be a Luncheon, in the Decatur Club Ballroom. Come and bring a new member..... Please bring this Bulletin with you to the Annual Meeting.

III. BUDGET REPORT:

	1954-1955 Budget	Actual 2-1-55	1955-1956 Proposed Budget
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
<u>General Administration</u>			
President's Account Committee	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
(Finance, Membership)	50.00	30.04	25.00
Delegates			
(State & National)	200.00	128.29	200.00
(Regional Conf.)	150.00	33.90*	150.00
Operating Costs			
Supplies	35.00	51.88**	25.00
Postage	15.00	26.80**	15.00
Tel & Tel	10.00	9.97	10.00
Bank Charges	5.00	.52	5.00
<u>Publications</u>			
State & National	75.00	57.84****	65.00
Local		***	25.00
Monthly Bulletin	125.00	49.80****	100.00
<u>Activities</u>			
Meetings	40.00	42.84****	55.00
Action in Community	150.00	45.83****	150.00
<u>State & Nat'l Services</u>	450.00	500.00	500.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		8.16	10.00*****
	<u>\$1330.00</u>		<u>\$1360.00</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
<u>Dues</u>	420.00	348.00	390.00
<u>Contributions</u>			
Members	200.00	213.00	225.00
Non-Members	700.00	711.00	750.00
<u>Publications*****</u>	10.00		
	<u>\$1330.00</u>		<u>\$1360.00</u>

Additional Expenditures & Explanations

* Regional Conference Meetings on National Items I and II.

** Over-budget amounts for stationery available for next year - thereby lowering '55-'56 budget amount.

*** Previously absorbed by other areas in budget.

**** Expenditures still forthcoming in these areas

***** A minimum amount for those unanticipated expenses not covered in items listed.

***** Net figure of cost minus sales now appearing in expenditure column.

Respectfully submitted by Sylvia Cohn, Treasurer.

LEAGUE'S
CONTINUING
RESPONSIBILITY

The League of Women Voters of Decatur has a continuing responsibility concerning the total sewer system of the Decatur area.

Step 1, the building of Interceptors, is almost completed.

Steps 2 and 3, the rehabilitation and maintenance of existing sewers and the construction of new laterals and mains, are in difficulties. Currently, the Association of Commerce has offered this plan:

1. The entire sewer system to be taken over by the Decatur Sanitary District.
2. The imposition of a sewer rental charge by the Decatur Sanitary District to cover
 - (a) cleaning and maintaining existing sewers.
 - (b) construction of laterals and mains in areas without sewers at present.
 - (c) construction of storm sewers within the city limits.
3. The sewer rental charge would eventually take the place of the present Sanitary District property tax. Any future capital improvements would be financed by Revenue Bonds rather than General Obligation Bonds voted on property taxes. Construction of laterals cost would be pro-rated and charged to the property owner through the tapping-on fee.

The opposing opinion is, that under present state law:

1. It is legally impossible for the Sanitary District to accept responsibility for the entire sewer system.
2. It is legally impossible for the City of Decatur to hand the sewers over to the Sanitary District.
3. That even if legislation is written and passed making it legal: that areas having sewers but not city water would prove difficult in both determining the amount of sewer rental charge to be levied and in collecting it.

"The Moving Finger writes, and having writ... all this, its tired so its going to move on..
(my apologies O' mighty OMAR)

Rachel Hurley, Bulletin Editor

"The loss of liberty to a generous mind is worse than death"

.....Andrew Hamilton, defending the Freedom of the Press

UNIT MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY MORNING, March 16th, 9:30, at the Y.M.C.A.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 16th, at 7:30, Public Library

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, March 17th, 1:15, at the home of Mrs. Russell

Oplinger, 152 Cobb Avenue. PROGRAM: Freedom Agenda.

Resource Committee: Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. E. H. England,

Mrs. Nat Kessler, Mrs. F. R. Martin, Mrs. A. J. Melrose, Mrs. Clifford Smith and Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, Chairman.

At these Unit meetings, the Individual Liberties Committee will present to the membership and to others who are interested, a program based on the Freedom Agenda Project. There will be a discussion based on the pamphlet "Where Constitutional Liberty Came From", by Alfred H. Kelly.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

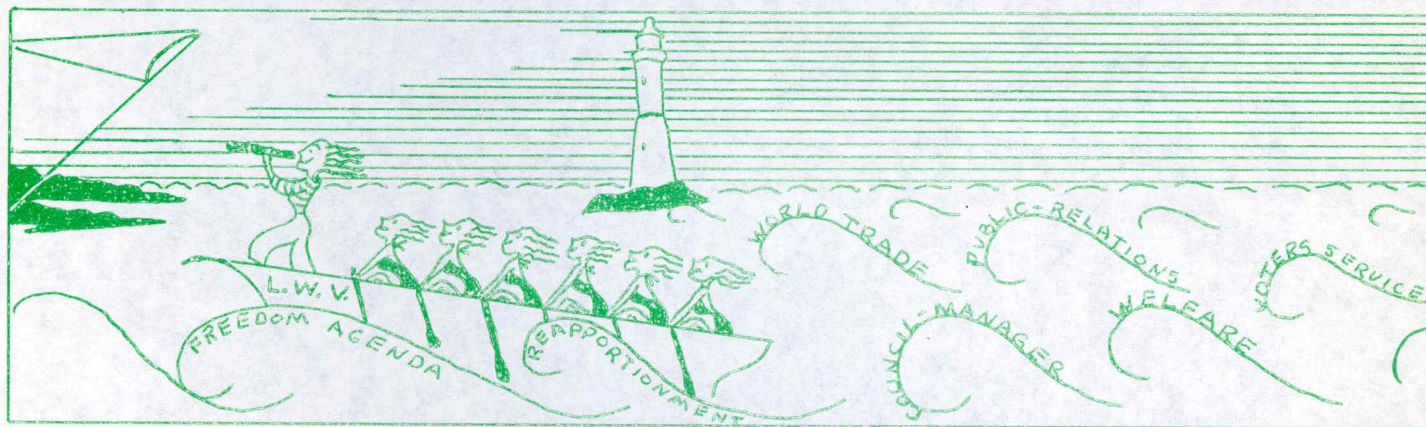
It has been a privilege to serve as President of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois for the last two years. I have gained far more from this experience than I could possibly return to the League. Actually, I am indebted to you for making it possible for me to increase my practical knowledge of government and at the same time to enjoy working with people who possess a special kind of vigor that seems to typify the League.

You are to be congratulated on your increased action in the community. At all three levels of government you do a service for the community in the field of education. This year the League has worked on the Trade Survey, Freedom Agenda, Reapportionment, Voters Service, Council-Manager, and Welfare. To merely name these items gives the scope and variety of the League program. In each area the League has helped the citizen to realize what the problems are and what he can do about them.

You are to be congratulated on increased membership participation in workshops and the entire League program. It is your interest in every phase of work, from program making to fund raising, which makes the League a vital and responsive organization. The quality of research work and the reports of the committees have met high standards. The finance drive, as usual, was successful.

I wish to express my thanks to the Board members for their enthusiastic work and to all the members who have contributed freely of their time and energy in many different phases of League work.

Katherine Donovan



A MESSAGE TO OUR PRESIDENT

We, the undersigned Board members for the appointed year 1954-1955 wish to express our appreciation and thanks for the privilege of working with Katherine, our president for the past two years.

And when we say appreciation and thanks these are not empty words. It is indeed with appreciation in our hearts...appreciation for all her understanding ways, inspiring leadership, poise and graciousness under sometimes, we know, most trying circumstances; appreciation for her ability to turn a seemingly impossible job into a task of fun and pleasure. We have entered into many obstacles and encountered many difficult problems in our League program during the past two years, yet we feel that with her good judgment, sagacity, and personal warmth, she has brought us through with our colors still bright and flying high! So to you, Katherine, our twenty-one gun salute, and thanks again for all you have given us.

