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## THE LEAGUE LETTER

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### LEGISLATIVE SCHOOL AT SPRINGFIELD

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League members have been informed of the legislative school to be held in Springfield, Tuesday, May 27, to inform citizens of the process of legislature.

Committee chairmen have been taking reservations for the trip during the week, but there is still time for League members to call their chairmen if they wish to attend. Mrs. M.H. Goldmann, president whose phone number is 9555, will also accept reservations although none will be given consideration after Saturday morning.

The program for the school is varied and offers a rare opportunity for study. The group will assemble at the information desk in the rotunda of the capitol at 9 a.m. when the House and Senate convene and will be directed from there to the galleries.

At 12:30 the League will have a luncheon in the St. Nicholas hotel with women members of the legislature as guests.

The committee hearings will begin at 2 p.m. with times, places, and subjects announced at the luncheon so that members may attend those meetings of greatest interest to them. Following this an optional trip to the Lincoln house and tomb will be made.

The League delegates will be hostesses to their own senators and representatives at a dinner at 6:15 at the Elks Club 160. The governor, lieutenant governor, Speaker of the House, and sponsors of the League's "support measures" will be special guests and will speak briefly.

If any member wishing to attend has an automobile available for the trip, she is advised to contact Mrs. Goldmann by Saturday morning.

### GENERAL MEETING TO DECIDE YEAR'S PROJECT MAY 28

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A general meeting for organizational purposes will be held Thursday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Library.

At that time committees will present their suggestions for the community project for the current year. Since the project which is finally adopted will demand the efforts of every League member, full attendance is urged.

Committee chairmen and members of the board of directors are: Mrs. M.H. Goldmann--president; Mrs. B.L. Fryxell--vice-pres.; Mrs. J.A. Melrose--secretary; Mrs. John Kuhns--treasurer; Mrs. Robert A. Wood--ch. government in operation; Mrs. Kenneth Flint--ch. membership; Miss Christine P. Simer--constitutional convention; Miss Blossom Redmon--education; Mrs. Walter McLaughlin--public welfare; Mrs. Gerald Cox--Economics; Mrs. Frederick Leach--publication and bulletin; Mrs. James Leigh--publicity; Mrs. Walter Meyer--calling; Mrs. R.B. Stauber--finance; and Mrs. E.L. Simmons--foreign relations.

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### LEAGUE AIMS FOR SEVENTY-FIVE

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The League has a membership of at least seventy-five as its goal for the coming year. New members can only be won by the persistence and enthusiasm of old members who are interested in persuading their friends to join.

Membership dues of \$3 are payable to Mrs. John Kuhns for the new year which began April 1. Dues entitle members to the publications, Action, the National bulletin, and the Illinois Voter the state bulletin, in addition to the privileges adhering to local membership.



STATE CONVENTION DECIDES  
ON AGENDA FOR '47

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The 23rd state convention of the League was held in Peoria, April 21-23. Our president, Mrs. Goldmann, attended the entire period, and Mrs. James Leigh and Mrs. John Kuhns were there for the last meeting. While there is not enough space in this letter for the entire convention report, the Agenda should be kept in mind by all League members.

"The League of Women Voters promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The current agenda is made up of those government issues which the Convention has chosen for concerted action. Action may include (1) providing information, (2) building public opinion, (3) supporting legislation.

Current Agenda

- " A Constitutional Convention
- " Unit district schools, in a county-community administrative organization, with state support of a minimum program.
  - Improved administration
  - Remapping of school districts
  - Increased salary of teachers
  - Extension of school services.
- " Improvement in state welfare institutions in personnel, finance, and services.
- " State Fair Employment Practices.
- " State encouragement for housing programs, with emphasis on planning.
  - Temporary emergency housing.
  - Public housing for lowest income group."

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An Urgent Call for Action

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Mrs. Walter T. Fisher, president of the State League, has reported that the committee vote on a call for a constitutional convention has been postponed until May 28. The State League asks that as much publicity as possible be given to this vote, for it is to the public interest that this resolution be reported out of committee.

Mrs. Fisher concluded, "No words are strong enough to tell you the importance of this call for action. The League cannot listen to defeatists but must use every effort to press forward on its number one commitment."

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Summer Plans Made;  
Meetings Scheduled  
For Fall Work

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With Mrs. B.I. Fryxell and Mrs. James Leigh as discussion leaders for the luncheon and evening groups, respectively, plans are being made for a continuation of discussion meetings during the summer months.

The board has tentatively set the first and third weeks of each month for discussion, and the second Thursday evening for general meetings. The luncheon group meets at present at 1 p.m. in Greider's cafeteria on Tuesdays, while the evening groups meet in the public library at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Arrangements for the discussion to be under the direction of a different committee each meeting is already underway with the first special discussion under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Cox, chairman of the Economics committee.

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Friday, October 24, 1947.

# Staley Lashes Russia's Aims; Urges Voluntary Food Saving

## Says Program Vital to World

By CLYDE DUNCAN  
Of The Herald Staff

Lashing out at Soviet Russia and her methods of penetration and domination and declaring "there seems no hope of agreement with her as a nation," A. E. Staley, Jr., a member of the National Food Conservation committee, urged American housewives and farmers to follow the committee's advice or sink into world chaos in an address last night before the Macon County League of Women voters.

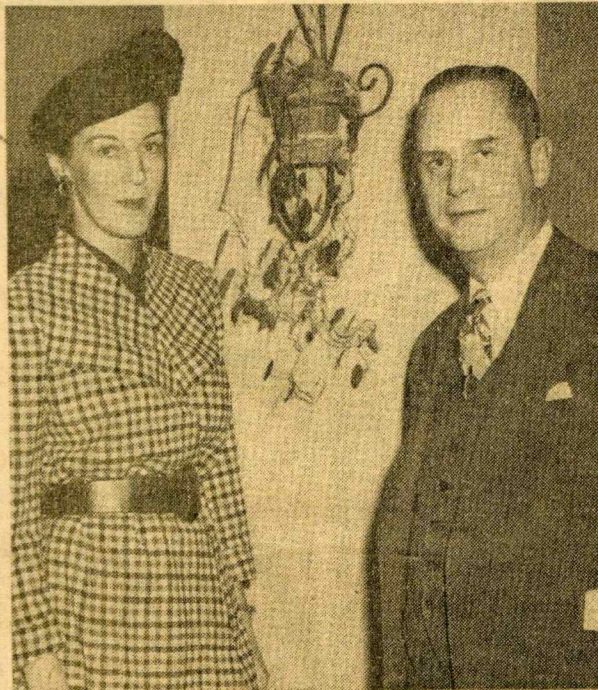
The address was given before the organization in Kaeuper hall at Millikin University and was presided over by Mrs. M. H. Goldmann, Voters League president.

Speaking slowly and in an earnest tone the speaker early in his speech laid the troubles of Europe at Russia's door which he claims aims at domination of that continent and later world domination. "The Russian policy is to penetrate and then establish in a country a police nation whose principles are as contrary to those of our's as it is possible to be," he said.

MR. STALEY emphasized that such opinions regarding the Soviet were his own personal opinions; but stressed the fact that the information he was giving could be read in the newspapers and magazines every day.

The speaker related how the food committee was organized as a result of the hunger and privation in Western Europe. He said that there are 26 members of the committee representing farming, labor and industry.

"The purpose of the committee is to urge through voluntary means the saving of food stuffs which may be shipped to Europe," he emphasized. "We know in peace times the American people do not want rationing or any such controls as that. We know what the American people do voluntarily they will enter into wholeheartedly. If they are forced to conserve food we only drive them into the black markets. This must be on a voluntary basis, and I know the American people will follow through."



Mrs. M. H. Goldman, president of the Macon County League of Women Voters, confers with A. E. Staley, Jr., president of the A. E. Staley

Mfg. Co. and a member of President Truman's food conservation committee, who addressed the league last night in Kaeuper hall. (Staff photo)

**HE POINTED OUT** the economic necessity of this country assisting Western Europe to "get on its feet." "Our sending of food to Europe is not only a humanitarian necessity," he added, "but it is a selfish necessity. We must keep millions from starving else we will cultivate the soil for communism and pave the way for civilization to perish from the face of the earth."

It was no pretty picture that Mr. Staley painted of world conditions as they now exist and of which actually food is the very key stone. The gravity of the words he was uttering was reflected in an almost unsmiling countenance except when at times he told of humorous incidents in committee work as when Drew Pearson secured a copy of the minutes of the first meeting and of course "didn't hide them under a bushel." But for the most part it was a serious talk reminding one of the gravity and grimness of war days so soon past.

The speaker stated that some urged an "all out cereal diet" for the American family leaving meat, eggs and poultry for foreign shipment. He pointed out that obviously that wasn't what was wanted; but rather a compromise between a heavy meat diet and an all cereal diet.

MR. STALEY STATED that grain is what is needed most to feed starving Europe. Many ideas have been suggested as to how to conserve the grain such as shutting down the distilleries for 60 days; substituting other carbohydrates for those now used in the manufacture of beer; making smaller loaves of bread and less consignment selling of bread to the retailers. In other words the retailer would buy only the bread he could use in the course of one day without any left over.

"I think where the greatest progress can be made in conserving grain which can be shipped to Europe rests with our farmers," Mr. Staley divulged. "There has never been anything said about it so far as I know but if hogs were marketed to say 220 pounds weight instead of say 275 pounds there would be much saving of grain in feeding them to the heavier weights. Cattle could be marketed with a little less finish and yet not hurt the quality of the beef. Dairy birds could be culled, taking out many unprofitable cows and bulls that eat costly grain and a great saving effected there. Thousands of poultry flocks could be culled and untold thousands of tons of good feed be made available for shipment to Europe's starving."

**"IN OTHER WORDS** by more efficient feeding of our farm animals and by culling the non-profitable animals that eat costly grains I believe we will go a long way toward stopping starvation and want in Europe and that is our goal now. It should be the goal of every one."

The speaker emphasized the destruction of rats which annually consume 100 million bushels of grain, as part of the program to

alleviate Europe's hunger.

"Just save a slice of bread a day," he said in closing, "and earnestly cooperate in our program of meatless Tuesdays and chickenless and eggless Thursdays and in time we will have the problem licked. And we will do it on a voluntary basis, too!"



Nov 16, 1947 - Herald

# Disney Didn't Mean What He Said of Women Voters

Walt Disney has learned about women.

More particularly, the famed motion picture cartoonist has learned about the League of Women Voters.

The league unit in Decatur was informed last week of Mr. Disney's complete retraction of his "Communist" accusations against the League of Women Voters and the events leading up to the retraction.

Mrs. M. E. Goldmann, president of the league in Decatur, gave the following account of the incident last night:

On Oct. 24, Walt Disney, in testifying before the House committee on un-American activities, referred to the League of Women Voters as "one of the Communist front organizations."

**WITHIN AN HOUR**, representatives of the League of Women Voters reached Mr. Disney at his hotel in Washington, D. C. Mr. Disney refused to see the women, but one of them talked to him on the house telephone.

"She got the distinct impression that Mr. Disney knew very little about our organization," Mrs. Goldmann said. "He was quite unaware of the fact that the League of Women Voters is a national organization." (There are leagues in 550 cities in the United States.)

The following morning Mr. Disney sent a telegram to the un-American activities committee which said:

"Some confusion has arisen over my testimony regarding the League of Women Voters. My testimony referred to the year 1941 at which time the several women represented themselves as being from the League of Women Voters. I want you to know that I had no intention of criticizing the League of Women Voters as of now. Please see that this is read to the committee on Monday and that it is added to my testimony."

**BUT THE WOMEN** were not satisfied.

The Los Angeles and California League minutes as well as the Los Angeles newspapers for 1941 were searched without finding any reference either official or unofficial to League of Women Voters' action in connection with Mr. Disney.

There was discussion regarding suing Mr. Disney, but appearance before a congressional committee gives immunity and the league could not sue.

The organization then asked the

cartoonist to "show proof of his statement or to retract it."

In a letter sent by Mr. Disney to the House committee on Nov. 3, a copy of which was received by Mrs. Goldmann last week, the Hollywood celebrity expressed his regrets:

"SINCE RETURNING to my office in Burbank, Calif., I have had an opportunity to carefully review my files pertaining to this subject matter. I can now definitely state that while testifying as above I was confused by a similarity of names between two women's organizations. I regret that I named the League of Women Voters when I intended to name the League of Women Shoppers.

"Therefore I trust your committee will find it consistent to make requisite amendment to the record with respect to my testimony so as to erase any implication that the League of Women Voters had at any time intervened or taken any action with regard to the matters about which I was being interrogated."

Mr. Disney's attorney asked league officers to express Mr. Disney's regrets to all league members, "especially those who have written to him directly."

Nov 17, 1947 - Review

## Disney Eats His Dirt

A cheer and a "well done" to the League of Women Voters for its aggressive stubbornness in making Walt Disney back down, abject step by abject step, from his stupid statement to the House un-American activities committee that the League is a "Communist front organization."

Only a person who lived in the intellectually stale air of Hollywood could possibly have referred to the League of Women Voters as a Red front group. Obviously Disney has not the slightest idea of the fine, intelligent work the league has done toward educating the public about candidates and issues without regard to political party.

Yet he had the effrontery to tell the House committee, and have that charge spread across the nation in headlines, that the League is subversive.

His apology is complete and humble. But it does not erase the blot. Retractions never reach the whole original audience. Many who heard the original charge will not hear of Disney's apology.

Unfortunately, because Disney was testifying before a congressional committee he has immunity and cannot be sued for his slanderous charge. That is precisely why so many witnesses use such hearings to blacken the names and assault the characters of those with whom they do not agree.

As for Disney, let him stick to Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck, and leave the field of politics to those who know whereof they speak. The League of Women Voters, for example.



## A Call for Citizen Action!

# City-County Utility Issue Stalemated

PROPOSALS affecting publicly-owned utilities—sewers, street lighting and water—now before the city and township governments pose questions of far-reaching importance.

Sound conclusions, supported by a majority of the citizens, can make as much difference in the welfare of the area as the decision of 1919 to build the lake which kept the great Staley plant in Decatur.

The proposals are:

1-That the city sell water "at wholesale" to a township organization which would have bonding power to build service lines.

2-To this the city has countered with the suggestion that areas wishing water, together with any territory between them and the city limits, petition for admission to the city.

3-That the Sanitary district, which collects taxes from most of Decatur township but serves only the city, extend sewer service on some basis to a larger area.

4-That the city rebuild its outgoing water pumping and distribution system and its generating plant for street lighting, with added capacity for water pumping which now is steam driven.

5-That the city purchase electricity for street lighting and outgoing water pumping from the Illinois Power Co.

The individuals legally responsible for making decisions are the members of the city council, the officials in township government and the members of the Sanitary district board.

For the city this would be: Mayor James A. Hedrick, Finance Commissioner organized effort behind getting out the vote in their behalf. These political advisers would be less than human if they put the best public service ahead of winning the next election for those they choose to support.

There is an avenue through which all of these considerations can be brought together with proper emphasis upon general benefit. Before going into it, let's look at the alternatives within the proposals themselves.

### We Can Do Nothing

Areas outside the city limits may continue to get water from wells and handle sewage through septic tanks or drain tiles that feed into the creeks and gullies which drain into Lake Decatur.

Association of Commerce vice president and temporary chairman of the organization, and Mrs. M. H. Goldmann, president of the League of Women Voters, the temporary secretary.

THEIR ACTION came after preliminary conferences which followed a Herald and Review editorial on Nov. 23 calling for citizen action on community problems, and suggesting these two "non-political" groups to initiate action.

ple because of the automatic switch over to Illinois Power service, at premium rates for such service.

Engineering reports—Warren and Van Praag for the city and Sargent and Lundy for Illinois Power—agree completely on one point. The present cost of generating electricity and pumping with steam is approximately twice the estimated cost by the year of either a rebuilt city pumping and generating plant or of buying electricity from the power company.

The cost of doing nothing is greater than doing anything. Every month's delay increases this greater cost.

### Water Can Be Sold to Township

There are two ways in which the township could be given water service without coming into the city.

One would be for the city to supply water customers direct. This would involve a considerable investment in mains. To accomplish this the city government would have to float a large bond issue against the anticipated income, in water payments or property taxes, from the residents within the present city limits. Would city residents be willing to finance a township water system in the hope that new water revenue from the township would pay the money back?

Another approach would be for the city to deliver water in a large main to the city limits and let the township take it from there. This alternative would require making township government big government. The township would need more employees, more office space, facilities to duplicate much of the city water department's servicing, meter reading and collecting activities. All this besides the first hurdle of getting together enough likelihood that scattered sections would get full city services such as streets and street lights. Police and fire protection, both valuable, should be available immediately.

It should be noted that industries now located outside the city would be under an additional cost burden with city taxes. They would be under a handicap against competitors in Macon county and elsewhere who do not have city taxes as an item in their costs of production.

This is a real problem, not only for the industries but for the whole community. Industries with too high a relative cost of production must reduce wages, move away, or do less business, which means reduce employment and take less

township might take more kindly to the idea of paying city taxes for city services, for example, if they could be given reason to expect some compensating reduction in township tax costs, and some assurance of freedom from new tax liabilities from any of the local governments involved.

Specifically, the spreading of the city tax of 43 cents over the township would be less burdensome if, at the same time the township tax of 27.7 cents could be wiped out entirely. This might not be possible, but it certainly is worth exploring. There are provisions in the statutes for making a city and a township co-extensive, so that the city council could represent the town on the county board.

If it became necessary for a township-wide city government to have more income than could be provided with a tax structure which would not injure our industries, there still is a solution. The last legislature empowered cities to vote a sales tax. This would relieve the small home owners as well as keep the tax costs of our industries in line with those of their competitors.

There are other approaches which could stand some study. It is legally possible to take the operation of the water utility out of city government entirely and put it under a water board. Such a solution would require some readjustments in city financing because a number of city activities are paid for by "water profit". Much of this so-called profit is merely the use in other ways of money that should be spent in maintaining and developing the water source and distribution system.

There may be other fundamental reforms that would grow out of putting the desired conclusions down first then work upon a study committee of the best available technically trained men in the community. These men could be expected to serve without pay. The study committee should include a lawyer or two, an engineer or two, an accountant or two.

The study committee named could hold half a dozen meetings within the space of two or three weeks. The ground work already has been done. There are engineering studies at hand. There is ample enabling legislation for nearly any program which might prove attractive.

The report of the study committee to the Committee of 52, if it were adopted with or without revisions, would be a program upon which the general public could focus its attention. Such a committee

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Women Voters.  
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cepted the task.

Finally, at its annual dinner  
meeting Dec. 9, the A. of C. brought  
as the speaker Walter Blucher, a  
national authority on community  
planning, who urged that subur-  
ban-city problems be solved on  
the basis of cooperation by the  
whole area acting together in a  
common effort.

ANY ORGANIZATION missed in the first mailing, he added, should also get in touch with the A. of C. office if it wishes to participate in the founding movement.

No name has yet been selected for the league, but the letter to be sent this week will refer to it as a "Civic Development League" or "Council of Public Affairs."

While Mr. Miller and Mrs. Goldmann emphasized the functions and procedures of the league will be determined by the league, they will

organization interested in the welfare and development of the community and which desires to be represented."

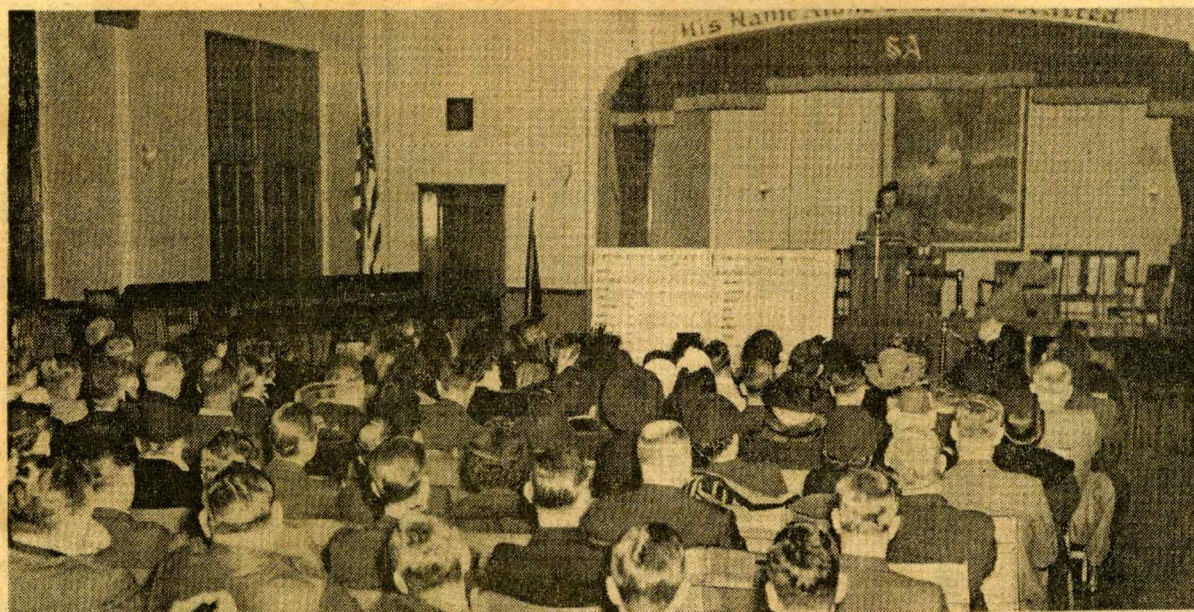
THEY CONTEMPLATE that the group consider only the "more pressing" problems and that meetings be held only when necessary to consider such problems.

As an illustration of the kind of major problems for league consideration, Mr. Miller and Mrs. Goldmann pointed to those facing the city of Decatur and the adja-



Jan. 27, 1948

## 150 DELEGATES ORGANIZE DECATUR COMMUNITY FORUM



Mrs. M. H. Goldmann, secretary of the new Decatur Community Forum, reads the roster of participating organizations to approximately 150 delegates who formed the forum in a meeting at the Salvation Army Citadel last night.

Seated behind Mrs. Goldmann on the platform is Carl R. Miller, elected chairman of the forum. In front of Mrs. Goldmann is the chart of major community needs prepared by the Association of Commerce.

(Herald-Review Photo)

## Community Forum Sets Plans for Organization

By DON ROBERTS  
Of The Herald Staff

Under the name "Decatur Community Forum," some 150 men and women representing a cross-section of the city's civic, business and labor organizations formed themselves last night to discuss and recommend action on major community problems.

Meeting in the Salvation Army Citadel, these citizen-representatives in town meeting fashion:

Elected Carl R. Miller and Mrs. M. H. Goldmann, temporary chairman and secretary, respectively, to those positions in the permanent organization. Both votes were by acclamation.

Directed their chairman to appoint a committee of 15

problem have been fully aired.

2. That the delegates, after listening and participating in discussions of the problem on the agenda, should return to their organizations for instructions before voting.

While the second course of action eventually was adopted, a strong minority insisted that much effectiveness of the forum would be lost if final decisions on recommendations were not to be made on the spot.

**PROPOSERS** of the delayed-action course pointed out the inadvisability of acting on snap judgment and the possibility that a skilled orator might sway opinion toward a vote which would be regretted later.

Mr. Miller added that one purpose of the forum was to inform public opinion after a thorough consideration of the problem. This purpose, he said, might be defeated if a delegate did not report the discussion to his organization for its decision.

The chairman pointed out, as well, there is no intention of setting meetings so far apart that a vote on a recommendation will be unduly delayed. He pointed out that if the problem is one of an emergency nature, a special voting meeting could be called as

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## 94 Groups to Be Represented at League Meeting

More than 150 representatives of 94 Decatur businesses, clubs and other organizations are scheduled to attend the initial meeting of the proposed Civic Development league at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Salvation Army Citadel.

Temporary Chairman Carl R. Miller, vice president of the Association of Commerce, said yesterday that during the last week 47 groups in addition to the 47 announced last Sunday have delegated one or two persons to participate in the meeting.

The league, whose name has not been definitely decided upon is designed to inform member groups and the public about major community problems. It has no affiliation with the new Decatur Civic Exchange.

Mr. Miller said any organization can send delegates Monday without informing the league in advance.

Groups and representatives which added their names during the last week:

American Association of University Women, Mrs. George Read and Mrs. Herbert Nelson.  
Association of Commerce, B. B. Burns and Carl R. Miller.  
American Business Club, Vincent Johnson.  
American Legion, Harry Warfield post.  
E. H. Danby, Jr. and M. L. McClerkin.  
Amvets Auxiliary, Dorothy Smithers and Virginia Hill.  
Asahel E. Reynolds circle, G.A.R., Mrs. Herman Chapman and Mrs. Aden Elliott.  
Automotive Trade association, W. E. Starr.

A. W. Cash Valve local No. 904, Thomas D. Warren and Arthur Ticknor.  
Brush College No. 1 P-T.A., George Mahon and Chester Bradley.  
Brush College No. 2 P-T.A., Mrs. Victor Ostrander and Mrs. Maurice D. Beals.  
Brotherhood of Railway Clerks No. 542, Robert I. Markley and Forrest Mesek.  
Camera club, S. E. Willford and R. I. Johnson.  
Brush College board of education, B. B. Burgess and H. B. Green.  
Chambers-Berling-Quinn local No. 741, Edward J. Ewing and Buford Gentry.  
City Council of Parent Teachers Associations, Mrs. H. A. Lichtenberger.  
Council of Social Agencies, Judge Gus T. Greanias and Robert A. Witter.  
Credit Womens Breakfast club, Margaret Dulgar and Virginia Munsterman.  
Daughters of American Revolution, Mrs. E. H. Westlund and Mrs. S. G. Martin.  
Decatur Board of Realtors, Grover Gehart.  
Decatur Council of Education, F. Paul Smallwood.  
Decatur Church council, Rev. Robert R. Crothers.  
Decatur Public School Teachers association, Gerald D. Cox and Gertrude Hill.  
Delta Kappa Gamma, Norma Rehl.  
Dennis P-T.A., Mrs. A. H. Berg and Mrs. W. B. Bishop.  
Dental society, Dr. W. W. Winter.  
Exchange club, John Leander and Scott Baulos.  
Grant P-T.A., Paul V. Martin and John Querry.  
High-12 club, Warren Decatur and Glen Tribler.  
Johns Hill P-T.A., Mrs. A. W. Watkins and Mrs. William Fenton.  
Kiwanis club, Thomas W. Samuels.  
Macon Co. Farm Bureau, H. P. Ash and T. O. Gullick.  
Macon County Historical society, F. L. Sibthorp and Mrs. W. W. Doane.  
Macon County Medical society, Dr. M. E. Rose, Dr. Cincy Rich and Dr. S. G. Smith.  
Mary W. French P-T.A., Mrs. F. Peck, Millikin Dames, Mrs. Ralph Yakel.  
Ministerial association, Rev. B. C. Dutton and Mal. Fred Brewer.  
Oakland P-T.A., Mrs. Robert Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Val Cravens.  
P.E.O., Chapter B. C., Mrs. E. E. Freed.  
Riverside W.C.T.U., Mrs. Nettie Hommon.  
Society of Professional Engineers, J. R. Gardner.  
Sons of Union Veterans, Charles E. Pennington and Charles Krohn.  
Sportsmen's club, Charles Schultz and Henry Nelson.  
A. E. Staley Mfg. Co. local No. 837, E. D. Cox and Joe Walsh.  
Teamsters & Chauffeurs union, Mack Ray.  
United Auto Workers, local No. 845, William Fletcher and August Brabender.  
Grant Adult club, H. R. Doore and J. M. Alderson.  
Woman's Council of Decatur, Mrs. H. J. Pettee and Mrs. Gordon Brown.  
Zonta, Mary V. Love.



