

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Mrs. L. L. Colvis, President

"Record it for the grandson of your son -
A city is not builded in a day:
Our little town cannot complete her soul
Till countless generations pass away".

Vachel Lindsay
"On the Building
of Springfield"
(1912) Stanza 2

CALENDAR

January 7, Thursday	Board Meeting	
January 7, Thursday	Constitutional Convention Committee Meeting - Chicago	
	Mrs. Walker Mills, attending.	
January 12, Tuesday	Voters Service Committee Meeting - Chicago	
January 14, Thursday	State Budget Committee Meeting - Chicago	
January 19, Tuesday	*Unit Meeting - 9:15 A.M. - Hostess, Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2095 West Sunset. Bring the children. Two persons instead of the usual one will be there to care for them.	
January 20, Wednesday	*Unit Meeting - 9:30 A.M. - Hostess, Mrs. Wm H. Miller, 1749 West Forest	
January 20, Wednesday	*Unit Meeting - 7:30 P.M. - Hostess, Mrs. Neal Doubleday, 1379 West Macon	
January 26, Tuesday	Membership Luncheon - 12:45 P.M. Y.M.C.A., Room 201 Speaker, Mrs. Harper Andrews, State President. This is a good opportunity to bring a prospective member. Extra seating will be ready for those who want to hear Mrs. Andrews and cannot come in time for lunch. Price: \$1.50 Reservations: Before 10:00 A.M. Monday, January 25, to Mrs. O.E. Schlachter, phone 3-1354	
February 4, Thursday	Board Meeting	
February 9, Tuesday	Revenue Committee Meeting - Chicago	
February 13, Saturday	We Interview Our Congressman - Coffee at 10:00 A.M. for Mr. Springer. Home of Irene Colvis, 559 South Taylor	

*UNIT PROGRAM

"What is Urban Renewal?" We will be assisted in the discussion of this question of especial local interest now, by the work-shop participants. They are: Mrs. Ewart Peterson, Mrs. E. C. Stivers, Mrs. Wm F. Kuntz, Mrs. L. L. Colvis, Mrs. Verne Roby, and Mrs. Lloyd D. Ater, chairman.

Our last workshop before the Unit Meetings will be at 9:30 A.M. Thursday, January 14, at 61 East Emerson.

OUR CONGRESSMAN COMES

This year we are privileged to be the host League to interview Mr. Springer, our congressman from the 22nd district. The interview will be in the form of a coffee at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, February 13, at the home of Irene Colvis, for League members and our invited representatives from Lincoln and Champaign, as well as State Board Members, Mrs. Donovan and Mrs. Levin.

REVENUE

Revenue work shops will commence Tuesday, January 19, at the home of Mrs. Ray Wilson, 62 East Emerson Drive, at 8:00 P.M. Virginia Gibson will give us a resume of present State Constitution, Article IX.

-Janet Wilson, Revenue Item Chairman

THANK YOU

Mrs. Lowell Gill presented our publication "World Economic Development" to the Decatur Public Library, Millikin University Library, and the library of the Decatur Herald and Review.

FOR 1960

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

In looking back at 1959, I am so thankful for the loyalty, faithfulness, cooperation and kindness of the Board and, yes, the entire League membership. With the whole of 1960 before us, we are fortunate to have a visit from our State President as the overture. This will be Mrs. Harper Andrews' first visit to our Decatur League as State President, and we who know her have been waiting impatiently to share her with the rest of you. Mrs. Andrews, as a charter member of the Kewanee League, a mother, a mother-in-law, and a former newspaper reporter, is so well qualified to tell us why "A Woman's Place is in the League". This is an open luncheon; bring prospective members, friends, any woman who cares. There is a real treat waiting for you January 26.

Irene Colvis, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our treasurer reports that final figures for our (finance) drive showed excellent results, with both member and non-member contributions over-subscribed. However, our paid-up membership stands at 108, 17 to go by April 1.

WATER RESOURCES

We have a report from our State Water Resources Chairman, Mrs. John Donovan. It is a summary of all the Leagues in Illinois who answered the questionnaire sent to them after their study of the water resources item. The report is in your file for use of any member. Water resource committee members will be especially interested.

ELECTION LAWS

When League members were invited to join a workshop on Election Laws and Procedures, the general attitude was: "I've studied it before", or no comment at all. It was the decision of the 1959 convention to concentrate study on the primary, the short ballot, and centralized supervision of elections. But any aspect of the subject may be studied.