Elizabeth Lupton
Eileen Gebhardt
Lola Smith
Pauline Winn

Virginia Gibson
Betty Nicholson
Coleen Martin
Evelyn MacKay

Dorothy Morris
Sylvia Cohn
Helen Ruth Schudel
Rachel Hurley

COMING
RIGHT UP!

The Annual Luncheon will be held in the Decatur Club Ballroom, (you see we are expecting ALL of you) on Thursday, March 31st at 1:00 P.M. Price \$1.50. This is your chance to get a first hand report on all the League's Activities that you may have missed during the year. And if you have missed any of them it has been your loss, for this has been a most exciting, stimulating and rewarding year in every field of activity the League has undertaken. Many we won, few we lost, but even in our losses we feel a sense of accomplishment in having presented the issues to the public.

All members are asked to be present so that you may meet and know the new President and Board and give a word of thanks to the retiring ones.

Please bring your February issue of the bulletin with you for reference to the nominating slate and the Agenda.

INFORMATION
PLEASE:

Two new anti-subversive bills, Senate Bills #58 & 59 have been proposed by Senator Broyles. They were voted out of the Senate and scheduled for reading March 1st. Senate Bill #58: Contains an oath of a negative nature which must be taken by all employees of the State of Illinois, or any political subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof. Senate Bill #59: It states that it shall be unlawful for any person to commit subversive acts and to be a member of subversive organizations. It lists heavy penalties, makes provision for the discharge of state employees who are found to be subversive, etc.....

The following reasons are given for the League's opposition to these bills:

1. They are not needed because sections of the Illinois Criminal Code already deal with the apprehensions of enemies of the government.
2. Certain provisions of these two laws would be burdensome to local school, town and county boards.
3. The present day confusion regarding the definition of subversion, the constitutionality of loyalty oaths, and listing of organizations, might mean that the constitutional liberties of the individual citizen are jeopardized by provisions in these laws.

DING-DONG
BELLS!

The Legislative School for the Decatur League is Tuesday and Wednesday March 22 and 23rd. There will be twelve Leagues attending on these dates. Upon arrival report to the League Information desk in the rotunda of the Capital Building on the first floor. Members will be met and given the days program. House and Senate convene at 10:00 A.M. Senator Elbert Smith and Representative David Peters will be our guests for dinner at 6:30 P.M. at Washington Park Pavilion. Dinner reservations are \$2.00. Call Katherine Donovan, 2-4984 if you plan to go before March 19th.

A Referendum on Grade Separations comes up to a vote on March 15th. Be a good citizen.....VOTE!!!

CONTINUING
RESPONSIBILITY

PERMANENT REGISTRATION WORKS

The current attack on permanent registration is aimed at driving a wedge between downstate and Cook County on this issue. The proposal is to do away with permanent registration in any county under 500,000 population, except in municipalities under the City Election Act, if the county wishes to do so.

Support of permanent registration is a continuing responsibility of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

The purpose of permanent registration is to prevent fraudulent voting, to make voting convenient, and to insure to all qualified voters their right to vote. It provides, briefly, that a voter must register in person and by signature just once and never again so long as he lives at the same address, keeps the same name and votes regularly. Before permanent registration Illinois laws required citizens to be registered in order to vote and provided three sets of procedures for registration. Lists so made were incomplete and inaccurate. Dishonest and corrupt election practices were not uncommon. The main interest of the political parties was to secure listings of their adherents for use during campaigns and on election day.

By study of the problems involved, League members were convinced that a permanent registration system would safeguard the right of every voter and would eliminate many dishonest election practices. It was convenient for the voter and once done it would remain in force permanently. Against these advantages was uncertainty about the cost of such a system. When it was proposed that permanent registration be made statewide strong opposition came from local officials representing governmental units in rural

areas. Their arguments? "Rural elections are always honest. Everyone knows everyone else". "Permanent registration would just mean unnecessary red tape". "Such a change in election laws would create deplorable confusion among voters". These arguments were overcome when it became apparent that:

1. Population all over the state, in rural as well as urban areas, was shifting at an increasing rate and even in rural areas everyone did not know everyone else.
2. Serious irregularities occurred fairly regularly in rural election areas.
3. Voters welcomed the opportunity to be registered permanently by their own signature in such a way that no one else could impersonate them at an election.
4. Methods of operating permanent registration could be adjusted to the size of the county so that the county clerk would not be overburdened with unnecessary expense or red tape.

After eleven years of operation under a system of statewide registration the four points stated above remain excellent arguments for retention of the system. The initial cost of establishing the system would be a total waste if permanent registration is destroyed. If permanent personal registration is abolished in any part of the state equal voting opportunity will be endangered in two ways:

1. Outright disenfranchisement of individual voters through possible election fraud.
2. Unrepresentative elections resulting from variable election practices. Members of the League are convinced that any retraction of the present law would be a backward step.

In Macon County the approximate cost for permanent registration is 36 cents per registered voter.

Pauline Winn, Voters Service Chairman

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR'S WORK 1954-1955

LOCAL LEVEL

WELFARE: This year the Welfare Committee made a study of the structure of local welfare services. Both private and public agencies were interviewed in a survey conducted by the workshop group. The purpose of the survey was:

1. To show how the work of the local public agencies ties into the greater picture of state and federal welfare services.
2. To establish, through examination of budgets, an approximate cost to this community of all direct welfare services, and to show what percent of that total cost is borne by tax supported agencies.
3. To determine, by charting the present available services, where additional welfare services are needed in this community.

In order to gain a better understanding of this study a day long tour of several Decatur agencies was arranged. This study has laid a definitive foundation for any future work the Decatur League may undertake in the field of local welfare problems. This committee was composed of Mrs. Kirby Riley, Mrs. H. C. Lord, Mrs. Donald Lambka, Mrs. Thomas McCracken, Mrs. Ralph Frederickson, Mrs. E. B. Freyfogle and Mrs. Ayrle Morris, Chairman.

VOTERS SERVICE:

We have been unusually active in Political Action in the community the past year.

1. In April, 1954, we supported publicly the Special Charter for School District #61.
2. We worked most actively on Reapportionment before the November Election. The League had a booth at the County Fair, we provided Speakers for various organizations from a Speaker's Bureau, we held a Blue Ballot dinner, distributed 5,000 pieces of literature, used the film on Reapportionment provided by the State group, wrote numerous articles for the papers. We had a 46 woman telephone committee to urge the people to vote for this Amendment, had a display at the Public Library, distributed posters, Blue Tags and 500 sample marked ballots.
3. On the Council-Manager issue the League served on the Planning Committee, helped distribute petitions, planned and helped carry out neighborhood meetings to present information about Council-Manager form of City Government. We worked on a door to door canvass to urge the people to vote for Council-Manager.
4. Our Candidate's Meeting was held on February 17th, in the Decatur High School Auditorium. This was presented before the Primary on March 1, to give the people of Decatur a chance to see and question the Candidates seeking public office. Twenty four of the twenty six candidates attended the meeting. We appeared on Television to publicize the meeting and gave Voters service information, gave out napkins printed with information about the meeting, for use to different civic groups. We had wonderful cooperation from the newspapers on the purpose of the Candidate's meeting and pertinent facts about it.

5. Two sets of Questionnaires were sent out during the year. The first set of questions were sent in October 1954, before the November elections, to Candidates for the House of Representatives of Illinois; Candidates for County Judge; County Supt. of Schools; County Clerk; and Sheriff. The Second Questionnaire was sent on February 17, 1955 before the Primary to all City Candidates. These questions and the Candidates response to them were printed in the Herald & Review Sunday newspaper.