## 'Autonomous' Civic Group Is Urged by Miller

Delegates representing all phases of the community's life will meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Citadel to organize themselves for action on major problems, the solution to which is considered vital for Decatur's civic and economic development.

Carl R. Miller, temporary chairman of the movement, yesterday called for a "voluntary autonomous organization" which will reflect public opinion, educate the public and refrain from being a "rubber stamp" for other groups.

Although an agenda for the meeting had not been prepared yesterday, Mr. Miller said the principal job will be to complete a permanent organization.

**MR. MILLER SAID** the Oak Grove area proposal for incorporation as a village might well be the sort of thing for the new group to consider.

But he expressed doubt that organizational problems would leave time for anything more than a possible decision to take up the problem, should it be suggested by delegates as one of the first moves.

In addition to naming a permanent chairman and secretary, Mr. Miller suggested some sort of executive body should be formed to handle routine business between meetings of the organization as a whole, and that certain committees might be appointed.

Several names for the proposed agency have been suggested, and Mr. Miller noted that the one chosen should be a name which will avoid confusion with the city council or the city planning commission.

**AMONG NAMES** being considered are "civic development league," "council on public affairs" and "community planning council."

While the Association of Commerce and the League of Women Voters have taken initiative in forming the group, Mr. Miller emphasized that nominations for offices and recommendations for policies and action must come from the delegates.

"As far as we are concerned, we want a voluntary, autonomous organization with no inside or outside influences. If it doesn't reflect public opinion and educate the public, it won't do much good. If it's just a rubber stamp for other groups, it won't do what we want it to do."

Names of 150 persons from 94 business, labor, educational, religious, service, professional and social groups had been received by the Association of Commerce Saturday, and other representatives are expected to be present.

**MR. MILLER**, an A. of C. vice States did not deliver.

Marshall plan will be accepted. If it is not, however, a jury will have been done: I hurt to Europe resulting from needed assistance and the international stature result Europe's rightful assumption that promised something which States did not deliver.

## 47 Groups Will Send Delegates To Civic Parley

Forty-seven organizations are planning to send representatives to the initial meeting of the Civic Development league Jan. 26 in the Salvation Army Citadel, it was announced last night by Carl R. Miller, temporary chairman of the league and vice-president of the Association of Commerce.

Basic purpose of the league, according to an invitation to the meeting mailed to 150 groups, is to:

"Inform member organizations and the general public of the pros and cons of major community problems."

The league, however, is not designed to do the work covered by other agencies, the letter states.

Mr. Miller said he was "encouraged at the response to the proposed league and that it shows there is an interest in all phases of community life."

**HE EXPLAINED** that if any groups in Decatur failed to receive invitational letters, they nevertheless may send representatives to

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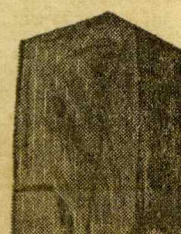
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## Forum Meeting Will Consider Annexations

"Annexation or incorporation; what are the problems involving the city of Decatur and adjacent territories?" will be the first civic problem to fall under the scrutiny of the Decatur Community Forum, according to Chairman Carl R. Miller.

In a Saturday afternoon meeting, members of the executive committee voted the annexation problem to number one position for the coming series and set its hearing for Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Salvation Army Citadel.

**INVITED TO SPEAK** before Decatur citizens and representatives of the 110 organizations which compose the forum will be:

B. B. Burgess, Wabash railroad engineer.

O. W. Diehl, partner of Gauger and Diehl, accountants.

Alex Van Praag, Warren and Van Praag, Inc., engineering firm.

Byron M. Merriis, Decatur corporation counsel.

It was decided that the discussion would be limited to problems only and would not involve possible solutions. If a second session on annexation is advisable, solutions may be discussed, with votes on alternatives by the 110 representatives.

**SUGGESTIONS HAVE** been advanced that representatives would withhold voting until after a vote had been taken in the organizations which they represent and that they would then vote in accordance with their groups.

Mr. Miller said that committee-men decided to limit guest speakers to 20 minutes and to hold floor speakers to five minutes.

All Decatur residents and other interested persons are invited. Members have expressed hopes that the forum may become a sounding board for opinions on civic problems and that valuable recommendations may sometimes be made on the basis of their results.

Feb. 1948

## Forum Meeting Monday Night

The first meeting of the Decatur Civic Forum, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Salvation Army Citadel, will be held on the

original



Monday, February 2, 1948.

## Decatur Forum To Hold First Meeting Feb. 23

With 12 of its 15 members named, the executive committee of the Decatur Community forum met for the first time Saturday and set the next meeting of the forum as a whole for Feb. 23.

Chairman Carl R. Miller called the initial meeting before the full committee was named so that plans for the next forum session could get underway during his absence from the city this week.

First 12 forum delegates chosen for the executive committee, which will select subjects for forum discussion and act on forum business between meetings of the entire group, are:

**D. C. BARTLETT**, delegate from Castle Williams post of the American Legion.

Miss Vida M. Holsey, Business and Professional Women's club.

Fred L. Harris, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Miss Sarah E. Daily, Decatur deanery, Council of Catholic Women.

Mrs. Ben Hersh, B'Nai Brith chapter.

W. W. Russell, Johns Hill Adult club.

Mrs. H. A. Lichtenberger, Decatur council of Parent-Teachers associations.

Marion L. Gaddis, Herbert D. Ryman post 99, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**ED ROY**, Building Trades council.

Robert Stroyeck, local 837, United Automobile Workers union (A.F.L.)

Gerald D. Cox, Decatur Public School Teachers association.

H. P. Ash, Macon County Farm Bureau.

Three more members from groups participating in the forum will be appointed by Mr. Miller, who, with Mrs. M. H. Goldmann, forum secretary, serve as ex-officio members.

**FOLLOWING DEBATE** over a wide range of major community problems, Mr. Miller appointed a special sub-committee to recommend at the next executive committee meeting Feb. 14 the subject for the forum's first consideration.

Other executive committee discussion at the first meeting will probably send the following recommendations to the forum meeting on Feb. 23:

That the Decatur Community forum hold regular quarterly meetings, and that the executive committee call special meetings of the full forum when necessary.

**THAT EACH** of the approximately 110 member organization contribute one dollar each for administrative and operational expense.

The executive committee itself voted to hold monthly meetings.

By setting Feb. 23 for the next meeting of the forum, the executive committee fulfilled a directive of the forum's organizational meeting last Monday which stipulated another session before the end of February.



# Editorials

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## Proper, Timely Community Action

THE MEN AND WOMEN who attend the public meeting tomorrow evening in the Salvation Army Citadel will present a cross section of the Decatur community's economic, industrial, social and cultural life.

Many of the individual delegates are men and women recognized in the community for their own interests and achievements and they will bring to the deliberations experience and wise counsel in addition to the interest of the groups which they will represent.

The purpose of the Monday evening meeting, sponsored jointly by the Association of Commerce and the League of Women Voters, is to organize a civic development league or council which will inform the member organizations and the general public of the issues involved in major community problems. The new informative body will make recommendations, but will not presume to do work now being handled by established agencies. The league or council will study community problems and pass information and recommendations along to the general public and to the proper executive agency, whether it be public or private in nature.

One hundred and fifty organizations—business and professional groups, labor unions, farmers, veterans, churches, schools, civic clubs, P-T. A. and P. E. O. groups, patriotic and social organizations—were invited to send delegates to the first meeting. Last night almost 100 of those invited had submitted names of accredited delegates. The list includes names of men and women identified with most of the recognized civic welfare agencies in the city and the neighboring communities. They are the people who are accustomed to give of their time and talents to community problems.

While it is desirable that as many

community groups as possible be represented at the organization meeting, it is obvious that the first "house of delegates" will be a group too unwieldy to make the studies contemplated under the tentative program. It is reasonable to believe that most of the labor unions, for instance, or the P-T. A. groups, will have a community of interest which can be represented by one or two members, rather than by a dozen or more.

But it is essential to the success of the project that all the individual organizations participate in the preliminary work, and that as many community leaders as possible be available when the smaller study groups are selected and given their important assignments.

The league or council need not look around for something to do, for problems worthy of its ideals and ambitions. We are up to our civic neck in stalemated projects, in unfinished surveys, in studies which have not been acted upon. And all the while the City of Decatur is growing, chiefly around the edges where city and township or county interests meet and often clash.

The Monday meeting turns out to be much more timely than its sponsors could have known. Petitions are being circulated this weekend in the Oak Grove area, one of the more important of the residential developments on the city's perimeter, calling for a vote on the proposal that Oak Grove incorporate as a village.

Thus the Decatur community is faced right now with a situation which had been accounted a long range eventuality. The Oak Grove petitions will compel immediate consideration of problems of government, utility services and of taxation which have been deferred through community inertia.

Decatur must get going; if not today, then at least, tomorrow night.

## Village Plans Head Debate

Principle problems of the "annexation or incorporation" question were concisely reviewed for the Decatur Community forum last night, but the rapidly climaxing Oak Grove annexation move had the last word.

After four speakers had succeeded for the most part in speaking on the issues which in general confront all out-lying areas of Decatur, questions from the floor were predominantly directed toward when the city would furnish utility service to Oak Grove should the area vote for annexation.

Oak Grove talk began when Mrs. Robert Shaffer, a new resident in that area, asked the factual basis of assertions that the city has turned a "deaf ear" to Oak Grove pleas for annexation and bus service.

**CORPORATION COUNSEL** Byron Merris, a member of the panel, said Oak Grove has not asked annexation in the last five years. He added extension of bus service must get state Commerce commission approval, but that the city has supported requests from several areas and succeeded in one.

Next Oak Grove resident, William H. Holman, said the council told him "quite awhile ago" water service would be from six to seven years away after annexation.

Mr. Merris said the Pritchett and Lamar additions, only recently annexed and adjacent to Oak Grove, will have water this summer. He said he was not authorized to say when the 10-inch main could be extended to Oak Grove.

But M. V. Eckert, who lives just west of the proposed Oak Grove boundaries, reported assurances from Mayor James A. Hedrick and Water Commissioner Bushrod Sattley the Oak Grove area could get water as soon as mains were extended to the adjacent areas.

**ALEX VAN PRAAG**, president of Warren & Van Praag and a second panel speaker, told an Oak Grove an incorporated village there could expect a start on a utilities system about a year after financing plans were arranged.

General problems of adjacent areas were presented for the most part without solutions. But forum opinion at the end of the meeting prompted Chairman Carl R. Miller to ask member groups to study the problems with the aim of suggesting solutions at a future meeting.

Accountant Orval W. Diehl indicated the problems center on whether suburban areas can financially provide and coordinate vital services as well as one city can.

He cited statistics showing assessed valuations of three Decatur residential sections are only about a 10th as great as for one area of identical size in the center of the business section.

**HE NOTED AS WELL** that while 86 per cent of the Decatur township road and bridge tax is collected from within the city limits, only 43 per cent of the funds are spent here.

Police and fire protection, water and sewerage service, street construction, traffic control, playground and recreation facilities got most of his attention.

Mr. Van Praag declared development of water and sewerage facilities on a metropolitan basis,

whether furnished by the city or the smaller, incorporated areas, is the key to all problems.

The problem for water service is in the source, its adequacy, the possibility of getting it where it is needed and the cost of doing the job, with deep wells or surface collections the only possible sources here, he said.

B. B. Burgess, Brush College area veteran in the question of services to outlying areas, said water and sewers are the "crying need" outside the city limits, but he charged the city of Decatur "has nothing to offer."



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PLAN FORUM OF POLITICIANS



A committee from the Macon county Women Voters League met last night with Dr. Daniel Gage, left, Millikin university political science professor, to

complete plans for Friday night's speaking forum by Congressional, state and county candidates seeking nomination in the April 13 primaries. The

women's committee, seated left to right, is Miss Blossom Redmon, Mrs. Floyd Birt, Mrs. Robert A. Wood, Mrs. M. H. Goldman and Miss Christine

P'Simer. Friday night's meeting in the Decatur high school auditorium is open to the public.

(Herald and Review photo)

## Candidates to Tell Stands at Public Meeting

All but about three of the Central Illinois candidates coming up for election in the April 13 primaries are expected to appear before Decatur voters Friday night.

Cong. Rolla C. McMillen, Republican, and Mrs. Olive Remington Goldman, Democratic candidate for Congress will be asked to state their views on such topics as the Marshall plan, universal military training and the Taft-Hartley law.

Candidates for state senator and representative will discuss the question of a state constitutional convention and redistribution of the state sales tax as well as other issues.

**THE CANDIDATES** will speak at 7:30 p. m. Friday in the Decatur high school auditorium. The meeting, sponsored by the Women's Voters League of Macon county, is open to the public.

Two candidates, Miss Hazel Rundle, of Clinton, and William Querfeld, Clinton, both Republican candidates for state representative, will not be present Friday night because of illness.

William Springer, Champaign county judge and Republican candidate for Congress, notified the local women's league that he has a previous engagement.

Congressman McMillen will be present unless important legislation requires his attention in Washington, he said.

**SCHEDULED TO** appear in addition to Mr. McMillen and Mrs. Goldman are:

For state senator—  
Ernest Meredith (Dem.), Farmer City.

William A. Arnold (Rep.), Decatur.

Elbert S. Smith (Rep.), Decatur.

Nicholas L. Hubbard (Rep.) Mt. Pulaski.

For state representative—  
Rep. Paul Ferguson (Dem.), Decatur.

Felix Wilson (Dem.), Clinton.

John Clark (Rep.) Decatur.

Webber Borchers (Rep.), Decatur.

Louis L. Mason (Rep.), Decatur.

George Underhill (Rep.), Mt. Pulaski.

Barrett Rogers (Rep.), Atlanta.

**MR. HUBBARD** and Mr. Underhill, both of Mt. Pulaski, have been asked to speak at a similar public meeting in Mt. Pulaski on Friday, but will try to attend both meetings, the local league has been informed.

Candidates for state's attorney and auditor of Macon county have been asked to talk on tax reduction and juvenile delinquency.

The state's attorney candidates are Ivan J. Hutchens, (Dem.) incumbent, and Lynn A. Woollen (Rep.); for auditor, Ellis Wheeler (Dem.), incumbent, and Henry Novak (Rep.)

Other county office candidates not facing primary opposition will be introduced to the audience.

Dr. Daniel Gage, Millikin university political science teacher, will be moderator for the evening. Written questions will be accepted from the floor.



Saturday, April 3, 1948.

# 16 Office Seekers Give 'Sales Talks'

## Decatur Voters Find Wide Range of Views

By ELLIS D. ROBERTS  
Of The Herald Staff

Decatur voters last night heard a remarkable variety of sales talks from 16 candidate-salesmen who offered their wares for April 13 primary election vote.

Speaking before an audience of about 250 in the high school auditorium, the candidates for two-party nominations revealed a range of political stands.

ONE EXTREME was a frank appeal for support by Barrett F. Rogers of Atlanta, seeking Republican nomination as state representative, who cited his record without touching upon the list of subjects offered by the League of Women Voters of Macon county, sponsors of the open forum.

Others, such as Ivan J. Hutchens and Rolla C. McMillen, utilized their allotted five minutes of speaking time to make an analytical study of one or more of the topics offered.

Ernest L. Meredith of Farmer City voiced what the audience apparently believed was a fresh approach, when he said, "I don't understand what is going on in Springfield, and I want to find out." He seeks the G. O. P. nomination as state senator.

QUESTIONS PUT to the candidates by moderator Dr. Daniel Gage during the open forum that followed the formal speaking period revealed a score of opinions.

Most frequently asked was the candidates' views on the Fair Employment Practise act, which all interpreted as a racial question.

Candidates Felix Wilson, Nicholas L. Hubbard, William A. Arnold, Louis Mason, Paul H. Ferguson and Webber Borchers concurred in statements they would back the act without equivocation.

The audience further probed the candidates' opinions with:

"SHOULD AN elected official vote his own views or those of his constituents?"

"Should a constitutional convention be voted by the Legislature?"

"Would a state income tax law be a proper substitute for the state sales tax law?"

All of the candidates selected by the questioners acquitted themselves with more or less distinction on those subjects.

Two candidates about whom the audience plainly wanted to hear more were Rep. Rolla C. McMillen of Decatur and Mrs. Olive Remington Goldman of Urbana.

Mr. McMillen is seeking the Republican renomination to Congress. Mrs. Goldman is the unopposed Democratic nominee.

The Decatur congressman jumped immediately into an analysis of the Taft-Hartley labor law, asserting "labor leaders have challenged my right to return to Congress because I supported it."

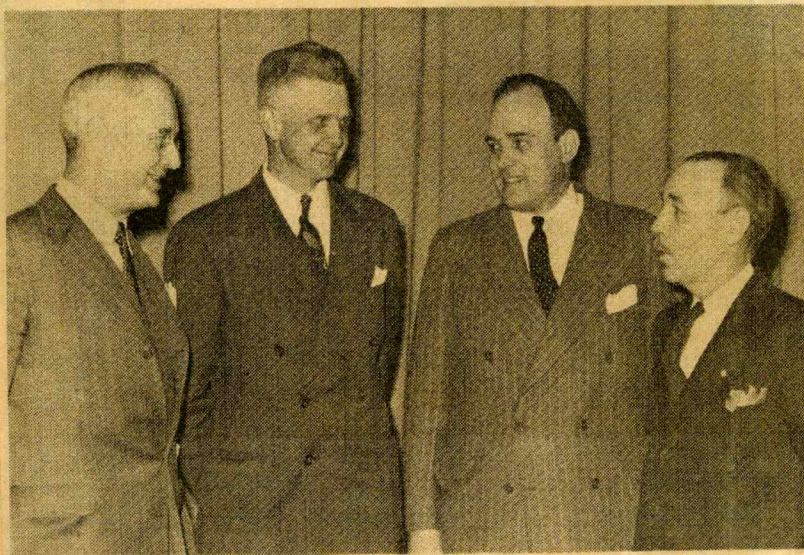
## Women Voters Having Forum On Military Training Thursday

The League of Women Voters will have its only discussion group follow.

in the month of April, at 8 p.m. Thursday in Recreation department headquarters, 243 South Water, and members, their husbands and friends, and all others interested, are invited.

Discussion will be on "Universal Military Training," and speakers will be Rev. Laren Spear and Dr. C. L. Miller, dean at Millikin university. Open discussion will follow.

## CANDIDATES MEET ON FRIENDLY BASIS AT OPEN FORUM



In friendly conversation before last night's forum meeting in the high school auditorium are the four candidates for both party nominations as state senator from the 28th three-county

senatorial district. Left to right, Nicholas L. Hubbard of Mount Pulaski (Rep.); Ernest L. Meredith of Farmer City (Dem.); Elbert S. Smith of Decatur (Rep.), and William A.

Arnold of Decatur (Rep.). The open forum for all county and district candidates was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Macon county.

(Herald and Review Photo)

HE SAID THE labor-management situation under the Wagner labor law, which was approaching "economic chaos," was corrected by Congress when it passed the much-discussed Taft-Hartley labor bill.

"Everything labor wants and needs is contained in the bill," the former Decatur attorney declared.

Principally realized through the law, he said, are labor's right to unionize as well as to bargain collectively.

Mrs. Goldman, recently returned from study and work on the Marshall plan in Washington, told electors of the "statesmanlike job" which had been done on the plan for European recovery.

"It is the only way to achieve a lasting peace and a recovery in Europe," she declared.

BOTH MRS. GOLDMAN and Representative McMillen were called back to the podium for elaboration of their five-minute discussions on the two topics.

Other topic views presented to the forum meeting were:

Henry M. Novak, Republican candidate for county auditor—advocated a "common sense government" which included tax reductions.

Ellis B. Wheeler, Democratic candidate for auditor — A tax reducing program which cannot include any such proposal as a county health unit.

Lynn Woollen, Republican candidate for state's attorney — A stringent juvenile delinquency program today which bring "fewer cases to the grand juries of tomorrow."

IVAN J. HUTCHENS, Democratic candidate for state's attorney — A detailed assaying of the juvenile delinquency problem as well as a review of Butler bill tax legislation.

Webber Borchers, candidate for Republican nomination as state representative — An educational system that will stress cultural and moral teachings rather than the how-to-do curriculum of today.

John Clark, seeking G. O. P. nomination as state representative — A new state constitution; city sharing of the state sales tax and repeal of the Butler bill.

Louis L. Mason, Republican candidate for nomination as state representative — Against return of a property tax law; for a new



Friday, April 9, 1948.

## Dean, Pastor Split on Army Training Plan

Dean C. L. Miller of Millikin university, speaking last night as a proponent of universal military training, declared a "preparedness" program the only hope for peace, while Rev. Laren Spear of the First Methodist church interpreted the training as a "threat to the American way of life."

The two discussed the timely topic—a congressional committee yesterday drew a compulsory military training bill—before approximately 40 persons in a recreational building meeting sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Macon county.

"The current international tension calls for a training program," Dean Miller asserted.

"WE FACE A group of Machiavellian Communists bent on controlling the world." Russian communism has swamped seven sovereign nations, he said; a conquest capped by a new Finland treaty and perhaps by the approaching election in Italy.

"We face a dangerous situation," Dean Miller stated, "and we must turn to preparedness."

"Our only hope for peace is an international law that will force the outlawing of war."

Quoting Theodore Roosevelt, Dean Miller declared, "The United States must speak softly and carry a big stick."

"Russia sees in terms of power. Russia hears in terms of power."

"THE ROAD TO peace for the United States lies along a stormy highway of the hellish fires of preparedness and power politics. I personally hate to see it, but it is the only way to deal with the present international tension."

The educator cited a seven-point preparedness plan in summarizing his asserted pro-training views:

A highly trained armed force, the best military equipment in the world, an intense program of military research, stock-piling of critical materials, industrial mobilization, economic and military aid to people in strategic areas, reduction of the present national debt and selective service.

Dean Miller warned, however, of the "inevitable results" of such a plan.

IT WOULD BRING, he said, wartime controls, higher taxes, danger of military governmental control, and would feed inflation.

Rev. Mr. Spear refuted Dean Miller's assertions with a four-point list of "threats"—if universal military training became an actuality.

First, he dubbed U. M. T. a "threat to national security." He said he believed a war would be won within the first few weeks of attack, through a quick devastating strike on a defending country. Ground forces, which could have only "fragmentary" training under U. M. T., would be powerless, he said.

SECOND, he termed a compulsory training program for this country a "threat to peace of the world." The United Nations is struggling for existence, he asserted, and other nations would "misunderstand" a sudden military show of strength here.

"All hope for peace would be gone if it (U. M. T.) happened," Rev. Mr. Spear declared.

Third, and most important, the pastor said, a compulsory training program would constitute a "threat to the American way of life."

U. M. T. is totalitarian by its very nature, he told the audience. "It is directly opposed to what this country's founders had in mind."

IT WOULD bring likelihood of a "strong military cast in high civilian offices," he said.

He termed a possible election of General Eisenhower or MacArthur as President a "major tragedy."

He said labor factions definitely are against U. M. T., quoting from one magazine article on union views—"Peacetime conscription has destroyed democracy in every nation in which it has been tried."

Fourth, Rev. Mr. Spear said, U. M. T. is a "threat to the personal well being of America's youth."

The Fort Knox experiment to the contrary, the pastor said, "drinking, gambling and prostitution accompany military training."

AMERICAN YOUTH needs not the conditioning of an army camp, he declared, but the conditioning of a civilian community.

An open discussion period followed the addresses, with considerable interest exhibited by members of the voters' league. Mrs. John Kuhns, league president, presided.

## Letters to the Editor

### Tax Cut by Consolidation

To the Editor of The Herald and Review:

There has been quite a bit of talk throughout the state of Illinois concerning the problem of a means of eliminating the duplication and overlapping of the various units of local government, and thereby getting a more efficient and economical government, yet still retaining the representative form in the local community. This has been talked about for the various following reasons:

1. Illinois had 10% of the governmental units in the United States up to about a year ago.
2. Counties, townships and cities overlap on many of the following services: (a) roads, (b) health and sanitation, (c) zoning, (d) taverns, (e) law enforcement, (f) difficulty of placing responsibility.

There is a way—by petition, and vote of the people of Macon county, to eliminate the township form of government and reduce the taxing bodies in Macon county. This could be accomplished by electing three county commissioners instead of 17 supervisors and 24 assistant supervisors, by consolidating all of the township roads into one county-wide district, by doing away with the township road district in the city of Decatur, and by uniting

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## Town Meeting Is Tomorrow

A group of members of the League of Women Voters of Macon county will attend the annual Decatur town meeting at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Henry M. Novak, town clerk, said he was advised that members of the organization will attend the meeting for the purpose of observing "true democracy" at work, rather than to sponsor any changes in the proposed township program for the year.

THE ANNUAL meeting will convene at the main floor of the county building. After organization and election of a moderator, the meeting probably will be transferred to a larger room, probably the county court room.