Those who have been in a previous E.L. Workshop may be compared to a girl who merely read a book about swimming and then expected to be as good as Esther Williams. In addition to more study, we need practical experience at the polls to acquaint us with the process of voting, with the voting machine and its operation, how to obtain a ballot, how to mark it, its appearance and deposit. League members should take advantage of the many chances open to them to work at the polls. With the primaries coming up in April, we have the opportunity to observe within our grasp.

AVOID APATHY. In order to improve the elections in Illinois, we must be continually alerted as to how and what we can do to contribute our share.

Elections are basic to all else. They alone provide for a revision in the Constitution.

Let's get on the band wagon now, and not watch from the sidelines, as the parade of "party-people" not necessarily of our choosing, march to Washington or Springfield.

-Eleanora Dehlmann, Election Laws and Procedures Chairman

FOREIGN POLICY, 1960

The U.S. Congress is in session again! Legislation concerning our part in World Economic Development will often be in the news. Please watch the progress of such legislation so that you may be able to express opinions to your congressmen when we receive calls for action.

We learned last fall that the Development Loan Fund (DLF) will now "place primary emphasis on the financing of goods and services of U.S. origin". This new policy represents the extension of "Buy American" principle to economic development aid and, to our way of thinking, is a large step backward. Borrowers used to be allowed to spend their loans wherever they could buy most cheaply, but now they will have to spend the money in the United States for American goods.

From a practical standpoint, this directive will not help the American business men very much, since more than half of the DLF money already was being spent in the United States. Psychologically, the "Buy American" or tied-loan policy may do us more harm than good at the very moment we are trying to persuade other countries to remove trade restrictions against us.

Again, may I suggest that the League's publication, "World Economic Development - Our share in a Common Effort" will be a big help to you in following the economic world news.

-Lola Smith, Foreign Policy Chairman

LOCAL AGENDA

Please get your suggestions for Local Agenda Items to Rebecca French as soon as possible, preferably not later than the 4th week of January, in order that they can be reviewed and studied before next Board meeting, February 4. Here is your opportunity to present your ideas.

Ella Kuntz - Circulation Editor

Ruth McMail - Bulletin Editor

A study of Public Health services, with emphasis on the formation of a Decatur and Macon County Health Department. The services included would be State aid to the indigent and elderly, mental health work, school health program, geriatrics, nursing homes. The Board is recommending the adoption as a local agenda item.

The study of Decatur's Urban Renewal Program, with action where indicated. The Board would like to continue this as a local agenda item. It is felt this item is still very timely, of great local interest, and perhaps attractive to new members. It is suggested that the coming year's efforts could be directed toward informing and educating the public, through service clubs and groups, as the Urban Renewal study group is even now doing.

Other local agenda suggestions of merit, mentioned by Mrs. French's group were: Study of County Manager Government, a local revenue study, local election laws and procedures, a study of different forms of County government to determine which might be best for Macon County.

BUDGET

	BUDGET 1959-1960	ACTUAL 1-31-60	PROPOSED 1960-1961
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Dues	625.00	560.00	625.00
Member Contributions	175.00	189.50	175.00
Other Contributions	825.00	915.50	825.00
	<u>1 625.00</u>	<u>1 665.00</u>	<u>1 625.00</u>
Reserve for Booklet	1 000.00		1 000.00
	<u>2 625.00</u>		<u>2 625.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

Equipment & Supplies	35.00	7.30	35.00
Postage (not Bulletin)	60.00	20.86	60.00
Telephone	10.00	4.78	10.00
President's Expense	50.00	50.00	50.00
Delegates			
Regional	125.00	90.37	100.00 (decrease)
Convention	175.00	157.32	175.00
Committees	30.00	16.50	30.00
Bank Charges	5.00	4.37	5.00
Meetings	55.00	23.00	55.00
Publications	95.00	85.74	95.00
Bulletin	135.00	114.60	135.00
Action in Community	175.00	109.50	200.00 (increase)
State & National	675.00	675.00	675.00
	<u>1 625.00</u>	<u>1 359.34</u>	<u>1 625.00</u>
Booklet	1 000.00		1 000.00
	<u>2 625.00</u>		<u>2 625.00</u>

Our present membership total is far short of the budgeted amount. Our goal of 125 members is realistic and necessary. Our publications have not sold as well as they should. We will have additional expenses on the 1959-60 budget for two months. We must all concentrate on new membership.