Pauline Winn, Chairman

ACTION- MEMBERSHIP

We have welcomed 22 new members to the League this year. We had a membership meeting at Sylvia Cohn's early this Fall, which was well attended and some of our 22 new members joined as of that date. On January 13, we had a membership luncheon at which Dr. Royden Dangerfield, of the University of Illinois, spoke. We had a large attendance and some of our new members joined us then.

As I look over the list of our new members, it is heartening to note that, at least, two are now Board members. There may have been a larger number taken into other Leagues in the past year, but I am convinced that our group will be active and interested and excellent Board and Officer potential.

All Calls for Action have been answered, both at National and State levels. Our Congressman, United States Senators and State Representatives have, as always, been cooperative and interested in the League's point of view.

Elizabeth Lupton, Membership & Action Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

The Decatur League could hardly ask for more publicity than we receive. The daily newspapers and the weekly Advertiser have all been very generous in giving us various types of newspaper publicity.

The Radio and Television Stations have also cooperated on several occasions when we had material suitable for such media.

Our relations with people and other organizations in the community, I believe, are very good. At least, we have heard much more praise for League Activities than adverse criticism. A more detailed report has been made for the League files.

Lola Smith, Chairman

PUBLICATIONS:

This past year we have ordered, given away and sold more League Publications than has been the rule in recent years. Several more members have subscribed to the Publications Service through which they receive all the latest national publications until the \$3.00 subscription has been used up, at which time they may re-subscribe. The Decatur High School office ordered 125 copies of the Illinois Voter's Handbook, 1954 edition, for use in civics classes, and the League bought 50 copies for sale to the membership. (Incidentally, there are a few left, which we would be happy to dispose of at 75¢). The little blue and white folder entitled "Facts About the League of Women Voters" was given to all members in the fall, and a small pamphlet, "World Trade Affects YOU" was at each person's place at the January membership luncheon meeting which was on the subject of world trade. Our treasurer also ordered copies of the reprint of the article "The League of Frightening Women" which appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, to mail out to new members. This amusing and informative article can be ordered for you at any time, if you like. I also have seven copies of the story of the League in Illinois, "Thirty Years of Faith and Works", which you may have free, upon request. The easel-type displays we have used to promote the sale of publications this year have not met with the success we had hoped for, but we'll keep trying.

Helen Ruth Schudel, Publications Chairman
2-7637

FINANCE:

A budget of \$900 was set for the coming year. This amount was secured with \$213 being received from the membership and \$711 from non-members. Twelve League members cooperated in the finance drive.

Eileen Gebhardt, Finance Chairman

BUDGET:

The following is a correction for the proposed budget for 1955-1956:

Expenditures: State & National services \$500. - corrected to \$515.

Income: Dues \$390, - corrected to \$405.

Total Budget: \$1360 - corrected to \$1375.

For the first time in some years, the League of Women Voters of Illinois has a proposed balanced budget without drawing from their bank balance. It is no longer possible to balance the budget by drawing money out of the bank as the bank balance is now depleted to the point where barely the amount of two months fixed expenses is on hand. After receiving the budget expenses and income the committee decided that the only equitable way to balance the budget was to take 3% of each and every local League's proposed pledge and add it to the balance. In Decatur's case, 3% is \$15.00, which seemed to your Board most reasonable.

Sylvia Cohn, Treasurer.

STATE LEVEL

Constitutional Revision:

A. Reapportionment: The League of Women Voters of Decatur in conjunction with representatives from other organizations attempted to educate the citizens of Macon County of the need for a "yes" vote on the Reapportionment Amendment through the use of film, talks, distribution of literature, newspaper, radio and television facilities. The League also assumed the entire responsibility for a dinner meeting at which Mr. Witwer and Mr. Powell debated the issue. Although the state carried the amendment, Macon County failed to carry by the necessary 2/3rds majority.

B. Revenue: No work has been attempted on the Revenue Amendment since its defeat in 1952.

C. Judicial: A six member Resource Committee on Court Reform studied the present and proposed court structures under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Perley Lupton. The material was presented to the membership at the November units.

Home Rule:

Home Rule Workshops were conducted from May through July 1954. Sixteen League members participated in studying the structure of the present Commission Government to determine the necessity for Home Rule. Mimeographed copies of the committee report, as approved by the local board and the Membership, were mailed to the State Board, our state representatives and the newspapers. Our basic conclusion was that work to establish Home Rule for municipalities would be futile until the Revenue Article of the Constitution has been amended by the voters of Illinois.

Virginia Gibson, Chairman

NATIONAL LEVEL

Individual Liberties:

The Individual Liberties Committee held seven workshops on the Freedom Agenda in preparation for the unit meetings which will be held on March 16-17. They also sent letters to various civic organizations asking them to send a representative to the unit meetings so that they may begin informing the community of the plan and the purpose of the Freedom Agenda Project. Members of the Committee were: Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. E. H. England, Mrs. Nat Kessler, Mrs. F. R. Martin, Mrs. A. J. Melrose, Mrs. Clifford Smith and Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, Chairman.

World Trade:

The International Relations Committee has found its work most satisfying and the interest shown in the World Trade situation has been enthusiastic. We started our workshops in December. One representative went to the World Trade Conference in Chicago on January 7th and then we had Dr. Royden Dangerfield as speaker for the membership luncheon. This was attended by about ninety members and guests. The January unit meetings were attended by nearly half of the membership. Virginia Gibson and Evelyn MacKay went to a Trade Survey conference in St. Louis on Feb. 28th and March 1st. On March 2nd Bobby MacGowan and Lilly Eide from the State office were here for an interviewer's training session. We will have at least eighteen interviewers and plan to complete the Trade Survey of the 22nd District during this month. One call for action on Reciprocal Trade has been answered. The House has acted on this but letters to the Senators could still be effective. Should further study of the trade issue be in the field of injured industries, problems of Agriculture, Currency convertibility—or what phase should we study? We will be asked for an expression soon. The Committee wishes to thank everyone who has made its efforts so gratifying.

Evelyn MacKay, Chairman

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And now, Faith and begorrrrrrra, sure and tis the top 'O the morning to all you brawnie lassies who have had a hand in such a fine years work....and the back of my hand to those of you who have not. Forsooth and fie on you! But tis a sweet word of praise you'll be winning from the likes of me if you will but change your flighty ways and come along and be about your League's business.....

Rachel O'Hurley
Editor

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

"Things endure in human affairs when they are made not of pride and power, but of humility and the love of truth."

.....Walter Lippman...Shining Lines

U-N-I-T

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:30, YMCA

M-E-E-T-I-N-G-S

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30 Public Library

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00, at the home of Mrs. Edwin Jokisch, 33 Southmoreland Place.

PROGRAM: WHERE DO OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS FIT INTO OUR CITY GOVERNMENT?

Resource Committee: Mrs. Gerald Cox, Mrs. Donald Lambka and Mrs. Charles Griffin, Chairman.

CONVENTION
NEWS:

The 27th Convention of the League of Women Voters of Illinois will be held May 10, 11, 12 at the Illini Union, Urbana. The Champaign County League will be our hostesses. Delegates from the Decatur League will be: Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. James W. Hurley, Mrs. Fred Schudel, Mrs. Thomas McCracken and Mrs. Forrest Martin. Anyone wishing to go as Alternates may do so, paying your own expenses. If you wish to go, please turn in your reservations to Mrs. Gibson immediately.

PROPOSED STATE CURRENT AGENDA

To be considered by the State Convention
May 10, 11 and 12, 1955

- I. Basic revision of the Revenue Article of the Constitution and statutory measures to provide revenue for state government services, particularly as related to the financing of Education and Welfare.
- II. Basic revision of the Judicial Article of the Constitution to provide for court reorganization and nonpartisan selection of the Judiciary.

Explanation of Item 1.

With the state exhausting its surplus funds and with the great increase in school population and in the demands on welfare services, a grave situation is likely to develop unless a stable revenue system can be established.