Besides the approval of tentative budgets and appropriations to be submitted by the town board of auditors, the electors are to have opportunity to say what further, if anything, shall be done about a proposed water and sewer system for the township area outside the city of Decatur.

LAST YEAR, the electors authorized a \$7,000 survey which has been completed. This study offered the purchase of water from the city as the best source of supply for proposed township system, with deep wells suggested as an alternate plan.

From the city council, however, the township officials failed to secure an offer of water. The best guess today appeared to be that the entire project will be abandoned in the meeting tomorrow, although Elbert S. Smith, township attorney, said he and Supervisor B. F. Johnson will make a full report on the findings of the survey, which was made by Warren & Van Praag.

## No Campaigns Planned, School Candidates Say

All three candidates for the June 1 board of education election reported yesterday they have no plans for an organized campaign.

Perhaps the best opportunity which the public will have to size up the candidates will come through questionnaires sponsored by the non-partisan League of Women Voters.

Instead of holding a meeting to question candidates, as is the League's policy on other elections, questionnaires covering the general responsibility of school board members have been given each candidate. Mrs. M. H. Goldmann, the organization's president, announced last night.

Answers to the questionnaires will be printed in the Herald and Review next Sunday.

MEMBERS of the League and of The American Association of University Women will hear a discus-

Sunday, May 16, 1948.

## School Problem Meeting Called

Critical school problems of immediate concern will be discussed at a public meeting sponsored jointly by the education committees of the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women Monday night.

Discussion topics of the evening which deal primarily with the June 1 school board election will be:

Legal obligations of school board members, reported by Miss Blossom Redmon, of the League of Women Voters.

Modern qualifications desired by educators for school boards, by Mrs. Russell Oplinger of the A. A. U. W.

Functions of local education committees, by Mrs. R. E. Greenfield, of the League.

A report from the American Association of School Administrators covering responsibilities and recommended characteristics and duties of a school board, by Mrs. Clyde Hess of the A. A. U. W.

Current problems in the building program will be presented by Miss Charlotte Meyer, elementary supervisor of the public schools here. Mrs. E. L. Simmons, chairman of the League's education committee, will be moderator.

The meeting will be held in the Y. W. C. A. auditorium at 7:30 p. m.

sion of school problems, slanted particularly toward their application to boards of education, at a meeting in the Y. W. C. A. at 7:30 p. m. today.

Mrs. John Kuhns, a League official, stressed the meeting is open to all. Candidates for the board election also are welcome, though no special invitation has been issued to them, she said.

Clarence Seip, incumbent member of the board seeking re-election for his second three-year term, reiterated his intention of running on the record of his first term. He said he plans no speeches.

Dr. Cincy Rich, first candidate to announce his intention of making the race, reported no intention of making a special campaign other than cooperating with the League in answering the questionnaire.

THIRD CANDIDATE, Paul A. Rex, will depend on his friends and the organizations which have pledged to support him, he said.

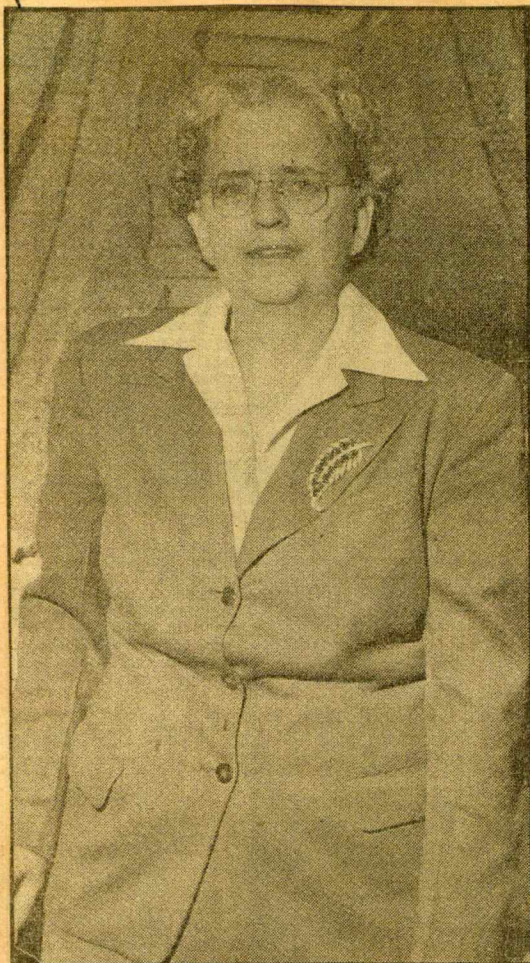
In addition to two local lodges of the International Association of Machinists and the railway brotherhoods, Mr. Rex said yesterday he has backing from several religious groups. He declined to name them.

Over the weekend, Mr. Rex denied any intention of withdrawing from the race. He said he had one telephone call Friday urging him to withdraw, but he emphasized he is in the contest to stay.

He said his job as a roundhouse machinist for the Wabash railroad will prevent him from extensive campaigning.



April 4, 1948



MRS. JOHN KUHNS is the new president of the League of Women Voters, one of Decatur's most active organizations of women. Mrs. Kuhns, whose home is in 1492 West Decatur, is active in many civic ventures in Decatur. She succeeds Mrs. M. H. Goldmann in office.

## Mrs. Kuhns Heads Voters

The following officers were elected recently by the League of Women Voters, at their annual dinner in the Decatur Club:

President—Mrs. John Kuhns.  
Vice president in charge of action—Mrs. Gerald Cox.  
Vice president in charge of program—Mrs. M. H. Goldmann.  
Vice president in charge of membership—Christine P. Simer.  
Secretary—Mrs. J. A. Melrose.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Jack Greider.  
Directors—Mrs. E. L. Simmons, Mrs. David Wood.  
Nominating committee chairman—Mrs. Floyd Bird.

## Women Voters Plan Campaign On Constitution

Members of the League of Women Voters, pinning hopes for a new Illinois constitution upon current efforts of General Assembly lawmakers, last night met in a "self education" session in preparation for a strenuous campaign, if and when a referendum on constitutional convention is called.

Mrs. John C. Kuhns, league president, told about 30 members and guests meeting in the public library that many parts of the 1870 charter are obsolete and unwieldy.

**SHE SAID THE** league will make no further public stand on the constitutional need until the call for vote is passed by the 66th Assembly.

Between that time, she said, and the November, 1950, voting on the issue, the league will strenuously campaign for a convention.

Reporting on a state league meeting, Mrs. Kuhns told Decatur members that lawmakers currently are violating their oath of office when they refuse to apportion the state as required by the 1870 constitution.

The charter now states, she said, that the General Assembly shall apportion the state every 10 years to equalize representation in the Assembly. This has not been done for years.

**SHE SAID THE** 28th senatorial district, comprised of Macon, Logan and Dewitt counties, has a population of 132,575 persons. District No. 1, in Chicago, has 31,529 in population. No. 25, also in Cook county, has 574,791. The challenge for a new apportionment, she said, is "How fair a vote is this?"

League members went over the 1870 charter piecemeal during their study of the articles and sections they said should be supplemented or strengthened.

### TO CHICAGO MEETING

Mrs. John C. Kuhns, president of the League of Women Voters of Macon county, will go to Chicago Jan. 13 and 14 to attend a planning program aimed at supporting a proposal for a new state constitution. Mrs. Kuhns is a member of the Illinois League of Women Voters' planning committee for supporting a new constitution.

### Mrs. Kuhns Returns From Chicago Meeting

Mrs. John C. Kuhns, president of the League of Women Voters of Macon county, last night returned from Chicago where she attended a two-day meeting planning the state league's promotion of a constitutional convention for Illinois.

State league representatives heard Charles Hyneman, professor of political science at Northwestern university, speaking on "The Purpose of a Constitution." L. A. Stiles, research supervisor of the department of revenue for the state of Illinois, spoke on revenue in Illinois.

Mrs. Preston Farley, state chairman of the constitutional convention committee for the state league, listed articles and sections in the present constitution which limit legislative action.

Senator Walker Butler, chairman of the Butler bills committee, described procedures in interviewing legislators and in lobbying.

Mrs. Kuhns will give a detailed report of the meeting before members of the local league next Thursday night at a place to be announced later.

### Women Voters League Meets Here Tonight

The League of Women Voters will meet at 7:30 p. m. today in the public library to hear an analysis of the present constitution of Illinois.

Mrs. John C. Kuhns, league president who recently attended a state league meeting outlining plans to promote the passage of a new constitution, will report on that meeting.

Copies of the present state constitution will be distributed and Mrs. Kuhns will point out articles and sections which make it obsolete and unwieldy.

Tonight's meeting, postponed from last Thursday night, is open to the public.



## Voters League Invites Friends To Art Center Party Thursday

League of Women Voters will have a membership party Thursday at 8 p. m. in the Art Center, to which any interested persons are invited. **APRIL 22-48**

Objectives of the league will be presented by Mrs. Floyd Birt, Mrs. Robert Wood, Mrs. Walter Meyer, Mrs. Gerald Cox, and Mrs. E. L. Simmons, who will talk about, government in action, local education project, action with legislation last year, action to be taken next year in both state and national legislation.

Those attending will also be able to view the masterpieces of the old and new world which make up the current exhibit of the Art Center.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Walter McLaughlin, Mrs.

James Leigh, and Miss Margaret Wood. Those to be in charge of the tea table are Mrs. Ruth Walker, Mrs. Denny Pease, Mrs. Norman Sanders, and Miss Blossom Redmon.

Following the membership party, an indoctrination series of meetings for new members will be started.

## Voters League Planning Indoctrination Series

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The League of Women Voters is planning a series of indoctrination meetings with Mrs. Gerald Cox, Mrs. Floyd Birt, Mrs. Jack Greider, Mrs. R. B. Stauber and Christine P'Simer in charge. **APRIL 22-48**

On Thursday at 8 p. m. in the home of Miss P'Simer at 1460 West Macon, Miss Charlotte Meyer, elementary school supervisor will discuss problems related to the league's local project, education.

F. M. Lindsay and Miss P'Simer will discuss problems related to the league's state project, the revision of the state constitution.

Members also will have discussion groups on May 11 and 13 and a general meeting on May 27. The discussion is on league projects

and the general meeting on national affairs.

Mrs. Floyd Birt will arrange for new members to visit some unit of city, town, county or state government in May or June. This plan will allow new members to learn how the League works and they will be ready for active membership in the fall.

## Voters Indoctrinate 19 New Members

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Nineteen new members of the Decatur League of Women Voters, result of the recent membership drive of which Miss Christine P'Simer was chairman, attended an indoctrination meeting Thursday evening, and heard a talk and discussion on the proposed constitution convention for Illinois, and the same on Decatur's educational outlook now that the tax measure for new buildings has been defeated.

F. M. Lindsay of Decatur Newspapers, Inc., and a member of the governor's commission for post-war planning, discussed the proposed convention to modernize and otherwise change the state constitution, and League members discussed it at length with him.

Miss Charlotte Meyer, supervisor of elementary grades in Decatur schools, discussed the school situation, using charts to show the expected increase in enrollment next fall, and the crowded conditions now and the worse conditions expected then. Many of the 19 new League members are mothers of young children, and this subject was discussed thoroughly, with plans for a second try at passing a tax measure to give the schools some relief.

## Hats Off, Wo

### Convention Delegates As

Grand Rapids, Mich.,  
April 27 (AP)

Delegates to the national convention of the League of Women Voters here this week won't be permitted to wear hats to business sessions.

"High and fancy hats prevent proper visibility for action on the floor," explained president Anna Lord Strauss, announcing the ban at yesterday's opening session.



## Voters at Convention Tend To Business, Leave Hats Off

Mrs. G. D. Cox, delegate from the Decatur League of Women Voters to the convention in Grand Rapids, Mich., sends word that this has been one convention that is not a parade of hats, confirming the AP news story early in the week that delegates were asked at the first session to leave their hats in their hotel rooms, or take them off and carry them. The national president, Anna Lord Strauss, had taken one look at the millinery and decided anyone who sat behind any of it would be unable to see or hear much of what went on.

The convention program on the opening night was on "The Role of the Delegate", with state and national officers instructing the 800 chapter representatives in detail on their procedure throughout the convention, in order to get the most from the sessions and to carry back to their chapters.

In subsequent sessions, the convention has debated UN and its special agencies and studied their uses and potentialities; discussed ERP, international control of atomic energy, educational programs, depression and inflation.

**POLICIES** outlined for League study and action in the coming two years are:

1. Tax reduction should be postponed as long as inflationary pressures exist. Taxes should be reduced when the inflationary period is over.

2. Government expenditures

should be kept to essentials and the Federal debt reduced. Housing, conservation, and welfare measures should be encouraged when the inflationary danger is over.

3. Allocation and price control of critical basic commodities should be instituted and maintained as long as needed (consumer price controls are not indicated). Such controls should be abolished when the need is past.

4. Rent controls should be retained while there is an acute housing shortage.

5. Consumer credit controls should be restored and maintained during the period of critical shortages.

**SPEAKERS** have included Dean Paul Appleby of Syracuse university graduate school of citizenship and public affairs, who talked on the problem of developing the most unified and internationalist policy possible; Mrs. Oscar Reubhausen of New York, official League observer at United Nations; Mrs. Nelson Morris of Toledo, economics expert of the league's board of directors, who asserted that renewal of the trade agreements act is of cardinal importance; Mrs. James W. Morrison of Connecticut, who said "economic warfare is one of the main causes of total warfare between nations"; and representatives of the Christian Science Monitor, Milwaukee Journal, St. Louis Star Times, who discussed public

relations, and newspaper do's and don'ts.

**THE SLATE** of officers presented is:

President—Anna Lord Strauss (reelection).

Vice president—Mrs. Harold A. Stone, Arlington, Va. (reelection).

Second—Mrs. John Lee, Farmington, Conn.

Secretary—Mrs. James Scarborough, Los Angeles.

Treasurer—Mrs. Bradford L. Patton, Chicago.

## Voters League APR. 26 Sends Mrs. Cox 1948 To Convention

Mrs. G. D. Cox is leaving today to attend the 18th biennial convention of the League of Women Voters at Pantlind hotel at Grand Rapids, Mich., Monday through Friday. Mrs. Cox is going as substitute for Mrs. John Kuhns, the president.

The program for 1948-50 will be chosen by delegates, and each has been asked to study the various proposals for world government. Among other things the convention will select practical next steps leading toward international stability and peace.

## A.A.U.W. and Voters Having Forum May 17<sup>48</sup> on Schools

The League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women will have a joint meeting May 17 at 7:30 p. m. in the Y.W.C.A., with a panel discussion by the education committees of both on "critical School Problems of Immediate Concern."

This is a public meeting and any person interested in Decatur schools and their problems is invited.

## 30 WOMEN'S FEAT

## Mrs. Cox Gives Voters Report

Mrs. Gerald Cox reported the national convention to the Decatur League of Women Voters this week, Tuesday noon in Greider's and last evening to another group meeting in the recreation department.

She reported the important speakers and business sessions, the vital policies adopted, and some of the amusing off-the-record happenings that make any big convention, no matter how solemn, rock with laughter on occasion. Among the latter was a naive delegate who outraged all the D. A. R.'s at the convention by asking if the body should "go on record with the D. A. R.'s and the Communists" as opposing world government.

The speakers were often talking on subjects upon which they had written books or were helping write history, said Mrs. Cox, such as Dr. Newcomer of Vassar who was the only woman member of the U. S. delegation to the monetary conference at Bretton Woods. She is author of books on taxes and on war production, and spoke on world finances.

The League voted to support the United Nations and its special agencies; to increase U. N. security functions; to aid a full I. N. information program; to support promotion of international reconstruction and expansion of world trade; and to analyze federal taxes and expenditures in order to understand and support a stable domestic economy, Mrs. Cox said.



May 18, 1948

### School Board Not Ideal

## Women's Groups Discuss Schooling

Decatur's school board set-up is far from ideal, a five-member symposium of the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women found last night.

Audience reaction to the "perfect" educational administration, as described by the quintet before 75 persons in the Y.W.C.A., indicated Decatur falls short of the ideal mark.

Hit particularly was size of the existing board.

Quoting from a 1946 annual report of the American Association of School Board Administrators, Mrs. Clyde Hess said, "The most faulty set-up is the three-man board."

**A THREE-MAN** governing body is "most often found in rural and small school districts," the report declared.

"Presence of factions," was the charge against a small board made in the report. It pointed out that

one of the members of a three-man board usually is "neutral."

The other two ordinarily represent a definite viewpoint, or faction, it was charged. Under a staggered election schedule, which means one man is elected annually, hold-over members can swing board opinion, Mrs. Hess said.

A three-man board also paves the way for the "playing of politics on a small scale," the administrators' report stated.

In most cases, Mrs. Hess said, such a board should be expanded to five members.

**FURTHER PROBE** of an "ideal" school board was made by Mrs. Russell Oplinger, who declared a governing body should "see that the school district is properly run, but not run it."

It should not be relegated to a position of a "rubber-stamp" board, however. Board members should have the "ability and willingness to delegate responsibility," she said.

In her summary of qualifications of board members—keynote of the last night's discussion called in anticipation of the June 1 Decatur board election which will name one member from three candidates—she included common sense, foresight, honesty, public-mindedness and business ability.

**"BOARD MEMBERS** are immediate representatives of the people," she said. "They should be willing

to assume full responsibility for control of our school system."

"The standard of our schools is in direct ratio to the standard of our community."

Mrs. R. E. Greenfield, member of the voters' league, told of two organizations which have aided the dissemination of information between the school system and the public.

She said that perhaps the most effective are the educational council, a 26-man board formed among teachers, and the Association of Commerce educational committee.

Those two groups, she said, are primarily for public relations, and have served to bring an inter-play of ideas between the public and the school leaders.

**BLOSSOM REDMON** told of the legal duties of board members, citing the Decatur charter formed in 1865 and its requirements for qualified school board members.

A plea for the future of the Decatur system was made by Charlotte Meyer of the voters' league, who declared that 10 of the elementary school boys reach student capacity.

"The physical facilities are inadequate," she said. "The school is of a size which is too large for the community."

## League Studies School Board

The Decatur public will be given an opportunity to learn about the duties of boards of education in general and about the three candidates for the June 1 election through two current projects of the League of Women Voters.

The League has distributed a questionnaire to the candidates, Paul A. Rex, Dr. Ciney Rich, and Incumbent Clarence Seip, the results of which will be published.

Tonight at 7:30 in the Y. W. C. A. the League will sponsor, in conjunction with the American Association of University Women, a panel discussion on school administration. The meeting is open to the public.

Topics for discussion tonight are: Legal obligations of school board members—Miss Blossom Redmon of the League.

Modern qualifications by educators for school boards—Mrs. Russell Oplinger, A. A. U. W.

Overlapping functions of education committees—Mrs. R. E. Greenfield, League.

The 1946 annual report of the American Association of School Board Administrators—Mrs. Clyde Hess, A. A. U. W.

New problems in the current building program—Elementary Supervisor Charlotte Meyer, League.

## Views Listed By Candidates

About the best chance Decatur residents will have to learn how candidates for the board of education feel about local school problems is to read their answers to the League of Women Voters questionnaire published on page six of today's issue of The Herald and Review.

All three candidates in the race have announced their intentions of making no organized campaign. They are Clarence Seip, incumbent member of the board seeking reelection for his second three-year term; Dr. Ciney Rich, first to announce his candidacy, and Paul A. Rex who has claimed support from two Decatur lodges of the International Association of Machinists, the railway brotherhoods and several religious groups.

The league decided on the questionnaires as a means of determining the opinions of the men rather than holding a meeting to which candidates would be invited to speak before members, usually the league policy.

## Voters Offered Baby Sitters

### Women's League Plans Service Tuesday

Mothers with young children will not have to forego voting in Tuesday's school board election merely because they can't leave the baby.

The Macon county League of Women voters is organizing a baby-sitter and transportation service free of charge to get mothers to the polls.

Mrs. John C. Kuhns, League president, explained today that two women will work together in each case. The two women will drive to the home of the mother together. One will sit with the baby while the driver takes the mother to vote for the man of her choice.

A total of 20 women will conduct the service.

The non-partisan league is campaigning for no particular school board candidate but is urging as

many people as possible to exercise their right as citizens and vote.

Details of the service and telephones to which mothers should call to arrange for a sitter and driver will be announced Sunday.

### Absentee Voting Tomorrow, Friday

Decatur school district voters who will be out of town Tuesday, the day of the school board election, may vote in the public school office tomorrow and Friday.

Absentee ballots will be available for voting at the office until 4:30 p. m. each day. The office is in the Decatur high school building, on the corner of East North and North Franklin streets. There are no absentee ballots available for voting by mail.

## Thanks From Rex

To the Editor of The Herald and Review:

I want to thank the League of Women voters who brought me before the public with their questionnaire, especially Mrs. Kuhns. The rest of you I haven't met.

I also wish to thank the Exchange club. I think they are a fine friendly bunch. Especially do I thank Mr. Bob Pullam, who invited me to speak before the Exchange club.

I must not forget the printer, my cousin Walter Salefski, who printed my cards; also Mrs. Rollin Pease, who made my picture.

I also wish to thank the eight good citizens who looked out for my interests after the polls closed and last, but not least, the good American citizens, rich and poor alike, who voted for me in the school board election.

Decatur

PAUL A. REX.



May 1948

For Women Voters League of Macon County

# School Board Candidates Answers Questionnaire

## League's Questionnaire

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5. Are you aware that the function of a board of education is to establish policies for the school system? Are you also aware that the function of the superintendent of schools is to administer these policies?

6. Do you have children? Are they attending, or have they attended, the Decatur public schools?

7. Are you affiliated in any way with factional or partisan politics?

8. What do you consider the main problems facing our present school system?

9. What is your educational background, both formal and informal?

10. Are you willing to take a stand for better schools without wavering, even though pressure and publicity bring criticism upon you?

11. With what community and civic groups are you connected?

12. Decatur's pupil load is increasing. Do you see any other solution, or solutions, than these: 1. Overcrowded rooms; 2. Half-day sessions; 3. New buildings? If you see no other solutions, which of these do you prefer?

13. Is it your conviction that the future welfare of the community is closely tied up with the success of the school system?

Comments:

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4. Yes.

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7. No.

8. (a) Provision of adequate building space; (b) Securing of adequate staff in the light of shortage of elementary teachers, and facilities for the proper education of the increasing number of elementary school children.

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# Vote Tues., June 1

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13. I am convinced that the future welfare of our community and nation depends in a large measure upon the soundness of the education that we provide for the youth of today.

### Clarence Seip

Mr. Seip did not answer specific questions, but submitted the following statement as his answer to the questionnaire:

Three years ago the voters of the Decatur school district elected me to the board of education. As a member of the board of education, I submit the recommendations and achievements of the board as qualifications for my re-election.

We are faced with a tremendous increase of population as no other school board in the past has had to face. We are planning to meet this need the best we can with our resources and present equipment.

The records of the board of education are public property and I urge the citizens of this district to investigate and analyze them to see the present conditions of our schools and the present high standards of qualifications we have in our teaching personnel.

The effort of this school board is to give the children of Decatur the best in education that is humanly possible to do so.

I wish to thank the League of Women Voters for this opportunity and they are to be commended on taking an interest in our school system and an interest in those they wish to serve that have the necessary qualifications and the time to devote.

Comments:

This information secured and distributed by the League of Women Voters of Macon County.



## NON-PARTISAN VOTING INFORMATION EXHIBIT IN LIBRARY



League of Women Voters members look over part of the non-partisan educational exhibit for voters that they provided and Miss Muriel Perry, director of the public library, has set up in the library, to inform citizens who will vote in the primaries next Tuesday.

The exhibit consists of explanations of how to mark a ballot so it will not be cast out, and other pertinent information. In the reference room is as complete information as could be assembled of the personal records of all candidates. Left to right here are Mrs. Howard

Akers, League of Women Voters publicity chairman; Mrs. Gerald Cox, first vice president; Mrs. Floyd Birt, government-in-operation chairman; and city policeman Horace Hoff, who stopped by on his way to return a library book. (Herald and Review photo)

## HERE TODAY FOR VOTERS LEAGUE



Mrs. M. A. Pollak (left) of Highland Park and Mrs. Henry Taylor of Henderson, Ky., both national board members

of the League of Women Voters will speak here today in the Y. W. C. A. for the League's regional meeting luncheon.

## Regional Meet of Women Voters Opens in Y. Today

A regional meeting of the League of Women Voters opens this morning in the Y. W. C. A., with luncheon at 12:30 o'clock. Delegates are expected from Danville, Champaign, Bloomington, Peoria and Springfield.

Two national board members are here for the event, Mrs. Henry Taylor of Henderson, Ky., and Mrs. Maurice A. Pollak of Highland Park, Ill. Each will speak.

Mrs. Taylor's name, say those who know her, is virtually synonymous with the term "politically effective." She believes in her principles and acts on her beliefs. She frequently accompanies her husband on trips to state Rotary functions, and always takes a bundle of broadsides, memos and other current League publications and turns them over to Rotary wives. She has served four years as local League president, two as vice-president, one as president of

the Kentucky League, and is beginning her second term as a national board member. She has two sons, one on occupation duty in Germany.

Mrs. Pollak is especially interested in government policies affecting the nation's economic stability, particularly all phases of the social insurance program. She also is well informed on matters of local government. She is a former state chairman of economic welfare, and is now state organization chairman. She studied at Smith college and did graduate work at the Chicago School of Social service administration, was a member of the board of the Metropolitan Housing Council in Chicago, has a husband and two children.

## Women Voters League Opens 2-Day School

Mrs. William Bryant of Oak Park, chairman of the structure of government committee of the League of Women Voters of Illinois, opened a two-day voters service institute for Downstate league representatives in the Hotel Orlando this morning.

Six services listed by Mrs. Bryant which local league members can offer voters included:

Serving as judges and clerks of elections,

Serving as watchers at the polls on election day,

Manning public information booths prior to elections.

Instructing the public on how to mark a ballot,

Encouraging registrations, Reaching new voters in the community.

APPROXIMATELY 40 representatives of eight Downstate leagues are attending the institute.

Each topic explained by Mrs. Bryant was given earnest discussion by her audience with information contributed on the work various leagues have done in certain of the six services listed.