BY - LAWS

The National Board has delegated to the State League the responsibility for seeing that Local League by-laws are kept up to League standards. State has thereby requested mandatory change in Article II, Section 2, changing "platform" to "principles". State suggested changes: Article V., Section 5 - How is auditing committee or auditor selected? (Our Change- "The books shall be audited annually by an auditor approved by the board") Article VII, Section 2a - Change "current agenda" to "local program" (suggestion accepted).

By-Laws Committee: Mary Cresswell, Chairman,
Mary Barnes
Pauline Winn

1960-1961 STATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The nominating committee is pleased to present the following nominees:

President	Mrs. Neal Doubleday
2nd Vice-President	Mrs. G. L. Kessinger
Treasurer	Mrs. Thomas Protzman
<u>Directors</u>	<u>Nominating Committee - 1960-1961</u>
Mrs. Gary Hein	Mrs. Edward Booth, Chairman
Mrs. Robert McNeil	Mrs. Don Livergood
Mrs. L. D. Ater	Mrs. William Winn
Mrs. B.C. Dahmann	
Mrs. Donald E. Volentine	
Respectfully submitted, 1959-1960 Committee	
Lou Cole, Chairman, Florence Cox, Sara Kessler, Lola Smith, Janet Wilson	

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Mrs. L. L. Colvis, President

"He smote the rock of the national resources,
and abundant streams of revenue gushed forth.
He touched the dead corpse of Public Credit,
and it sprang upon its feet."

Daniel Webster
Speech on Hamilton
(March 10, 1831)

CALENDAR

March 3, Thursday	Board Meeting
March 7, Monday	9:30 A.M. Constitutional Convention Workshop
March 7, Monday	7:00 P.M. Revenue - Library
March 8, Tuesday	9:15 A.M. Revenue Workshop
March 14, Monday	9:30 A.M. "Con-Con" Workshop
March 15, Tuesday	UNIT Meeting - 9:15 A.M., Bring-the-Children, at the home of Mrs. T.L. Hurst, 2095 West Sunset
March 16, Wednesday	UNIT Meeting - 9:30 A.M., at the home of Mrs. Nat Kessler 1346 West Macon
March 16, Wednesday	UNIT Meeting - 7:30 P.M., at the home of Mrs. E. C. Stivers 2034 West Forest
March 21, Monday	9:30 A.M. "Con-Con" Workshop
March 24, Thursday	8:00 P.M. CANDIDATES MEETING
March 28, Monday	9:15 A.M. ANNUAL MEETING - Y.W.C.A.
March 28, Monday	National Security Seminar begins
March 31, Thursday	State Council, Chicago
April 4, Monday	9:30 A.M. "Con-Con" Workshop
April 4, Monday	7:00 P.M. Revenue - Library
April 7, Thursday	Board Meeting
April 9, Saturday	Election for School Board
April 11, Monday	7:00 P.M. Revenue - Library
April 12, Tuesday	Primary

UNIT PROGRAM

The Revenue workshop, under the chairmanship of Janet Wilson, has secured our state legislators to bring us information on revenue. Mr. George P. Johns and Mr. Robert McCarthy will be at the Tuesday Unit. Mr. John Alsup and Mr. Barrett Rogers will speak at the Wednesday morning unit. The evening unit will hear Mr. W. E. Watts, retired, until recently with Illinois Power Company. Perhaps we will be able to hear of several facets of our revenue problem. Guests are welcome.

CANDIDATES' MEETING!!!

Thursday, March 24, 8:00 P.M.
Stephen Decatur High School Auditorium

Invitations to participate in our 12th public Candidates' Meeting were mailed on February 17. Approximately 45 replies have been received to date. We are doing everything possible to get the public to attend this meeting.

League members: plan to attend, not alone, but bring your family and friends.

- Barbara Ater and Elise Hurst, Co-Chairman

ANNUAL MEETING

This year, we are having a morning coffee - an attempt to promote better attendance at the one time of the year when you pick your program. This determines the main interest of the membership for the coming year.

The baby-sitter will be in the gym at the Y.W.C.A. at 9:15 A.M., for children aged 15 months on up. Our meeting will start at 9:30 in the 2nd floor parlors. We're expecting a record attendance; it will determine the value of a morning "coffee" general meeting. There will be a nominal charge of 25¢ for refreshments.

BRING: (1) Your copy of the February Bulletin, which contains proposed budget, slate of officers, and local agenda, for your reference.