The League has long known that progress in many areas of state activity is stopped short by restrictions imposed by the revenue article of the constitution. It also knows that there would be much added revenue if the laws on the books were strictly enforced.

With this in mind our study would be directed to the amendment of the revenue article. Our work in education and welfare would be concerned with a review of the financial requirements and their attainment. Matters to be studied would include: property taxes, state and federal aid (and the necessary standards to quality), property assessment laws and procedures, the sales tax, and state and local borrowing powers.

Explanation of Item II.

It is evident that court reorganization and nonpartisan selection of the judiciary will not come easily to Illinois. When and if the present proposed plan is passed by the legislature, there still will be two referenda required, one in 1956 to make the plan a part of the constitution and another in 1958 to choose between a new system of nonpartisan selection and the present partisan nomination and election of judges.

The League has a wide background of information in this field. Now it will be necessary for us to focus our interest and study on the proposed plan in comparison with the present system. The wording of this item permits us to consider organization and nonpartisan selection of the judiciary at separate times.

PROPOSED CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Protection of the citizen in his civil rights and liberties including
 - a. Preservation of constitutional liberties (P1)
 - b. Enactment of a law to equalize employment opportunity in Illinois (P9)
2. Methods of achieving home rule through constitutional revision and statutory measures (P 3 and 5)
3. Protective measures for women and children (P 10 and 13)
4. State encouragement for slum clearance and urban renewal (P 4 and 13)
5. Improved election procedures (P 2,3 and 7)
6. Improved personnel administration in government service (P 6)
7. Effective administration and sound financing of social welfare services (P 5, 13, 14)
8. Foundation program for education encouraged through state aid, reorganization of school districts (P 5 and 8)
9. Reapportionment of state legislative districts according to the principles of representative government. (P 1).

Following revision of the National Platform by the national convention of 1954, the Illinois State Board proposed the above items as Continuing Responsibilities of the League in Illinois. The numbered "P" after each item represent that governmental principle supported by the League as a whole under which that item falls. (See National Voter, May 15, 1954.)

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA:

Adopted Annual Meeting March 31, 1955.

Item I. A study of local welfare, with action where indicated.

Item II. Analysis, with action where needed, of governmental units within the County.

Change in Platform to read:

Continued support of School Financial and Organizational needs where support is deemed in the best interests of the community.

THE LATEST FREEDOM AGENDA NEWS

WE ARE TO BE ON TELEVISION!

The Champaign County League has initiated plans for a series of programs over WCIA beginning April 17th. All the thirty-minute programs will be at 3:00 PM on successive Sundays except the last one which will be on May 29th, not the 22nd, because of another station commitment. The schedule as it now stands is as follows:

- April 17 - Champaign, "Bill of Rights and Our Individual Liberties."
- April 24 - Danville, "Where Constitutional Liberty Came From."
- May 1 - Young Citizens of Illinois (A High School group who asked for this)
"Freedom of Speech and Press."
- May 8 - Peoria, "Constitutional Liberty and Seditious Activity."
- May 15 - Decatur, "The Constitution and Congressional Investigating Committees."
- May 29 - Springfield, "The Constitution and Loyalty Programs."

The Champaign group has arranged for a meeting room and TV set and has invited others to join them each Sunday to watch the programs together and discuss them afterward. They will have a different leader for each subject.

Would any of you here in Decatur like to make such arrangements with some group -- organized or unorganized -- in which you are interested?

Those who attended the March Unit meetings and the Annual Luncheon meeting have had an opportunity to see the Freedom Agenda booklets and to hear about the plans for community participation in this project. We are happy to report that eighteen organizations have been represented in the various meetings just mentioned.

Lola Smith, Individual Liberties Chairman.

Following is a list of the new Board Members, elected at the Annual Luncheon, March 31, 1955:

- Mrs. H. W. Gibson.....President
- Mrs. James W. Hurley.....Vice-President, Bulletin
- Mrs. Fred Schudel.....Vice-President, Public Relations
- Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt.....Secretary and Action
- Mrs. G. R. Cohn.....Treasurer
- Mrs. James Leigh.....Elected Director, Finance
- Mrs. Thomas McCracken.....Elected Director, Constitutional
Revision
- Mrs. Charles Griffin.....Elected Director, Structure of Local
Government
- Mrs. F. A. MacKay.....Elected Director, Trade Survey
- Mrs. Arthur Adelman.....Elected Director, Publications
- Mrs. Forrest Martin.....Elected Director, Membership & Units
- Mrs. Ayrle Morris.....Appointed Director, Welfare
- Mrs. William Winn.....Appointed Director, Voters' Service
- Mrs. Clifford Smith.....Appointed Director, Freedom Agenda

Looking at the above line-up of officers for the coming year we feel the nominating committee made excellent choices in their selection. With the capable hands of Virginia taking over the helm from the experienced ones of our former skipper Katherine, we are confident that the good ship L.W.V. will continue her course, "steady as she goes", through the coming year. Avast and Away! True Mariners ALL.....

ITS THAT
TIME AGAIN

...In the spring a young man's fancy, lightly turns to you know what... Not so with our charming Sylvia. There's just one way her head is turned come April 1st...and need I say to what? Well, I will, for the benefit of those who have no imagination. DUES are now DUE! So will you please send your check in the amount of \$3.00 to Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe. Do it now while you have this gentle reminder in your hand. We thank you.....

WELCOME

INDEED.... Are these new members to our League:

Miss Gertrude Hill	925 W. Macon Street, phone 3-4892
Mrs. Allan P. Gray	462 S. Seigel Avenue, " 3-8459
Mrs. John Fairs	43 N. Country Club Rd. " 2-8023
Mrs. Harold Meenen	228 N. Westlawn " 8-1615

Change in addresses:

Mrs. Loftus DeVore to 8 Oakridge Drive
Mrs. Bernard Bosley to 130 North Oakcrest

Membership please add these to your lists.

YOU'RE
INVITED TOO!

The League board members have decided that when the newly elected officers of our city government take their positions and the Council meetings begin, we will endeavor to have at least two representatives at each meeting for the purpose of listening and learning more about our city government in which we are so vitally interested. There will be approximately seventy-eight meetings during the year, so you can readily see the help and cooperation of every League member is necessary to carry this project. Council meetings are held each Monday morning, starting at 9:30 and each Thursday starting at 10:00 am. Will you please check your calendars, choose a month you can go to these meetings and call Helen Key, phone 3-5157. Helen will then call you on Sunday evening before you are due to go to the meetings...just as a reminder... If you cannot go, please attempt to get someone to take your place. Again we stress that we are to be there only in a capacity of Listening and Learning. This is a wonderful opportunity for NEW members to secure basic information necessary for League work in the future.

ELECTION
DAY

April 19, 1955. Remember: Good Government is Everybody's Business

Your VOTE is necessary to help secure Good Government for Decatur for the next four years. Use your privilege of voting, according to your own choosing but USE IT, Apr. 19!

The League Questionnaire to the Candidates will be in the paper April 17th. Look for it and read your candidates answers to questions the League feels will be pertinent to the issues facing Decatur within the next four years.

Pauline Winn, Voters Service.

TRADE SURVEY
CONTINUES:

As you all know, the Trade Survey in Decatur is now in progress and to date is approximately three-fourths finished. The May bulletin will carry our final results on this.

Jeanette Adelman, Acting Chairman World Trade

STATE
APPOINTEES

Katherine Donovan has been chosen to be on the State Nominating Slate as an elected director.

Rachel Hurley has been appointed as State Bulletin Chairman.

CALLS FOR
ACTION...

1. The Illinois State Board voted to support House Bill #27 which calls for the "creating of an Illinois Equality of Employment Opportunity Commission. The State Board urges all League members to write their representative....ours is David Peters....urging his support of this bill....Do it NOW!

2. H.R. #1 TRADES AGREEMENTS ACT, Continue to write or wire your Congressman, William Springer, and Senators Paul Douglas and Everett Dirksen, to support the passing of this most important bill.