In answer to the question, "How many of you have served as judges or clerks" nearly a dozen hands were shown. One or two leagues have sponsored information booths. Mrs. Bryant has served as judge in Cook county elections, she said.

There is need for a non-partisan voters service such as the league offers in nearly every community, the representatives brought out.

DISCUSSION on "how to mark a ballot" revealed that a large number of conscientious voters mark their ballots with a check mark instead of the required cross. An occasional highly educated and well informed citizen will sign his name on a ballot. Erasures are frequently made.

Watchers at the polls are recommended even in a very small and very honest community, Mrs. Bryant pointed out, to guard against errors in the voting procedure as well as against dishonesty.

The smallest detail of the law is not too trivial for attention, Mrs. Bryant said. The laws are all designed to give the maximum protection to the voter and the secret ballot.

THE PUBLIC is eager for accurate information on voting requirements and procedure, Mrs. Bryant said, and there is literature available at county and state offices which she suggested the leagues obtain in performing their voters services.

"Information About Candidates," was Mrs. Maurice Pollak's topic scheduled for the general session at 1:30 p. m. today. Mrs. Pollak of Highland Park is vice president of the state league.

A dinner meeting open to the public will be held at 6:30 p. m. today in the Decatur Club with Dr. Richard E. Browne of Illinois State Normal university speaking on, "Why Worry About the Illinois Constitution?"

MRS. WARREN Drummond, of Evanston, state public relations chairman, will conduct a session on, "The League Goes to the Public," at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Leagues represented at today's meeting include:

Belleville,  
Pekin,  
Springfield,  
Bloomington,  
Danville,  
Decatur,  
Lincoln,  
Hancock county.



## VOTERS SERVICE INSTITUTE OPENS



State officers of the League of Women Voters of Illinois were presented at the opening of the league's Voters Service Institute which opened in the Hotel Orlando this morning. Mrs. John C. Kuhns, left, local president,

introduced the officers, left to right, Mrs. Warren Drummond of Evanston, state public relations chairman; Mrs. William Bryant of Oak Park, state chairman of structure of government and morning speaker;

Mrs. Walter Fisher of Winnetka state president, and Mrs. Maurice Pollak of Highland Park, state vice president and afternoon speaker.

(Herald and Review Photo)

Friday, September 24, 1948.

# Speakers Analyze Commission Rule

## Called 'Undemocratic,' 'Efficient, Responsive'

A proposed commission form of government for Macon county last night was alternately censured as "undemocratic" and lauded as "an efficient rule more responsive to the will of the people."

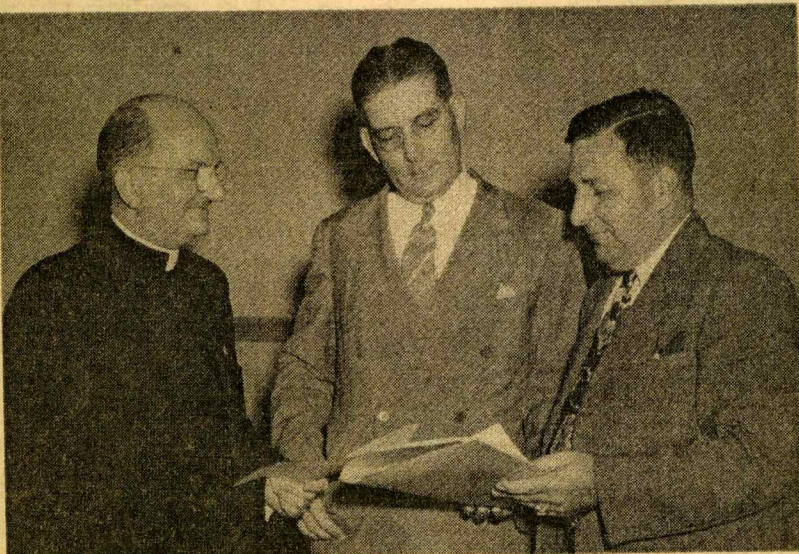
The assertions came from an opponent and a proponent of the local November ballot issue who spoke in the Salvation Army hall before more than 100 interested citizens.

County Auditor Ellis B. Wheeler of Decatur, who said he appeared as a man "always interested in a better government," and Rev. Fr. Victor C. Goyke of Macon, who declared he is interested in a "proper voters' representation," were the men presenting sides of the top county issue.

**FOLLOWING** an explanation of the existing township government in Macon county by Attorney Thomas H. Armstrong, Mr. Wheeler rose to declare the township rule should be replaced in November by "a county commission."

"This more efficient, more economical government would, in short, eliminate overlapping and duplication of authority in the county," he said.

Declaring that the trend in the state is toward a centralization of government, Mr. Wheeler pointed out that the city of Decatur in 1911 replaced its cumbersome aldermanic system with a five-man commission.



Discussing the county's top issue—a proposed commission rule—before last night's pro-and-con forum in the Salvation Army hall are, left to right, Rev. Fr. Victor C. Goyke of

Macon, opponent of a county commission; Attorney Thomas H. Armstrong, who outlined the existing township plan, and County Auditor Ellis B. Wheeler, proponent of a commission

(Herald and Review Photo)

A further indication, he said, was a 1947 bill to abolish township assessors. They would be replaced with one county-wide superintendent of assessing. The bill was not made law but will again be placed before the General Assembly.

Again in 1947, Mr. Wheeler asserted, authority to combine townships into road districts was granted.

**"THE TREND** is definitely toward consolidation of services. Is Macon county to be left behind?"

While Mr. Wheeler was speaking of the proposal that would replace the 41-man board of supervisors with a three-man commission, it was noted that most of the local board members were part of the interested audience.

The county auditor cited financial advantages amounting to "between \$250,000 and \$317,000" as a merit of a commission.

A major portion of this savings, he declared, would accrue from a consolidation of the 17 township road systems now operating in the county.

Father Goyke, in his defense of the township plan, termed Mr. Wheeler's proposition "castles in the air."

"They are alright," he said, "but you can't move into them. They won't hold you."

**HE DECLARED** the township government, which includes an annual town meeting each April 1, the "purest form of democracy." "It is found tested and true," he declared.

In a plea for retention of the existing board of supervisors, which represents the 17 townships in the county, Father Goyke asserted "there has never been a serious complaint lodged against the board of supervisors."

He dismissed a charge in a Herald and Review editorial—that three members of a board committee were paid \$18 in per diem fees to okay a \$36 bill—as a "childish outburst of an over-enthusiastic proponent of the commission form."

Father Goyke termed that particular committee action an "isolated case."

**DECLARING** that the demand for a county commission "does not come from the general public," the priest said the proposal is "asking you to give up your local representative who knows your needs best."

While 17 counties in Illinois are operating under a commission form, Father Goyke pointed out that their populations average 18,000. Most of the 17 are in Southern Illinois.

Father Goyke said he doubted whether a county commission would be effective in a "county as heavily-populated as Macon."

Finishing, Father Goyke declared "centralization of power in a few public officials is a most dangerous policy."

Regarding township road operations, Mr. Wheeler said they could be left as 17 road districts, or could be consolidated into one or more units under a commission form.

**"A LOGICAL** solution," Mr. Wheeler said, "would be a road district for the city of Decatur and one for the remainder of the county."

In a question and answer period following the principal addresses, Attorney Armstrong, who was billed as an "impartial" speaker to outline township functions, became a prosecuting attorney as he assailed Mr. Wheeler's statistics regarding the commission proposal.

Armed with reports from the 17 township road commissioners, Mr. Armstrong undertook to explain comparative costs of road work under town and county administrations. In doing so, he identified himself as an attorney for the road commissioners.

Last night's open forum was sponsored jointly by the Macon County League of Women Voters and the Community Forum. Gerald Cox of the Community Forum presided.

The proposition is on a special Nov. 2 ballot that asks a vote for or against continuance of township organization.



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## Priest, County Auditor Debate On Local Rule

Rev. Fr. Victor C. Goyke of facon and Ellis B. Wheeler, county auditor, matched thoughts and words in debate last night on the proposed change to commission form of county government.

Speaking in the Salvation Army hall before 100 citizens, including several members of the county board of supervisors, Mr. Wheeler supported the abandonment of the township form of government in the interest of greater efficiency at less cost to the taxpayers. He estimated the annual saving at between \$250,000 and \$317,000.

FATHER GOYKE, defending the township form, said the county's 17 townships, each with an annual town meeting of electors, is the "purest form of democracy." The predicted advantages under the commission form, he suggested, "are castles in the air. They are all right, but you can't move into them. They won't hold you."

Auditor Wheeler, who, during his years in county office, has witnessed the overlapping and duplication of government service with 17 township road departments and one county highway department working, used the cold logic of efficiency and money saving.

"The trend is definitely toward consolidation of services," he said. Much of the saving would come from consolidation or direct central supervision of the 17 township road units.

EFFICIENCY would be increased, he said, by the elimination of the 41 member county board of supervisors, with three elected commissioners replacing the supervisors.

Father Goyke, skilled and heart-warming speaker, appealed to emotion and sentiment. The township form, he said, is "tested and true."

The proposed change does not come from the general public, he said, but is proposed by persons "asking you to give up your local representative, who knows your needs best." Declaring there "has never been a serious complaint lodged against the county board of supervisors," he said "centralization of power in a few public officials is a most dangerous policy."

THE 17 ILLINOIS counties now operating under the commission form, Father Goyke said, have an average of 18,000 population and most of them are in the southern part of the state. "I doubt the effectiveness of the commission form in a county as heavily populated as Macon," he said.

Mr. Wheeler pointed to the 1911 action in Decatur replacing an unwieldy aldermanic system with a five man commission as proof that the commission form is suitable to large communities.

## Debate Set On County Government

Relative merits of Macon county's present township type government and a proposed commission form will be aired at a Sept. 23 debate under sponsorship of the League of Women Voters. It was announced yesterday by Mrs. John Kuhns, president.

Proponent of a commission rule will be County Auditor Ellis B. Wheeler. A speaker to outline merits of township will be announced later, Mrs. Kuhns said.

The debate, open to the public, will be held in the recreation department rooms in the old city hall.

Auditor Wheeler last Wednesday filed a petition that asks the county board of supervisors to call a vote on continuance of township government for Macon county.

The board, which will convene Sept. 14, has a mandatory duty of placing the proposal on a November ballot.

State's Attorney Ivan J. Hutchens has expressed an opinion that the board cannot challenge the petitions prior to the election.

Citizens should keep their eyes on efficient government at lower cost, he urged, when they vote on the proposal in the November election.

THOMAS H. ARMSTRONG, who reviewed the operation of township government briefly before the debate shed his impartial role in a question and answer period.

Using reports of the 17 township highway commissioners, Mr. Armstrong, who is the attorney for several townships, submitted comparative costs of highway improvement under township and county administrations.

The cost of oil laid on the roads by township highway commissioners on a year round basis was between 11 and 11½ cents per gallon, Mr. Armstrong stated. The cost to the county for laying oil at the same time in the same community with one or two exceptions, was a little more than two cents per gallon higher, he said. These figures apply in about one-half the townships, he said.

THE RELATIVE costs to townships for spreading gravel is also less than to the county, he said. He gave the reason for this difference as "the county now pays for common labor, \$1.10 an hour. The highway commissioner pays 75 cents."

Mr. Armstrong was also concerned with what would happen to such bodies as town library boards, township cemetery trustees, local health bodies, community center directors and the duties of overseer of the poor under the proposed county commission government.

The meeting was sponsored jointly by the Macon County League of Women Voters and the Community Forum, with Gerald Cox of the Community Forum presiding.

## County Petition Deserves Thought

—By Edward Lindsay

ELLIS WHEELER'S petition calling for a vote, at the regular November election, on the abandonment or continuance of township government deserves the thoughtful consideration of every Macon county resident.

This proposal properly carried out can mean a more efficient county government. There is within the plans envisioned by Mr. Wheeler the opportunity to get more actual services to the people at an impressive saving in tax dollars.

Such proposals are confusing to the voting public. There are two reasons for this. The average family feels that government is a mysterious thing which it does not understand. The professionals in politics—those who hold or seek office—generally can be counted upon to be for the kind of government that takes more employees. The reason is obvious. Political organizations live on patronage jobs. The more jobs, the more willing doorbell ringers at election time.

First, let's see what the proposal means. There are two kinds of county government: (1) township, such as we have at present, and (2) commission form. Both are equally legal under the Illinois constitution and state laws.

The township form provides for a set of local officials in each township (there are 17 in Macon county) with very limited powers. The supervisors from the townships together with the 24 assistant supervisors from Decatur township—form the county board. The board is the legislative body, in theory. In practise it is pretty well hemmed in with requirements in the state laws so its deliberations offer little opportunity for creative governmental accomplishment.

Sixteen of the 17 Macon county townships have populations of less than 2,000 people, most of them nearer 1,000.

These little governmental units solemnly elect a supervisor, clerk, assessor, highway commissioner, justice of the peace, constable and school treasurer. Look at Milam township, the smallest. This little principality has a population in the 1940 census of 304. We have a government, then, for 87 families.

Decatur township, at the other end of the population scale, has the same kind of organization for 80 per cent of the people of the county. In order to recognize the differences in population, the state legislature created assistant supervisors to weight the voting power of the larger townships. This is a clumsy device.

When a vote is called for in the county board, the Decatur township supervisor stands up with his retinue of 24 assistants to outshout the 16 supervisors from the rural townships. That, too, is the theory.

In practise, the assistants don't represent Decatur very well. They are more like a bevy of quail flying in all directions when flushed.

The commission form puts the responsibility for county government on a board of three members, elected from the county at large. In Morgan county (Jacksonville), which has commission government, the custom has been to name members from the rural townships. There has been no feeling there that the large population center has dominated the county government.

The three men have wide latitude in employing competent people to carry on the work of the county. They cannot dodge responsibility for the decisions they make; they have the whole picture of the county activity under their thumbs; they can move with certainty and intelligence to serve the people who pay them.

Commission government can be inefficient in the chief county activity, and in Morgan county, it is. Under the law it is possible, but not necessary, to continue the operation of a large number of small road districts.

The 17 sets of rusting road equipment in Macon county paid for by the people is one of the most unsatisfactory aspects of the present township government. Putting other township functions in a commission and leaving the road districts would be stopping too soon.

The whole county can be and should be one road district with all necessary equipment and personnel under the direction of a qualified highway engineer, such as the county now has. There is no reason why this cannot be worked out so that every township in the county will get its road tax money put on the roads instead of into salaries for 17 part-time highway commissioners, and machinery which sits and rusts more than it works.

Whether we finally adopt commission form county government or not, we should use Mr. Wheeler's petition as the rallying point for a full dress discussion of the subject.

The most effective way to get discussion and the understanding of the work the taxpayers' employees in county government do or should do, is to sign the petition. There will be relatively little cost to holding a referendum in connection with the regular election.

The members of the board of supervisors and most of the county and township officials will be against any change. If the question is going on the ballot they will be heard.

Mr. Wheeler, now county auditor, will state the case for change.

Let's not stop with the debate of the office-holders. Here is an opportunity for citizen groups—the unions, the farm organizations, the Association of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, etc.—to learn something about the practical working of some of the units of local government. Their discussions will lead to better government, whether we change to commission form or continue with township form.

In any case, it is my hope that interested groups make an effort to learn something about the subject before they begin a pompous round of indorsement of one side or the other. Democracy presumes an informed electorate.



## Pageant Depicts Progress

Voters League Shows Women of Last 100 Years

One hundred years of woman's progress from servility to the kitchen, cradle and needle to participation in public meetings, the vote and public influence was demonstrated last night in a costume pageant by the Macon County League of Women Voters.

The program was given in Kaeuper hall in the Millikin university School of Music and approximately 150 persons attended.

The play referred to the legal right of a husband to beat his wife "with a stick no thicker than a judge's thumb," and the admission of women to law schools and the legal practise was emphasized as an important milestone in woman's progress.

An effective demonstration of the common attitude against women was given when one woman spoke out at an abolitionist meeting. She made her appeal on the basis that "you speak of freedom from slavery—what about freedom for women?"

An actress seated in the rear of the Kaeuper hall audience called: "It's obvious what you need, madam. You need a cradle to rock!"

"I have rocked the cradle," was the heated reply. "Eight times. And when my twins were born, I rocked the cradle indeed, with both feet!"

Members of the cast from the Decatur Little Theater and Guild included:

Joan Meisner  
Mrs. Leslie Siner  
Ann Hinkle  
Norma Young

Mrs. William Gallagher  
Mrs. Lyle Marshall  
Suzanne Nichols  
Joseph Gustin  
Fritz Woyna  
David Langlois  
Lysle Siner  
Darrell Latch

Narrator and director for the play was Mrs. Richard Sunkel of the local Little Theater organization.

The Decatur theater group has been asked to give the same production for the League of Women Voters of Lincoln. The script was compiled by the national League of Women Voters.

Cokes were served in the School of Music library following the production, and annual memberships were accepted. M. W.

## Women Voters League Plans Three Meetings

The board of directors of the League of Women Voters will meet at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Association of Commerce rooms in the Decatur Club building.

At 8 p. m. Thursday a discussion group will meet at the recreation department rooms in the old city hall and on Tuesday, Sept. 14, a discussion group will meet for luncheon in the Decatur Club at 1 p. m. Mrs. Floyd Birt will discuss voter service for the coming election.

## Women Urge Senate Action

Senate action on extension of the reciprocal trade agreements act before adjournment of the 81st Congress was urged yesterday by the League of Women Voters' board of directors.

The board communicated its action in a telegram to Sen. Paul H. Douglas of Illinois. The board approved the move during a meeting with its membership committee at Scovill Gardens.

At the same time, the board and the committee made plans for the league's fall membership meeting. The Little Theater & Guild will join the league in the meeting by presenting a pageant, "One Hundred Years of Growing."

The pageant is a series of scenes showing milestones in the movement which has educated women to assume more responsibility as citizens. It is written by Ione Snodgrass, Rye, N. Y. journalist and league member.

Mrs. Kenneth Flint is the league's membership chairman. Her committee members are Mrs. Eric Stern, Mrs. C. Albert Altwegg, Christine P'Simer, Mrs. Merle Borden, Mrs. Ivan J. Hutchens, Mrs. W. H. Hipsher, Mrs. William Beall and Mrs. Martin Cohen.

## Franzy Eakin Opens Series

No social system has benefited more than one based on private enterprise, Franzy Eakin, economist and vice president of A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., said last night.

He spoke at Millikin university before a group of 18 persons attending the first in a series of four discussion meetings on economic problems. The series is sponsored by the Macon county League of Women Voters.

Mr. Eakin said he did not believe political and economic systems such as socialism and communism would work in the U. S. to the betterment of society as a whole.

He pointed out that all of the economic benefits of American society today exist because people have worked to make them possible.

"If we all quit working, substantially the entire population would be dead within 18 months," Mr. Eakin said.

"If no business and commercial improvements were made, the nation would be bankrupt within 10 years."

Mr. Eakin said that more consideration should be given to increasing the incomes of families and individuals in the lowest income bracket.

Nearly two million people in the U. S. earned less than \$500 in 1947, he pointed out.

## Interpretation Of Budget Eakin Topic Thursday

An interpretation of the federal budget and what it means to the individual family will be given by Franzy Eakin, Decatur authority on economics and finance, in a public meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Thursday night.

In an educational program sponsored by the Macon county League of Women Voters, Mr. Eakin will discuss federal budget expenditures of around 40 billion dollars a year and what it means translated away from large money terms.

As Mr. Eakin described the purpose of his talk last night, he will interpret the national budget to show what affect it has on individual and family living both from the viewpoint of government services and benefits and from the viewpoint of personal taxes collected directly from families and indirectly through business and prices of goods.

A QUESTION PERIOD will follow the talk.

The League of Women Voters has been studying federal finance in recent discussion sessions on the "federal fiscal policy."

Thursday night's public meeting

is being sponsored by the League because it believes the citizen can influence such measures through legislators.

Mr. Eakin, vice president of the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., and director of Economic Accounting, Inc., has an outstanding background for interpreting finance.

HE SERVED as a public accountant and business consultant for 11 years before becoming an official of the Staley company in 1932.

His concrete analyses have included an economic balance sheet for the state of New Hampshire, a bookkeeping picture of Illinois, a balance sheet of the nation's economy and his methods in preparing earnings reports have been employed by the U. S. Steel Corp.

Some of this work has been in collaboration with other writers and economists including Dr. F. G. Dickinson of the University of Illinois.

ARTICLES BY and about Mr. Eakin have appeared in the Illinois Journal of Commerce, Business Week, Readers Digest and other publications.

He has lectured widely on national finance including talks before a New England council of business leaders in Manchester, Vt., the Illinois Manufacturers' Cost association in Chicago and has participated in research and recommendations for the Controllers Institute of America.

He has spoken many times before

Decatur organizations and civic groups, has served on the personnel and labor relations committee of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the city planning commis-

## There's just Edit's exclusive Roads Under

ROAD OIL was given top prominence in the Thursday night debate on township vs. commission county government.

The public meeting was jointly sponsored by the League of Women voters and the Community Forum. It was to have been a debate between two partisans, Rev. Fr. Victor C. Goyke for the township form and Ellis B. Wheeler for the commission form.

Attorney Tom Armstrong was to have been the "impartial" speaker who would analyze the differences (as a legal matter) between the two forms.

Before the meeting was over, Mr. Armstrong had laid great stress on a "study" that showed, he said, that the township road commissioners spent approximately two cents less a gallon for applying road oil than was spent by the county highway department for oiling roads in the same townships. He led the audience to believe that the oil was the same.

There are three kinds of oil: RC (rapid cure) in various weights. This oil contains a high percentage of asphalt and is applied hot. It is used by the park board with white rock for macadam drives and by the city with buckshot gravel on asphalt streets. It is the most expensive.

MC (medium cure) in various weights. This oil contains asphalt and is applied hot. It is used by the county, the city of Decatur, and Decatur township with buckshot gravel. It is of medium expense. Decatur township highway department and the county use the same kind of oil for which they pay the same per-gallon prices.

SC (slow cure) in various weights. This is the lowest grade of road oil and is applied cold. It is used by many, if not all, of the rural townships in Macon county and is usually covered with sand. It is the cheapest oil, both in the price of the oil and in the cost of applying it to the roads.

The township road commissioners know this but evidently did not tell Mr. Armstrong about it.



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# **Women Voters League to Hear Green, Stevenson**

Gov. Dwight Green and Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic nominee for governor, will meet before members and guests of the Illinois state League of Women Voters at 12:15 p.m. Oct. 8, in Chicago's Stevens hotel, according to Mrs. John Kuhns, president of the Macon county league.

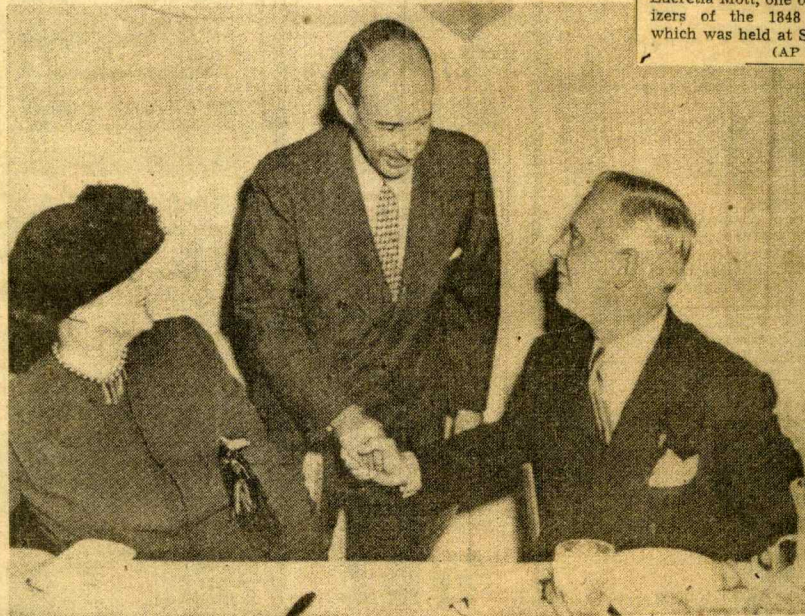
All residents of this area are invited to attend the luncheon meeting, Mrs. Kuhns said, but the league is particularly interested in having members of the Illinois House and Senate and official leaders of both parties there. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Kuhns within the next four days.

The subject for the meeting is "Constitutional Revision in Illinois" and both men will speak on their views on the subject, Mrs. Kuhns said.



**SPEAKS ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS** — Miss Anna Lord Strauss (above) of Washington, D. C., national president of the league of women voters, addresses a meeting at Seneca Falls commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first women's rights convention. She is a great-granddaughter of Mrs. Lucretia Mott, one of the organizers of the 1848 convention which was held at Seneca Falls. (AP Wirephoto.)

## **CANDIDATES SHAKE HANDS AT LUNCHEON**



Adlai Stevenson, center, Democratic, and Gov. Dwight H. Green, right, Republican, the two candidates for gover-

nor of Illinois, shake hands at a League of Women Voters luncheon in Chicago Friday,

where both spoke. At the left is Mrs. Walter Fisher, president of the league.

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## Commission Rule Success, Savings Outlined in Talk

Morgan County Resident Speaks From Experience

Commission form of government in Macon county should result in efficient government and savings to taxpayers, according to Mrs. Orville Foreman of Jacksonville, who spoke at a noon luncheon today in the Decatur Y.W.C.A.

Mrs. Foreman spoke under sponsorship of the Macon County League of Women Voters which, as an organization, is not taking either side on the question of abandoning the township government, which will be voted upon by Macon county citizens next Tuesday.

Mrs. Foreman, whose home county of Morgan has the commission form of government, spoke from first hand knowledge of administration under commission form.

In an interview before the luncheon, she discounted the theory that a large city might dominate county government under the commission form.

"IN MORGAN county," she said, "the city of Jacksonville has more than one-half of the county's population. Yet, all three county commissioners are from rural areas. Two of them live on farms. The other is a retired farmer, living in the city."

The commissioners meet four days each week and receive \$7 a day each. They remain in office from term to term gaining valuable experience and training in county government. Terms are staggered, one commissioner being elected each year. The one who has served the longest period of his term is chairman each year.

"There is good reason why commissioners from rural areas are more likely to be elected," Mrs. Foreman said. "Agriculture is a seasonal occupation, and competent farmers are more likely to become candidates for commissioner than competent men from the city, who have occupations which require more of their time."