(2) your check (or cash) to annual meeting, for 1960-61 dues. The new membership list is being compiled on this basis.

Irene Colvis, President

NATIONAL SECURITY SEMINAR

National Security Seminar will open March 28 (after annual meeting, for us.) Mrs. Neal Doubleday and Mrs. Lowell Gill will represent our League. We hope many other League members are planning to attend. We have been told that these sessions prove truly interesting and informative.

SMALL BOUQUET

We received a request from the National for copies of our "Welcome Brochure". We understand their interest stems from its possibilities in public relations and membership incentives. The request came from our National Public Relations Assistant, Saral Teilhet, after READING our February Bulletin.

MEETINGS

We were invited by Mrs. G.M. Almy, of the Champaign Election Laws Committee, to attend the luncheon meeting of March 11. Professor S.K. Gove, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, U. of I., is to speak on "Rethinking the Primaries".

A.A.U.W.'s March 23 meeting will be a LEAGUE meeting, in that the program will be given by League members on League study items. Katherine Donovan will speak on Water Resources, Grace Bridges will instruct on Election Laws, and Irene Mills will explain our approach to Constitutional Convention.

National Meeting will be in St. Louis, April 25-29 inclusive. You will hear more about it in the April Bulletin, and get a report on it later.

INTERVIEW WITH OUR CONGRESSMAN

I am happy to report that about twenty-five women came to the home of Mrs. John Donovan for our interview with Congressman William L. Springer on February 13. This number included three League members from Champaign - Urbana and two from Lincoln. There was a general feeling of satisfaction, I believe, with the "give and take" atmosphere of the interview. For the most part Mr. Springer and the majority of League members see practically eye-to-eye on the subject of World Economic Aid in the Foreign Policy field. On the subject of Federal aid for local sewage-treatment problems, he supports the administration view that the expenditures should be the local responsibility.

Some other subjects touched upon were whether all federal employees should be covered by the Loyalty-Security programs, voting rights and home-rule for the District of Columbia, Civil Rights legislation, and such current topics.

We want to thank Katherine Donovan for her generous hospitality in providing a coffee hour that added a great deal to our enjoyment of the morning interview.

Lola Smith

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SUMMING UP THE PAST YEAR

As is our practise, our March Bulletin contains reports by our Chairmen, reviewing their Unit activities for the past year. Here they are.

PROGRAM

We continued to hold three unit meetings each month in homes. The Bring-the-Children Unit, with nursery care provided, has increased in popularity. A membership coffee, with gratifying attendance, was given in the summer. Members and guests attended two luncheon meetings, and our state president, Mrs. Harper Andrews, was the speaker at one of these. About 25, including members from Lincoln and Champaign chapters, met with Rep. William L. Springer for a very interesting interview at a February coffee. This year instead of the usual dinner, we are trying a new idea for the Annual Meeting. It will be a coffee in the morning, with babysitter provided. We hope thereby to increase attendance and give more time for local discussion before adoption of our local program.

Mary Lou Schlachter, Program Chairman

REVENUE

Revenue workshop started meeting weekly the middle of January. Our study has been one of review, as we were all amateurs in understanding our state's revenue problems. November 2, a delegation attended the Revenue workshop in Chicago. Marilyn Tenney and Pauline Jurgens attended the latest session, February 10. Mr. Robert McCarthy of Lincoln, and Mr. George Johns of Decatur will speak at the Tuesday morning unit meeting. They will give us their information on Revenue, what measures will be proposed, why measures proposed have not passed, and what measures they think will pass. Speakers for the other unit meetings will be Mr. John Alsop and Mr. Barrett Rogers and Mr. W.E. Watts. Ladies, let's have a good turn-out at our March Unit meetings, to hear what these informed men can tell us.

Janet Wilson, Revenue Chairman

URBAN RENEWAL

Urban Renewal workshops were held regularly in 1959. We reported to the Unit meetings in January, 1960. We were then invited to present our program to three outside groups: Lawyers' Wives, CX Chapter of P.E.O., and the Decatur and Macon County Nurses Alumni Association. We are also participating in the Home Show by working in the Urban Renewal booth sponsored by the Planning Department. All in all, this has been quite an exciting and informative year for the participants in this workshop, namely, Lillian Stivers, Ella Kuntz, Gayle Peterson, June Roby and Irene Colvis.