3. U. N. Technical Assistance Program: League members should communicate their support for the U.N. program to their Senators immediately.

IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NEEDED TO SAVE THE UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Ilka Chase says she wishes this for her epitaph:

"I finally got to the bottom of this."

.....I did too.....

Rachel Hurley, Editor

"The mind celebrates a little triumph every time it can formulate a truth"...
...Santayana..

L U N C H E O N D A T E

May 19th 1:00 PM

Orlando Hotel, Pastel Room

Program: Report on the State Convention

Resource Committee: Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Mrs. John Donovan,
Mrs. Thomas McCracken, Mrs. Forrest Martin, Mrs. Fred
Schudel, Mrs. James W. Hurley.

This Luncheon will be in place of the regular Unit Meetings so we urge you all to come and bring a prospective League member or interested friend. This will be our last meeting until fall and we hope you can all be present. Please call Mrs. E. J. Cresswell (Mary) for your reservations, phone 8-5444. Reservations must be in to her by Wednesday Evening, May 18th. Any cancellations must be made by that time also. Heretofore the League has been very lenient and has been paying, from League funds, for cancellations made after the deadline, but a line must be drawn somewhere so there you are! Hereafter, any members who find they cannot attend the functions at which they have made reservations, and their cancellations come in after the time given for the deadline, will be required to pay for that reservation.

Those of you who cannot come for the Luncheon, but wish to come in afterwards for the program are welcome and urged to do so.

TRADE SURVEY FINAL REPORT

Our local Trade Survey has been completed with thirty-one interviews made. Nineteen cards have been returned to date. This was our first attempt on a survey of this type, and the girls working on it are to be congratulated on the excellent results they obtained. Thanks to all of you for such fine cooperation.

Jeannette Adelman, Acting Chairman World Trade.

FREEDOM AGENDA

On May 15th, at 3:00 PM, over TV station WCIA, the Freedom Agenda program will be presented in a panel discussion by Mr. Charles Lippert, a Decatur Attorney, Mr. Jon D. Anderson, Architect and Mrs. Clifford Smith, a League member. Their topic for the discussion will be "The Constitution and Congressional Investigating Committees". Preceding the discussion, Mr. David Langlois and two other members of the Little Theatre Group of Decatur, will present a short prologue in keeping with this discussion.

The City Council meetings have started. Virginia Gibson, our president, attended the first two and witnessed the "swearing in" of the new council. Those of you who signed up to attend these meetings please keep in touch with Helen Key, phone 3-5157, when your turn comes up to go.

MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST TENTATIVE DATE:

Since Sylvia Cohn serves the best cup of coffee in town, it seems to be an established custom to have our Membership Breakfast at her house. She has most graciously offered to have us again this year. July 28th, 10:00 AM. Her address is 777 S. Monroe. This is our "Big Roundup" of the year for new members so we hope each of you will come and bring a prospective member as your guest. Please keep the date in mind. Call or mail your interested persons name to Pauline Martin, phone 9236, so that she may drop a note to them as a little special invitation. There are plenty of women in Decatur who would like to become a member of our League. It is up to us to extend the invitation. Now is the time.....

Cauline Martin, Membership Chairman

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

House Bill 539 "Textbook Censorship Bill", a bill which amends and adds to "The School Code" was introduced into this session of the legislature and is being opposed by the League under section (a) of our Civil Liberties Item... This bill adds to the School Code a section by which any three or more citizens, (in a given division of the state) can ask for an evaluation of specified teaching material in the social science field, on the basis that it is antagonistic to or incompatible with the ideals and principles of the American Constitutional form of government. This request is referred to the Supt. of Public Instruction, who in turn sets up an evaluating committee from the general public and school people from the division in which complaint was made. Their job is to review the teaching material under question and evaluate same. The League of Women Voters bases its opposition to this bill on the following:

1. It is still another curb on our basic concept of academic freedom.
2. Evaluation process set up by the bill is time consuming and confusing for schools and teachers.

3. Criteria to be used by evaluating committee is too open to varying interpretations.
4. Stigma placed on material once it is questioned and evaluated, might not be merited.
5. The system of local control of schools is denied.
6. The bill would not prevent subversive material from being distributed in public schools.

A CALL FOR ACTION will be forthcoming probably later in the spring, so to acquaint yourself with this bill write to the Clerk of the House, Fred W. Ruegg, Springfield, Ill., or ask one of your Representatives to have the bill sent to you.

CALL FOR ACTION

House Bill 17, a bill to permit absentee voting to persons "who because of physical incapacity will be unable to be present at the polls" on an election day, has now passed the house. As reported in the Legislative Newsletters of March 21 and April 5, the State Board voted opposition to this bill at its March meeting.* Now is the time for you to voice that opposition to your Senator. In the Senate this is Senate Bill 170, and it has come out of committee and is now on second reading. It is important to emphasize this bill (S.B.170) to our Senator in a letter to him at once expressing League opposition to absentee voting of ill and disabled persons. The League opposes this bill because of its open door to fraudulent voting. Please write today to Senator Smith - Hon. Elbert S. Smith, The Senate, Capitol Building, Springfield, Illinois.

- Eileen Gebhardt, Action Chairman.

*This opposition is based on past work and general opinion of League delegates.

The Broyles Bill hearings in Springfield were attended by Lola Smith, Katherine Donovan, Betty Nicholson and Virginia Gibson.

Delegates to the State Convention in Champaign May 10, 11 and 12th, were Virginia Gibson, Katherine Donovan, Helen Ruth Schudel, Marsha McCracken, Cauline Martin, Rachel Hurley. Pauline Winn was asked to serve on the State Election Committee.

Sylvia Cohn, our treasurer, reports we have eighty five paid up members for the coming year. This is fine she says, but there are still some sixty members who have neglected to send in their dues. She would like to get these in before she puts her books on the shelf for the summer, so please get your \$3.00 membership dues to her immediately. Thank you.....

Vacation times are here again, so this will be your last Bulletin News until September. Your Editor wishes you all a wonderful summer, and hopes that come fall, you can swing into League Activities with fire and enthusiasm. Until then,

So long, for awhile.....

Rachel Hurley, Editor

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

"And say, finally, whether peace is best preserved by giving energy to the government, or information to the people. This last is the most certain, and the most legitimate engine of government. Educate and inform the whole mass of people...they are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty...."

...Thomas Jefferson

Hello again, and welcome home all you vacationers and wanderers to foreign lands and places. Hope your summer was a lovely one. Now the locusts are humming their news that fall is just around the corner and so is the League's board humming with the news that many interesting and stimulating activities are in the making for the League Calendar of coming events. Workshops are now in the formative stage so here is your invitation...each and every one of you...new members as well as our "experienced" (how's that for getting around that 'old member' label?) members will find there is a place for you to fill. Look the workshop lists over and call the Chairman of the one you are interested in and tell her you will be there. So come along now, let's store away our summer bonnets and put our working caps on....

!!! SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON !!!

September 22, 1:00 PM Price \$1.50
Decatur Club Ballroom

Speaker: Mrs. Robert J. Phillips, State President
Subject: What the League can mean to you and
your Community.

We of the League Board feel that we have indeed secured a real treat for all our members, the new ones especially, in being able to have Mrs. Phillips with us for our first Membership meeting of a new year. Mrs. Phillips has warned us that she is no "Public Speaker". We are sure that will be a welcome relief to all of us. She is a delightful person and a friendly one...need we say more?