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(Herald and Review Photo)

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Groups desiring speakers should notify Mrs. Floyd Birt, 429 North Summit avenue, chairman of the government-in-operation committee.

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## Letters to the Editor

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The resolution came to the board from the league's education committee, under Mrs. E. L. Simmons, after a study of the two measures by which the school board plans to provide building funds.

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Plans and costs for needed schools are now under study by the school administration and the school board. The board has not yet set an election date.

Basically, the building program calls for construction of three new schools, one of them providing 16 rooms, and six-room additions on two others.

**MRS. KUHN SAID** the league which supported an unsuccessful attempt for building bond authorization in 1947, is "ready and willing" to cooperate in organizing a program of public information.

In 1947, the schools needed \$1,465,000 in bonds to foot the bill for the same building schedule. Revised costs have not been announced, but schoolmen say they will be higher.

The upsurging wartime birth rate already is taxing classroom facilities in the 16 elementary schools, and constantly increasing enrollments are forecast. All the new construction is tabbed for the elementary level.

While the league is nonpartisan, it frequently takes stands on community issues. Mrs. Kuhns said the board vote yesterday was unanimous.

**URGING A BOND** election last fall was the Exchange club, which has carried on a vigorous campaign in favor of new schools since the 1947 bond election lost by a substantial majority.

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was Mr. Franklin just "lucky" or is he really a man of infinite resource and sagacity? I wonder if we should have his column more prominently featured.

To the Editor of The Herald and Review:

In response to "Anon" of last Sunday's paper, surely they don't have any small children or it would not have been written in the past month my two children visited both their father and their grandfather in the D. M. C. Hospital and I am sure they were quite welcome and did not disturb any other patients.

I should hate to think of spending seven weeks in the hospital and not being able to see my children. Why, when a few abuse the privileges should the rest be punished. Surely "Anon" could have shut the door and tacked a "No Visitors" sign on it if they were so disturbing and unwelcome.

AN INSULTED MOTHER.

Byrd L. Davis has added another new extension top carriage to his livery and board-

The Travelers Protective association has rented the K. P. hall and will hold its meetings there in the future.

A 13-year-old boy was fined \$3 and costs by Justice Provost for jumping on the street election.

during the Congress in the 17th district, at tomorrow's

Atty. I. R. Mills, the Republican candidate for and voted to work in an effort to defeat Stoner's hall on South Park street last night.

An independent Republican group met at Fifty Years Ago—1898

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## Letters to the Editor

CITY TAKES SOME MINOR STEPS TOWARD CONSERVING SOME OF ITS LAND BORDERING THE LAKE.

ST. LOUIS



Sunday, February 20, 1949.

## DECATUR SUNDAY HERALD AND REVIEW

### Interpretation Of Budget Eakin Topic Thursday

An interpretation of the federal budget and what it means to the individual family will be given by Franzy Eakin, Decatur authority on economics and finance, in a public meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Thursday night.

In an educational program sponsored by the Macon county League of Women Voters, Mr. Eakin will discuss federal budget expenditures of around 40 billion dollars a year and what it means translated away from large money terms.

As Mr. Eakin described the purpose of his talk last night, he will interpret the national budget to show what affect it has on individual and family living both from the viewpoint of government services and benefits and from the viewpoint of personal taxes collected directly from families and indirectly through business and prices of goods.

A QUESTION PERIOD will follow the talk.

The League of Women Voters has been studying federal finance in recent discussion sessions on the "federal fiscal policy."

Thursday night's public meeting

is being sponsored by the League because it believes the citizen can influence such measures through legislators.

Mr. Eakin, vice president of the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., and director of Economic Accounting, Inc., has an outstanding background for interpreting finance.

HE SERVED as a public accountant and business consultant for 11 years before becoming an official of the Staley company in 1932.

His concrete analyses have included an economic balance sheet for the state of New Hampshire, a bookkeeping picture of Illinois, a balance sheet of the nation's economy and his methods in preparing earnings reports have been employed by the U. S. Steel Corp.

Some of this work has been in collaboration with other writers and economists including Dr. F. G. Dickinson of the University of Illinois.

ARTICLES BY and about Mr. Eakin have appeared in the Illinois Journal of Commerce, Business Week, Readers Digest and other publications.

He has lectured widely on national finance including talks before a New England council of business leaders in Manchester, Vt., the Illinois Manufacturers' Cost association in Chicago and has participated in research and recommendations for the Controllers Institute of America.

He has spoken many times be-

fore Decatur civic group personnel and committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

### Women Voters Plan Campaign On Constitution

Members of the League of Women Voters, pinning hopes for a new Illinois constitution upon current efforts of General Assembly lawmakers, last night met in a "self education" session in preparation for a strenuous campaign, if and when a referendum on constitutional convention is called.

Mrs. John C. Kuhns, league president, told about 30 members and guests meeting in the public library that many parts of the 1870 charter are obsolete and unwieldy.

SHE SAID THE league will make no further public stand on the constitutional need until the call for vote is passed by the 66th Assembly.

Between that time, she said, and the November, 1950, voting on the issue, the league will strenuously campaign for a convention.

Reporting on a state league meeting, Mrs. Kuhns told Decatur members that lawmakers currently are violating their oath of office when they refuse to apportion the state as required by the 1870 constitution.

The charter now states, she said, that the General Assembly shall apportion the state every 10 years to equalize representation in the Assembly. This has not been done for years.

SHE SAID THE 28th senatorial district, comprised of Macon, Logan and Dewitt counties, has a population of 132,575 persons. District No. 1, in Chicago, has 31,529 in population. No. 25, also in Cook county, has 574,791. The challenge for a new apportionment, she said, is "How fair a vote is this?"

League members went over the 1870 charter piecemeal during their study of the articles and sections they said should be supplemented or strengthened.

Jan 2, 1949

### Women Voters Will Discuss "Defense Pacts"

The discussion group of the League of Women Voters of Macon county will have luncheon at 1 p. m. Tuesday in the Decatur Club. The evening group will meet at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in the Decatur public library.

The subject for both meetings will be "Defense Pacts." The North Atlantic pact as based upon the Brussels pact will be discussed and opposing views will be presented. Mrs. Clifford Smith, international relations chairman, will be in charge of both group meetings.

Mrs. Martin Cohen will be assistant leader at the Tuesday luncheon, and Mrs. Erich Stern and Miss Muriel Perry will assist Thursday evening.



# 'World Government' Discussed

## League of Women Voters Hear Peace Plan

"World Government" was the topic of the League of Women Voters discussion meeting last night in the public library.

Mrs. David Wood presented a report on recent trends in the world government movement.

Many thinking people believe that for peace, world government must be tried instead of various treaties and pacts which have proved inadequate in the past, she said.

**EIGHTY-FIVE** per cent of the American people favor some form of world government, according to a recent Gallup poll. Several countries and 16 states have passed resolutions favoring world government, Mrs. Wood reported.

Groups supporting world government include the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Episcopal church,

Junior Association of Commerce and the Atomic Scientists, she said.

**UNITED WORLD** Federalists, the largest group working for world government, believes these minimum powers necessary, she said: "Prohibit the use or threat of force in the settlement of international disputes and provide for peaceful adjustment.

"Control atomic energy and other scientific developments which might easily be diverted to mass destruction.

"Regulate and limit arms and forces of member nations to levels required for internal policing.

"Raise revenue under limited but direct taxing powers independent of national taxation."

Mrs. Clifford Smith reviewed recent developments concerning the North Atlantic Pact. Mrs. Lee Reid reported on recent developments in the United Nations.

March 11, 1949

# Voters League Plans Meetings On Constitution

The League of Women Voters of Macon county is continuing its campaign to encourage the adoption of a new state constitution.

Mrs. John C. Kuhns, county president of the organization, said the campaign is under the direction of the state group.

She said a series of meetings would be held here to bring about an understanding of the problem.

Mrs. Kuhns also indicated that state officials from this district might be asked to aid in explaining action, now underway in the General Assembly, which is aimed at a new constitution.

**A RECENT ISSUE** of the Illinois Voter, official magazine of the league, released statements from district officials made when they were seeking office.

Two questions were asked each candidate by the league. They were:

1. "Do you believe that the people of Illinois should have a chance to say whether or not they want to call a constitutional convention?"

2. "Would you favor passage of a resolution by the General Assembly in 1949 calling for a referendum on the question?"

## ANSWERS GIVEN:

Sen. Elbert Smith, Decatur, Republican, from 28th district: 1. "Yes." 2. "If a substantial portion of the people desire a referendum such an enabling resolution should be adopted by the General Assembly."

Barrett Rogers, Atlanta, Republican, representative from the 28th district: 1. "Yes." 2. "Yes."

Felix E. Wilson, Decatur, Democrat, representative from the 28th district: "I do." 2. "I would."

Paul H. Ferguson, Democrat, representative from the 28th district: 1. "Yes." 2. "Yes."



Friday, March 25, 1949.

## Women Voters To Study Use Of Tax Money

Consulting local officials will be the first step in a study by the League of Women Voters concerning the source and use of local taxes.

The Macon county league voted last night at its annual meeting to study the local tax structure as its project for the coming year. The recommendation was made by Mrs. J. W. McEvoy, chairman of the local project committee.

The annual dinner meeting was held at 6:30 p. m. in the Decatur club.

**FOLLOWING** consultation with local officials at the outset of the study, a pamphlet will be prepared for distribution to acquaint citizens with the need for providing funds for desired local improvements with the idea that they must be willing to pay for the services they want.

Mrs. John C. Kuhns was re-elected president of the county league for the coming year.

**OTHER OFFICERS** elected are:

Mrs. G. D. Cox, first vice president.

Mrs. Floyd Birt, second vice president.

Mrs. Lee Reid, third vice president.

Mrs. John Donovan, secretary,  
Mrs. Howard Akers, treasurer,  
Mrs. J. W. McEvoy, director,  
Mrs. Martin Cohen, director.

Mrs. J. K. Flint, was named chairman and Miss Margaret Wood and Miss Muriel Perry members of the nominating committee for 1950.

**DELEGATES** TO the state league convention were instructed to give priority to these items for the agenda for the coming year:

"A state constitutional convention.

"A comprehensive study of state government.

"Unit school districts and state support to equalize educational opportunity to a foundation level."

Mrs. Floyd Birt reported on a legislative school in Springfield March 15 attended by eight local league members. Guests and speakers at a legislative school dinner meeting included Rep. Paul Ferguson and Sen. Elbert S. Smith of Decatur.

## Constitutional Convention Vote Drive Underway

By O. T. BANTON  
Of The Herald and Review Staff  
Springfield, March 26

A state-wide drive to "let the people vote" on the question of calling a constitutional convention to revise the Illinois Constitution is being put under way this weekend.

Downstate chairman is Walter W. McLaughlin, Decatur, farm management expert, former director of the state Department of Agriculture, and a member of the University of Illinois board of trustees.

The Cook county chairman is Samuel Witwer, chairman of the Chicago Bar association's committee on a constitutional convention.

**ON THE STATEWIDE** group are business leaders, leaders of women's organizations, educators, publishers, lawyers, clergymen, and agriculturists. Most of these are representatives of statewide organizations.

Another part of the drive will be a series of radio broadcasts, arranged by Mr. Witwer and Mr. McLaughlin as co-chairmen of the "Illinois Committee for a Constitutional Convention." Three broadcast programs, the first in this phase of the drive, are scheduled over Chicago radio stations this Sunday.

The Illinois committee plans a quick and intensive campaign, since the lower house of the Legislature is scheduled to vote April 5 on a joint resolution which would provide for a referendum in the November, 1950, election on the calling of a constitutional convention.

**THE RESOLUTION** requires a two-thirds vote in both houses of the General Assembly. This means at least 102 votes in the House and 34 in the Senate. The resolution has been reported out of the House executive committee, with recommendation for adoption.

Unless the Legislature votes favorably on the resolution, the people will not have a chance to vote on the issue in a referendum. The

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and Professional Women's Clubs  
Illinois Education association  
Illinois Municipal league  
Chicago Bar association  
Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers

National Public Housing congress  
Independent Voters of Illinois

A. F. of L. Locals for the Constitutional Convention (Reuben G. Soderstrom, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, has been opposing constitutional revision, but many locals in the A. F. of L. are not in sympathy with his attitude and have recorded themselves as in favor).

C. I. O. State Committee  
Illinois Association of Real Estate Boards

Illinois League of Women Voters

**FIRST OF THE THREE** Sunday broadcasts will be over station WBBM at 11:30 a. m. The speakers will be Floyd E. Thompson, Chicago, former chief justice of the Illinois Supreme court, and Mrs. Maurice Pollock, Evanston, state president of the League of Women Voters.

At 3 p. m., in the regular "Let's Talk It Over" program over station WJJD, Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson will be interviewed by Milburn P. Akers, Chicago Sun-Times columnist and editorial writer, with Lee Schooler, regularly heard with the program, serving as moderator.

The third of the broadcasts will be at 8:05 p. m. over station WIND in its regular "Midwest Forum of the Air" program. The speakers will be Edward Lindsay, editor of The Decatur Herald and Review, and Mr. Witwer, chairman of the Illinois Committee for a Constitutional Convention.

Their subject will be, "Do We Want a Constitutional Convention for Illinois?" Joseph D. Lohman, who appears regularly on the station's forum program, will be moderator.

**BOTH THE ADVOCATES** of a constitutional convention and opponents have been claiming an edge in the lower house of the Legislature, and the showdown is expected April 5. Both sides agree that the margin is likely to be a narrow one.

Governor Stevenson is leading the forces in favor, and has made two radio appeals to the people. The Governor has put the calling of a convention at the top of the list in his legislative program for the present session of the General Assembly.

Friends of "con con" believe opposition to the proposal has shown signs of softening in the last 10 days.



## State Charter Debate Planned, Seek Speakers

3/29/49  
Sponsoring organizations of a local Constitutional Convention debate scheduled for Decatur high school auditorium on April 11 have written to Rep. Reed Cutler and to Samuel Witwer, chairman of the Chicago Bar association, to supply speakers for the debate, Attorney Charles Lippert announced today.

Mr. Witwer has been asked to send a representative from the constitutional convention committee of the Chicago Bar association's speakers' bureau to discuss the affirmative side of the "Con Con" issue.

Representative Cutler has been asked to speak or to supply a speaker for the negative side. Cutler is a leader of the opposition side of the issue in the State Legislature.

The five local groups sponsoring the debate are:

Junior Association of Commerce,  
Legislative Committee of the  
Association of Commerce,  
Macon county League of Women  
Voters.

Decatur Library forum,  
Decatur Bar association.

Dr. Daniel Gage of Millikin university will serve as moderator at the debate. The program is open to the public.

## Economic Talk Series Slated

April 24/49  
A series of four discussion meetings on economic problems led by Franz Eakin, vice president of the A. E. Staley Co., will open May 5 at Millikin university under the sponsorship of the Macon County League of Women Voters.

Two questions to be discussed are: what is a fair distribution of economic benefits to families and individuals, and how can we attain that fairness?

The first session, which will be held at 8 p. m. May 5, in room 119 of Millikin university, will study production and distribution of goods in 1947-48.

The second session on May 12 will discuss business, governmental and other institutions, including the family, which contribute to production and distribution of goods.

The May 19 meeting will be on social and economic relationships to discuss varying benefits to individual families.

The fourth session, May 26, will attempt to answer the questions of fair distribution in the light of American democracy and capitalism.

Persons interested in attending the series should notify Mrs. Clifford E. Smith, 1684 West River-view avenue.

The series is open to non-league members, both men and women, but attendance will be limited to about 20 persons to allow easy discussion.

## Women Voters League To Discuss I.T.O.

5/11/49  
The regular general meeting of the League of Women Voters will be held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in the public library to discuss the international trade organization, an agency of the United Nations.

Mrs. Julia Bock Miller will attend to take part in the discussion and to answer questions in the light of her personal observations in a recent round-the-world trip.



## League Talks Trade Charter

### Women Voters Discuss Congressional Bill

Several of the "escape clauses" in the International Trade organization charter were written in at the insistence of the United States, Mrs. John Donovan of the Macon county League of Women Voters said last night.

The trade organization charter, which will soon be up for Congressional approval, was the topic of the league's regular discussion meeting held in the public library last night.

MRS. H. J. PETTEE showed a chart of the United Nations to demonstrate how the trade organization is affiliated with the U. N. through the Economic and Social council. The League of Women Voters supports the U. N. and its specialized agencies, Mrs. John C. Kuhns, local president, explained.

The multilateral trading system, the goal of the trade organization's charter, was explained by Mrs. Floyd Birt.

Mrs. Julia Bock Miller, recently

returned from a round-the-world trip, gave her impressions of what many of the peoples of the world think of Americans.

**THERE IS** a need for Americans to know more about the geography and the people of the world, and vice versa, she said. There is danger of Americans getting the impression that some countries do not have cultured and clever people, many of them more versed in the art of living than we are. This danger is based on Americans constantly hearing of the need of the masses abroad, she said.

Americans are outstanding in their concern for other people, she said. Foreign people are pre-occupied with their own problems, in some cases simply with where the next tablespoon of rice is coming from.

Questions on the International Trade organization were discussed by Mrs. Martin Cohen. Mrs. G. D. Cox was the discussion leader.

## Women Voters Hear Lindsay

Chicago, May 20 (AP)

Edward E. Lindsay, editor of the Decatur Herald and Review, gave the League of Women Voters of Illinois tips today on how to improve their public relations program.

He told the league's 24th annual convention that this could be accomplished by "improving techniques" in distributing news of the group's affairs. Among these, he said, are "getting acquainted with your local newspaper editors and improving the style of presentation of your group's ideas."

"The league can and already has done a great deal in educating people on the vital issues. It is now important to simplify the issues and drive in the ideas."

... The people are amazingly ignorant and uninformed. It is important to the league to select a few things and to dramatize them and to stay doggedly at them."

## Women Voters Meet on May 18

Mrs. John C. Kuhns, president of the Macon county League of Women Voters, will be one of the county league presidents throughout Illinois honored at a dinner May 18, opening day of a three-day state league convention in Chicago.

Mrs. Floyd Birt and Mrs. John Donovan of the Macon county league will also attend the convention.

Clifton M. Utley, radio commentator, will speak at a luncheon meeting May 19. His subject will be "The Road Ahead—The Future Course of American Foreign Policy."

Edward E. Lindsay, editor of the Herald and Review, will be one of the principal speakers on the closing day, May 20, speaking on "Reaching the Public."

Illinois state senators and representatives will speak during the convention on the theme "Paying for Government." Women representatives of Latin America and Italy will also speak.

### Women Voters

Members of the League of Women Voters will meet for a luncheon at 1 p. m. Tuesday in the Decatur Club. Reports of delegates to the state convention held in Chicago last Wednesday through Friday will be given.

## Franzy Eakin Opens Series

No social system has benefited more than one based on private enterprise, Franzy Eakin, economist and vice president of A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., said last night.

He spoke at Millikin university before a group of 18 persons attending the first in a series of four discussion meetings on economic problems. The series is sponsored by the Macon county League of Women Voters.

Mr. Eakin said he did not believe political and economic systems such as socialism and communism would work in the U. S. to the betterment of society as a whole.

He pointed out that all of the economic benefits of American society today exist because people have worked to make them possible.

"If we all quit working, substantially the entire population would be dead within 18 months," Mr. Eakin said.

"If no business and commercial improvements were made, the nation would be bankrupt within 10 years."

Mr. Eakin said that more consideration should be given to increasing the incomes of families and individuals in the lowest income bracket.

Nearly two million people in the U. S. earned less than \$500 in 1947, he pointed out.



Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, June 26, 1949.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS had the first meeting of its new board Thursday with luncheon at noon on the porch dining room of Mrs. Floyd Birt, 429 North Summit avenue. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. C. E. Smith, Mrs. Howard Akers, Mrs. J. W. McEvoy, President Mrs.

John Kuhns, Mrs. G. D. Cox, Mrs. R. B. Stauber, Mrs. Ralph E. Lewis, and Mrs. L. A. Reid. Mrs. Martin Cohen and Mrs. Birt are standing. Members of the board not present when this picture was taken are Mrs. Robert Wood, Mrs. William Donovan, and Mrs. Charles Ruedi.



Saturday, August 13, 1949.

## Women Voters Seek Margarine Law Repeal

The League of Women Voters is seeking repeal of the 63-year-old federal anti-margarine laws, Mrs. Gerald Cox of the Macon county league announced today.

Mrs. Maurice A. Pollak, state president of the league, has written to Sen. Scott W. Lucas (D-Ill) expressing the league's hope that the bill passed by the House of Representatives and approved by the Senate Finance committee will be brought before the Senate before Congress adjourns.

The board of the Macon county league recently visited WSOY to hear a transcription of a discussion between league members and senators on the subject of colored margarine, Mrs. Cox said.

Wednesday, August 24, 1949.

## Women Urge Senate Action

Senate action on extension of the reciprocal trade agreements act before adjournment of the 81st Congress was urged yesterday by the League of Women Voters' board of directors.

The board communicated its action in a telegram to Sen. Paul H. Douglas of Illinois. The board approved the move during a meeting with its membership committee at Scovill Gardens.

At the same time, the board and the committee made plans for the league's fall membership meeting. The Little Theater & Guild will join the league in the meeting by presenting a pageant, "One Hundred Years of Growing."

The pageant is a series of scenes showing milestones in the movement which has educated women to assume more responsibility as citizens. It is written by Ione Snod-

grass, Rye, N. Y. journalist and league member.

Mrs. Kenneth Flint is the league's membership chairman. Her committee members are Mrs. Eric Stern, Mrs. C. Albert Altwegg, Christine P'Simer, Mrs. Merle Borden, Mrs. Ivan J. Hutchens, Mrs. W. H. Hipsher, Mrs. William Beall and Mrs. Martin Cohen.

Sunday, August 21, 1949.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AUG. 21-28

### TODAY

Farewell dinner for E. H. Hallman, 6, Orlando.

Althoff-Page wedding, 2, St. James

Greb-Miller wedding, 2:30, St. Paul's Lutheran.

Hawkins-Wilson wedding, 2:30, Central Christian.

Laws-Noland wedding, 4:30, Hillsboro Presbyterian.

### TUESDAY

Service clubs golf tournament, dinner, 1, Scovill.

Voters League special board meeting, 9:30 a. m., Scovill.

Country Club bridge-luncheon.

### WEDNESDAY

Golf in all clubs.

### THURSDAY

South Side playday and guest stag.

Sunnyside bridge - luncheon, Decatur Club.

### FRIDAY

Debonnaire club benefit style show, 2, South Side.

### SATURDAY

Decatur Commies vs. Evansville, 7:45 p. m.

South Side women's bridge-party and dinner.

Beck-Mueller wedding, St. Patrick's rectory.

# Voters Seek Old-Time Gowns

## League Plans Pageant Sept. 12 in Kaeuper Hall

The League of Women Voters will give a pageant, "One Hundred Years A'Growing", on Sept. 12 in Kaeuper hall at Millikin Conservatory of Music, at the annual membership meeting, and all women interested in the League will be invited.

The pageant will cover the period from 1848 to 1948, the century in which women changed from purely household duties to community affairs as well.

Members of the Little Theater members will take the parts, and Mrs. Richard Sunkel announces that Miss Norma Young, Mrs. Lysle Siner, Miss Ann Hinkel, Miss Suzanne Nichols, Mrs. Lyle Marshall, Miss Joan Meisner, Mrs.

William Gallagher, Lysle Sciner and Donald Ferry. Mrs. Sunkel will direct the pageant and serve as narrator.

ANYONE HAVING women's dresses of 1848, 1870 and 1900, and willing to loan them, is asked to telephone Mrs. Lowell O. Gill, who will collect them.

Also needed for the pageant are an old gramophone with a tinny record, an early fashion magazine such as Godey's, and two modern grocery carts such as are used in super markets.

Girls in the cast say that if someone will loan them the wasp-waist dresses, they will take a deep breath and try to get into them.

Thursday, August 25, 1949.

## Women Defend Registration

The League of Women Voters is coming to the defense of permanent voters' registration offices.

The League is requesting permission to attend a meeting set for 3 p. m. tomorrow of the Macon county board of supervisors' efficiency and economy committee and representatives of the Farm bureau.

THE WOMEN voters mean to safeguard the registration offices against a suggestion Supervisor Don F. Muirheid of Long Creek township has made to the effect that the county office is not efficiently safeguarding the rights of voters and the possibility that economies could be achieved by amendments in the law, Mrs. Forrest W. Cox, vice president of the league, said.

The league wants to make sure that the office is not abolished, she said.

Mrs. Robert E. Lewis, chairman of the government in action committee, has gathered information to support the continuance of the office.

"THE LEAGUE supported the installation of both the city and county registration offices and always has taken a stand in favor of permanent registration," she said.

The organization also would be interested in taking an active part in the county committee's search for economy and efficiency ideas, Mrs. Cox said.