Barbara Ater, Urban Renewal Chairman

FOREIGN POLICY

During the second year of our "Evaluation of U.S. Foreign Policy" we concentrated on a study of the existing programs in which the U.S. participates in order to expand world economic development. Then we asked ourselves, "What are the characteristics of an adequate program?" The conclusions reached may be listed as follows - the programs should (1) be long range (2) be large enough to avoid "a mere nibbling at the fringe of problems" (3) be multilateral enough to give the program objectivity and to share costs and responsibility (4) be well co-ordinated to provide consistent policy direction (5) be well administered so as to assure the economical use of funds and the employment of qualified and dedicated personnel.

Those who participated in the workshop sessions were Mrs. Porter French, Mrs. Lowell Gill, Mrs. Hilmer Landholt, Mrs. Walker Mills, Mrs. H.J. Pettee, Mrs. Thomas Protzman, Mrs. Kirby Riley, Mrs. Lee Sentman, Mrs. T. C. Traver.

Lola Smith, Foreign Policy Chairman

PUBLICATIONS

This year, again, our donations were generous. During U.N. week 85 pieces of U.N. information were sent to our high schools. Pauline Winn, our Finance chairman, ordered 100 copies of "How a Bill Becomes a Law" which were sent to our donors. The remainder of these were distributed to our Junior High Schools. Some other recipients of our contributions were: the Public Library, Millikin Library, the Decatur Herald and Review, and the Association of Commerce.

Many requests were made through the year for our publications, from individuals and organizations who had been referred by League members. Thank you, for the League, for all such referrals which have helped to put our publications in needed places.

Dottie Booth, Publications Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS

We have tried to promote public relations for the League in the past year through newspaper articles on our many activities, plus radio and TV coverage. Also we have had printed a "Welcome Brochure" giving a brief resume of the League's activities. These are being issued to newcomers to Decatur by Pauline Winn, city hostess for the All States Club. Mrs. Winn is a League member. We hope to interest many new members through the "Welcome Brochure".

Mary Barnes, Public Relations Chairman

VOTERS' SERVICE

Candidates' meeting in this most important election year is both the most publicized and the most effective help we give our community, enabling the voter to make a more intelligent choice of candidates. Aid on requests for absentee ballots and voting information is a national Voters' Service project aimed at the armed forces members of Decatur. Every member of the League should have a Voters' Service handbook, so that she can answer the questions of neighbors and friends.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Constitutional Convention workshops began Friday, February 26, with a planning session. They will continue on Monday mornings, at 9:30, at the home of Mrs. Walker Mills, 1487 West Macon, in March, and into April to prepare for Unit Meetings. The first step is to "inform ourselves" and we are working in that stage. This is a long range problem.

Irene Mills, Voters' Service Chairman
Constitutional Convention Chairman

Ella Kuntz - Circulation Editor

Ruth McNeil - Bulletin Editor

Frances Doubleday, President

"This time, like all times is a very good one if we but know what to do with it." - Emerson.

CALENDAR

April 4, Monday	9:30 AM	Constitutional Convention Workshop.
April 7, Thursday		Board Meeting
April 9, Saturday		Election for School Board
April 11, Monday	9:30 AM	Constitutional Convention Workshop
April 12, Tuesday	7:00 PM	Revenue - Library
April 19, Tuesday	9:15 AM	PRIMARY.
April 20, Wednesday	9:30 AM	"Bring the Children" Unit Meeting at The First Presbyterian Church (Prairie and Church Sts.)
April 27, Wednesday	7:30 PM	Unit Meeting..Mary Cresswell, 220 Delmar
April 25-29.		Unit Meeting..Virginia Gibson, 160 Keller Lane
May 4, Wednesday.		Revenue Workshop.
May 5, Thursday		National Convention at St. Louis, Missouri
May 12, Thursday		Downstate meeting for Presidents' training and Finance Chairmen.
		Board Meeting.
		State Interim Council - to adopt budget review program.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Our Unit Meetings this month are on State Agenda item 3: To work for a Constitution Convention for Illinois. What are Constitutional problems. and issues facing us today? What is a Convention? What is the history of Constitutions in Illinois? How can we change or amend our constitution? What has happened since the Gateway amendment in 1950?

We hope to interest you in this problem fundamental to all our problems of government. Whatever your particular interest is, you will find this basic study valuable to you. The workshop committee presenting this program; Shirley Landholt, L.P. Burgess, Esther Sentman, Irene Mills.