This membership Luncheon will be open to the general public so if you have interested friends, please invite them to make reservations. The following members are working hard to make this a successful "kickoff" luncheon for the coming year: Mrs. James Leigh, Mrs. Arthur Adelman, Mrs. G. R. Cohn, Mrs. Perley Lupton, Mrs. Edgar Bachrach, Mrs. C. W. Dawson, Mrs. T. L. Hurst, Mrs. E. W. Jokisch, Mrs. Walter Morey, Mrs. Wm. Winn and

Mrs. Forrest Martin, Chairman

UNIT
MEETING

Unit Meetings will be limited to:

Third Wednesday, 9:30 AM, YMCA
Third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, YMCA

Please note that the Thursday afternoon meeting has been discontinued and that the Wednesday evening meeting will be in the YMCA, not the Library. Units start in October. We hope every League member will attend one or the other.

WORK
SHOPS

As this Bulletin goes to press, the following Workshops are in the making, and should there be any changes in times or places you will be notified:

UNITED
NATIONS

The workshops on United Nations are scheduled to begin on September 27th, at 1:30 PM in the home of Mrs. Wm. Gardner, 41 North Country Club Road. (Mrs. H.F. Pettee and Mrs. R.E. Greenfield will serve on this workshop as discussion leaders). This should be a very interesting and educational study and here is a good place for new members to begin...You are all invited....and Please Note: After this first meeting it will be decided whether afternoon or evening workshops will be the most convenient for all. ALSO, if you would like to come to this workshop but do not have transportation please call me, I'LL GET YOU THERE!

Marjorie Gardner, Chairman...2-1778

CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT

The workshop on the Revenue Amendment will also start September 27th (Looks like the girls may be vying for "trade" here doesn't it?) These will be evening meetings, starting at 7:30 PM, at the Y.W.C.A. (this meeting place is subject to change). The Parent Teachers Association has indicated a great interest in this Revenue amendment and have been invited to participate in these workshops. A heavy turnout is expected, so let's all get in our seats early for this one. It is being divided into four main parts..(a) The Revenue Article, (b) The Tax set-up, (c) Assessment Procedure, (d) The New Amendment....Again, you are all invited...just call me....

Marcia McCracken, Chairman...8-4055

FREEDOM
AGENDA

Our "Freedom Agenda" to be called
"Decatur Forum on Individual Liberties"

The League, together with the Public Library and the Y.W.C.A. will sponsor two discussion groups beginning the first week in Oct. Each group will meet once per week for six weeks on the following days and dates:

Y.W.C.A. Wednesdays, October 5th-Nov. 9th, 7:30 P.M.
Public Library Thursdays, October 6th-Nov. 10th, 7:30 P.M.

Miss Gertrude Hill will be the discussion leader for the Y.W.C.A. group. Dr. Daniel Gage will be the leader for the Library group. Both discussion leaders are among the best in Decatur.

Please decide which evening is your choice and then call that office (or call me) to put your name on the list. Don't wait until the last minute if you know earlier what you can do. The meetings will be open to everyone in the community and we hope the response will be so large that we shall have to set up another group or two. Won't you please encourage your husbands, friends and acquaintances to enroll with you? If you start with one group and find that you must miss a meeting, then it is permissible for you to make up that meeting by attending the other group. For the benefit of new members, the subject to be discussed are:

The Bill of Rights and Our Individual Liberties
Where Constitutional Liberty Came From
Freedom of Speech and Press
Constitutional Liberty and Seditious Activity
The Constitution and Congressional Investigating Comm.
The Constitution and Loyalty Programs

The six booklets on these topics are for sale at \$1.50. Each is the work of an authority in his field. If you like to talk (and who doesn't?) join one of the discussion groups. We think you shouldn't miss such an enjoyable experience.

Lola Smith, Chairman....2-1764

FINANCE

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Even before the Finance Drive begins, I want to thank all of those who have responded so enthusiastically to my letter asking for help with this drive. To date, we have \$145.00, contributions from members and this is an excellent beginning. Our goal this year is \$975.00, with \$225.00 of this to be received from membership contributions. So you see, we are well on our way. All of you who have volunteered to help are invited to a "Koffee-klatch" at my home, South Side Country Club, September 15th at about 9:30 A.M. We will get our final M.O. in order. (For the benefit of those who do not listen to Dum-De-Dum-Dum that M.O. means "method of operation") If transportation is a problem, please call me and I'll try to connect you with someone who is driving.

Helen Leigh, Chairman.....4806

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**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome with pleasure the following new members and know you are going to find your membership in the League of Women Voters a new and gratifying experience:

Mrs. Ben Chenoweth, Clinton, Illinois
Mrs. L. L. Colvis, 559 S. Taylor, phone 8-3331
Mrs. Richard File, 437 W. Decatur, 3-6367
Mrs. Wm. F. Kuntz, 121 N. Westlawn, 2-0582
Mrs. E. C. Stivers, 2034 W. Forest, 2-3909
Mrs. Loring Unger, Forsythe, Ill., 8-4879

Membership please note new members on your lists...also a change of address: Mrs. Dorr Taylor and Mrs. Ralston Goss change address to 460 N. Oakland...We hope to have a New Membership list to you in October.

REQUESTS

FROM STATE: Attention is being called in the National Voter to the recent "Report on Inter-governmental Relations" by the Kestbaum Committee. Any League member interested in making a study of this report is requested to communicate with the State Office. They will make an initial meeting place for interested groups. Or you may contact Virginia Gibson, our President, for further information. Her phone 3-4344.

AND

NATIONAL: If you have any ideas for the Agenda on the National Level, please write your ideas, reasons for study and form of action this item could take, to the National Office or to Mrs. Gibson by Sept. 8th.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES:

Friday, Sept. 16 at Lincoln, 10:30 DST
 First Methodist Church
 Luncheon \$1.70 at Hotel Lincoln

If you wish to attend, please make your reservation with Mrs. Clifford Smith on or before Sept. 9th. Mrs. Smith will serve as a member of the panel during the morning discussion.

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We accept the resignations of Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, our Secretary, and Mrs. Ayrle Morris, our Welfare Chairman. We wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to these two loyal members and shall miss them greatly on our Board.

NEW
APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Fritz Woyna has accepted the appointment on the Board as Secretary and we welcome her to our midst. Mrs. Robert Lewis will be our new Continuing Responsibilities Chairman. Welcome Ladies, we need you....

The following members have agreed to represent the League:

Mrs. Forrest Martin, Council of Social Agencies
 Mrs. Clifford Smith, Decatur Council on Adult Activities
 Mrs. H. W. Gibson, A of C Legislative Committee
 Mrs. Ayrle Morris, A of C Public Health Committee
 Mrs. William Winn, A of C Education Committee
 Mrs. Thomas McCracken, A of C Taxation Committee
 Mrs. Charles Griffin, A of C Decatur Neighborhood Committee

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The Board of the League of Women Voters of Decatur has been invited to a get-acquainted luncheon in Springfield by the Springfield Board, October 3rd.

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The Decatur Council on Adult Activities is a new Council being formed, to act as a clearing house for any requests for information regarding any type of educational activity that may be had in Decatur. A master mailing list is to be compiled by this Council to avoid duplication of mailing lists. The Decatur Public Library has offered their telephone for the Council's use and will take all incoming calls for the organizations included in the Council. The League of Women Voters has agreed to send a representative to this Council and after discussion by your Board, Mrs. Clifford Smith was appointed to serve.

SUMMER
MEETINGS

Mrs. James Leigh and Mrs. G. J. Cresswell attended the Finance Meeting in Chicago on June 28th.

Mrs. John Donovan and Mrs. Wm. Winn attended the Organization & Membership meeting in Chicago on July 12th.

Mrs. Wm. Gardner and Miss Gertrude Hill attended the local United Nations cooperation meeting on August 18th.

Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. M. N. Bennett, Mrs. Al Brensley, Mrs. Bernard Bosley, Mrs. Hans Wolff and Mrs. James Hurley attended the Dale Carnegie Institute dinner at the YMCA on August 30th.

(Didn't I tell you the League is really humming with activity these days?)

and now Confusius says:

"A chip on the shoulder indicates that there is wood higher up".....