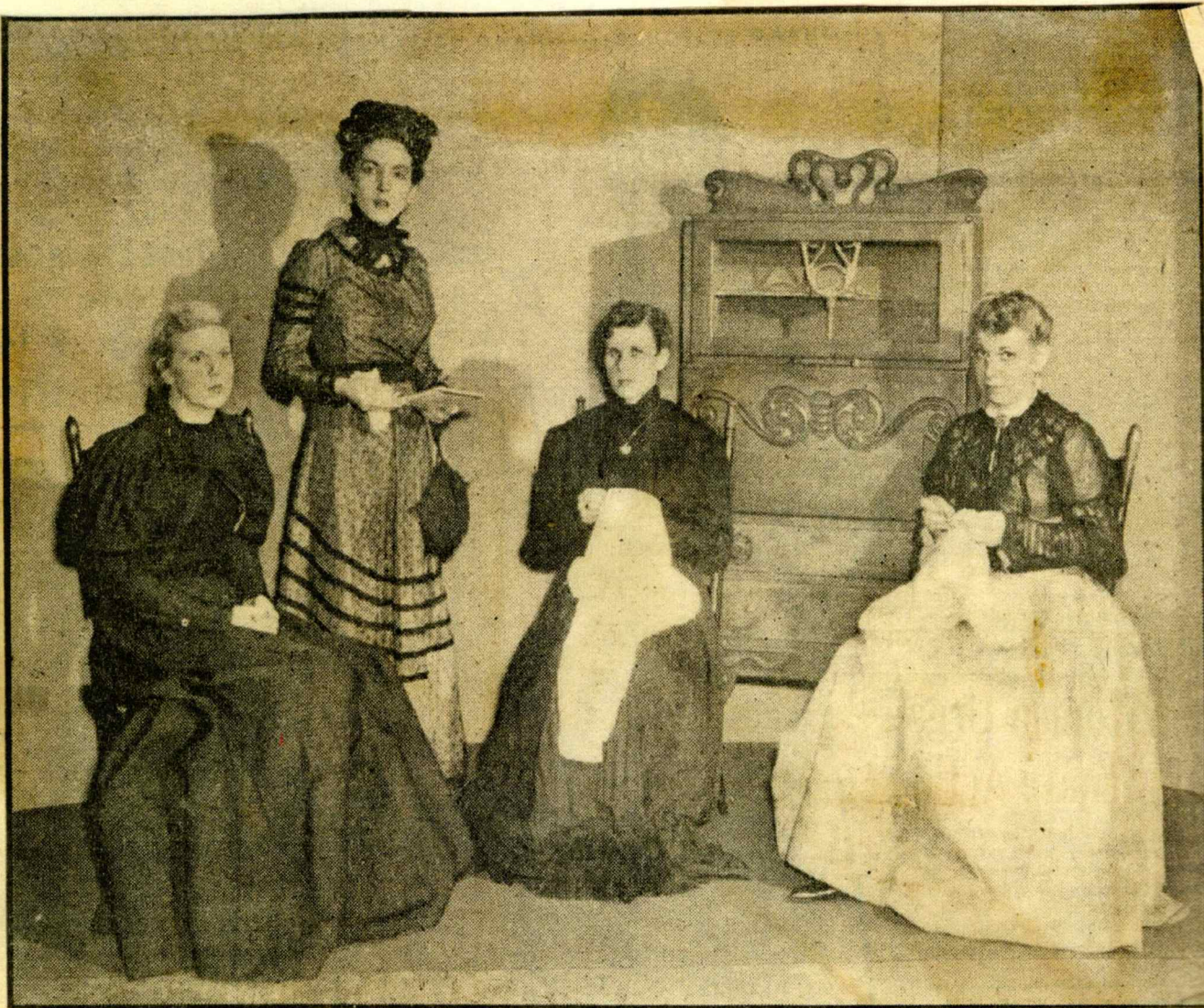
The 60-member group makes a policy of attending meetings on matters affecting voters, she said.



Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, September 11, 1949.

### Little Theater Tickets For Sept. 12 Ready

Tickets for the Little Theater production, "100 Years A-Growing," to be given Sept. 12 for the League of Women voters are at the Association of Commerce building and may be picked up by members of the League of Women voters there. These tickets are invitations to join the League of Women voters for the year 1949-50.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS is having a membership program Monday at 8 p. m. in Kaeuper hall at Millikin conservatory, with a pageant depicting the founding and growth of the league from 1848 to today. All interested are invited. Little Theater Guild members will put on the pageant, using costumes loaned by Mrs. William

Barnes, Sr., Mrs. William Heer, Miss Mary Boyd, Mrs. Horace Garman, and Millikin university, and properties loaned by George Kuhns and Pollard's antique shop. Left to right in this episode of the pageant are Mrs. Lysle F. Sriner, Miss Norma Young, Miss Joan Meisner, Miss Ann Hinkle.  
(Herald and Review photo)



Sunday, September 11, 1949.

## Voters League Pageant Tomorrow Shows 100 Years of Women

Decatur's attics and store closets were emptied out last week in response to the League of Women Voters' appeal for costumes of the last 100 years, to be used Monday in the pageant, "One Hundred Years A 'Growing,'" to be given at 8 p. m. in Kaeuper hall at Millikin Conservatory of Music. The program is for new and prospective members, and open to anyone without charge.

Even an old-time gramophone was provided, loaned by George Otto of Springfield. Costumes to be used are the property of Mrs. William Barnes, Sr., Mrs. William Heer, Miss Mary Boyd, Mrs. Horace Garman and Millikin university. Other properties are being loaned by George Kuhns and Pollard's Antique shop.

LITTLE THEATER GUILD members are putting on the pageant for the League of Women Voters. The cast will include:

Norma Young  
Mrs. Lysle F. Sriner  
Ann Hinkle  
Suzanne Nichols  
Mrs. Lyle Marshall  
Joan Meisner  
Mrs. B. Gallagher  
Lysle Sriner  
Fritz Woyna  
Darrell Latch  
David Langlois  
Joseph Guston

Mrs. Richard Sunkel will be narrator and director, and James Wellepp will be in charge of lighting effects.

Tuesday, Sept 13, 1949.

## Pageant Depicts Progress

### Voters League Shows Women of Last 100 Years

One hundred years of woman's progress from servility to the kitchen, cradle and needle to participation in public meetings, the vote and public influence was demonstrated last night in a costume pageant by the Macon County League of Women Voters.

The program was given in Kaeuper hall in the Millikin university School of Music and approximately 150 persons attended.

The play referred to the legal right of a husband to beat his wife "with a stick no thicker than a judge's thumb," and the admission of women to law schools and the legal practise was emphasized as an important milestone in woman's progress.

An effective demonstration of the common attitude against women was given when one woman spoke out at an abolitionist meeting. She made her appeal on the basis that "you speak of freedom from slavery—what about freedom for women?"

An actress seated in the rear of the Kaeuper hall audience called: "It's obvious what you need, madam. You need a cradle to rock!"

"I have rocked the cradle," was the heated reply. "Eight times. And when my twins were born, I rocked the cradle indeed, with both feet!"

Members of the cast from the Decatur Little Theater and Guild included:

Joan Meisner  
Mrs. Leslie Sriner  
Ann Hinkle  
Norma Young

Mrs. William Gallagher  
Mrs. Lyle Marshall  
Suzanne Nichols  
Joseph Gustin  
Fritz Woyna  
David Langlois  
Lysle Sriner  
Darrell Latch

Narrator and director for the play was Mrs. Richard Sunkel of the local Little Theater organization.

The Decatur theater group has been asked to give the same production for the League of Women Voters of Lincoln. The script was compiled by the national League of Women Voters.

Cokes were served in the School of Music library following the production, and annual memberships were accepted.

M. W.



Saturday, Sept 17, 1949.

## League to Plan Fund Drive

Mrs. Bertha Pabst of the Washington staff of the League of Women Voters will be in Decatur Monday to assist the local league in making plans for the fall drive for funds, it was announced today.

Members of the board of directors of the local league met yesterday to make tentative plans for the drive with Mrs. Robert A. Wood, financial chairman, in charge.

It was announced that Mrs. Lee Reid will be the new chairman of the local projects committee, replacing Mrs. William McEvoy who has moved from the city.

A new plan for discussion meetings will be tried out in October. Three groups will meet in the homes of members in different sections of the city, rather than having one large discussion group, it was announced.

## Women Voters Set \$400 Goal

The League of Women Voters will seek \$400 in a fund drive which begins today and ends Nov. 1. Mrs. Robert A. Wood, finance chairman, announced.

The funds will be used to support league projects and activities during the year.

The Illinois goal is \$30,500.

Mrs. Harold E. Walker, Kewanee, vice president of the state group, and Bertha Pabst, finance secretary of Washington, D. C., were in Decatur today to meet with the local finance committee.



PLAN FALL FUND DRIVE FOR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IN DECATUR

State and national representatives of the League of Women Voters were in Decatur yesterday to help local members plan a fall fund drive. Meeting in

the Association of Commerce left to right were Mrs. Robert A. Wood, finance chairman of the Macon county league; Mrs. John C. Kuhns, local president;

Mrs. Harold E. Walker of Kewanee, finance chairman of the Illinois league, and Miss Bertha Pabst of the league's national staff. Solicitation for \$400 will

be conducted throughout the local community.

(Herald and Review Photo)



Wednesday, Sept 21, 1949.

## Little Theater to Give Pageant in Lincoln

The Decatur Little Theater & Guild will present its pageant, "One Hundred Years a'Growing," to the League of Women Voters in Lincoln tonight.

The pageant was given Sept. 12 in Kaeuper hall in the Millikin university School of Music for the Macon County League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Homer Harris, president of the Lincoln group, who attended the presentation here last week, arranged for the showing tonight in Lincoln.

along with the feelings expressed by the unorganized portion of his constituency, in reaching a decision regarding any measure.

He listed the League of Women Voters and the bar associations as among the lobbying groups that could not be accused of failing to work for good government.

He added he did not think that "any of us wants to be insulated" from voters and voters' groups.

MR. TANGNEY joined the senator in opposing a short ballot at the local level, saying he felt that the community still is small enough that voters can, if they will, learn all they need to know about candidates.

Mr. Tangney also said that he felt voters should vote for individuals and not just a party.

Mr. McDonnell indicated he felt there are too many elective positions at the local level for voters to be able to judge candidates, making it especially difficult for a new person to enter the local political field.

HE ALSO commented that "whenever anyone thinks of a strong party, they think of a machine, unless it's his own party—then it's an organization."

Dr. Stine announced that the second forum would be held in the Millikin library Nov. 3, on the topic: "How Should The Constitution of the State of Illinois be Revised?" The third forum, Nov. 9, will be on: "What Measures Should the United States Take to Aid European Recovery?"

Wednesday, October 5, 1949.

## Women Voters Secure \$179 in Fall Campaign

The Macon county League of Women Voters has secured \$179 toward its \$400 fall financial campaign, Mrs. John C. Kuhns, president, announced today.

The league's board of directors met yesterday. The local league hopes to reach its \$400 goal by Nov. 1. The Illinois goal is \$30,500.

Friday, September 30, 1949.

## Voters Hear 2 Legislators

Three things influence a legislator in his vote, State Sen. Elbert S. Smith of Decatur told members of the Macon county League of Women Voters at a luncheon yesterday noon in the Decatur Club.

He listed the three influences as: a legislator's own background, beliefs and prejudices; his constituents' wishes and party loyalty.

Senator Smith and State Rep. Paul H. Ferguson of Decatur explained their stand on several issues before the 66th General Assembly.

Both men expressed their disappointment over failure of proposed oleomargarine legislation and both praised a new law putting state police under civil service.

Mr. Smith explained his opposition to the Broyles bills to hamper activities of Communists because he felt there are already ample laws to prosecute Communists.

Mr. Ferguson expressed disappointment over failure of state constitutional convention proposals and praised improved unemployment compensation laws.

Tuesday, October 4, 1949.

## Women Voter's League To Send 5 to Chicago

Five members of the Macon County League of Women Voters will attend the annual program conference of the state organization Friday in Chicago.

They are:

Mrs. John Kuhns

Mrs. Floyd Birt

Mrs. Clifford E. Smith

Mrs. Gerald D. Cox

Mrs. Charles H. Ruedi

Speakers will include Rep. Noble W. Lee of Chicago, dean of the John Marshall law school, who will speak on "A Hoover Report for Illinois." Mr. Lee, representative from the fifth senatorial district, is one of the House members on the state Little Hoover commission.

Other speakers include John K. Langum, vice president of the Federal Reserve bank of Chicago; Prof. Clyde F. Snider, University of Illinois political science department, and Mrs. Maurice Pollak, president of the Illinois league.

## FORUM SPEAKERS



STATE SEN. ELBERT SMITH

"How Can We Achieve Responsible Government in the United States" will be the topic of the first in a series of government forums at Millikin



LAURENCE TANGNEY

university tonight. The meeting, which is open free of charge to the public, will begin at 8 p. m. in room one of the Millikin



DR. LEO C. STINE

library. The forum group will consist of State Sen. Elbert Smith, Macon County Clerk Laurence Tangney, Dr. Leo



BOB McDONELL

C. de. Millikin political science instructor and Bob McDonnell, Millikin senior of Decatur



## Women Voters To Conference

Five members of the Macon county League of Women Voters will attend a discussion leaders training conference at Illinois Wesleyan university, Bloomington, Wednesday.

Those going from Decatur are: Mrs. Charles Ruedi, Mrs. William Beall, Mrs. Dorr Taylor, Mrs. William Hipsher, Mrs. Floyd Birt.

Leaders of the training conference for league members in Central and Southern Illinois will be Prof. John Carrington, Illinois State Normal university, and Prof. Howard Hoogesteger of Illinois Wesleyan university.

It was also announced by the league today that an exhibit in observance of United Nations week is being set up today in the Decatur public library. Mrs. Martin Cohen, chairman of the International Relations committee, is in charge of the exhibit.

Friday, November 4, 1949.

## Ferguson Raps Townships, State Charter

Wholesale revision of the state's outmoded constitution was urged by Rep. Paul H. Ferguson last night, with one of the prime reasons being to eliminate numerous overlapping taxing bodies to cut the cost of government.

The state representative particularly plugged for elimination of townships in the governmental structure, calling township government "a fifth wheel on a wagon."

**SPEAKING** as one of the members of the panel in the second of the government forums in Millikin university's library, Representative Ferguson said he realized that his remarks on township government "may be an unpopular thing to say in Decatur, but it's my opinion nevertheless."

The three-member forum, including Mr. Ferguson; Mrs. Preston Farley of Evanston, chairman of the state constitutional convention committee of the League of Women Voters, and James Teckenbrock of Springfield, Millikin senior, with Dean C. L. Miller of Millikin as moderator, mulled over methods by which the "antiquated" state charter might be revised and which parts need changing.

**ILLINOIS**, the 28th district representative declared, has more taxing agencies than any state. Last count was about 15,000, he said.

What he called "over-lapping" services and consequent duplication of taxation results from tax limitations imposed by the 79-year-old constitution.

"If a new service need arises, there's nothing to do but create a new taxing agency. 'Many times,' he said, 'now have out-

usefulness.' We could see just how many of these agencies could be saved by revision of townships, their minds," he said.

He said he had a proposal to drop the township form of government.

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Sunday, November 6, 1949.

## European Aid Topic of Final Millikin Forum

Millikin university's series of government forums will end next Thursday night with a panel discussion on the topic "What Measures Should the United States Take to Aid European Recovery?"

The first two forums in the series were attended by approximately 130 persons. The previous forums discussed the questions "How Should the Constitution of the State of Illinois Be Revised?" and "How Can We Achieve Responsible Government in the United States?"

**NEXT THURSDAY'S** forum group will consist of Dr. Willis H. Walker, Millikin history professor; Prof. Glen R. Smith, acting head of the Millikin business administration department; and Paul Berry, Millikin junior of Wood River.

Dr. Daniel J. Gage, head of the Millikin history and political science department, will be chairman of the forum.

A. E. Staley, Jr., president of the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., who was invited to be a member of the panel, will not be able to take part in the discussion.

The forum will be at 8 p. m. Thursday in Room One of the Millikin university library and it will be open to the public. There will be no admission charge.

**THE FIRST 20** to 30 minutes of the meeting will be a discussion of the subject by the panel. The discussion will be recorded and broadcast over radio station WSOY at 10:15 p. m. the same night.

After the panel discussion the meeting will be opened to questions from the floor.

The forum series has been arranged by the university in cooperation with Mrs. Anna H. Pettee of the American Association of University Women, Mrs. Gerald Cox of the League of Women Voters and E. L. Huntley of the Association of Commerce.

## Constitution Revision Is Forum Subject

"How Should the Constitution of Illinois Be Revised?" was the topic of the second government forum Thursday night at the university library.

Speakers will be Paul H. Ferguson, Chicago, chairman of the Illinois Constitutional Convention committee; James Teckenbrock, Millikin senior, of Springfield, and Dr. C. L. Miller, dean of the university. Miller will serve as chairman of the panel.

The forum has been arranged by the university, the local League of Women Voters, The American Association of University Women, the University club and the Association of Commerce.

## Millikin Forum Is Wednesday

Millikin university's last 1949 government forum will be at 8 p. m. Wednesday instead of Thursday as previously reported.

The discussion of "What Measures Should the United States Take to Aid European Recovery?" will be in room No. 1 of the school library.

Nov 7, 1949



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**Millikin Forum Will Discuss Aid to Europe**

"What Measures Should the United States Take to Aid European Recovery?" will be the topic of a panel discussion in Room One tonight. The Millikin university library.

The discussion will be the final in a series of three forums on current problems of government. The meeting will begin at 8 p. m. and it will be open to the public. There will be no admission charge.

Members of tonight's panel are Dr. Willis H. Walker, Millikin history professor; Prof. Glen R. Smith, acting head of the Millikin business administration department; and Paul Berry, Millikin junior of Wood River.

Dr. Daniel J. Gage, head of the Millikin history and political science department, will be chairman of the forum.



Thursday, November 10, 1949.

## J.M.U. Forum Studies U. S. Aid in Europe

American aid to Europe seeks to develop a federation of European states as well as to restore economic stability and block communism, members of a Millikin university forum panel declared last night.

The panel—composed of three Millikin professors and one student—listed suggestions concerning U. S. aid to Europe.

**THE DISCUSSION** was the final in a series of three on current government problems at the university.

Dr. Daniel J. Gage, chairman of the panel and head of the Millikin history and political science department, said U. S. aid includes more than the Marshall plan. He listed military aid, International bank, U.N.R.R.A., and other forms.

The panel put out the question: Does the U. S. expect an economic return on its investment or is it being philanthropic?

**IT DECIDED THE** U. S. stands to gain with a healthy Europe.

It also was asked: How long can this country stand the outlay of about five billion dollars a year? The panel pointed out that much of this money is being spent in the U. S., which in turn keeps employment up.

Dr. Gage suggested that since the U. S. contributes the largest amount to aid Europe it should have the principal voice in the use of the aid.

He also said any U. S. expenditure for aid is in line with United Nations policy.

The panel decided private funds would not suffice for aid to stricken countries. They also suggested that Socialist governments would not accept private investments.

**THE FINAL QUESTION** brought out in the summary was: After restoration, will Europe be a competitor?

It was suggested that if the U. S. lowers its tariffs, goods will flow into this country. Europe then will be able to repay its debts, thereby pouring money back into U. S. economy.

Members of the panel were Dr. Willis H. Walker, Millikin history professor; Prof. Glen R. Smith, acting head of the school's business administration department; Paul Berry, Millikin junior, and Dr. Gage.

Saturday, November 26, 1949.

## Women Voters Talk City Rule

"How Your City Government Operates" will be the subject for discussion at the League of Women Voters' luncheon meeting Tuesday at 1 p. m. in the Decatur Club.

Those who will lead the discussion are Mrs. William Hipsher, Mrs. M. J. Borden, Mrs. Lofton De Vore, Mrs. Perley Lupton and Mrs. Lowell Gill.

Members of the group have been studying the subject for several weeks and have done work in cooperation with Dr. Leo Stine's Millikin university class in government.

This is the first of a series of studies being undertaken by the league under the direction of Mrs. Floyd Birt, member of the state league committee planning the state government study.

Sunday, November 27, 1949.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS NOV. 27-DEC. 4

### TODAY

Last day for current exhibit at Art Center, 2-5.  
Day Nursery open house, 3-5.

### TUESDAY

Community concert, 8:30, Masonic temple.  
Te Deum lecture, 8, D.H.S.  
Voters League luncheon, 1, Decatur Club.

### WEDNESDAY

Association of Commerce dinner, 6:30, Masonic temple, Gov. Stevenson speaker.

### THURSDAY

D.A.R. meets 2:30, Mrs. McDermott.  
Decatur Club 3d floor party starts 5:30.  
English Lutheran luncheon, bazar, 11.  
Firemen's dance, 9 p. m., Illini ballroom.

### FRIDAY

D.H.S. vs. Mooseheart basketball.

### SATURDAY

State health sectional meeting, 9 a. m., Millikin.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 4

Millikin gives "The Messiah", 3, Kintner gym.  
Mothersingers vespers, 3:45 and 7:30 p. m., St. Paul's M. E.



Tuesday, November 29, 1949

## Voters League Says City Needs More Money

The mayor and city commissioners of Decatur received a pat on the back today and distribution of tax money came in for a bit of criticism at a League of Women Voters discussion meeting today noon in the Decatur Club.

"We can't expect better municipal government until we find ways and means of financing it," Mrs. M. J. Borden said in her report on the offices of mayor and four commissioners.

"A million and a half dollars is not enough to run the city of Decatur," said Mrs. Lowell Gill, speaking on city finances. "The men have tried very hard to do the best they can with the money they have," she said in referring to the commissioners.

MRS. GILL suggested better allocation of tax money from the national level down to local tax income. She backed her suggestion by comparing allocations in 1932 with 1948.

For every \$100 in real and personal taxes collected in 1932 the federal government received \$21.90; state, \$23.30 and local bodies, \$54. In 1948 the federal government received \$73.88 of every \$100; state, \$13.33; and local, \$12.79. Local taxes are distributed to county, township, roads, park district, tuberculosis sanatorium, schools and other agencies. The city of Decatur re-

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Monday, December 5, 1949. -Herald

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Sunday, December 4, 1949.

## Students Shape Study of City

A survey of city government in Decatur by Millikin university's municipal government class is beginning to take shape.

According to Dr. Leo C. Stine, professor of political science, most of the class time during the remainder of the fall semester will be devoted to reports by students on their findings.

**EACH OF THE 13** student committees, assigned to study the various phases of city government, is also preparing a written report. These reports are due before the school's Christmas holiday begins Dec. 19, Dr. Stine said.

The committees will appoint spokesmen to present their findings before the class. Time will also be allowed for discussion by the class.

The 13 written reports will be combined into an overall survey of city government in Decatur.

**MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT** students began the survey in October as their chief project for the semester. They have collected information by interviewing city officials.

The committees made preliminary reports to the Decatur chapter of the League of Women Voters, which in turn will use the information in a report on government at the local level.

Wednesday, December 7, 1949.

## Richter Seeks Re-election

J. Fred Richter of Decatur, who recently indicated a "brush-off" of the request of the League of Women Voters that each party nominate three candidates for the General Assembly, placed his petitions in circulation today for re-election as Democratic senatorial committeeman for the 28th senatorial district.

Jonas Wilson, Republican senatorial committeeman, also is expected to ignore the women's league recommendation.

**THROUGHOUT** the state, the women's organization has recommended nominations of three candidates by each party in each senatorial district in order to give voters a wider choice in the election of state representatives. State leaders of the league have advised members to take active parts in politics in order to advance the organization's program.

In Chicago, suggestions have been made that the league support independent candidates for the legislature in districts which do not have a full slate of candidates. In many districts of the state, one party nominates one candidate and the other nominates one, with the result that all three are elected without opposition at the general election. In the 28th district each party usually nominates two candidates.

**ONE LOCAL** political leader today suggested that the league members should direct their attention to the election of senatorial committeemen next April as a step toward success in their project.

If this suggestion was followed in the 28th district, Democrat Committeeman Richter and Republican Committeeman Wilson would be opposed for re-election by candidates pledged to put three candidates of each party in the legislative races in 1952.

Thursday, December 8, 1949.

## Demos Believe Party Bolstered By Stevenson

The position of the Democratic party in Illinois is considerably stronger than it was a year ago, and the reason is the increasing popularity of Gov. Adlai Stevenson, according to Democratic leaders in the 22d congressional district.

The Demo leaders, officials of county organizations in the 22d district, all stressed their belief in the growing strength of the party Downstate, according to Fred M. Whitten of Decatur, district chairman. Mr. Whitten presided at a report and planning meeting yesterday in the Orlando hotel.

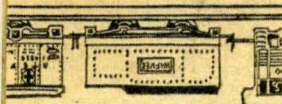
It was decided in the meeting to ask all districts in the state to run two candidates for representatives in the General Assembly in the election next fall, Mr. Whitten said.

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## REVIEW

Wednesday, January 4, 1950.

## Women Voters League Plans January Meetings

Plans for two January meetings of the League of Women Voters were made at a meeting of the board of directors yesterday, Florence Cox, vice president, announced.

On Jan. 12 three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening, will be held at the home of Mrs. John Kuhns, league president. Members will attend the session most convenient for them and Mrs. Robert E. Lewis will lead discussion. Ways to take the league pamphlet, "What's the U. S. to You" to voters will be discussed.

On Jan. 24 a member of the Junior Association of commerce committee on the Hoover commission report will speak at a luncheon meeting at 1 p. m. at the Decatur club.

Thursday, January 12, 1950.

# Demos Snub League Plan For Candidates

Only two Democrats will be nominated for state representative in the 28th senatorial district, it was announced today by J. Fred Richter, senatorial committeeman for Macon county.

In following the usual policy of limiting nominations to two candidates, the senatorial committee failed to accept a recommendation of the League of Women's Voters that each party nominate three candidates.

The Democratic decision was made by Mr. Richter and R. A. Thompson, Dewitt county committeeman. The Logan county committeeman, John A. Parker, was unable to attend the meeting.

**THE REPUBLICAN** senatorial committee also is expected to overrule the recommendation of the women's organization and limit nominations to two.

The League of Women's Voters recommended to senatorial committees throughout the state that each party nominate a full slate of three candidates in order to give voters a wider choice in the election of legislators.

In several districts in the state, one party makes two nominations and the other nominates only one candidate. Then all three candidates are elected without opposition. In the 28th district, with each party nominating two candidates, there is a contest in the November election resulting in the election of three of the four candidates nominated by the two parties.

**MEMBERS OF** the Macon county Democratic committee will meet at 7:30 p. m. today in the ballroom of the Hotel Orlando, under call by Chairman Fred M. Whitten.

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## DECATUR SUNDAY HERALD AND REVIEW

Sunday, February 26, 1950

### COMMUNITY EVENTS FEB. 26 - MARCH 5

#### TODAY

Art Center exhibit, 2-5.  
S.A.I. alumnae tea, 3-5, Downing home.  
University of Scouting, 12:30, Masonic temple.  
Organ Guild festival rehearsal, 2:15, Central church.

#### MONDAY

E. E. Lindsay's report to community on tour of Marshall plan countries, 8:15, H. S. Auditorium.

#### TUESDAY

Millikin students give opera and ballet, 8:15, Taylor hall.  
Farm Bureau annual meeting, 9 a. m., Masonic temple.  
Women Voters, 9:30 a. m., Donovan home.  
Regional basketball tournament, 7, Kintner gym.

#### WEDNESDAY

Basketball tournament, 7, Kintner gym.  
Phi Mu Alpha hearing, 7:45, conservatory.