Irene Mills -
Constitutional Convention Chairman

"BRING THE CHILDREN" UNIT TRY - A SUCCESS!!

The "Bring the Children" Unit has outgrown Elise Hurst's home where it has met since the fall of 1958. At the March meeting, inspite of the snow, there were 18 children downstairs with two sitters, and upstairs, five babies under their mothers' care, plus 23 mothers, other members and guests (almost always there have been over 20 and several times 27:)

This unit started as an experiment with the idea that if enough were interested it would move to a larger place. It has reached that point! Suggestions are wanted (some possibilities are to divide into two units (perhaps one north), meet at a church, or a "Y", or change to night and let daddy baby-sit).

The First Presbyterian Church (Prairie and Church Sts.) has generously offered to let us have our April 19 meeting there. (Go in by the office door on the west. We cannot use their parking lot but our meeting begins before stores open.) This is centrally located so we'll try to start the meeting at 9:15 and have more time for discussion.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING

Although the attendance at the YMCA on March 28 was not large, we had a very lively discussion of items for our local agenda. The group finally decided on two:

1. A study of Public Health Service in Decatur and Macon County with action where indicated.
2. A study of different forms of County Government. A good deal of enthusiasm was shown for each item, so we are expecting an interesting year.

REPORT ON CANDIDATES MEETING

best we could possibly have had. We were somewhat disappointed both in the attendance of the candidates and the public.

Use of the party symbols for name tags and on large name cards placed in the corridor were well received. A big "THANK YOU" from the Co-Chairmen to the following people: June Roby, Art Work; Mildred Pemble, Correspondence. A special "thank you" to Mr. Gary Hein husband of Helen Hein who gave us a big assist on letters mailed to candidates. Virginia Gibson, Lola Smith, Ruth McNeil and Eleanora Dahlmann, Program. This was really an information sheet, 4 2/3 pages which gave biographical information, salary, duties, and term of office on all candidates who will appear on the Primary Ballot. Telephoning; Helen Miller. Timers;

YOUR 1960 DUES ARE DUE

REPORT ON CANDIDATES MEETING (continued)

Mr. Ed. Huntley, Toastmasters Club; Mr. Fox, Stephen Decatur High School; Pauline Jurgens and Jane Auby. Registration Desk: Irene Colvis and Frances Doubleday. Ushers: Sara Kessler Helen Miller, Ella Kuntz, Eleanor Colan, Gayle Peterson. Publicity: Elise Hurst. Question Screening: Kathryn Donovan, Florence Cox.

Barbara Ater, Elise Hurst
Co-Chairmen Candidates' meeting.

Frances Doubleday and Irene Colvis represented us in Chicago, March 31, at the State Council meeting. The voting procedure to be observed at the National Convention was explained. Frances Doubleday will be our delegate to the National Convention to be held in St. Louis, April 25-29.

NOVEMBER BOND
REFERENDUM

For discussion between now and Interim Council May 12. Quoted from letter from State office: "At the general election next November, propositions involving two separate bond issues will be submitted to Illinois voters for their approval. One involves bonds to be issued to the amount of \$195,000,000 for the purpose of obtaining funds to be used for making permanent improvements at educational institutions owned by this State. The other proposition calls for bonds in the amount of \$150,000,000, proceeds from which are to be used for making permanent improvements at mental health and other public welfare institutions.

Our Continuing Responsibility on Welfare is 'Effective administration and sound financing of social welfare services.' The State Board discussed at length whether or not this CR gives the League authority to take a position on the 2nd bond issue. Frankly, we are not certain and we want your thinking on it. Such questions as these entered into our discussion:

Do improved buildings and facilities constitute working 'to protect the welfare services'? Do improved buildings and facilities have direct bearing on personnel through 'propitious working conditions'?

Remember the first question involved is 'Does our CR on Welfare give the League authority to take a position on this bond issue? If this question is answered 'no', only Voters' Service work would be done. If the answer is 'yes', the State Board then follows the direction on CRs given in the local League Handbook, page 9...."

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome these new members:

Mrs. Harold Kraus	(Carolyn)	56 Sundale	8-8162
Mrs. Dwight Nelson	(Louise)	278 Linden	2-7232
Mrs. Carl Pemple	(Mildred)	210 W. Hickory Point Rd.	7-2726

YEARLY
REPORT

Membership: During the year we happily welcomed 22 new members to the League, new-comers to Decatur, new mothers, and women with a new interest in political (or governmental) action in the community in the state or in the nation. We were disappointed in the number of new members, but not in the quality, because League always attracts women of value.

