

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

NEWS BULLETIN #16

January, 1958

Virginia Gibson, Pres.

"He who neglects the present moment throws away all he has."

- Schiller

UNIT

MEETINGS

Wednesday Morning, January 15, 9:30 A.M. 235 Park Place
Wednesday Evening, January 15, 7:30 P.M. 834 West Division
Hostess for morning group, Mrs. Forrest Martin
evening group, Mrs. Gerald D. Cox

Program: "Make your vote count."

Resource materials and discussion leaders: Mrs. Wm. Winn, Miss Grace Bridges, Mrs. E. C. Stivers and Mrs. Robert Cole.

In 1958 there will be several elections. Will you be able to vote AND have it count? January units will discuss laws concerning registration, marking and counting ballots. A brief discussion of the short ballot, consolidation of elections and absentee ballot will be held.

Lou Cole, chairman.

GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING

Thursday, January 30th - 12:45 P.M.
Luncheon Price \$1.50

YMCA

Speaker: Mr. Hilmer Landholt, State's Attorney, Macon County

Mr. Landholt will speak on Township Government: how and why it came about; what purposes it serves; how the commission type of county government handles township governmental services such as Poor Relief, Assessing of Property and Township roads; the factual advantages and disadvantages of both types of county government; and the legal problems involved in changing to a Township of the City of Decatur.

We know that not only you, but also your husband and friends, will appreciate hearing an unprejudiced, factual presentation in an area of government upon which you will be required to vote in November, 1958.

Make your reservations by calling Mrs. L. L. Colvis, 8-3331.

JUDICIAL
WORKSHOP

Date: Monday, January 20, 7:30 P.M. 1390 W. Macon
Mrs. C. W. Gebhardt, hostess.

We will meet on the above date for the purpose of studying S J R 47, which is the new proposal adopted by the legislature last June. We are just beginning the study of this latest proposal, so do not feel you are behind in your work. 1958 is now here and this is the year you will be voting on this proposed amendment. If you would like to join the workshop call 2-3229 and you will be given some advance material to read.

Eileen Gebhardt, chairman.

PUBLIC SCHOOL
FINANCE

Workshop is in full swing, meeting every Thursday morning starting January 16, at 152 Cobb Avenue, 9 A.M. The committee is most enthusiastic, which promises an outstanding coverage at our Unit Meetings in April, see you there!

Lucy A. Oplinger, chairman

TOWNSHIP

Monday, January 13th, 9:15 A.M. at 160 Kellar Lane.
This study is just starting and is going to prove fascinating.
Still time to join in.

Virginia Gibson, Acting Ch.
3-4344

KNOW YOUR
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

Local Agenda: Mrs. Porter French, Mrs. Thomas Protzman, Mrs. L. L. Colvis, Mrs. Bernard B. Evans, Mrs. Nat Kessler, chairman.
Budget: Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, Mrs. G. R. Cohn, Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, and Mrs. William Hipsher, chairman.
Nominating Committee: Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. Forrest Martin, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mrs. James Leigh, Mrs. William Winn, chairman.

CANDIDATES
MEETING

Our big "Voters Service" project is in the near future--a public meeting at which candidates running in the primary election will be presented to the voters. Most of the plans for it will have to be made in the next month or so. Please get in touch with Elise Hurst, 8-4795 in the near future if you would like to help with this meeting. Any suggestions you have as to WHERE, WHEN and HOW to publicize it, so as to have a "full house". Have you come up with a NEW NAME for this meeting? Anything you can think of to make it outstanding.

April 8, 1958 Primary (Nominating) Election: State Officials, Representatives in Congress and General Assembly and County Officials will be nominated; Party committee-men are elected.

April 12, 1958 School Election: School Board members for Decatur School District #61 elected

Nov. 4, 1958 General Election.

Elise Hurst, Chairman

**COFFEE
HOUR**

Irene Colvis will be hostess for new and prospective members at her home, 559 S. Taylor, at coffee, 9:45 A.M. Tuesday, January 7. Board member Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt and State Board member Mrs. John Donovan will report on League activities.

Irene Colvis, Membership Ch.

**SUGGESTED NATIONAL
CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Action on legislation affecting the five Federal Security programs in the following areas: a) Need for the programs; b) Scope of the programs; c) Coordination, Standardization; d) Standards & Criteria; e) Procedures. Explanation: Decatur definitely does not want this area dropped. It is dependent, however, on whether or not the LWV of US has reached consensus in any or all areas pertaining to the programs.

II. Evaluation of a water resource policy which will develop river basins as a unit with coordinated planning and improved administration.

Explanation: We believe this study can be narrowed to make it easier to handle. We have phrased it to allow for further study but not to hamper action in any areas in which we manage to reach consensus. The importance of this item is self-evident. The most beneficial development of our water resources is basic to our continued economic development which in turn is basic to all our governmental endeavors in any other area, domestic or international.

III. An evaluation of the federal-state-local distribution of policy powers and administrative duties to determine their proper relationship to each other.

Explanation: We consider this most timely and vital. The acquisition of federal power, whatever the reason, is a much less painful operation than the relinquishing of it. As solutions to problems are farther removed from the citizen, it tends to relieve him of the need to think politically, to participate politically, eventually lack of knowledge and the magnitude of the accumulated problems leads him to seek a "strong man" to lead the country.

Desire for a national economy item ran a very close fourth; however, in view of the membership's expressed desire for only two study items on the national agenda, it was not included.

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We are indebted to Mr. Walker Mills, Attorney, for Vol. 1 & 11, Illinois, Revised Statutes, 1955.

We have the Digest of Laws, Enacted as of June 21, 1957, which gives us a complete set of up-to-date Statutory laws of Illinois.

They are in the home of the President, 160 Kellar Lane, whenever you wish to use them.

**POINTS TO
PONDER**

The Nominating Committee would appreciate suggestions from the members of persons qualified for office. (One of the duties of League membership). Thank you! Call Pauline Winn, chairman. 9-7757.

Do you have any recommendations as to how our money should be spent? The Board invites suggestions, it is your budget and money. Call Ruth Hipsher, chairman, 8-2687.

Are YOU working on a Workshop? Why not? Doesn't the Program interest you? Programs cannot satisfy the membership unless the members indicate areas of interest and offer suggestions and topics for study. Mrs. Nat Kessler is waiting to hear from you, tel. 2-2261.

**DATES OF
INTEREST**

One Day meetings attended by the following Board members, the last two months: Irene Colvis attended a State meeting on "Water" in November.

Elise Hurst and Jane Auby were in Chicago Dec. 5th attending the State meeting of the Voter's Service.

Virginia Gibson attended the State Council meeting in Chicago, Nov. 7.

Sylvia Cohn will be in Chicago Jan. 7, 1958 for State Budget discussion.

Virginia Gibson will debate Council-manager form of government at the January 15th, YWCA Public Affairs Luncheon meeting at local YW.

**NATIONAL
LWV EDUCATION
FUND**

We are anxious to provide you with more information regarding the League of Women Voters Education Fund than it is possible to include in the VOTER. Since it takes considerable time for such funds both to obtain tax exemption and to get into full operation, the 1956 Council agreed it would be desirable to make a start as soon as possible.

The Fund is now set up through the generosity of 11 Founders who have contributed sufficient funds for a year's trial. No application for tax exemption has yet been made to the Internal Revenue Service nor will be till the end of the trial year so that time is allowed for the whole matter to be discussed and agreed upon by Convention before further steps are taken. There is a clause in the Fund Trust Agreement which permits its termination by vote of the League of Women Voters National Board.

The project selected for the trial period is not the one suggested to the Council but has been changed to something much simpler which our lawyers advise should meet the rigid requirements for tax exemption and which should be easy to accomplish on a minimum budget.

During the experimental period the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund will continue to operate as usual though confining itself principally to the international field. A written agreement as to policies for clearance to avoid any duplication between the two funds has been agreed upon.

Office space for the Education Fund has been rented in the new quarters of the Washington Office of the CCCMF on the fifth floor of 1026 - 17th Street, N. W., and Miss M. A. Conley has been engaged as Executive Director of the Education Fund.

Mrs. John G. Lee, President
League of Women Voters of the
U.S.

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LOCAL PROPERTY
ASSESSMENT
WORKSHOP

Thursday, January 23rd - 9 A.M. in the home of Mrs. Oplinger,
152 Cobb Avenue.

Actually this workshop is a combination of both the Public School Finance And Township Workshops since both committees will be covering exactly the same material in the assessment area. Because it is a separate study in itself, any League member who is not a member of either committee may attend these sessions. We will start from scratch so no one will feel lost. It will take a minimum of 3 meetings to cover the material.

Lucy Oplinger, PSF Chairman, 2-3298
Virginia Gibson, Acting Twp. Chairman, 3-4344

Ella Kuntz, Circulation Editor

Eleanor Fairs, Bulletin Editor

February 1958
Virginia Gibson, Pres.

"Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are
extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people."--

Harry Emerson Fosdick

UNIT MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 19, 9:30 AM

328 North Edward - Hostess: Mrs. Edward Booth

Wednesday, February 19, 7:30 PM

* #4 Kater Drive - Hostess: Mrs. Kirby Riley

Program: Discussion of Decatur Township Government.

Resource Committee: Mrs. Lowell Gill, Mrs. Don Livergood, Mrs. M. N. Bennett, Mrs. Loring Unger, Mrs. Charles Griffin, Mrs. E. J. Cresswell, Mrs. Thomas Protzman, Mrs. E. C. Stivers, Mrs. William Kuntz, Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Acting Chairman.

*UNIT MEETING
INFORMATION

Members attending the evening meeting at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Kirby Riley:- go south past the Motel Orlando, turn left on Medial Dr. to Imboden, left up hill to Kater--3rd street (yard with Kater Imboden sign in it). No. 4 Kater Drive.

IMPORTANT

The March Unit meetings will be held Wednesday, March 26, instead of 3rd Wednesday of the month...moved on account of Candidates meeting.

WORKSHOP

on Judicial is held once a week at 9:30 A.M. The committee invites members interested in joining to contact Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, Eileen, 1390 W. Macon. Do not hesitate, thinking you will be too late...this group will "catch you up" on study. Telephone 2-3229 for place.

CANDIDATES
MEETING...

Circle Thursday, March 20, on your calendars! On that night at the Stephen Decatur High School Auditorium, 400 N. Franklin at 8:00 P.M. Our League will have a PUBLIC meeting at which all candidates who are running in the Primary Election (April 8) will be presented to the voters.

We want a large turnout for this meeting...a League service to the voters. Every league member, of course, will be there along with one or more members of her family. Each member is asked to give a personal invitation to friends and neighbors to attend this meeting and not take a chance on their missing it because they did not hear about it through other means.

Elise Hurst, Voters Service Chairman

PROPOSED
LOCAL
AGENDA

1. A continuing study and analysis of governments within Macon County with action where indicated.
2. Study of Urban Renewal and analysis of Decatur's needs for an effective Urban Renewal Program.
3. ~~Water~~

REMARKS: The local agenda committee has based its choice of agenda items on these ideas:

1. The first item is essential in carrying out work that has already been started.

2. Item two is of wide scope and interest and is an important move toward general progress.

The following suggested items were not chosen, reasons stated below:-

1. Study of mosquito control.

2. Evaluation of Child Safety in the Decatur School System.

3. Need for sidewalks in certain areas for school children.

4. Study of the possibility of a junior college for Decatur.

1. Committee felt that the suggested items above did not have a broad enough scope to make them the best choice for our local agenda.

2. In the case of mosquito control, the time element involved would not make it possible for our League to accomplish anything in time for this year.

3. The area of sidewalks could certainly come as a part of a study on Urban Renewal, fitting into a broader category.

4. Our committee felt that the suggestion for an item on school safety was a good one. However, since the PTA is working on this right now, the feeling was that that organization is in a better position to make progress in this field.

Mrs. Porter French

Mrs. Tom Protzman

Mrs. L. L. Colvis

Mrs. Bernard B. Evans

Mrs. Nat Kessler, Chairman

THE PLATFORM

1. Continued support of School Financial & Organizational needs where such support is deemed in the best interests of the community.
2. That the Council-Manager Form of Government is preferable to the Commission Form of Government.
3. That we will continue to support a sewer system which provides all citizens of the Decatur Sanitary District with adequate sanitary facilities.
4. The League supports continued study and action in the field of Geriatrics and Mental Health.

Board Recommendations:

1. "The Platform" be changed to read Continued Responsibilities.
2. That the Board be required to re-examine the Continued Responsibilities every six years and recommend to the Annual Meeting discontinuance of items upon which we have not worked during that period.
3. That item 4 be dropped from Continuing Responsibilities.

MEMBERSHIP
ACTIVITY

January 9th coffee attended by three Board members, one State Board member and three new members of the local League. All were very interested and full of questions, also listening in were two prospective members. The next coffee will be sometime in April.

Irene Colvis, Membership Chairman

NATIONAL NEWS
RELEASE

In announcing the position, which reflects consensus of the League membership, Mrs. John G. Lee, national President said:

"In the interest of strengthening national security and maintaining our traditional concepts of freedom, the League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the federal loyalty-security program should be modified so as to:

"1) limit the coverage of sensitive positions and provide for more realistic classification of information;

"2) institute more uniform procedures in the administration of the programs;

"3) apply a common sense standard in judging the individual; and

"4) develop procedures which will provide the greatest possible protection for the individual."

She also said the League is now ready to support or oppose action by either the executive or the legislative branch of the federal government, in line with the League position.

Mrs. Lee continued:

"The position which the League of Women Voters has reached comes as the result of four years of study by our members in the field of individual liberties as related to the public interest. The latter half of this study has been concentrated upon the evaluation of the federal loyalty-security programs, with recognition of the need for safeguarding national security and protecting individual liberties.

"Over 1,000 local Leagues took part in the examination of the federal loyalty-security programs, the conditions they were intended to meet and their operation. Members considered varying points of view in regard to present need and changes suggested. Reading and discussion were supplemented by the use of outside experts, including individuals actually carrying out the programs as well as a variety of authorities in the field.

"In the spring of 1957, at the request of the Commission on Government Security, the League submitted to it an interim report which showed emerging areas of agreement. By December, an overwhelming majority of local Leagues reported that their study and discussion had brought them to a point where they were able to report the conclusions of their members. The position announced today by the national Board reflects these conclusions."

ODDS 'N ENDS... Under the chairmanship of Helen Leigh, the League distributed copies of

"Little Drops of Water" to non-member contributors and will distribute this month copies of the Jan.-Feb. issue of the Illinois voter which is devoted to "Significant Roll Calls".....Distribution also of the analysis of Real Estate Assessments in Decatur will be made this month to members of Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimists, Realtors, Business & Professional Women and Jaycees. We hope to have a display of League information pertinent to the present Congressional discussion on Reciprocal Trade in front of the Decatur Public Library. Watch for it in one of the Library windows.....Lucy Oplinger, Norma Lewis and Shirley Malone attended the state meetings in Chicago on Public School Finance, Jan. 31st. Norman was a member of a panel on Real Estate Assessments.....The May-June issue of the Illinois Voter may carry an article on Action by Virginia Gibson.

Ella Kuntz, Circulation Editor

Eleanor Fairs, Bulletin Editor

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PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR 1958-59

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS
Budget Analysis as of 1/31/58

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Item	Budget 1957-1958	Actual 1/30/58	Anticipated Receipts or Expenses	Total	Proposed Budget 1958-1959
<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
Dues	550.00	555.00		555.00 ¹	550.00
Contributions					
Member	150.00	190.00		190.00	160.00
Other	760.00	829.00		829.00	800.00
Total Receipts	1,460.00	1,574.00		1,574.00	1,510.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
State & National	650.00	650.00		650.00	675.00
Equipment & Supplies	25.00	32.15		32.15 ²	25.00
Postage (not Bulletin)	20.00	20.00		20.00	25.00
Telephone & Telegraph	10.00	1.80	5.00	6.80	10.00
President's Expense	50.00	50.00		50.00	50.00
Convention Expense	150.00	158.68		158.68 ³	175.00
Delegates' Expense	75.00	12.30	35.00	47.30	75.00
Workshop Expense	30.00	23.76	15.00	38.76 ⁴	30.00
Bank Charges	5.00	.71	1.00	1.71	5.00
Meetings	50.00	36.03	5.00	41.03 ⁵	40.00
Publications					
State & National	75.00	24.08	15.00	39.08 ⁶	75.00
Local	10.00	13.74		13.74	10.00
Bulletin	125.00	102.80	25.80	128.60 ⁷	130.00
Action in Community	175.00	31.00	150.00	181.00 ⁷	175.00
Miscellaneous	10.00				10.00
Total	1,460.00	1,157.05	251.80	1,408.85	1,510.00

Explanations:

1. 111 members; 13 new; 98 renewals; 3 renewals still due; 15 drops.
2. Three year's supply of stationery included in this figure.
3. Convention in Chicago enabled more delegates to attend at additional expense.
4. Finance Committee increased service program to contributors.
Membership Tea and lists included in this amount.
5. Income from Meetings 148.45 But 41.40 Annual Meeting Expense carried over
Expenses for Meetings 143.05 from last year.
Actual '57-'58 gain 5.40
6. Publication Expense 46.78
Publication Income 22.70
7. Community Brochure Expense higher than anticipated.

"Governments know that the life of the world cannot be saved if the soul of the world is allowed to be lost."--Herbert Hoover

UNIT MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 26th, 9:30 A. M.
332 S. Linden; Mrs. Thomas Protzman
Wednesday, March 26th, 7:30 P. M.
462 S. Seigel; Mrs. Allen P. Gray
Program: "Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!"