#### THURSDAY

D.A.R. hostess to winners, 2:30.  
Zonta luncheon, 12:30.  
Film on cripples, 7:45, H. S. auditorium.

#### FRIDAY

Houston Symphony community concert, 8:15, Masonic temple.  
Basketball, 7, Kintner gym.

#### SATURDAY

American concert, 8:15, Decatur.

#### SUNDAY

Art Center exhibit, 2-5.  
S.A.I. alumnae tea, 3-5, Downing home.

## THE DECATUR REVIEW

Friday, February 10, 1950.

### Women Voters Discuss County Government

Discussions on township and county government were held in the home of Mrs. William Beall, 505 Fielding court, yesterday for members of the League of Women Voters.

The discussion meetings were at 9:30 a. m. and at 1:30 and 8 p. m. Members attended the meeting most convenient for them.

Discussion was led by Mrs. Beall, Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. R. E. Greenfield and Mrs. David Wood.

The study yesterday was a part of the year's study program.

At the next meeting the government of Cook county will be discussed and later the league will make a study of taxation and state government.

## DECATUR HERALD

### Public Affairs Forum to Hear Panel Discussion Wednesday

A panel discussion on "Our Affairs At Home" presented by five members of the League of Women Voters will feature the luncheon program of the Public Affairs Forum at the Y.W.C.A. Wednesday, according to Mrs. H. J. Petree, public affairs committee chairman. Mrs. William Hipsher, Mrs. L. K. De Vore, Mrs. M. J. Borden, Mrs. Purley Lupton, and Mrs. Lowell Gill will review the structure and problems of local government. Luncheon will be served at noon promptly, making the program available to employed women during their lunch hour. All women interested may attend by turning in their reservations by Tuesday noon at the Y.

The public affairs committee has issued a small pamphlet listing monthly discussions for the year. On March 15, Miss Charlotte Waller will lead the discussion on "The Smoke Screen," an analysis of smoke restriction problems in Decatur, and what other cities have done about it. Mrs. G. R. Cohn is leader for April 19 on "The Doctor Is In," a discussion of Alabama county and other medical plans. And on May 17, Mrs. A. M. Adelman will present a summing up of this year's legislation, state and federal.

Tuesday, February 14, 1950

### Women Voters' Home Rule Request Rejected

Rep. Rolla C. McMillen has informed members of the League of Women Voters here that he cannot comply with their request that he sign papers to bring to the floor of the House of Representatives legislation to provide home rule for the District of Columbia.

Members of the league voted early this month to ask the representative to sign the papers.

Today a telegram from the representative received by Mrs. Gerald Cox, league vice president, said:

"It is my belief that all important legislation should first be studied by the proper committees and reported out in the usual manner. This procedure is most helpful to members in reaching their conclusions and I regret that I cannot comply with your request."



## DECATUR HERALD

Wednesday, February 22, 1950.

### Public Meeting Slated March 27 For Candidates

Macon county voters on March 27 will have an opportunity to see and hear the 27 candidates seeking primary election nominations to county and district offices.

The candidates have been invited to appear at an 8:15 p. m. public meeting in Decatur high school auditorium by the Macon County League of Women Voters. Mrs. Robert E. Lewis announced yesterday.

The open forum meeting will be the third called by the league in the last four years. In 1946, it held a public meeting for the inspection of candidates to city offices, and in 1948, it conducted a similar forum in advance of the primaries.

Although the candidates will be allowed a few minutes to speak on any subject they desire, a list of suggested topics will be available, Mrs. Lewis said.

The subjects, not yet announced, will include issues of general interest to local voters, she said.

As is usual in the open forum meetings, time will be allotted for a question-and-answer period. In past meetings, this questioning of candidates as to their stands on assorted issues has provided interesting discussion.

Invited to appear here are candidates for congressional and senatorial district nominations and for the six county offices which will be filled in this year's balloting.

Wednesday, February 22, 1950.

#### WOMEN VOTERS FORUM

Candidates for nominations for county and district offices have been invited to attend an open forum of the Macon County Women Voters at 8:15 p. m. on March 27 in the Decatur high school auditorium. Candidates will have opportunity to make short talks and will participate in a question and answer program.

Sunday, February 5, 1950.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS FEB. 5-12

#### TODAY

Photo exhibit at Art Center, 2-5.

St. Olaf choir, 4, Johns Hill.

Bass-Curry wedding, 2, First

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#### MONDAY

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Temple Sisterhood, 12:45.

Industrial Relations club din-

ner, 6:30, Decatur Club.

#### TUESDAY

City P-T. A. dinner, 8:15, Grace

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University club frolic, 6:30, St.

Nicholas.

#### WEDNESDAY

Millikin Dames hear talk by

Miss Travis, formal party, 8,

Kaeuper hall.

Boy Scout pot luck, Masonic temple, 6:30.

#### THURSDAY

"Streetcar Named Desire"

stage play, 8:15 p. m., Lin-

coln theater.

One act plays, 8:15, Taylor

hall.

Women Voters, 9:30, 1:30, 8,

Beall home.

Catholic Women potluck, 6:30,

St. Thomas.

South Side guest stag, 6:30.

Woman's club general meet-

ing.

#### FRIDAY

DeMolay sweetheart dance.

Farley-Schroeder junior re-

cital, 8:15, Kaeuper hall.

Millikin vs. Illinois college.

#### SATURDAY

Kuhns-Hahn wedding, 4, Pratt

chapel.

Beta Sigma Phi sweetheart

ball, Orlando.

South Side valentine dance.

Bal Tabarin dance, Decatur

Club.

D. H. S. vs. Terre Haute.

## DECATUR SUNDAY HERALD AND REVIEW

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## THE DECATUR REVIEW

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

MARCH 5 - 12

#### TODAY

New show opens at Art Center, 2-5.

Sandberg-Pali wedding, 2:30, First M. E.

American Male chorus concerts 3:30 and 8:30, Masonic temple; free.

#### MONDAY

Woman's Council hears Women Voters' program, 2, Girls Welfare home.

Y. W. lenten services start, 2-3.

Temple Sisterhood luncheon, 12:45.

#### TUESDAY

Millikin vocational conference, 4:15, Kaeuper hall.

American Male chorus final concert, 8:30, Masonic temple; free.

#### WEDNESDAY

Millikin Dames gallery talk, 2:30, Art Center.

Sectional H. S. tournament.

Business Women's birthday dinner, 6:30, Decatur Club.

#### THURSDAY

Woman's club invites all club presidents, 2:30, clubhouse. Sectional H. S. tournament.

#### FRIDAY

Pugh P-T. A. variety show, Roosevelt auditorium.

Sectional H. S. tournament.

#### SATURDAY

Ward-Seeber wedding, 3, Ward home.

### League Studies Cook County Government

Mrs. Dorr Taylor discussed the government of Cook county at a meeting of the League of Women Voters at the home of Mrs. John Donovan, 648 West Prairie avenue, yesterday.

This study was a part of a series on the study of Illinois governments.

According to latest figures Cook county contains 419 separate governments, 89 cities and villages and 30 townships, Mrs. Taylor said.

Without a new state constitution, the entanglements of Cook county government cannot be resolved, Mrs. Taylor said.

Sunday, March 5, 1950.

### Woman's Council Program Monday Is by League of Women Voters

Decatur Woman's Council will have a program Monday at 2 p.m. in the Girls Welfare home, by the Macon County League of Women Voters.

The program will be as follows:

"Why a League?"—Mrs. John Kuhns.

"The Need for a New State Constitution"—Mrs. Gerald Cox.

Invitation to March 27 preview of candidates meeting—Mrs. Robert A. Wood.

"What's the U. S. to You?"—discussion led by Mrs. Perley Lupton and Mrs. William Hipsher.

In addition, Mrs. Glenn Finley will sing, with Mrs. George Bopp as accompanist.

Women and the Decatur Public Library will discuss "The Prince" by Machiavelli, Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the library.

## THE DECATUR REVIEW

### Voters League Confers On State Government

Mrs. Granger Brown of Lake Forest, chairman of the Illinois League of Women Voters state government committee, met with Macon county league board members and members of the local leagues' state government committee yesterday and today.

Mrs. Floyd Birt, chairman of the Macon county league's state government committee, is a member of the state league committee.

County chapters are studying Illinois government as a two-year project.



DECATUR SUNDAY HERALD AND REVIEW

Tuesday, March 21, 1950.

WOMEN VOTERS PLAN CANDIDATES MEETING NEXT MONDAY



Members of a committee from the League of Women Voters met yesterday with Dr. Daniel Gage, a member of the

Millikin university faculty, to discuss a candidates meeting to be held at 8:15 p. m. Monday in Decatur high school auditor-

ium. Standing are Dr. Gage and Mrs. Robert E. Lewis, committee chairman. Seated, from left to right, are Mrs.

Lowell O. Gill, Mrs. Robert A. Wood and Mrs. Lofton DeVore. Other members of the arrangements committee are Miss Bernice Wagner and Miss Blossom Redmon. (Staff photo)



Sunday, March 19, 1950.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**  
**MARCH 19-26**

**TODAY**

Art Center exhibit, 2-5.  
S. A. L. musicale, 4, Kaeuper hall.  
Gloria Schweizer recital, 8:15, Kaeuper hall.

**MONDAY**

Vaughn Monroe show, 8:30, Kintner gym.  
Banquet for J.M.U. team, Decatur Club.  
Y.W.C.A. Lenten program, 2-3.

**TUESDAY**

C. D. of A. pot luck, variety show, St. Patrick's hall.

Garden club, 1:30, Woman's club.

**WEDNESDAY**

Town-Gown "Camille" 8:15, Taylor hall.

**THURSDAY**

"Camille" repeated, 8:15.  
Eastern State alumni dinner, 6:30, Greider's.  
Women Voters discussion groups, 9:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m., Altwegg home.

**FRIDAY**

Social Service council hears Freda Klopfenstein, 12:15, Decatur Club.

**SATURDAY**

Country Club square dance.  
County Rural Youth dinner, 6:30, Warrensburg H. S.

**Voters' League  
To Meet Today**

Two discussion meetings are scheduled today for members of the Macon County League of Women Voters, Mrs. Gerald Cox said yesterday.

One will be at 9:30 a.m. and the second at 1:30 p.m., both in the home of Mrs. C. Albert Altwegg, 986 East Moore street.

Plans will be completed for Monday's public meeting, in Decatur high school auditorium, with district and county candidates in the April 11 primary elections.

The league also will plan a 1950-1951 agenda for submission to the organization's national convention next month in Atlantic City. Mrs. Floyd Birt of Decatur is the local delegate.

**Women Voters League  
Plans Public Meeting**

Members of the Macon County League of Women Voters met in two sessions today in the home of Mrs. C. Albert Altwegg, 986 East Moore street.

The meetings were at 9:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

Plans for the Monday public meeting at which district and county officials will speak were discussed. The public meeting will be in the Decatur high school auditorium.



Sunday, March 26, 1950.

## 27 Candidates To Appear on Forum Monday

Twenty-seven county and district candidates in the April 11 primary election will appear before the public at 8:15 p. m. tomorrow in the Decatur high school auditorium under the auspices of the Macon county League of Women Voters.

Dr. Daniel Gage of Millikin university will serve as moderator for the 22 speeches and the question period following the main talks.

Candidates who have accepted the league's invitation to appear are:

### County Sheriff

Dwight Allsup (D)  
John Koch (R)  
Dewey Milstead (R)  
David W. Peters, Jr. (D)  
J. A. Soules (D)

### Superintendent of Schools

Robert Ernest (R)  
John Perkins (D)  
Howard Wrench (R)

### County treasurer

Harry L. Shambaugh (D)  
Sam A. Allen (R)

citizens of Macon county are provided with a privilege of meeting and discussing issues with the candidates before going to vote.

**EARL HEATON**, director, region 8, United Auto Workers, A. F. of L.—The League of Women Voters merits the wholehearted indorsement of our citizens since it is a non-partisan organization attempting to bring before the people the political and economical issues squarely on their merits. We all realize that unless we have an informed citizenry who go to the polls and vote for our representatives in the government, our form of government is in jeopardy.

In this day of world tension, it is doubly important that our government representatives be of the highest caliber that we can obtain, since the difference between war and peace will depend upon their judgment. Therefore, I can wholeheartedly indorse the splendid program of the League of Women Voters.

**Dean C. L. Miller**, Millikin university—The League of Women Voters provides a unique public service in bringing together candidates of both parties so that busy citizens may become better acquainted with them.

**VERY REV. George H. Powell**, dean, St. Patrick's Catholic church—Free discussion is a great part of our democracy. It is important to know our candidates and then to vote.

**T. W. Samuels**, attorney—The

League of Women Voters is doing a fine public service in affording us all an opportunity quickly to appraise candidates for public office.

**I. A. Wallins**, New York Life Insurance Co.—We must know our candidates, take a real interest in what they have to say and stand for, in order to vote intelligently.

## After All, It's Your Government

—By Edward Lindsay

THERE OUGHT to be an overflow crowd in the Decatur high school auditorium at 8:15 tomorrow evening, March 27.

The meeting, for which there is no admission charge, of course, is an experiment in democratic government. All of the candidates of both the Democratic and the Republican parties for county and district offices in the April 11 primary election have been invited for brief appearances.

This appearance of those who seek political office is different from any other appearance they will make. It is sponsored by the bi-partisan (actually non-partisan) League of Women Voters. All of the other meetings at which candidates will appear will be party rallies, with the audiences made up largely of precinct committeemen and party workers who see elections as the avenue to patronage political jobs.

In a meeting attended, for the most part, by citizens whose only interest is in good government such as Monday evening's meeting will be, candidates are more likely to talk about why they think they can fill the jobs they seek.

Neither Abraham Lincoln nor Woodrow Wilson is on the primary ballots. It will be interesting to hear about the good points of





Monday, March 27, 1950.

## Seek Specific Views in Talks By Candidates

The Macon county League of Women Voters is seeking viewpoints on specific topics from candidates for Congress, and the General Assembly in a public meeting tonight.

Twenty-seven county and district candidates in the April 11 primary election will appear at 8:15 p.m. in the Decatur high school auditorium. Dr. Daniel Gage of Millikin university will serve as moderator.

The league announced yesterday it has submitted these topics to Congressional candidates: Robert Borchers, Democrat, Louis L. Mason and William L. Springer, both Republicans:

Marshal plan aid  
International trade organization  
Electoral college reform  
Balancing the budget.

**FOR GENERAL** Assembly aspirants Webber Borchers, Barrett F. Rogers and James L. Atkins, Republicans, and Democrats Paul H. Ferguson and Felix E. Wilson, these topics have submitted:

The three articles of the state Constitution most in need of revision if the gateway amendment passes in November.

How to pay for needed road improvement.

Candidates for the legislative posts will be given five minutes each to present their views on these or other issues. They will each have one minute to answer queries during a question period.

**CANDIDATES FOR** sheriff, county treasurer, county judge and state central committeeman will be given two minute allotments for talks. They will also have a one-minute limitation for answering questions.

Other local candidates will be introduced and be available for questioning.

Six Millikin students will assist in timing speakers and in collecting written questions from the audience:

Vernon Frazee  
Don McIntyre  
William Tangney, Jr.  
William Tombaugh  
Kenneth Sealy  
Mrs. Kenneth Sealy

Monday, March 27, 1950.

## Women Voters List Topics for Forum Tonight

Three candidates for Congress from the 22d district have been asked to give their views on the Marshall plan, international trade organization, electoral college reform and balancing the budget in a meeting at 8:15 p. m. today in the Decatur high school auditorium. The meeting is sponsored by the Macon county League of Women voters.

**TWENTY FOUR** other candidates for district and county offices in the April 11 primary have been invited to attend, and candidates for state representative will discuss problems of state government.

The three congressional candidates are Robert Borchers, Democrat, who is unopposed for nomination, and Louis L. Mason, of Decatur, and Judge William L. Springer, of Champaign, who are candidates in the Republican primary.

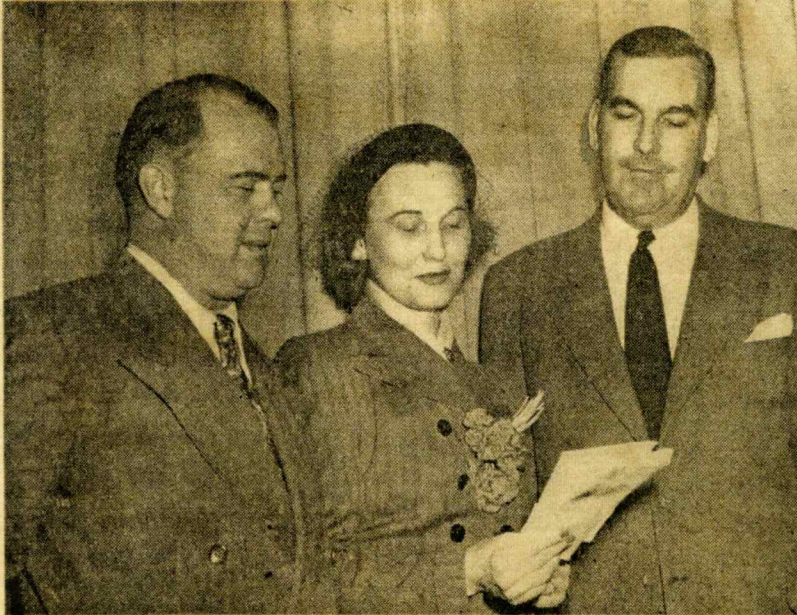
The six candidates for state representative are to state the three articles of the state constitution which they believe should be submitted first for revision, if the Gateway amendment is approved in November, and to suggest means of financing highway improvements. Each candidate is allotted five minutes for talking and one minute for answering questions.

**THE CANDIDATES** for representative are Rep. Paul Ferguson, of Decatur, and Rep. Felix Wilson, of Clinton, Democrats, who are to be nominated without opposition; Rep. Barrett F. Rogers, of Atlanta, Webber Borchers, and James L. Atkins, of Decatur, and George Underhill, of Mount Pulaski, who are seeking the two Republican nominations.

Candidates for sheriff, county treasurer, county judge and state central committeeman are allotted two minutes each for talks and one minute for answering questions. Other local candidates will be introduced.



# Candidates Talk With League Official



Going over the program of the candidates meeting presented last night in the high school auditorium by the Macon County League of Women Voters with Mrs. Robert E. Lewis, an officer of the league,

are left, Louis L. Mason, Decatur, and William L. Springer, Champaign, both candidates for the Republican nomination to Congress from the 22d district. Talks by these candidates topped a program including

nearly a score of aspirants to county and district officers. Robert Borchers of Decatur, unopposed for the Democratic nomination to Congress, was in Chicago yesterday. (Herald and Review Photo)

## Springer, Mason Take Opposite Views on Aid

By ELLIS D. ROBERTS  
Of The Herald Staff

William L. Springer and Louis L. Mason, opponents for the Republican nomination to Congress from the 22d district, last night revealed they are opposites, too, in stands on two major issues.

They were among a score of aspirants who talked in a candidates' meeting in the Decatur high school auditorium before about 400 persons.

It was the third non-partisan, open forum session sponsored by

### Former City Suspect

Harold E. Hawver, Whitmore township; Harry Shambaugh, Oakley; Roy Aker, South Macon; Helen Fulle, Mt. Zion; Fred Wallace, Oakley; Fred M. Grady, Macon; Charles Carr, Nanticoke; Cronk, Hickory Point; R. B. Moore, Mt. Zion.

Reports showing no fines collected were filed by the following justices today.

Palme was expected to file his report. Police Magistrate Harold F. Weaver filed his supplemental returns of city fines. Justice Bert mentary reports covering collections were advised to file supplemental lines, forfeitures and penalties on state warrants and the justice's complete, since they last ports are complete, whether the re-

A question arose whether the re-compliance with a new state law. Gus T. Greenias for approval, in-mitted yesterday to County Judge five justices of the peace were sub-last year by Decatur township's Reports of fine collections for the

### New Monthly Reports Township Justices File

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Oct. 2 riding accident which had kept him away.



Sunday, April 2, 1950

### Liked Shafter

To the Editor of The Herald and Review:

As a young (relatively) voter, not necessarily Republican or Democrat, it was my pleasure to attend the League of Women Voters meeting Monday, March 27, at the high school. This pleasure was primarily a result of the first breath of fresh Republican air in years in the person of Ben Shafter. His energy to face McCormick head-on and his enthusiasm for his party and its revival reduced his opponent, Fonner, to a poor second choice.

Be it known Mr. Fonner ducked out of the meeting avoiding comment on the Chicago Tribune and its stranglehold on Illinois Republicanism. Mr. Fonner also did not care to answer another question put to him which asked what idea or suggestion he had ever made to the Republican state central committee which had been adopted. His silence must suggest his contributions to his party policies have been nil.

Let us inhale some more Shafter exuberance; it is so much more healthful than nothing.

337 Keller Lane

JOHN B. LANE

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

APRIL 2-9

#### TODAY

Doctors Wives open new shop in D. M. C. hospital, 4:30-6.  
Elton Burgstahler composition concert, 4, Taylor hall.  
Art Center exhibit, 2-5.  
Pi Phi pledges have open house.

#### MONDAY

Julia Bock Miller repeats lecture on Africa, 8:15, Taylor hall.  
Legion auxiliary open meeting on child welfare, 7:30.  
Woman's Council, 2, public library.  
Y.W.C.A. final Lenten service, 2.  
Holy week service, 12:10-12:50, Lincoln theater.

#### TUESDAY

Holy week service, 12:10-12:50, Lincoln theater.

#### WEDNESDAY

Holy week service, 12:10-12:50, Lincoln theater.

#### THURSDAY

Holy week service, 12:10-12:50, Lincoln theater.  
Women Voters dinner, 6:30, Decatur Club.  
Army Day dinner, 6, Masonic temple.  
Rural Youth hear Dr. Dorn, 7:30, Farm Bureau.  
D.A.R. meets, 2:30, Ward home.  
Zonta luncheon, 12, Greider's.

#### FRIDAY

Good Friday services, First Presbyterian.

## THE DECATUR REVIEW

### Mrs. Birt To Head League

Mrs. Floyd Birt has been proposed by the nominating committee to head the League of Women Voters for the coming year.

The annual meeting and election of officers for the league will be at 6:30 p. m. Thursday in the Decatur Club.

Other officers proposed by the committee are:

Mrs. Gerald Cox, first vice president;

Mrs. Clifford Smith, second vice president;

Mrs. W. H. Hipsher, third vice president;

Mrs. Perley Lupton, secretary;

Mrs. Harold Catt, treasurer;

Mrs. John Kuhns and Mrs. Robert E. Lewis, members of the board of directors.

Members of the nominating committee are Mrs. J. K. Flint, chairman; Muriel Perry and Mrs. Merle Borden.

April 4, 1950.



## THE DECATUR REVIEW

### Women in American Politics

#### League of Women Voters Compiles Historical Files

By JANE EADS

Washington, D. C.

Women's progress in American politics may now be traced in more than a ton of papers—files of the League of Women Voters—recently made the property of the Library of Congress. The files, covering the period from 1920 to 1944, will be available to historians, sociologists and scholars. Dr. Louise M. Young, whose textbook, "Understanding Politics—A Practical Guide for Women," is just off the press, is undertaking the gigantic task of readying the thousands of documents for the library's manuscript shelves.

"The records of the League of Women Voters are a kind of microcosm," says Dr. Young, who herself has been active for years as regional director and later vice president of the Pennsylvania league. The records reveal how many important changes of the past three decades came about, although the league was only one of many groups traveling the same highway.

The papers record the "transformation of the suffrage movement into a vast movement to train new women citizens for their role in public life," Dr. Young says. She believes no one has ever measured properly the extent of women's impact on public life, that these papers offer a "simon pure demonstration of how an institution brings about social change."

"It is all there for the social scientist to analyze, to find out what made it tick," she says, adding that she hopes to write a book herself on the subject.

How the status of women and children has improved in the last half century is shown in the League

papers. They record the whole movement for maternal and infant care from the days of the first law (Shepherd-Towner) down to the present elaborate system of federal-state child welfare programs. They record how child labor laws, minimum wage-and-hour laws and labor laws for women came about.

In addition, Dr. Young says, the League papers record the decline and fall of the 18th (prohibition) amendment, the passage of the 20th (Lame Duck) amendment, on which the League worked hard for 10 years; the rise and spread of the feeling of internationalism and the "desire to keep alive a spirit of international cooperation through the League of Nations World Court."

"Probably no social data exists

which better documents the struggle over Muscle Shoals," she says, "or over munitions investigations, over the legalized spread of collective bargaining, over the long struggle for federal aid to education, protection of the consumer in the food and drug field and other measures in which the League of Women Voters took such an active part."



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Sunday, April 9, 1950.



MRS. FLOYD BIRT was elected last week to be president of the Macon County League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization that is one of the most active in the county. Mrs. Birt, whose home is in 429 North Summit, has been working in the league for some time.



## THE DECATUR REVIEW

Monday, April 17, 1950.

### Mrs. Floyd Birt Goes To Women Voters Confab

Mrs. Floyd Birt, of 429 North Summit avenue, will leave Wednesday for Atlantic City, N. J., where she will attend the national convention of the League of Women Voters. The convention opens April 24 and continues through April 28.

Speakers on the national program include Paul Hoffman, Economic Cooperation Administrator; James H. Rowe, Jr., a member of the Hoover commission, and Miss Anna Lord Strauss, retiring national president of the League of Women Voters.

An International night will honor guests from Italy, Sweden, Lebanon, Greece, Iceland, Germany, Japan and the Philippines.

Other speakers include Howard Penniman, political scientist and author, and Mrs. Edith Welty, mayor of Yonkers, N. Y.

Mrs. Birt has been asked to report on part of the convention for the "Illinois Voter," the Illinois League of Women Voters' monthly publication.

## THE DECATUR REVIEW

Friday, April 23, 1950.

### Discuss Civil Rights Today

#### Voters League Ending Convention in N. J.

Atlantic City, N. J.,

April 27 (AP)

The League of Women Voters goes into the last day of its week-long convention today with the fate of a "civil rights" resolution still unsettled. A night session may be necessary to clean up pending business.

Resolutions backing "the protection of the citizen in his constitutional rights, especially those of freedom of speech, religion, assembly and press" were beaten down three times Tuesday. However a vote to reconsider was passed Wednesday.