We have a new "Welcome" folder for new-comers to Decatur and we hope this will be a contact for many interested women that we have missed in the past.

Our calling committee has been working in full-force and are to be applauded for their loyalty and persistence.

Board Watching: 2 or more League members attended weekly Council meetings throughout the year. We became even more interested (if possible) in our new Council-Manager government. Those of us who took time out to attend were more than rewarded to see our councilmen and mayor donating time and interest to the future of Decatur. They give every bit of "know-how" and integrity; they have to set policy for the best interests of all of Decatur. We were able to see a capable and well trained city manager come in and carry out those policies. We have seen all of Decatur going in the "right paths" for the development of a municipality of which we can be proud.

The following have been loyal attendees: Marilyn Kessinger, Marilyn Tenny, Eleanor Colan, Meg Cleary, Irene Colvis, June Roby, Pauline Jurgens, Frances Doubleday, Carol Gray, Viola Reeder; alternates - Bonnie Livergood, Lillian Stivers, Marion Fredrickson, Rebecca French.

If you are interested in attending Council Meetings, County Board of Supervisors of School Board, please call Marilyn Kessinger 3-1307, or Frances Doubleday, 2-7604.

WATER

Did someone say a League on the Mississippi "watched the river roll by and were not interested in water"? I wonder if they have changed their minds?

Our water problem in Illinois is one of distribution. We have plenty of water but we have floods and droughts. The answer to our problem can also be the answer to the other.

About 10 loyal members of our Decatur League followed through the third year of the water resources study. Last spring we spent six weeks on the Illinois waterways with interest in relationship to the St. Lawrence Seaway. This workshop reported to the membership in March. At Springfield, in August, 5 members attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting on Industrial water problems. The autumn report concentrated our thoughts on consensus of the National position and directed our report to the State in November.

Ruth Hipsner
Water Resources Chairman
National Item 2.

**ELECTION
LAWS**

Viola Reeder is taking over as chairman. New assignments have been issued by State mainly to send answers to questionnaires on Primary results (deadlines May 15 and June 1) for Macon, Moultrie, Christian, Shelby, and DeWitt Counties. Volunteers for a telephone committee will be needed to receive the replies to the questions, for example: From what office on the ballot did one of the parties fail to have a nominee? What does the term Short Ballot mean in your League? Would greater state control over administration of election laws mean better administration? Should judges of elections receive credentials showing they are qualified after they received proper training?

Eleanora Dahlmann
-Ex-Chairman.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

The Budget was approved as reported in the February Bulletin. Your 1960 DUES ARE DUE. Please bring your cash to Unit meetings, or mail your checks to the treasurer, Mrs. T. Protzman, 332 South Linden.

We regret the resignation of Ruth McMail as Bulletin Editor. She executed a precise and accurate copy.

Her successor -

Ella Kuntz - Circulation Editor

Eleanora Dahlmann - Bulletin Editor

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS
Frances Doubleday, President

"The year's at the Spring; and day's at the morn; Morning's at sev'n; the hillside's dew-pearl'd; The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the **thorn**; God's in his heav'n...All's right with the world." -Robert Browning.

CALENDAR

May 4, Wednesday	1:00 P.M.	Presidents' training session in Jacksonville. Board meeting.
May 5, Thursday	9:15 A.M.	Revenue workshop at Pauline Jurgens, 1332 W. Macon
May 10, Tuesday		Interim Council meeting in Chicago.
May 12, Thursday	9:30 A.M.	Constitutional Convention workshop at Irene Mills, 1487 W. Macon.
May 16, Monday		
May 17, Tuesday	9:15 A.M.	"Bring the Children" unit meeting - place to be announced in papers and by telephone committee. With the probable charge for the rent of a room, the Board decided to allot \$5 a month for this purpose. All members would then be entitled to attend, and mothers would continue to pay for baby sitters.

May 18, Wednesday 9:30 A.M. Unit meeting: E. Dahlmann, 4183 East Lake Shore Drive. (See directions below.)

May 18, Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Unit meeting: Helen Miller, 947 W. Wood

May 23, Monday 9:30 A.M. Constitutional Convention workshop.

May 26, Thursday 9:30 A.M. Revenue meeting with Mrs. Robert Ferber of

Champaign at Irene Colvis, 559 S. Taylor.