Any of you bothered by woodpeckers? Attending one of the workshops will do a lot toward helping this trouble.....

Rachel Hurley, Editor

When Arnold Toynbee, noted English historian, was asked what people living 300 years from now might consider the most outstanding feature of the 20th century, he said, "My own guess is that our age will be remembered chiefly neither for its horrifying crimes nor for its astonishing inventions, but for its having been the first age since the dawn of civilization, some 5000 or 6000 years back, in which people dared to think it practicable to make the benefits of civilization available for the whole human race."

UNIT

MEETINGS:

October 19th

Wednesday Morning, 9:30 AM, Y.M.C.A.

Wednesday Evening, 7:30 PM, Y.M.C.A.

Program: "THE UNITED NATIONS WORKS FOR YOU"

Resource Committee: Mrs. H. J. Pettee, Mrs. R. E.

Greenfield, Mrs. Fritz Woyna, Mrs. Herbert S. Lord, Mrs. James W. Hurley and Mrs. William Gardner, Chairman.

"It is an incontrovertible fact that the prospect of total war is now so horrible that the United Nations must continue to work, not for just ten years, but forever. The UN is far from a perfect organization, but it is a going organization and works daily to preserve a peace which remains elusive."

....J. S. McDonnell, Chairman, United States
Committee for the U.N.

The resource committee has worked hard to make this a worth-while and interesting meeting for the League membership and we do hope all of you will avail yourselves of this opportunity to learn what the United Nations has accomplished in its first ten years. Why not check your membership list, call a new member and ask her to come to this meeting with you.

UNITED NATIONS:

A United Nations Community Meeting is scheduled for October 27th at 8 P.M., at Johns Hill High School Auditorium. The High School Choir will participate, and a film is to be presented and a panel to answer questions with Mrs. H. W. Gibson as Moderator. Panel Members are Mrs. Gilbert Jewell, Mrs. H. J. Pettee, Miss Leone Ehrhardt, Rev. J. F. Whitt, Mr. Peter Nell and Mr. Darrell Smith.

The Peace Committee of the Protestant Churches have purchased 1500 League pocket references on the United Nations for distribution at their Booth in Central Park during United Nations Week.

ANNUAL PROGRAM CONFERENCE

A tradition of some years standing, the all-member Program Conference will be held in Chicago on Tuesday, November 1. The program is designed for "informed and active participation" in the coming elections, and in program making at the national level.

Activities: 10:00 A.M. "Realities of Illinois Politics", a panel discussion with Mr. Samuel W. Witwer, Moderator.
12:15 P.M. Luncheon: "American Policy in a 1955 World Situation" Dean Ivan M. Stone, Professor of Political Science, Beloit College
2:30 P.M. "City, State and National Interrelationships" Dr. George H. Watson, Professor of Political Science, Roosevelt University.

Luncheon \$3.25. Reservations, with check, may be made to your Local President, Mrs. H.W. Gibson, or directly to League office, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, not later than Oct. 28th. We hope as many of you as possible will try to make this meeting.

November 30 is the deadline for proposed items to be sent to the National Office by the Local Leagues. If you have any ideas or suggestions for items that you would like to see placed on the National Agenda for the coming year, please send them to the National office as quickly as possible, along with your suggestions as to what form of study or action you would like to see such items take.

BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ:

That's the sound you hear around the workshops now-a-days.... Revenue now in its third week, but you still have time to come in and learn "where and what for" your tax money is being spent.... and believe me, you MAY think you know where and how much you are spending in taxes, but just attend one of these Revenue workshops for two hours and you'll have your eyes opened and be anxious to stay for the finish and "LEARN ALL ABOUT IT !" I promise you, tis a \$64,000 reward you'll be getting. Well, anyway, I'll bet you could probably learn how to save that much from taxes alone in just a year 'er maybe two.... Meetings being held every Tuesday night, Y.W.C.A., 7:30 and you're still welcome.....

Marsha McCracken, Chairman,
Phone 8-4055

VOTER'S SERVICE:

Starts Thursday, October 13th at 9:30 A.M. at the home of Mrs. William R. Winn, 2090 West Riverview; and will meet each Thursday, same time, and place for four or five weeks. We plan to study: (1) Registration, with special emphasis on Permanent Registration, (2) Elections, (3) Political Parties, Their Organization and Influence.

The response from members asking to participate in this workshop has been excellent. There is still a place for YOU in the circle on the floor. This is a perfect time for you new members to come and learn the basic facts of League activity. Perhaps you may not be aware that to give "Voter's Service" to the community was one of the main reasons for the founding of the League of Women Voters. Call me if you would like to come... if you don't have a ride I'll hitch one for you.

...Pauline Winn, Chairman, phone 7757

**COMMUNITY MEETINGS
INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES:**

This is about your last chance to join one of the discussion groups now underway on "The Decatur Forum on Individual Liberties". As I told you in the September Bulletin, you may join either the Wednesday night group at the Y.W.C.A., 7:30 P.M. or the Decatur Public Library, Thursday night, 7:30 P.M.

Five sets of the Freedom Agenda booklets have been given to the Senior and Junior High School Social Studies teachers by Mrs. J. McKechnie, and she reports the teachers were much interested in them and expressed their appreciation for same.

...Lola Smith, Chairman, phone 2-1764

....I forgot something... Make this a P.S. after your Unit Meetings announcements: It has been suggested that a CAR-POOL be formed for members taking part in the Units... If you drive and are interested in being included in the Pool please call Cauline Martin, Membership Chairman, phone 9236, and she will include you...

FINANCE:

Just to keep you up on our Finance Drive: To date we have received \$756.00 of our goal, which was set at \$975.00. We have extended the drive for one more week, due to the fact that many of the members have reported their "prospects" were out of town. If any of you feel you would like to make a contribution, you may send your check to me...Mrs. James Leigh, South Side Country Club. My thanks to all the girls who have been helping on this drive. There are still many, many "thank you" letters to be written so, if any of you on the typing committee have not been contacted and could help, won't you please call Phyllis Meenen, phone 8-1615...

AND while we're on the subject of finance, those of you who are delinquent in dues on November 1 will regretfully be dropped from the membership list, and your BULLETIN stopped. Perish the thought, you wouldn't want that to happen, so slip \$3.00 in an envelope and get it off to Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe. Quick, hurry, run..... Thankyou.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED:**

The Council of Social Agencies have made a request for six representatives from the League to sit on the following committees: Health--Family--Recreation.. If you are interested and can do so, please call me, designating which Committee you prefer to serve on. This is an excellent opportunity for League members to serve their Community and also learn at first hand more about the activities that are necessary to keep pace with our rapidly growing City. ...Virginia Gibson, President, phone 3-4344

**MEETINGS
ATTENDED:**

Mrs. John Donovan and Mrs. William Winn, our Katherine and Pauline to you, attended the Organization Meeting in Chicago this month. Report many interesting ideas picked up from same and Katherine promised to pass some on to you-all, when she gets her "Know your League" get-to-gether underway. Pauline says she will dish hers out at the Voter's Service workshops.

The Springfield League invited the Board Members to a Luncheon in October and Virginia Gibson, Katherine Donovan, Marsha McCracken, Marge Gardner and Rachel Hurley were able to attend. Ideas, discussions, information, League-wise, and I think even some recipies and shoe-sizes were exchanged and a wonderful time was had by all. In fact, we had such a good time, we have about decided it should be included on the League Calendar of Interesting Events every year, and we hope to invite Springfield to come see us next year.

Confuscius says:

After you've done a thing the same way for two years, you should look at it carefully. After five years, look at it with suspicion. After ten years, throw it away and start all over.....

Now, isn't it about time some of you gals pitch out those old "next year I'll do more League work" ideas and get started all over again????