Both sides of the case of SJR 47 will be given. SJR 47 is the proposed Judicial Amendment to be presented to the voters in November. Resource Committee: Mrs. Hilmer Landholt, Mrs. Edward Booth, Mrs. Robert Cole and Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, Chairman.

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 3rd, 12:45 P. M.
LUNCHEON: Decatur Club, Price \$1.85

SPEAKER: Rev. J. M. Logan will speak on "Trade-Aid and World Peace".
This is your opportunity to hear all reports on the League's activities for the past year. Meet your new officers. See you there! Make your reservation with Irene Colvis, 8-3331.

MEMBERSHIP
DUES

for the year 1958-1959 are due and payable as of April 1, 1958. Please remit your check for \$5.00 to Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe. Sylvia will be glad to take them at the Annual Meeting, also.

YOUR DATE WITH THE
CANDIDATES

(See we get a "name") is March 20, at 8:00 P. M. at the Stephen Decatur High School Auditorium, with Robert Shade as Moderator.
The Stephen Decatur High School band will play from 7:30-7:55.

All but the one candidate who tried to withdraw but couldn't returned our questionnaire. Information about the duties of each office, salary and term of office and pertinent political biographical information about each candidate will be in the program. To get this valuable information alone is worth attending this meeting!

We have worked long and hard to have a large attendance. Four of us had an interview at the Herald & Review, presented an idea Virginia Gibson had for a "Whole Page" feature. After considering it over a week, they gave it to us! It is scheduled to appear Sunday, March 16. On Tuesday, March 18, Elise Hurst will be interviewed on W T V P (Channel 17, Decatur) by Kim Wilson on "Kim's Korner" at 1:00 and on W S O Y (1340 Kc) Virginia Gibson, Mary Cresswell by Eleanor Duncan's "View Point" also at 1:00. In order to get both you'll have to watch TV and listen to radio at the same time! TV will be just five minutes and radio 15 minutes. We also are getting a 15 minute interview on W D Z. Irene Colvis and Melba Griffin will tape record this program to be given sometime Sunday, March 16. Watch for it.

Instead of the paper napkins with information about the meeting which we've had for the past few times, this year we have 2,700 little green slips (3 x 4 inches) which we're distributing to service club luncheons and numerous other groups. Letters of invitation with green slips enclosed are being sent to 198 precinct committeemen, candidates, 115 ministers, 64 teachers of High School Social Studies, and 20 industries. Green slips are being enclosed with other matter the finance chairman is sending to those persons who did not as well as those who did contribute. To give precinct committeeman candidates recognition since they are on ballot, we're going to have identification badges for them to wear at the meeting. Merchants are being asked to give a "plug" for our meeting in their big ads.

The following members are helping in various ways: Virginia Gibson, Lola Smith, Pauline Winn, Mary Cresswell, Katherine Donovan, Jane Auby, Florence Cox, Helen Leigh, Eileen Gebhardt, Ruth Miller, Phyllis Meenan, Mildred Protzmann, Lillian Stivers, Lou Cole, Dottie Booth, Irene Colvis, Betty Bachrach, Melba Griffin, Irene Mills. In addition, helping the night of the meeting with ushering, etc.: Elizabeth Foster, Rachel Hurley, Betty Nicholson, Cauline Martin, Melba Beggs, Shirley Landholt, Dorothy Morris, Margaret Morris, Marty Heuchling.

Elise Hurst, Chairman, Voters Service.

NOTE TO
MEMBERSHIP

Bring your February and March bulletins to Annual meeting.

"TOWN
MEETING"

Decatur Township "Town Meeting" (only true Democratic government we have -- others are representative) is Tuesday, April 1, 1958, in the County Court Room at 2:00 P.M. As many League members as possible should attend every year but especially this year since we are studying Township Government. (Members who didn't attend the February Unit meetings to hear reports about Township Government really missed a lot of valuable information.)

REPORT OF
NOMINATING
COMMITTEE

President..... Mrs. L. L. Colvis (Irene) 1 yr.
1st Vice President..... Mrs. Robert L. Cole (Lou) 1 yr.
2nd Vice President..... Mrs. T. L. Hurst (Elise) 2 yrs.
Treasurer..... Mrs. Gershom Cohn (Sylvia) 2 yrs.
Directors..... Mrs. O. E. Schlachter (Mary Lou) 2 yrs.
Mrs. Walter Mills (Irene) 2 yrs.
Mrs. Edward Booth (Dottie) 2 yrs.
Mrs. James Leigh (Helen) 1 yr.

Nominating Committee for 1958-59:..... Mrs. George Kuhns Chairman (Ann)
Mrs. Hilmer Landholt (Shirley)
Mrs. Charles Griffin (Melba)

Nominating committee for 1957-58:..... Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. James Leigh,
Mrs. Forrest Martin, Mrs. Clifford Smith and Mrs. William Winn, Chairman.

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET THE SLATE OF OFFICERS.

President: Irene Colvis

"We have three boys. Bud, a graduate of U of Florida, is working in Phoenix. Bill, graduate of Beloit College, is working for Muellers. John is in the seventh grade at Woodrow Wilson Jr. High.

Since I came to Decatur I've had yearly projects; first - learn to play bridge, second learn to make hats and third join the League of Women Voters. Neither Mr. Goren nor Mr. John were competition for the challenging activities of the League."

First Vice President, Lou Cole.

1. Came to Decatur from Colorado where her husband - now with the States Attorneys Office - was in the service. He was then connected with the Judge Advocates Office.

2. They have been in Decatur for 1½ years. 3. Have one child, a boy three years.

4. Lou sews beautifully, is a crackerjack bridge player and likes to read.

2nd Vice President, Elise Hurst

Moved to Decatur in late fall of 1953 when her husband started working at Staley's as a Research Chemist. Before moving to Decatur she had been in Ames, Iowa League of Women Voters for several years. Besides League and church activities she enjoys playing and doing things with her two and a half year son, Bradley.

Directors:

Mary Lou Schlachter, has one daughter, Gay Lee, 11 years old, a student at Dennis School. In addition to keeping up with the activities of her young daughter, Mary Lou is active at Westminster Church and has been on the Y.W.C.A. Board for the past three years.

Dottie Booth: "I have lived in Decatur 2½ years. After I had been here only a short time I was encouraged to attend a League meeting by a friend who told me she got more personal satisfaction from the organization than any she had belonged to. I find I was in sympathy with her. I am married and have one little girl 16 months old. My husband works in the States Attorney's Office. I am a former teacher very interested in classical music and the piano in particular."

Irene Mills has lived in Oak Park most of her life, moved here when she married Walker Mills. She bowls, plays golf and taught school, became interested in the League through her sister, who was active in the Glen Ellyn League. Lucky we!

ANNUAL REPORTS:

JUDICIAL ITEM: After the adoption of SJR 47 by the Legislature in June 1957, the chairman became a member of a temporary state committee of the League for the purpose of discussing the new proposal in an effort to aid the State Board in deciding whether or not to support the proposal. The State Board later decided to support SJR 47, and locally we have been holding workshops since January, studying the proposal which will be our Blue Ballot to vote on in November. The Unit Meetings will be March 26th, after which the Decatur League will decide whether or not to work for SJR 47.

Eileen Gebhardt, Chairman, Judicial Item.

LOCAL AGENDA ITEMS: Township study started in December and culminated in presentation of the structure of Township government in February Units. Study of Township of City of Decatur now underway. The heavy work on the Hand Book on governments in Macon County has been completed. The Book will be ready for the printers in November 1958.

Virginia Gibson, Acting Chairman.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE: Approximately twenty-two hour sessions involved the study of school finances in School District #61. Federal and state grants and the equalization program were studied in relation to the local picture. A series of three of the meetings was held jointly with the committee studying assessments. The April meeting

ANNUAL REPORTS, continued..

will briefly cover such items as: The various school funds. Where does the money come from? Is the source of financial support sound and fair?

Lucy Oplinger, Chairman

FEDERAL LOYALTY-SECURITY PROGRAM, National Item 1 The report for this year's work on the Federal Loyalty-Security Programs appeared in the bulletin for November 1957 on pages 2 and 3. Please refer to that issue of the local bulletin if you need to refresh your memory on this subject. Special mention should be made of the good work done in this field by Mrs. Neal Doubleday and Mrs. Nat Kessler at the October unit meetings.

Lola Smith, Chairman

VOTERS SERVICE: State meeting attended by Elise Hurst and Jane Auby December 5, 1957 in Chicago.

BIG PROJECT is Candidates Meeting (for primary) March 20, 1958.

New this year: Name, Your Date With the Candidates; 3 x 4 inch green slips (2700 of them) advertising meeting to clubs, etc., letter of invitation with green slips enclosed to 198 precinct committeeman candidates, 115 ministers, 64 high school social-studies teachers, 20 industries, green slips enclosed with other matter going to those persons who did not as well as those who did make financial contributions; identification badge for precinct committeeman candidates at meeting.