June 2, Thursday 11:30 A.M. Board meeting: Pot Luck luncheon at Mrs. G. Hein, 1311, Gayman Drive.

June 6, Monday 9:30 A.M.)
June 13, Monday 9:30 A.M.) Constitutional Convention workshop.

The Unit meetings this month will hear two reports. The first on the Security Seminar will be given by Helen Gill, perhaps with comments by other League members who attended sessions. The second, on the League's National Convention will be given by our delegation: Frances Doubleday, Eleanora Dahlmann, Irene Colvis and Elise Hurst. You may not think "reports" sound very exciting, but both the Security Seminar and the National Convention were so stimulating that there will be a lively discussion.

THE NEW "BOARD"Elected Officers:

President	Frances Doubleday	
First Vice President	Irene Mills	Constitutional Convention Chariman
Second Vice President	Marilyn Kessinger	Public Relations Chairman
Treasurer	Milly Protzman	
Secretary	Mary Cresswell	

Elected Directors:

Publications	Helen Hein
Voters' Service	Barbara Ater
Bulletin Editor	Eleanora Dahlmann
Membership	Peggy Volentine

Appointed Directors:

Revenue Chairman (State item)	Irene Colvis
Foreign Policy Chairman (National item)	Lola Smith
Election Laws Chairman (State item)	Viola Reeder
Study of County Government (Chairman) (Local item)	Mary Beth Mauterer
Program Chairman	Gayle Peterson
Public Health Service Chairman (Local item)	(Sara Kessler Mary Riley

Virginia Gibson is the Finance Chairman.

The "Know-Your-Community" booklet is about finished and Virginia Gibson will discuss it with various printers this week. Mrs. E.C. Whitcomb is going to assist with this final stage of the work.

Frances Doubleday attended the presidents' training session in Jacksonville on May 4th, and will go to Chicago for the Interim Council on May 12th. What with these meetings and the National Convention, Frances, breathlessly, sighs, "A League president certainly gets around."

Ten women and twenty men are needed for the Macon County Historical Pageant to be presented from July 31 to August 5. These will not be main characters, just for scenes where crowds gather. Authentic costumes will be provided unless you possess one. Inquire of your friends and neighbors if they might like to get into the act. Call M. Kessinger - 3-1307 - immediately, should you want to participate.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

The next step to consider in our study is that of delegate selection for a constitutional convention. It is almost certain that this will come up in General Assembly in 1961 (it did in 1959). There will undoubtedly be a proposal for legislative study commission for Constitutional revision or convention. This has been a forerunner of Constitutional Conventions in many states. The type of standards we need to set up is a pertinent question.

Irene Mills, Chairman.

REVENUE

We think all members (and guests) will be vitally interested in the report by Mrs. Robert Ferber, of Champaign, and two of her committee on their study of state revenue. Mrs. Ferber, an economist in her own right, has given her report before representatives at the State League meeting; and it is a rare treat to have her give us a morning of her time. We have planned an all-day, sack-lunch meeting (coffee will be furnished) - see calendar for date. There will be a break at 11:30 for mothers or others who must leave, a half-hour session for questions, with lunch at noon. The Champaign leaguers must leave at one o'clock.

Irene Colvis, Chairman.

No one really enjoys the League who does not get into a workshop. We have a varied list of subjects to be studied, so make your plans now to join one of the workshops. Organizing will be announced for new topics. The Revenue and Con-Con workshops continue, as you can see by the calendar.

PUBLICATIONS

This is a reminder that every member should have a Voter's Handbook. To increase your League Library, publications will be sold at a unit meetings on the topic of the following month.

Helen Hein, Chairman.

DUES

Please send your check to Mrs. T. Protzman, 332 So. Linden.

AN OMISSION:

In listing the helpers at the Candidates' Meeting, Anne Pettee's name was, not purposely, omitted. She came early and stayed late; she greeted candidates and pinned identifying badges on them.

Wednesday, May 18th Unit meeting -- Directions to E. Dahlmann's home, 4183 East Lake Shore Drive: Come out East William Street Road. Just before the bridge, turn right (you can only turn right); at a fork in the road, bear left and continue on the narrow road where houses face the lake. We are about 3 blocks in, the last house in the row, a red brick one with a green roof. Street signs are out-dated, do not depend on them for guidance. Phone -3-0385.

Have a happy summer.

Ella Kuntz - Circulation Editor

Eleanor Dahlmann - Bulletin Editor