Rachel Hurley, Editor

"Our Constitution is in actual operation; everything appears to promise that it will last; but in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes."
....Letter to M. Leroy, 1789

UNIT

MEETINGS:

WEDNESDAY MORNING NOV. 16th 9:30 AM, YWCA
WEDNESDAY EVENING NOV. 16th 7:30 PM, YWCA
PROGRAM: Revenue - "It comes in here and goes out...where?"
Resource Committee: Melba Griffin, Virginia Gibson, Katherine Donovan and Marcia McCracken, Chairman
Continuing Responsibilities: "Opposition to Constitutional Limitation on Tax Rates"
..Norma Lewis, Florence Cox

You've all heard the old phrase "Nothings sure but Death and Taxes", and I suppose most of us are inclined to go along with that saying. However, the Resource Committee members have gone a little farther and have come up with some very pertinent facts about the Taxes part of that statement. For instance, do you know how much of the cost of a pound of butter goes for taxes?? How much of a loaf of bread is tax money?? Sure we know we pay them, but don't you sometimes wish you knew just exactly where and what for? Then here's a golden opportunity to ascertain (painlessly, all the "diggin" has been done for you) some of the why's and wherefore's of this timely subject. Make your plans now for the Unit Meetings this month. Call Cauline Martin, phone 9236 if you need a ride...

RESUME:

REPORT ON ANNUAL PROGRAM CONFERENCE

The Conference was held on November 1, at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago. The morning session was given over to a panel discussion by five newspaper reporters with Mr. Samuel Witwer as moderator. Their subject, "Realities of Illinois Politics", was an enlightening insight as to just what they really feel is being accomplished in Springfield. Discussions were divided into three parts: (1) Reapportionment...what's going to happen to it? What did it accomplish? What's its major advantages? Excerpts: "Downstate will get better candidates", "improvements of representation," "ventilate general assembly, particularly Chicago districts", "party machinery most important now to get better legislation." (See that able men and women nominated next spring. All men seemed to feel a major step had been taken for future better representation for all the people of Illinois). (2) What happened to the Judicial Article? Excerpts: "Gov. Stratton recognized that to have two amendments upon same ballot was bad strategy, they would accumulate opposition for each other"; people must get accustomed to one change at a time; "protection of the people rests with the slowness of getting changes through"; tried too quickly, in time will be passed; "piecemeal tinkering with the constitution what's wrong today"; must take the long view, not let Judicial die, keep after it. (3) Revenue, it's fate? Excerpts: "Needs a good job of explaining", "like handing a blankcheck to the Legislature"; "needs good legal definitions to what powers go with it"; "need streamlined tax structure"; "gives legislation too much power"..... All gave the League a bow for their work on reapportionment, but some felt we stopped too soon and should have had more of a hand in the map-drawing and redistricting. Our Mrs. Christie spoke up and reminded them that was the Legislatures job not the League's.

During the afternoon session, Dr. Ivan Stone, Dean of Beloit College, spoke on "American Policy in a 1955 World Situation"....His firm belief is that "International public relations begin at home, on main street". What we do in our own communities has a bearing upon the outside world, and we must measure up to our basic beliefs, and be willing to sacrifice our immediate views for the sake of reasonable consideration of others"....

Dr. George Watson, of Roosevelt University spoke on "The Inter--relationship of Local-State-National Governments"....He divided his talk into three subjects. (1) Conflicting taxation (2) Allocation of functions (3) Special grants and aids. Here too, as Dr. Watson pointed out, is where TAXES play an important part to all of us. A more detailed resume of his report will be incorporated in the resource committee's report to you at Unit meeting, so again let me urge you to make your plans to be there.

Virginia Gibson, Katherine Donovan, Melba Griffin and Rachel Hurley, who attended the Chicago conference meeting, all agreed the long day of sitting (it started with that 2:50 AM train ride, the chair seats became mighty hard before adjournment at 3:30 PM, then the train ride back) was worth every callous and sore muscle they acquired.

**FARM SURVEY
REPORT:**

The Farm Survey was planned for the week of November 8th. A meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Gibson, 160 Kellar Lane for final outline and assignments. Interviewers are still needed and if any of you can find time to go on this trip, a gold star will be added to your crown. Please call Virginia, phone 3-4344....

Marge Gardner, Chairman

We're INVITED:

The Champaign League has extended an invitation to us to attend their luncheon meeting to be held on November 18th, in the Garden Room of the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel at 12:45 PM. Their speaker will be Dr. Louise Leonard Wright, Director of the Institute of International Education in Chicago. Dr. Wright will give a report of the United States for UNESCO meetings which were held in Paris, France; Beirut Lebanon, and Mexico City, Mexico. She was also the U. S. delegate to the World Health Assembly in Rome. Members from Decatur who plan to attend are: Sylvia Cohn, Cauline Martin, Marge Gardner, Virginia Gibson, Katherine Donovan, Rachel Hurley. If any more of you are interested and wish to attend, please call V. Gibson, 3-4344 before Nov. 16th.

After the Champaign meeting, an interview has been arranged with Representative Wm. Springer, in the Hunt Room at the Urbana Hotel at 3:30 PM.

FINANCE:

Our final report is in on our Finance Drive, and I regret to say we failed to make our goal of \$975.00 by approximately \$150.00. My thanks again to all the girls who gave so much of their time for this, in soliciting and letter writing. It certainly was not for their lack of effort we didn't quite make it, so we'll offer no excuses or alibis.....just hope to do better next year...

Helen Leigh, Chairman.

A note of Thanks to Helen:

We all know a Finance Chairman's job is one we all shy away from, and seem to quite readily find an excuse for not taking it on....so our hats are off to you for the splendid job you did on this one, and you need not feel at all that an excuse is due for not securing all monies asked for. Sylvia says we're still on sound financial ground, and can skim along until YOU tackle it again NEXT YEAR.

**WORK SHOP
CHANGES:**

Due to the illness of our Voters Service Chairman, Pauline Winn, the Work Shop on this will be held at the home of Rachel Hurley, 1531 West Main, each Thursday morning beginning at 9:30 AM. This Workshop has had an excellent beginning and anyone wishing to come in and take part are still welcome. (If you come in the back door, pick up your own coffee cup in the kitchen)....

We know you're all interested in Pauline's progress so she says to tell you that she, like Ike, is wearing pajamas embroidered with "Feeling much better, thanks", and she expects to be able to sit back and supervise at the forthcoming workshops.....

**GOING! GOING!
GONE!!**

Some of our League members have been heard to say they are beginning to feel like commuters on that here-to-fore mentioned 2:50 AM express train to Chicago! (Katherine Donovan, our State Board member, even keeps her own anti-macassar on a special seat in the club car!)

Marcia McCracken will attend the Judicial Revenue meeting on November 17th.

Rachel Hurley will attend the Public Relations Meeting on November 21st.

Pauline Winn will attend the Voters Service meeting on November 29th.

**VISITOR
WELCOMED:**

We were happy to have Mrs. Kenneth Carlston from Champaign pay us a visit at our Board Meeting this month. Mrs. Carlston is on the Organization committee for the State, and we hope to have her with us several times more during the year to pass along to us all the good ideas and information she gleans from her visits to other Leagues throughout the State.

Did I remember to also welcome all the new members who have come in this fall? If not, please know we of the League extend you a most cordial welcome, and hope you will feel at home and come right in and find a place for yourselves in any or all of the activities now going on:

Mrs. Ben Chenoweth	Mrs. L. L. Colvis	Mrs. Richard File	Mrs. Gale Hedrick
Mrs. Wm. F. Kuntz	Mrs. Frank Pahmeyer	Mrs. E. C. Stivers	Mrs. Loring Unger

New Membership lists have been mailed...if by any chance you failed to receive yours please call R. Hurley, 2-2747....

And now, Confucius says:

"If at first you don't succeed you're running about average."
.....and I'm running out of material.....

Rachel Hurley, Editor