Elise Hurst, Chairman

PUBLICATIONS: Not realizing an itemized report was expected, am submitting an estimate (*circled items sold)

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| 7 | 10 On the Waterfront | 6 | 10 Interesting Facts about Water |
| 9 | 10 Little Drops of Water | 5 | 10 Let's Discuss Water |
| 6 | Parties & the Primaries - Material ordered from Springfield for Election laws and Procedures study. | | |

Material ordered from Springfield for Judicial Amendment Study:

- 6 Proposed Judicial Article
- 6 Proposed Constitution Amendments
- 6 Illinois Judicial System Charts

150 - Little Drops of Water -- 150 Illinois Voters -- Distributed by Helen Leigh to League contributors.

Bought for sale for general interest purposes:

- 2 Public Assistance in Illinois
- 1 - 3 Report on State Mental Hospitals in Illinois
- 1 - 4 Youth Authorities in Other States
- 1 2 Public Assistant in Illinois
- 2 A Layman Looks at Natural Resources
- 2 4 How to Address Public Officials
- 4 League Position on Anti-Subversive Laws in Illinois
- 5 Do's and Don'ts in Writing your Legislatures
- 4 Background for Study of Home Rule in Illinois
- 1 - 3 Facts About the 25% Tax Limit

Given away at Luncheon Meetings:

- 50 League of Women Voters of Decatur
- 50 Statement of Policy
- 50 Facts about the League of Women Voters

Copies of the Voter's Handbook were to be ordered and given to all the Social Studies Teachers in the School District but the revisions are not due until spring so this will be done in the fall.

Dorothy Booth, Chairman

WATER RESOURCE Workshop, with ten members, held seven meetings in the fall of 1957, studying the main federal agencies in charge of water resource development, the recommendations of recent commissions and opposition to these, and the actual experience of water resource development in the Missouri and Colorado river basins.

We accepted the multiple purpose, river-basin concept of planning. We did not feel ready to make any recommendations, except to ask for further study of water resource programs leading to possible action.

We presented the results of our study at the November unit meetings.

Mrs. Porter French, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP We are never satisfied with the quantity of new members to report but we are more than happy with the quality.

There are 14 active members added to the League in the past year after a series of coffees beginning in August and continuing as orientation-conversation during the year.

But the personal interest of board and members is really the key to new members. The ones who have been guests at our unit meeting and luncheons are our future active Leaguers.

Irene Colvis, Chairman

March, 1958 (4)

Mr. William Brannan
Assessor, Decatur Township
Macon County
County Bldg.
Decatur, Illinois

Dear Mr. Brannan:

Enclosed are two studies: one made by the League of Women Voters on property within the City of Decatur; the second a copy of the study made by a committee composed of Mr. L. W. Hurtt, Chairman, Mr. Russell Hirsch and Dr. D. M. Shields, appointed by the County Board of Supervisors.

Although both studies are comparatives of assessed value to actual selling price, the League believes that together they give a true picture of existing conditions regarding the assessment of property for tax purposes in this area.

Since 1958 is a quadrennial assessment year and according to law all property in Illinois is open to re-appraisal for tax purposes, the League would like to know if you have any plans underway for Decatur Township that will tend to bring the property at both extremes of high and low percentages into more equitable balance with those properties ranging between 40 to 60 percent of assessed value to actual selling price.

We will appreciate an early reply.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. H. W. Gibson, President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 20, Candidates Meeting, Stephen Decatur High.
March 26, Unit Meetings
April 1, Town Meeting, Mr. Brown's Office, County Bldg.
April 3, Annual LWV Annual - Decatur Club
April 8, Primary Election
April 12, School Board Election

ANNOUNCEMENT

of the last orientation-coffee of the year will be at my home
9:30 A.M. Tuesday, March 11, with Board members there to tell
you all about League activities.

Irene Colvis, Membership Chairman

NOTE: Mrs. Robert (Ruth) Phillips is the nominee for President of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Circulation Editor, Ella Kuntz

Bulletin Editor, Eleanor Fairs

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Mrs. L. L. Colvis, President

"The trouble with opportunity is that it generally comes disguised in hard work." Anonymous

UNIT

MEETINGS

Program:

Wednesday, April 16, 9:30 A.M.

285 S Glencoe, Mrs. William Hipsher, hostess

April 16, 7:30 P.M.

1346 West Macon, Mrs. Nat Kessler, hostess

PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE

Do you know how much our schools cost?

Do you know where the money comes from?

Do you know how the money is spent?

Do you know how our millions of school dollars are divided to educate our thousands of school children?

Come to the April 16 meetings, and hear some or all of the following committee members discuss these problems, and don't forget to bring your questions!

Resource Committee: Mrs. J. C. Leigh, Mrs. Wm. H. Miller, Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Mrs. Henry Malone, Mrs. T. L. Hurst, Mrs. Russell Oplinger, Chairman.

Annual Meeting Report

Officers elected for 1958 are the following:

President.....Mrs. L. L. Colvis, 1 yr.

1st Vice President.....Mrs. Robert L. Cole, 1 yr.

2nd Vice President.....Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2 yrs.

Treasurer.....Mrs. Gershom Cohn, 2 yrs.

Directors.....Mrs. O. E. Schlacter, 2 yrs.

Mrs. Walter Mills, 2 yrs.

Mrs. Edward Booth, 2 yrs.

Mrs. James Leigh, 1 yr.

Nominating committee for 1958-59.....Mrs. George Kuhns, Chairman

Mrs. Hilmer Landholt

Mrs. Charles Griffin

LOCAL AGENDA

1. A continuing study and analysis of governments within Macon County with action where indicated.

2. Study of Urban Renewal and analysis of Decatur's needs for an effective Urban Renewal Program.

3. Study of Decatur's Water Resources with special reference to the Proposed Big Creek Development, and allowing action if concensus is reached.

Continuing Responsibilities:

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

2. That the Council-Manager form of government is preferable to the Commission form of government.

3. That we will continue to support a sewer system which provides all citizens of the Decatur Sanitary District with adequate sanitary facilities.

IMPORTANT ACTION

For over ten years the League of Women Voters have supported legislation which would improve the World Trade picture. This is the time to write your Congressman, the Honorable William L. Springer, in appreciation of his stand and asking his continued support of bill HR10368, extending the Trade Agreement Act for five years.

The two letters following were mailed to League of Women Voters of U.S.A. and Mrs. Harper Andrews, President of State of Illinois, respectively:

Dear Madam:

This is to report that the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois approved the National Program - 1958-1960 on Current Agenda's two items:

U. S. Foreign Policy and Water Resources, as defined in the February 1958 National Voter.

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

In their March unit meetings, the League of Women Voters of Decatur threw their whole-hearted support behind SJR 47.

THE
MONEY
TREE

The "Money Tree" of the Decatur League has a number of vacant spots just waiting for YOUR dues. Your Membership Fee is due now, April 1st. Please send your check to Sylvia Cohn (Mrs. Gershom R.) 777 South Monroe, Decatur, Illinois

NATIONAL CONVENTION of the League of Women Voters will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, April 21-25th inclusive. This is the 23rd Biennial Convention of the National League. Irene Colvis of our Decatur League is a delegate and will attend.

WATER, WATER
EVERYWHERE

If Water and its conservation interests you, you may study anything from the proposed Decatur Big Creek development to "Frederick", a national inter-agency committee, at the Water Resources Workshop.

Give your name now to chairman Rebecca French, tel. 8-5759, so that you may receive suggestions for summer reading, before the workshops begin in the fall.

Your vacation trip will be more interesting and current news will be more meaningful, when you have dipped into the subject of water.

WELCOME TO
THE BOARD!

Mrs. C. R. Barnes (Mary) publicity chairman and Mrs. L. C. Auby, Jr. (Jane) action chairman, appointed and approved at the April Board meeting.

Memorandum
from
National League
President
Mrs. Lee

Do you know that water is a prime factor in the selection of industrial sites? The areas of the country with assured water supplies are enjoying the fruits of economic boom.

Do you know that water must be recognized as the limiting factor in the development of the West? The 17 Western states embracing 60 percent of the land area of the nation receive too little rainfall to ensure general agriculture.

Do you know that the President's Materials Policy Commission estimated a near trebling of industrial water use in 1975 as compared to 1950? Along with irrigation, industrial water demands will be tremendous. With the population growing at an explosive rate, working hours diminishing and natural water sites becoming occupied, the need for positive recreational planning in water development will be imperative.

CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT
MEMORIAL FUND'S
GLOBE TROTTERS

This is from the recent news of the National League of Women Voter's Research & Educational Fund.

Our travelling President, Anna Lord Strauss, has completed her four months' Asian trip. The seminar on women's activities in Bangkok, to which she went as a UN consultant began her program in August. She continued in the same field in Burma and Indonesia, Pakistan and India, but as a roving advisor, sometimes on direct invitation from private organizations.

Taki Fujita returns as Japan's first woman alternate representative to the UN General Assembly. Time has marched on since CCCMF sponsored her country-wide tour of study of methods used here in citizenship training. The League of Women Voters of Japan, of which she is President, prospers as a result.

Of interest to Leaguer's was Mrs. Chanlett's trip to Argentina to consult with women's organizations on effective techniques for citizenship training.

Also Senora De Aparicio of Buenos Aires has been appointed a member of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of U. N. Associations, the only woman member!

TOWN
MEETING

Decatur League folks attending the "Town Meeting" April 1 were, Mary Lou Schlacter, Mary Cresswell, Virginia Gibson and Mrs. Bennett.

Ella Kuntz, Circulation Editor

Eleanor Fairs, Bulletin Editor

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Mrs. L. L. Colvis, President

"The common people--the toilers, the men of uncommon sense--these have been responsible for nearly all the social-reform measures which the world accepts today."
W.E. Gladstone

UNIT
MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 21, 9:30 A.M.

777 So. Monroe, Mrs. G. R. Cohn, hostess

Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 P.M.

73 Fairview Place, Mrs. O. E. Schlachter, hostess

Program: A Township of the City of Decatur.

Come to discuss and aid in making the League decision on this issue. It will be presented to the voters in November.

Every League member will receive a copy of the Study of the Township of the City of Decatur before the unit meetings in May. Read carefully and bring with her to that Unit Meeting.

Resource Committee: Mrs. E. J. Cresswell, Mrs. Don Livergood, Mrs. M. N. Bennett, Mrs. Loring Unger, Mrs. William Kuntz, Mrs. Thomas Protzman, and Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Acting Chairman. *MRS GILL, MRS GRAY, MRS STIVERS.*

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Go see with water resources committee, Come Along--call Rebecca French for When? Tel. 8-5759.

Continued discussion groups for support of Judicial Committee (committee for modern Courts) and cooperation with citizens committee, call Lu Cole, tel. 8-8703, or she will call you! SJR 4

SUMMER
COFFEE

"Each one bring one" at home of Jeanette Adelman, July 24, 9:45 A.M.

For new, old, not so old, and prospective members. Program will include a recording of "Highlights from Convention"; hear all about the 5 day National League sessions at Atlantic City.

Irene Mills, Membership Chairman

Go See--your city council, school board and County board of Supervisors in action. Our new Local Agenda takes in new local problems of our Local Government. Jane Auby has set up visitors schedule and please attend.

Attached is the schedule for attendance at the above mentioned meetings for the coming year. If you find it an impossibility to attend on the date for which you are scheduled, call another League member and exchange dates with her.

Your attendance at the meetings will be our only personal link with local government. We will depend on the notes you take to further our knowledge of action taken on items on the local agenda, attitudes of the Board members on various items, and what has been accomplished in view of what needed to be accomplished and what they said during their campaigns would be accomplished.

Not only will this help the League, but will increase our own knowledge and interest of local government.

The Council Meetings are held at 9:30 A.M. in the County Building. It will be to your advantage to sit toward the front to hear all the conversation that transpires.

YOU are the ONLY League member scheduled to attend the meeting assigned to YOU. If you are reluctant to attend alone, ask a friend or neighbor to go with you.

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Please take notes at the meeting and then follow up with the clippings found in the paper following the meeting. These sometimes cover a period of one week, and will help to supplement your notes. Send all notes and clippings pertaining to the meeting you attend to:

Mrs. Lawrence C. Auby, Jr.

324 N. Edward St., Decatur, Ill.

May we expect these notes and clippings the week following the meeting??? Merci beaucoup!

Board of County Supervisors

June 9 Miss Meyer & Mrs. Auby
Sept. 9 Mrs. Schudel

Dec. 9 Mrs. Rebecca French
(1959) Mar. 9 Mrs. Heuchling

County Supervisor
Sept 9 Schudel
Dec 9 French
1959 Mar 9 Heuchling

School Board Meetings

Meetings - Second Tuesday Evenings

1958	
May 13	Cox
June 10	Foster
July 8	(McNabb inactive)
August 12	Mochel
Sept. 9	Morris, Mrs. John
Oct. 14	Riley
Nov. 11	Barnes, Mrs. C. E.
Dec. 9	Bachrach
1959	
Jan. 13	Adelman
February	Dymond
March	Doubleday
April	Hill, Miss Gertrude
May	MacKechnie, Mrs. J.

Alternates:

Meyer, Miss Charlotte
Morris, Mrs. Ayrle
Vittton, Miss Vera

City Council Meetings

May

5	Jane Auby
8	Dorothy Booth
12	Heuchling, Mrs. Frederick
15	Armstrong, Mrs. J. George
19	Schudel, Mrs. Fred
22	Beggs, Mrs. David Jr.
26	Bennett, Mrs. M. N.
29	Birt, Mrs. Floyd

June

2	Bolton, Mrs. H. G.
5	Bridges, Miss Grace
9	Brintlinger, Mrs. Harold
12	Livergood, Mrs. Don
16	Cohn, Mrs. G. R.
19	Cole, Mrs. Robert L.
23	Colvis, Mrs. L. L.
26	Crawford, Mrs. Robert L.
30	Cresswell, Mrs. E. J.

July

3	Cushing
7	Devore, Mrs. Lofton E.
10	Donovan, Mrs. John
14	England, Mrs. E. H.
17	Evans, Mrs. Bernard B.
21	Evans, Mrs. E. G.
24	Evans, Mrs. John
28	Fairs, Mrs. John H.
31	Ferguson, Mrs. C. W.

November

3	Lawrence, Mrs. Richard N.
6	Leigh, Mrs. James
10	Lewis, Mrs. Robert E.
13	Brown, Mrs. Maurice
17	Miller, Mrs. William
20	Malone, Mrs. Henry E.
24	Martin, Mrs. Forrest
27	Meenen, Mrs. Harold

December

1	Merris, Mrs. Byron
4	Mills, Mrs. Walker
8	Moore, Mrs. James
11	Morey, Mrs. Walter
15	Nagle, Mrs. R. L.
18	Nicholson, Mrs. C. M.
22	Nicholson, Mrs. Wm.
25	Oplinger, Mrs. Russell
29	Owen, Mrs. Honore M.

1959 January

1	Traver, Mrs. Ted
5	Pettee, Mrs. H. J.
8	Powers, Mrs. Jack
12	Protzman, Mrs. Thomas
15	Rosenberg, Mrs. Emanuel
19	Rothfuss, Mrs. W. J.

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August

4	Foster, Mrs. Berwyn E.
7	Frederickson, Mrs. Ralph
11	French, Mrs. Porter
14	Freyfogle, Tinky
18	Funk, Mrs. Edwina
21	Garman, Mrs. Horace B.
25	Gebhardt, Mrs. C. F.
28	Gibson, Mrs. H. W.

September

1	Gill, Mrs. Lowell
4	Gray, Mrs. Allan P.
8	Greenfield, Mrs. R. E.
11	Griffin, Mrs. Charles
15	Hamill, Mrs. E. C.
18	Hipsher
22	Hurley, Mrs. James W.
25	Hurst, Mrs. T. L.
29	Applebaum, Mrs. Irving

October

2	Jack, Mrs. C. M.
6	Jokisch, Mrs. Edwin
9	Jones, Mrs. J. G.
13	Kessinger, Mrs. G. L.
16	Kessler, Mrs. Nat
20	Kraft, Mrs. Elmer
23	Kuhns, Mrs. George
27	Kuntz, Mrs. William F.
30	Landholt, Mrs. Hilmer

February 1959

9	Smith, Mrs. Clifford
12	Smith, Mrs. Elbert
16	Stivers, Mrs. E. C.
19	Suffern, Mrs. Wm. H.
23	Thompson, Mrs. R. N.
26	Tick, Mrs. Alfred C.

March

2	Tick, Mrs. Herbert
5	Tick, Mrs. Walter
9	Tillett, Mrs. W. C.
12	Unger, Mrs. Loring
16	Wack, Mrs. George
19	Wallins, Mrs. I. C.
23	Weiland, Mrs. Edward
26	Winn, Mrs. William R.
30	Wolff, Mrs. Hans

April

3	Wood, Mrs. Richard L.
6	Woyna, Mrs. Firtz
10	Hurley, Mrs. James
13	Armstrong, Mrs. J. George
17	Auby, Mrs. L. C. Jr.
20	Barnes, Mrs. C. W.
24	Beggs, Mrs. David Jr.
27	Bennett, Mrs. M. N.

January 1959 (cont'd.)

22 Roby, Mrs. Verne
26 Scheiter, Mrs. E. K.
29 Schlacter, Mrs. O. E.

February

2 Shildneck, Mrs. Paul
5 Simmons, Mrs. E. L.

May, 1959

1 Birt, Mrs. Floyd
4 Bolton, Mrs. H. G.
8 Booth, Mrs. Edward
11 Bridges, Miss Grace
15 Brintlinger, Mrs. H.
18 Brown, Mrs. Maurice
22 Cohn, Mrs. G. R.
25 Cole, Mrs. R. L.
29 Traver, Muriel Perry

Alternates for Council:

French, Mrs. Porter
Heuchling, Mrs. F.
Livergood, Mrs. Don
Roby, Mrs. Verne
Miller, Mrs. Wm. H.

NATIONAL AGENDA

Item I Federal Trade

Evaluation of U. S. Foreign Policy: with continued support of the U. N. System, world trade, economic development and collective security.

Item 2 Water Resources

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

The above was brought back from National Convention, the exact wording will be in the "National Voter", look for it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Remick McDowell, Member of State Board, chairman of Public Relations, will be guest of the June board meeting, held at the home of Mrs. L. L. Colvis (Irene) June 5th. This is to be a training session for all officers.

Irene Colvis will attend a two day Interim Council in Chicago May 21 and May 22: a meeting of Presidents to review program and adopt Budget for the coming year. Such a travelling gal, our Irene.

Irene and the Board wish to thank Elise Hurst for the capable chairmanship of Candidates meeting---not forgetting all those gals taking part.

DO YOU KNOW

The Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, Inc. is a research and educational fund created in 1947 by the League of Women Voters of the U.S.A. to honor the memory of a great civic leader by carrying on the work to which she devoted her life?

That, in the first 9 years of the Fund's existence, it received \$416,972 in contributions from 1324 individuals and 28 foundations. Its budgets are audited annually.

Its purpose: To increase the knowledge of individual men and women in all parts of the world about the structures, functions, techniques and problems of democratic government.

Its PROGRAM? THE CCCMF sponsors study tours for leaders from other lands who come hereto observe citizen participation in government. Conferences and field trips are arranged. Publications are provided. The CCCMF also sends consultants to countries seeking advice and help in citizen education and community organization. Ideas and educational tools as well as persons are exchanged. CCCMF cooperates with many civic groups. Its programs are often undertaken at the request of the U. S. Government Agencies. U. S. citizens gain insight into other countries--and into themselves. Lasting personal contacts are established. Misconceptions about the U.S.A. are corrected, strengthening the bonds of understanding.

See you at the Summer Coffee.

Ella Kuntz, Circulation Editor

Eleanor Fairs, Bulletin Editor

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Mrs. L. L. Colvis, President

"Common sense is instinct, and enough of it is genius."--

George Bernard Shaw.

LUNCHEON
MEETING

THURSDAY, September 25, 12:45 P.M. Decatur Club. Luncheon \$1.85.
Mr. Carl Miller, well-known Decatur Attorney and newly elected
President of the Decatur Bar Association, will speak on the
Judicial Amendment.

Please phone reservations to Irene Mills by Monday, September 22, telephone 2-3645.
This Article will be voted on in the November election.

ITEM OF
INTEREST

The following people have been appointed committee chairmen without Board
Responsibilities:

Mrs. Russell Oplinger, State Education Item Chairman
Mrs. Loring Unger, Unit Chairman, Mornings
Mrs. Gerald Cox, Unit Chairman, Evenings
Mrs. William Hipsher, Water Item
Mrs. Nat Kessler, Continuing Responsibilities, National Chairman
Mrs. Hilmer Landholt, Continuing Responsibilities, State Chairman

PROGRAMS FOR
THE FUTURE....

October - Public School Finance
November - Election Laws and Procedures

First Unit Meeting October 15.

The public school finance committee is meeting to form conclusions to present to our
October Unit Meetings. This committee has done a thorough study and we all listened eagerly
as we heard where do our school finances originate and where do they go in, in the unit meet-
ing last year. Now we will join the committee in our decisions of whether we wish to con-
tinue public school finances for a State Item in '59--broaden the item to include curriculum
or narrow the item. Save October 15 for our first unit meeting, places to be announced in
October bulletin.

Fall Regional
Meeting

We have a special invitation to the Regional meeting at the Union
building in Champaign. It will be Friday, September 19 from 10 A.M.
to 3 P.M. There will be a discussion of voter service plans, Judi-
cial Amendment, information on the four-ballot issues (and information on Candidates for
Trustees of University of Illinois will be available). Let's take several cars with board
members and all Voters Service and Judicial Committee members. Please call Irene Colvis
tel. 8-3331 if you can attend.

Irene Colvis, President

NEW UNIT

Bring the children! A new unit especially for the convenience of
mothers with pre-school children, will be tried this year. All
meetings will be at the home of Elise Hurst (Mrs. Thos. L.) 2095 W. Sunset. The tentative
time has been set for the Tuesday mornings immediately preceding the regular unit meetings.
The first meeting will be Tuesday, October 14, at 9:30 A.M. (If this is not a good day for
anyone interested in this unit, call Elise Hurst tel. 8-4795 and perhaps another day can be
found.)

A competent woman will be engaged to care for the children downstairs while the mothers
meet upstairs. It has been estimated that the charge per child will be 50¢. (Compare this
with your regular cost for a sitter.)

Leaguers knowing anyone who might be interested in the unit, do tell them about it,
take them with you if you plan to attend and if you will give Elise Hurst their name she
will see that they are contacted.

(Suggestions would be most welcome for the names of women whom we might get to care
for the children.)

DUES

Only a few League members have overlooked payment of dues for the current year.
Please send your check for \$5.00 to Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe. You may
also include contribution to the Finance Drive.

JUST OFF THE PRESS! The 1958, revised Voter's Handbook is here. Contact me for your new
copy, price one dollar. I'll have plenty on hand.

Dottie Booth, Publications

LOCAL
SOCIAL

Many thanks are due Jeanette Adelman for a most successful "COFFEE" held
in her home in July -- the only "fun" affair the League has yearly.

JUBILEE FOR VICTORY

The League's work for legislation on the reciprocal trade program has paid off. Congress put through an unprecedented four-year extension with presidential authority to cut tariffs up to 20%.

This falls short of the five-year 25% bill asked by President Eisenhower, but not so short that it was unacceptable.

An unwanted House amendment is also a part of the bill; but it too, can be endured. This says that if the President disapproves recommendations of the tariff commission for import quotas of higher tariffs to protect a domestic industry, Congress may over-ride him and uphold the commission by a two-thirds vote of both House and Senate.

With a sigh of relief we turn our attention to other foreign policy problems.

FOOTNOTE - Did you notice in the Herald and Review one Sunday this summer an article on trade by James Miller of the local newspaper staff? He wrote concerning Illinois' stake in foreign trade and used material from the League's "Illinois Trader" for part of his article. We take pride in having helped to make the survey for this report issued two years ago.

Lola Smith, Foreign Policy Chmn.

CLOSE-UP OF WASHINGTON, a 48-page pamphlet recently issued by the League of Women Voters Education Fund, is a new type of guide book to the Nation's Capital. Of particular interest perhaps to the visitor to Washington, the publication can also be used as a supplementary text in social science. "Close-Up of Washington" deals briefly with U.S. Government...its history, functions and habitat. It should help the student of government...young or old...to know what to look for in the Nation's Capital. It links ideas connected with American history and government to the actual buildings in which these concepts are being translated into action. The pamphlet suggests that the visitor start out at the National Archives building where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are housed. Then taking its cue from the Constitution itself, the pamphlet examines the three sides of the federal-triangle...legislative, executive and judicial...and visits each in turn. In each case it goes beyond the marble facade of the government buildings concerned to the reasons for the structure and the fundamental ideas behind it. "Close-Up of Washington" does not neglect the inter-play between the three branches of government and the relation of each to the states and to the individual citizen.

In the 48-page publication it is impossible, of course, to explore all the facets of the federal government either in breadth or in depth, but a nice use of illustrative detail should make Washington come alive not only as a beautiful and inspiring capital but as the seat of government.

The publication can be purchased for 25¢ from the League of Women Voters Educational Fund, Room 509, 1026 - 17th Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C., or from the League of Women Voters, Decatur, Illinois.

From the National Memorandum.

WHY NOT LEAGUE
OF MEN VOTERS?

was the heading of an article in Sunday's, Herald and Review, on the Editorial page by Edward Lindsay. If you missed reading it, go back and do so, t'was complimentary.

Announcement of the September 9th Finance Drive Kickoff Breakfast at Greider's mezzanine at 9:15 A.M. for workers.

Ella Kuntz, Circulation Editor

Eleanor Fairs, Bulletin Editor

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Mrs. L. L. Colvis, President

"Things don't turn up in this world unless somebody turns them up."

James A. Garfield

UNIT Oct. 14, Tues. 9:15 A.M. - Our new "Bring the Children Unit" at the home of Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2095 West Sunset. Nursery care for children, 50¢ per family for the morning. Fortunately we have secured Mrs. Lamont, with 5 years experience in pre-school work. All are welcome, with or without children.

Oct. 15, Wednesday, 9:30 A.M. - Morning Unit at the home of Mrs. John H. Fairs, 43 N. Country Club Rd.

Oct. 15, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. - Evening Unit at the home of Mrs. Gerald D. Cox, 834 West Division.

Program: Public School Finance

The State Legislative Platform of the League depends upon an expression from each local unit in order to speak for the League of Women Voters on the state level. At the October meeting, the Decatur League will express an opinion on 8 items pertaining to legislation concerning Public School Finance. The discussion will be introduced by the School Finance Committee--

Mrs. Russell Oplinger, chairman, Mrs. James Leigh, Mrs. T. L. Hurst, Mrs. William H. Miller and Mrs. H. W. Gibson.

We need the opinion of every member of the Decatur unit on such items as -- Qualification for State Aid for Education, and Sources of State Revenue.

GO SEE

With Rebecca French and other interested Leaguers, the Proposed Big Creek project and the Proposed Oakley Dam. Oct. 22 is the day, 9 A.M. until 12 A.M. Meet at the Water Building at 1085 S. Main St. You may come for explanation, see maps or take the entire trip conducted by Mr. Beeson, City Conservationist. Put your name in at Unit meeting, or call Rebecca French, tel. 8-5759. This is a Local Study.

MEMBERSHIP

Each member of the League is a committee of one to promote and keep League membership strong and active. This fall we have political issues that help to focus the interest of intelligent voters and potential League members. Invite a guest to League Unit Meetings.

We welcome to service on the Membership Committee the following who will help to coordinate individual membership effort:

Mrs. Richard M. Lawrence Mrs. Lee H. Sentman
Mrs. Paul Shildneck Mrs. Arthur Adelman

A vital part of our League activities is the phone committee:

Mrs. William T. Cleary Mrs. Elmer Kraft
Mrs. William Colan Mrs. I. C. Wallins

Mrs. Dan Gannon

Welcome to these gals who have joined us:

Mrs. Helen Miller	716½ W. Main St.	8-4821
Mrs. Emmet Jurgens	1332 W. Macon	8-8303
Mrs. Wm. T. Cleary	839 W. Hazel	2-7434
Mrs. Wm. Colan	866 W. Harper	3-7890
Mrs. Lee H. Sentman	61 Eastmoreland Pl.	8-7825
Mrs. Dan Gannon	340 S. Woodale	8-7002

Irene Mills, Membership, chairman

IMPORTANT,

JUDICIAL

Professor E. Cleary, from the University of Illinois, remarked at our September luncheon that this may be the only chance some of us will get to vote on modernization of our courts.

We have the opportunity on November 4 to consolidate the trial courts, to give the Supreme court the authority it needs over other courts and itself, to eliminate the fee system in Illinois.

If the Judicial Amendment is defeated, it will be because of apathy, not organized opposition. Each leaguer should take it upon herself to get five people to vote YES for the Judicial Amendment.

Enclosed is a sample of the postcards mentioned in the October Voter. It, or they if you are willing to stop by my house and get four more, is to be addressed to friends of yours within the state to remind them that you are working hard for the passage of the court reform. Won't the rest of you do this little bit? Board-pick yours up anytime now.

Our Judicial skit will be presented twice this month--to the YMCA Public Affairs luncheon and to the MacArthur High School PTA. The following Leaguers have also gone out alone to speak to different groups:

Shirley Landholt	P. E. O. Group	Last spring
Iola Smith	Warrensburg Jr. Women's Club	Sept. 17
Shirley Landholt	Grace Methodist Church Unit	" 18
Dottie Booth	Oglesby P. T. A.	" 18
Lou Cole	Congregational Women's Group	Oct. 3
Virginia Gibson	Women's Council	" 6
Iola Smith	Methodist Church Women's Group	" 10
Shirley Landholt	Business & Professional Women	" 12
Shirley Landholt	Zonta	" 23
Iola Smith	Zion Chapel Association	" 24
Katherine Donavan	Decatur Women's Club	" 28
Pick up Blue Cards from Lou Cole, 1128 W. Macon tel. 8-8703 -- chairman		

PUBLICITY

W D Z Radio Program 12:30 P. M. Oct. 19 or Oct. 26
Call station for definite date.

Information on Judicial Amendment.

Judge Greenias and Attorney Carl Miller, Speakers.

Mary Barnes, chairman

FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S
PEN

The Regional meeting in Champaign on Judicial Amendment action and a Voter's Service review was attended by Mrs. T. L. Hurst, Mrs. John H. **Fairs**, Mrs. O. E. Schlachter, Mrs. Wm. Winn, Mrs. Hilmer Landholt, Mrs. Richard Lawrence, Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. William Miller and Mrs. L. L. Colvis.

Committee members to attend LEAGUE MEETINGS IN CHICAGO:

Our School Finance chairman Mrs. Russell Oplinger, will attend State Meeting Oct. 8 on study of educational problems that effect school finance.

Oct. 14, Mrs. Walker Mills and Mrs. Geo. Kuhns will represent the nominating committee at the organization meeting at the Chicago YMCA 10:30 - 3:00.

Mrs. C. E. Barnes and Mrs. O. E. Schlachter will attend the State Publications Pow Wow at the League Office, 59 Madison, 10:30-3:00. Anyone else interested in attending any of these meetings please call Irene Colvis 8-3331.

URBAN RENEWAL: Jane Auby is taking over our urban renewal study and is making a date with Mr. Ford the city planner. Look for further reports on urban renewal in future bulletins.

Council Manager-Referendum. And now a vote on November 25.

Mrs. H. W. Gibson has consented to hold refresher workshops at her home on Council-Manager Government for our city. Call Virginia if you can make a date for the last week in Oct. 27-31, tel 3-4344.

Also watch for a notice forum on Council Manager at Decatur Public Library during week of Nov. 2-8. Mrs. Gibson will represent us on that forum and it will be a meeting full of information.

NOVEMBER 4

- What will confront you at the polls? Other than a ballot for candidates you will be handed ballots for your vote on six other issues. On only the first two of these does the League have a stand (IMW takes a stand on only those issues it has studied).

1. At the top of the list is the Judicial Amendment (change to Modern Courts) which the League is supporting actively. This will be on a blue ballot as are all ballots proposing changes in the Illinois Constitution.
 2. The creation of a City of Decatur Township which is called an advisory vote but which could end up being considered mandatory, the League is opposed to until state laws concerning such a township are cleared up.
 3. Permitting County Sheriffs and Treasurers to succeed themselves (serve more than one 4 year term consecutively) will also be on a blue ballot since it is a proposed change in the Illinois Constitution.
 4. Permitting the state to issue bonds for permanent improvements at State Universities and Colleges and Department of Public Welfare Institutions.
 5. Permitting State to issue bonds to pay Korean Veterans a bonus.
 6. Changing Banking Act to transfer administrative duties from Auditor of Public Accounts to Director of Financial Institutions.
- (Look up details in material sent you with your new registration card and in recent Illinois Voter and local League bulletin.)

FINANCE
DRIVE
REPORT

"Last but not least"! It takes many interested and dedicated League members to make a Finance Drive successful. You have all come through in fine style, and as a result we have exceeded our goal. Many thanks to those of you who typed, solicited, and gave an additional contribution to the League fund.

Pauline Winn, Finance chairman

Ella Kuntz, Circulation Editor

Eleanor Fairs, Bulletin Editor

Hope you will vote YES on the Blue Ballot
Judicial Amendment at the November 4
election. Your vote is needed if we are
to modernize our antiquated Illinois Courts.

"Although there is no relationship between the amount of leader activity and League effectiveness, there is a relationship with member activity. There is greater member activity in the more effective Leagues than in the less effective Leagues."

- From "National Leadership for Effective Leagues" handbook.

UNIT MEETINGS

Nov. 18 Tuesday, 9:15 A.M. BRING THE CHILDREN Unit, at 2095 W. Sunset
Mrs. T. L. Hurst. Reminder to newcomers - Child care is 50¢
per family for the morning.

Nov. 19 Wednesday, 9:30 A.M. at the home of Mrs. E. J. Cresswell
Nov. 19 7:30 P.M. at 1684 W. Riverview, Mrs. Clifford Smith, hostess.

PROGRAM: Consensus on Election Laws & Procedures & on State Current Responsibilities.

RESOURCE LEADERS: Shirley Landholt will review State Continuing Responsibilities and Lou Cole will present Election laws and Procedures. The League needs to reach consensus on these items, so our delegates to State Convention may have our recommendations. Please come and share in this responsibility.

Take advantage of our "Open Invitation" and bring guests to Unit meetings.

IMPORTANT Since the Bond Issue Vote for Land Acquisition for the Big Creek Development is to be January 20, the January Unit meetings will be devoted to the Local Agenda item, and will fall on January 13 and 14.

BOND ISSUE

Are you ready for January 20th? On that day, Decatur residents will vote on the \$3,000,000 Bond Issue for land acquisition for the Big Creek water and recreation project.

Dr. Greenfield, chairman of Decatur Water Advisory Committee, will be present at the next local water resources meeting, to help answer our questions. Come to Lola Smith's Thursday, November 13 at 9:30 A.M., 1684 W. Riverview.

Don't miss the chance to see the big maps at the water building, and to GO - See the Big Creek area itself. Eighteen of us have already done so, and wholeheartedly recommend the trip. Phone Rebecca French, 8-5759, and we'll find a date.

WORLD PEACE WORKSHOP, Sponsored by Decatur Church Council

Date: Sunday, November 23rd

Time: 2:30 P.M.

Place: First Methodist Church, 201 W. North
Registration fee: .50¢

The plans for this workshop promise a very interesting and profitable afternoon. The League Board recommends your attendance if at all possible, since the discussions held could be of benefit to our members when we begin our Foreign Policy studies after Christmas. Dr. Darryl Randall, Assistant Director of International Relations of the World Council of Churches, will be the leader and chief speaker. He has recently returned from a round-the-world trip. Then group discussions will be held as follows:

China - Mrs. Connie Pemble, leader; Mrs. Ted Traver, Chairman
Near East - Rabbi Thurtz, leader; Rev. Lorrin Kreider, Chairman
Russia - Rev. Ray Grummon, leader; Rev. John Evans, Chairman
Africa - Rev. Jay Logan, leader; Rev. Luke Mingo, Chairman

A question and answer period will be of interest. Sample question: 1. Would World Peace be advanced if China were allowed to join U. N.? 2. Can there be peace between the Jews and the Arabs? etc.

THANK YOU

for a successful Finance Drive. Total as of Nov. 6, is \$1,084.50.

The following workers are responsible in a large measure for the success of the drive:
Typing: Ella Kuntz, Virginia Gibson and Ruth Miller.

Card Checking: Rebecca French, Lola Smith, Florence Cox and Irene Colvis.

Solicitors: Jeannette Adelman, Mary Barnes, Dottie Booth, Sylvia Cohn, Irene Colvis, Florence Cox, Mary Cresswell, Katherine Donovan, Eleanor Pairs, Edwina Funk, Virginia Gibson, Melba Griffin, Ruth Hipsher, Elise Hurst, Helen Leigh, Caurine Martin, Irene Mills, Lucy Oplinger, Mary Lou Schlechter, Pauline Smith, Lola Smith and your chairman Pauline Winn.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Lloyd D. Ater, Barbara 61 E. Emerson tel. 4942
Mrs. Ray Wilson, Janet 62 E. Emerson 3-7304

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Copies of our revised Illinois Voters Handbook, together with our Publications list, were distributed to all the secondary schools in Macon County. The new Voter will also be placed in both the public and Millikin libraries as soon as additional ordered materials arrive.

- Literature & Publications, Chairman--
Dottie Booth

Judicial Amendment report: we came close--just not quite enough votes. There is still a slim possibility of its passing, but we won't know for sure until December, when the official count is completed. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard.

Lou Cole, Judicial Amendment Chairman

You never know where League material will turn up. The States Attorney's office used a couple of pamphlets in answering questions on voting.

Irene Colvis suggests listening for Council Manager program, WJZ, Scott W. Cleave Jr., & Mrs. H. W. Gibson---Moderator, Dr. Rallice Wiggs of Millikin faculty Education Department. To be on the air Sunday, Nov. 16, 12:30 P.M.

State Meetings in Chicago: Nov. 20, Election Laws and Procedures committee members meet to summarize recommendations.

Dec. 4, State Council meeting to consider agenda, in preparation for 1959 State Legislative Session.

Dec. 9, Local Agenda Conference, covering League protocol, League relationships with local officials and with the community.

Council Manager Forum at Library Nov. 17, Mon. at 7:30 with residents of Bloomington, Ill. to add "How Council Manager form of government works in Bloomington". Election for this, will be Nov. 25th, in Decatur. Come and learn.

FACTS ABOUT THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Structure - A Council consisting of a Mayor and 6 Councilmen elected by the voters of Decatur to set policy and govern the city.

The Council is paid only a nominal salary which means that any well-qualified man can serve the community as a Councilman without interrupting his own profession or employment.

The Council will hire a city manager who is merely the administrator of all policies set by the Council. He serves without contract. He may be dismissed overnight.

No person can be expected to spend his full time running one city department and then enter the Council room at 10 A.M. on Monday and Thursday each week and proceed to set policy for the good of the community at the expense of his own department.

The next time that Commissioner is for election the only concrete evidence of fitness for re-election is the progress he has made in his own department. It is against human nature not to expect him to indulge during the four years in back-scratching to promote his department and his own prospects for re-election.

The Council-Manager plan is more democratic than the five-headed Commission plan because the voters have better control. A mayor can be a dictator while his term lasts but a manager reports weekly to a Council that can fire him on the spot.

COSTS - A city manager can give more and better service without increasing the cost to the taxpayer.

WHY? Centralized purchasing and centralized inventory will reduce costs. At present 30 to 35 city employees are making unbusinesslike and haphazard purchases in all city departments.

With the new term of office in Decatur, we will be paying the Mayor and 4 Commissioners a total of \$44,000 in salaries. Under the Council-Manager plan, even if we used the top salaries paid in Peoria, the total salaries would only approximate \$33,000 - and it is extremely unlikely that Decatur is going to have to pay either the Council or Manager as much as Peoria does.

These salaries are IN ADDITION to the Heads of Departments. We are paying department heads now even though we elect and pay a Commissioner to do that work.

We are not going to say that taxes will be reduced. We are going to say that more and better service will be a result of the Council Manager form of government. Four years ago we were told that taxes would not increase if we retained the Commissioners. In those four years we have had the 1/2 cent Sales Tax imposed on us which nets approximately \$500,000 per year. We have had the reduction on property taxes taken away from us, when the Commissioners re-imposed it last year. The record speaks for itself.

SERVICE - City employees no longer have to depend upon the patronage system. Now they will secure and retain city employment on the basis of merit.

A manager does not want the chaos that would result from indiscriminate firing of city employees; neither does he wish to pay the costs involved in hiring and training new people.

From Richmond, California across the country to Hackensack, New Jersey, the report is the same: Improved and expanded services for our citizens, better streets, better lighting, better recreation, improved health and physical safeguards and comprehensive planned development--all with no increase in taxes.

A lot of people like the availability of the Commissioners when they have a complaint to make:

Personal contact with residents of Peoria, Illinois, and Ashville, North Carolina brought this comment: "We have never failed to secure the ear of the manager whenever we had a complaint. We have never failed to secure an answer after his investigation of our problem. We didn't always get the answer we wanted but we did get a clear logical explanation that revealed thoughtful and just consideration."

The manager has to answer; there is no one to whom he can "pass the buck".

The Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund assists and encourages groups in other countries who are seeking aid in their struggle to provide non-partisan civic education. This assistance takes the form occasionally of grants to finance pilot projects in training leaders, demonstrating methods of organization, or publishing printed materials--An outstanding example was the aid given to enable a pioneering group in Italy to train teachers and establish democratic centers for citizen education in rural communities.

A different approach was used in India where local groups were assisted to write and distribute illustrated primers for newly enfranchised, newly literate voters.

The CCCMF supplements academic college with with discussion groups, and with field trips to view government agencies in action, voluntary civic agencies and headquarters of the major political parties.

WHO DOES THE WORK? -- Devoted volunteers, with a minimum staff.

WHO SUPPORTS IT? -- Foundations and individuals who recognize its unique approach, its far-reaching influence, and its potentialities for broader service.

WHERE ARE ITS OFFICES? -- Headquarters: 461 Fourth Ave. New York 16, N. Y.
Washington office: 726 Jackson Place, Washington 6, D. C.

"Men have sight; women insight."

-- Victor Hugo

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

UNIT
MEETINGS

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

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

GENERAL
MEETING

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

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

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

WATER, WATER
EVERYWHERE..

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

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

Over 20 members attended conducted tours to survey Big Creek area.
Over 20 members attended meeting where Dr. Greenfield was speaker.

Rebecca French, chairman.

FOREIGN
POLICY
WORKSHOP

Mark February 11th as a day to remember!

Our very important Foreign Policy Study is fast approaching and we want you
now to save Wednesday, February 11th, for a special initial workshop session.

Actually, it will be three sessions including a sack luncheon at the home of
our president, Irene Colvis, 559 S. Taylor. Our hostess will furnish the coffee. The hours
will be from 9:30 until 2:30, bring a "sack lunch".

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

The theme for the workshop is "New Perspectives in Foreign Policy", also the title of an
interesting new pamphlet we shall use. By April we should be ready to report our opinions on
two questions-- (1) Are we ready to expand or change any of our current League positions on
foreign policy issues? If so, which ones and in what directions? (2) What areas of foreign
policy are emerging as of special interest and importance to the Leagues? A new area for us
to consider might be the development of communication and understanding between peoples.
Hope to see you February 11th!

Lola Smith, Foreign Policy Chairman.

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

LOOKING
TOWARD
1959

A HAPPY 1959 TO ALL!

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

Jan. 27.....Vote on Big Creek Land Acquisition
Feb. 10.....Vote on The Future of Decatur's Streets
Mar. 3.....Primary to choose those to be elected to our New Council
Apr. 21.....The Election of those to carry out our new Council-Manager
government.

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

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

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

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

Lola Smith in charge of Foreign Item

Ruth Hipsher in charge of Water Resources