The reconsidered civil rights item needs a two-thirds vote to become part of the agenda. Then there must be another two-thirds vote before the item can become a work-

ing part of the League's program for the next two years.

In asking for the reconsideration, Mrs. H. Darkes Albright of Ithaca, N. Y., said she had voted against it Tuesday, but had found since that she was "afraid my conscience would trouble me" if the subject were not put on the floor for discussion.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1950.

### Connecticut Woman Heads Voter's League

Atlantic City, N. J.,  
April 28 (AP)

Mrs. John G. Lee of Farmington, Conn., today was elected president of the League of Women Voters at the close of its 19th national convention.

Mrs. Bradford L. Patton of Chicago was elected treasurer.

## SUNDAY HERALD AND REVIEW

Sunday, May 7, 1950.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS MAY 7-14

#### TODAY

Phi Mu Alpha musical, 4.  
Kaeuper hall.

Art Center exhibit, 2-5.

Birthday party for Mother  
Armstrong, 2-5, Westminster  
church.

K. C. initiation for Central Illi-  
nois, 1:30; dinner 6:30 Hotel  
Orlando.

#### MONDAY

Commies vs. Davenport.  
City Panhellenic dessert-lunch-  
eon, 1:30.

#### TUESDAY

Choir festival, 8, Masonic tem-  
ple.  
City P.T.A., 2, Centennial H.S.  
Minerva club picnic for S.A.E.,  
6:30, Nelson park.  
Civics division May luncheon,  
12:30.

#### WEDNESDAY

Business Women's dinner, 6:30,  
Decatur Club.  
Commies vs. Quincy.

Youth for Christ meeting, 8,  
Masonic temple.  
Golf in all clubs.  
Decatur Club mixed bridge, 8.  
Millikin Dames dinner, 6, Sco-  
vill.

#### THURSDAY

"How to Travel" talk, 6:30 pub-  
lic dinner, Decatur Club.  
Commies vs. Quincy.  
Voters League discussion  
groups, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30  
p.m., R. E. Greenfield home.  
Education Assn. spring ban-  
quet, 6:15, Orlando.  
Herbert Quarles recital in St.  
Peter's A.M.E., 8:15.  
Woman's club guest day, 2:30.

#### FRIDAY

Jose Echaniz piano concert,  
8:15, Taylor hall.  
Hairdressers style show, Orlan-  
do ballroom.  
Commies vs. Quincy.

#### SATURDAY

Garden Club flower show opens  
at Flora's.  
Barn Colony dinner and  
awards, Colonial.  
Frankie Laine orchestra, 8:30,  
Kintner.



## THE DECATUR REVIEW

Wednesday, May 3, 1950.

### B. P. W. Group To Hear Trade Panel

International relations group of Business and Professional Women's club will hear a panel discussion on the international trade organization of the United Nations, this Friday at 7:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Edith Starr Haines, 488 Ewing. The panel will be conducted by guest speakers from the League of Women Voters.

Tuesday, May 16, 1950.

### Group Meets Tomorrow On 'Gateway'

A local Gateway amendment move that leaders hope will grow to full strength by the time of the fall elections is getting underway here.

A nucleus committee formed in a meeting a few weeks ago at Millikin university will have an organization meeting at 4 p. m. tomorrow in the Oak lounge at Millikin university. Attorney Charles F. Lippert, Jr., temporary chairman, announced today.

Representatives from labor, business and other organizations have been invited. Among the groups which already have shown an interest in the committee are the League of Women Voters, Association of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Parent-Teachers association and Bar association. Mrs. Gerald Cox, one of the temporary secretaries, said. The other temporary secretary is Mrs. Lowell Gill.

The Gateway amendment is aimed at making it easier to amend the state constitution. It will be offered to the voters in the November election.

Larger meetings to broaden the base of the committee are planned later, Mrs. Cox said.

Members of the nucleus committee attended a meeting last month of the Illinois Committee for Constitutional Revision in Springfield. Most of the organizations interested in the local move were represented at the Springfield meeting, Mrs. Cox said.



6/4/58  
For Women Voters League of Macon County

# School Board Candidates Answer Questionnaire

## League's Questionnaire

1. Do you have a genuine interest in and devotion to public education?

2. Are you willing and able to give the necessary time to discharge your responsibility of establishing policies to govern the expenditure of approximately \$2,500,000 annually, provided from tax sources?

3. Are you able to take criticism of the school system and of yourself as a board member?

4. Can you put aside your personal interests and prejudices in order to make unbiased decisions?

5. Are you aware that the function of a Board of Education is to establish policies for the school system? Are you also aware that the function of the Superintendent of Schools is to administer these policies?

6. Do you have children? Are they attending, or have they attended, the Decatur Public Schools?

7. Are you affiliated in any way with factional or partisan politics?

8. What do you consider the main problems facing our present school system?

9. What is your educational background, both formal and informal?

10. Are you willing to take a stand for better schools without wavering, even though pressure and publicity bring criticism upon you?

11. With what community and civic groups are you connected?

12. Is it your conviction that the future welfare of the community is closely tied up with the success of the school system?

Lawrence M. Duncan

1. Yes, that is why I am running.

2. Yes, I am.

3. I will always accept constructive criticism and other criticism if it be necessary.

4. Yes.

5. Yes, I do, and in the opinion of a lot of people this question is in reverse.

6. Yes, one boy five years old.

7. No, I am not.

8. I don't feel that there is any one main problem, but there are a lot of problems to straighten out to help all parties concerned.

9. Elementary school in Urbana, Illinois; High school at Waverly, Illinois; Bradley University, one year. My father taught at the U. of I. 23 years and the Waverly high seven years.

10. Any time.

11. Director of the A. of C., Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Illinois Public Aid, Rent Control Board, several committees at the A. of C.

12. Not only the community but the entire country.

Otto C. Keil

1. Most assuredly. I believe the American public school system has made our nation the world leader it is today.

2. Yes.

3. I welcome and invite good constructive criticism.

4. Having no personal or special interests to serve other than the school children of Decatur, I believe I can truthfully answer yes.

5. Yes. Without the awareness of these functions, no one should seek election to membership to a public school board of education.

6. My three sons and daughter were educated in Decatur public schools. All of them received their Decatur high school diplomas.

7. No. Partisan politics should have no place in our public school system.

8. 1. Plan for inevitable growth of Decatur and school district No. 61. 2. Completion of our present building program. 3. Maintenance of highest standard of teaching and operating efficiency.

9. Public schools in St. Louis, Mo., Extension courses: Washington university, St. Louis, and Michigan university, Ann Arbor. Business college, St. Louis, and correspondence courses.

10. Yes, I believe I can point to my record in this respect.

11. Member, playground and recreation board, city planning commission, planning board of appeal, Salvation Army advisory committee, Decatur Educational council, Association of Commerce.

12. Most emphatically.

Paul A. Rex

1. Yes, I do have a genuine interest and devotion to public education.

2. I am both willing and able to give the necessary time to discharge the duties as a member of the Decatur Board of Education.

3. Absolutely.

4. I will attempt to make all of my decisions in the interest of the community without regard for my own personal interest.

5. Yes.

6. I have seven daughters, four are attending Warren school, two attending Centennial junior high school and one of pre-school age.

7. No.

8. Overcrowded school rooms. Many dissatisfied parents whose children in many instances must go a long distance to attend school.

9. I have a common school education, am a Petroleum Engineering university graduate. Have studied accountancy and business procedure. Studied for and passed a general brokers examination and am licensed as such, and have worked as a petroleum chemist. I have attempted to educate myself through selective reading and profitable experience.

10. Absolutely.

11. I am a member of St. Johns Lutheran church, a veteran of the International Association of Machinists, member of Warren and Centennial P-T. A., Macon County Sportsmen club 30 years.

12. I am convinced that the future welfare of our community and nation depends in a large measure upon the soundness of the education, that we provide for the youth of today.

This information secured and distributed by the League of Women Voters of Macon County

JOHN EIDM

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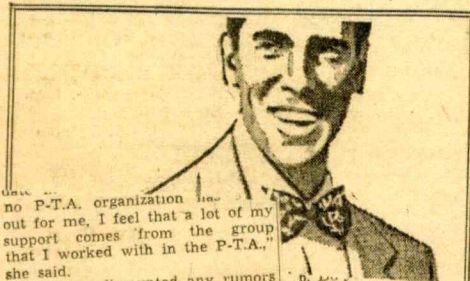
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no P.T.A. organization has  
out for me, I feel that a lot of my  
support comes from the group  
that I worked with in the P.T.A."

Dr. Dorn discounted any rumors  
that the teachers' union stood be-  
hind him.

"I represent no party or pres-  
sure group and therefore am ob-  
ligated to follow no program other  
than that decided upon by the  
entire board of education and my  
own best judgment," he said.

He will be in sympathy with the  
viewpoints of teachers and stu-  
dents, he said, because he was  
a teacher and has been a Boy  
Scout leader 14 years. He is also  
the father of four children, two of  
them still in school.

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year, Macon county residents 90  
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cinct in which they vote for at  
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7 ROOM modern, automatic hot water. Accept children. \$75. 3-5720.

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Houses for Sale 84

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ATTENTION: Signal Depot employees: 2107 E. Pythian, 3 large rooms. Electricity, good drilled well. 1 acre \$3250. \$750 down, \$40 month. L. E. Tipword, 473 N. 22nd. 2-4144.

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ELMS: North Drive. This nearly new 6 room Cape Cod, all on one floor (3 bedrooms) is really a fine family home. There is a stair leading to second floor which could be finished into 2 bedrooms. Gas heat, full lot. Owner moving out of city. Price reduced to \$17,900.

NORTHWEST: Garfield District. Nearly new 4 room Cape Cod. Stairway to large floored attic. Aluminum storm windows and screens. Full lot. Birch woodwork. Oil heat. Price \$11,850.

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BY OWNER: Dennis district, 5-room brick. 3-6743.

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Houses for Sale 84

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# Favor City Manager, But Not Here--Now

The League of Women Voters favors a city manager form of local government, but doesn't think the change would bring any improvement over the present administration in Decatur.

That was the gist of a report approved by league members Thursday.

In a two-year study, an eight-member League committee found the city manager form a more efficient system, but no cure for major problems currently facing

Decatur.

## SEE BOND ISSUE FOR BIG SEWERS AS FIRST STEP

Approval of a sewer bond issue to build big new interceptors was seen as the first step toward solution of Decatur's sewer problem this week as legal obstacles appeared to bar sewer rental financing and the League of Women Voters began a canvass of voter sentiment on a sewer bond issue.

Earlier, civic groups studying the problem had held a series of public hearings.

In effect, the League lined up behind the popular belief that the city manager form should be adopted when commission or aldermanic administrations fail to perform properly.

The report put the city manager system on a convenient shelf, where it could be reached handily if mal-administration developed under the present system. It noted that if a change to the city manager form was to be made before 1959, it would have to be voted before the general election in April, 1955.

That the league favored a city manager form, but thought the quality of the present administration was high enough

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March 1952*

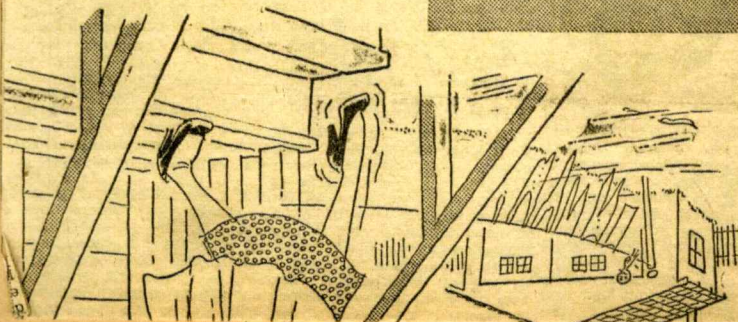
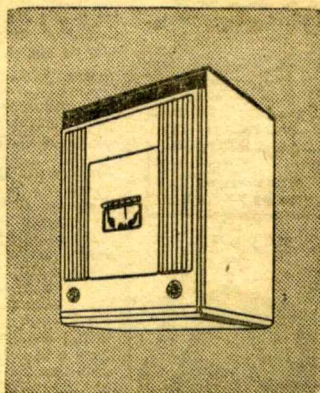
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## ILLINOIS POWER





March 1952

# Women Voters Study City Financing

By Russell Bieraugel  
Of The Herald and Review Staff

What do we expect in the way of city service and how do we expect to pay for it?

That is the question, as it is stated at the end of an analysis published by the League of Women Voters of assessments of real and personal property in Macon county and "Why Decatur Is Suffering a Financial Crisis."

The report was prepared by Mrs. H. W. Gibson for a League committee studying the advisability of a city manager for Decatur. Mrs. Gibson generated so much interest while making her study that the report has been printed in response to numerous requests.

"Our dead trees are a menace to property and lives," the report states. "Our inadequate sewers are a threat to our health. Our outmoded and lack of necessary fire-fighting equipment should alarm every citizen. Our crippled police force is an invitation to organized crime. Our ever-increasing problems of moving traffic and finding adequate parking space are virtually insoluble in the face of our deficit."

Decatur has not been able to improve or expand services because the city government has operated under a hidden deficit since 1945.

Financing has been

the fact that the city has been operating under this hidden deficit since 1945, a fact the citizens of Decatur have never faced and are not now facing.

"Use of parking meter funds for general fund purposes, instead of parking involves a similar type of problem."

3. Property assessments on which taxes are based have not in the past been made diligently.

"It has been unfortunate for the city that they have lost needed revenue from this laxity on the part of the assessors. Much more so for the city than for the county for the demand for more and better services exists today on the city level."

Mrs. Gibson set out to determine the relationship of income to the city-manager form of government. She found:

1. A city manager would have to operate under the same tax inequities. Assessments can be improved only by revision of the state Constitution, followed by new state laws based on the revision.

2. A city manager could exercise no more flexibility in distributing available revenue than the council can. State law forbids transfer of money from special funds to other uses.

3. The only city money not ear-

marked by law for special purposes is that in the general fund. Within the specified limitations, a city manager also could exercise some judgment over water fund money.

"Some expenditures at present look questionable but whether or not this water collection money could be handled more efficiently so that the residue remaining for the conservation item would be larger is outside the possibility of our determining."

4. A city manager could issue a more readable report of city finances.

"Of course, the present commission form of government could do so, too. But they seem to be content with the present audit form, which is purely a statistical account and gives the layman little knowledge as to actual income services rendered for each department, and no adequate comparison figures for preceding years."

THE REPORT concludes that the long-range needs for capital by each taxing body should be determined.

"This would insure a more equitable distribution of those funds and would serve to place before the voters issues dealing with first things first, instead of the mad scramble that now exists between the taxing bodies for more money. Today tax rates and bond issues are granted on the basis of who gets there first with the most propaganda rather than on the basis of any serious consideration of the overall needs of the community."

Such a bird's-eye view of the future plans of all taxing bodies could be prepared as well with the present commission form of city government as with a city manager, the report points out.

Property assessments are made by temporary deputy assessors appointed by elected township assessors. The work of the assessors is supervised by the county treasurer.

Besides sloppy assessing, the report criticizes the present system of assessing for:

The two-year lag between the time a taxing district must determine how much money it is going to need and the time it gets the money.

Numerous, poorly-written restrictions on taxing powers of the districts. Officials are afraid to act because the laws are not clear. And they are unwilling to test the laws in the only way open to them, by

taking action and then letting the courts decide whether it is legal, because it means confusion and extra work and expense.

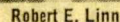
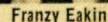
Taxing districts to which residents of Decatur pay taxes are the city, county, township, school district, sanitary district and park district.



# Women Voters Plan Forum On Public Issues

The National Broadcasting Co. and Life magazine are cooperating with the league in sponsorship of the national and local meetings.

RT. REV. Msgr. George H. Powell—Welfare Services. Should the government expand, reduce or maintain its present program for housing, health and education? Monsignor Powell is pastor of St. Patrick's church, dean of the Deca-

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THE VOTERS who consider themselves "independents" — not Democrats or Republicans — gradually are increasing in number. The latest Gallup poll figure is: independents 28 per cent; Republicans 32 per cent; Democrats 40 per cent. A comparatively small number of those who consider themselves Republicans or Democrats have great power in determining party

Independents, Too  
Can Mold Issues!

—By Edward Lindsay



April 1952

# THE DECATUR F

"The Community Paper"

## Democracy Is Local

Probably the best testimonial to the success of the "Citizens' View of '52" forum held Thursday night by the League of Women Voters was the fact that one of the four key issues selected in the voting came not from the speakers' panel but from the audience.

Because of time limitations, the league had to limit speakers' discussion to eight of a much longer list of possible questions to be asked of the leading presidential candidates. They were picked as the paramount issues, and three of them were among those picked as most significant by the audience. But the fourth, which ran second in total voting, was primarily a "grass roots" choice—how to achieve good government.

This audience voice undoubtedly

ly will be duplicated in other of the 230 cities throughout the country where the "Citizens' View" meetings are being held. It is exactly the sort of thing that the League intended—to stir up local thinking on the principal problems which face the country today and to make that local thinking felt at the national level.

It is a tribute to the League here that Decatur was one of the participating cities, but then congratulations to the League on its various efforts to encourage good citizenship are getting to be a foregone conclusion. The community itself deserves a higher tribute for supporting the idea, for turning out a good crowd and for demonstrating that democracy is a live and local process.

## Women Voters Survey Lauds Willis Regime

A conscientious city administration prompts the League of Women Voters of Decatur to recommend against any immediate change to the council-manager government.

After a two-year study by a special committee, the League finds the council-manager form of government "a definite improvement" over Decatur's commission form.

"But in spite of the drawbacks of our present more political form, we believe Decatur is being conscientiously served by its present administrators."

The League offsets council-manager advantages with steps to which the present administration can "point with pride" and a lack of evidence of local corruption or governmental stupidity.

An eight-member committee headed by Mrs. Robert A. Wood dug into the advantages of the council-manager form, the advantages and disadvantages of making a change and the accomplishments of the present City Council.

It found that in some major areas, primarily financing, improvements could be made as easily under the commission form. Some other changes, perhaps, could not be accomplished under the council-manager form.

Other members of the committee:

Mrs. Clifford Smith;  
Mrs. Oliver Etheridge;  
Mrs. H. W. Gibson;  
Mrs. Perley Lupton;  
Mrs. J. A. Melrose;  
Mrs. I. A. Wallins;  
Mrs. Otis Chumbley.

The committee found first that no form of government will long succeed without the sustained interest and active participation of citizens in its affairs.

It found that the biggest advantage of the council-manager form is in the separation of the administrative and legislative branches of government.

"The commission form requires that each commissioner be both a competent legislator and a competent administrator, and to be both lies beyond the ability of most people."

If a city manager's administrative practices do not meet public approval, he can be replaced quickly. Under the commission form, such a change must await the next election.

The League finds it "undoubtedly true" that the council-manager form is more efficient because the manager's job is a career post, not a political one.

But the League, for the present, offsets these points with the record of progress and a lack of evidence of "either corruption or monumental stupidity" in the administration of Mayor Robert E. Willis.

"The evidence is rather that our present administration has been handed a series of grave problems that have accumulated over the years, and that this administration should be given the opportunity of solving these problems, recognizing that the solving depends upon the understanding and cooperation of all citizens."

The League ticks off these milestones of the administration elected in 1951:

More property has been annexed to the city than during any other administration;

Definite steps have been taken to bring revenue in line with costs of services through increased fees and licenses;

There was no hesitancy in cutting back city functions in the face of the refusal of taxpayers to finance such functions in order that the city might finish the year in the black;

The establishment and success of the city parking lot has encouraged private investors and offers a foothold for further advances in solving the parking problem;

There has been no denial or refusal to face the fact that serious problems, such as lighting, both downtown and residential, conservation of water supply and the in-

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# Four Key Issues Selected in Forum

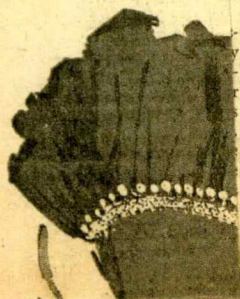
## Good Government, U.N., Korea, Taxation Chosen

By Don W. Roberts  
Of The Herald Staff

Good government and taxation at home, the United Nations and Korea abroad were picked as the key issues for the 1952 presidential election by Decatur's "Citizens' View of '52" last night.

About 250 of the 300 persons present at the forum sponsored in Hotel Orlando by the Macon County League of Women Voters picked these four issues from 13 which were on a ballot.

Their choices will be considered, along with those of citizens in more than 30 other cities, for questions to be posed to presidential hopefuls of both parties at the League's national



## League Desires Informed Voters

MEMBERS of the Macon county League of Women Voters are to be commended for giving the people of the Decatur area an opportunity to hear and participate in an intelligent discussion of basic 1952 issues such as was presented on Thursday in the Hotel Orlando.

Most of the some 300 persons who attended the forum left with a better knowledge of the problems which our presidential candidates will be called upon to answer.

This particular forum selected good government, United Nations, Korea and Taxation as the four most vital issues confronting the nation. Other League discussions throughout the country may favor other issues. No matter—the chance to hear capsuled presentations of most of the big problems was illuminating, and all are of sufficient importance to warrant serious consideration.

The League of Women Voters seeks, above all, to be impartial. It saw to it that the issues were presented objectively. Members of the audience were able to take the facts presented by the panel, apply their own knowledge and experience and arrive at their own conclusions regarding the relative importance of the several issues.

Such objective treatment is the best way to show voters how to balance and weigh the two or more arguments which surround every political issue of importance. This type of calm & reasonable appraisal is needed by our informed electorate.

## Eakin Talks on Living Costs at



Franzy Eakin, right, discusses living costs at the "Citizens' View of '52" forum sponsored at Hotel Orlando last night by the Macon county League of Women Voters. Others of the seven-member

panel shown in the picture are, from left, Miss Muriel Perry, Moderator Carl R. Miller, Robert E. Linn, and A. G. Webber, III. At the end of more than two

hours' discussion, the audience voted on the most critical domestic and international issues of the 1952 presidential campaign. (Herald and Review Photo)



crease and maintenance of sewers, exist in the Decatur area and that solutions must be found.

The League denies the charge that the manager-council form is less democratic than the commission form because "the efficient operation of democratic processes of government does not come with the election of a number of people to office, but rather with the method that will best enable the people to understand and control their government."

The report points out that property assessment is entirely under control of the township, so that neither form of city government has any influence on assessing.

"Improvement in the assessing picture can come with constitutional revision or the pressure of public opinion," the League says.

The scientific survey of property in Decatur Township, the League finds, has brought "little or no improvement" in the assessment of property to date.

The League also notes that a manager would have no power toward distributing special funds (i.e., public library or recreation department) and could handle only the general fund as he sees fit.

The League suggests a body of public-minded citizens could determine the needs of each taxing district to insure a more equitable distribution of funds and let voters deal with "first things first."

"Today, tax rates and bond issues are granted on the basis of who gets there first with the most propaganda rather than on the basis of any serious consideration of the overall needs of the community."

The League recommends that the city use the purchase order system properly and that the city issue, in mimeograph form for public distribution, a complete budget at least a month before it is passed.

Turning to the Wheeler report on proposed city economies in bulk buying, centralized purchasing and centralized inventory, the League feels the report does not take into account the necessary expense in making such savings.

It also points out that while such policies are possible and practical under the council-manager form, the Wheeler report does not consider that they may not be under the commission form.

The League is taking the council-manager question off its current agenda and placing it on its platform, where it can be revived if such action would be in the community interest.

To bring about the change, the League reports, petitions must be signed by 10 per cent of the voters in the last general city election.

The County Court would order an election 60 days after valid petitions are filed, and balloting in connection with a general city election is permissible.

But the League suggests that an election on a change in the form of government be separate from the fol-

lowing primary to name candidates.

This would mean that personalities of those running for office would not overshadow a careful and unbiased consideration of the merits of the forms of government under consideration.

If the question were to be submitted at the next general city election (1955), then the change would not be effective until four years later.

Thus the League advocates separate elections because the change means council members under the manager-council form are not full-time administrators, but parttime legislators.

"This change might induce some citizens who cannot serve the city on a full-time basis to run as legislators."

## U.N.'s Worth Forum Topic

"Is the United Nations Worth the Cost?" will be the question discussed in a town meeting at Decatur High School Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 8 p. m.

The meeting is a joint project of seven local organizations:

American Association of University Women,  
B'nai B'rith,  
Business and Professional Women's Club,  
Decatur Education Association,  
Decatur Woman's Club,  
League of Women Voters,  
University Club.

The town meeting is an outgrowth of a Citizens' View of '52 forum held last spring. The Decatur audience voted this issue tops: How much reliance should we place upon the United Nations as an instrument of foreign policy?

Panel speakers for this month's forum will include two who will talk on each side of the question. There will be an opportunity for written questions from the audience after the talks.

Committee members who are planning the town meeting are:

Mrs. George F. Meyer, chairman;

Mrs. Max Blumenfeld,  
Mrs. Gershom R. Cohn,  
Mrs. G. D. Cox,  
Dr. E. E. DeTurk,  
Mrs. John Donovan,  
Miss Leone Ehrhardt,  
Miss Helen Fairweather,  
Miss Opal Jackson,  
Mrs. J. F. Mattes,  
Mrs. Bernhard M. Nelson,  
Miss Muriel Perry,  
Mrs. H. J. Pettec,  
Mrs. Clifford Smith.

## Suggested Reading

Editor, the Herald and Review:  
September 17 is Constitution Day; for on September 17, 1787, a majority of the delegates to the federal Convention signed the document they had drawn up. When the Constitution was submitted to the various states, however, many felt that the rights of the individual had not been protected, sufficiently, so the first ten amendments, called the "Bill of Rights," were added a year later.

It is the Bill of Rights that most concerns the individual citizen, for therein are included those safeguards that are vital to a democracy. Freedom of religion, speech, press and assembly are guaranteed by the First Amendment; the Fifth provides that no one be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law. In fact, Amendments IV to VIII include a remarkable number of restrictions of the judicial procedure.

The whole Constitution is shorter than the constitution of any other nation or of any one of the 48 states. It is written in clear, concise, direct language, with not an unnecessary word or an intentionally ambiguous phrase. Why not read it over this week—the Constitution that has served us so admirably?

Decatur, Frances H. Doubleday  
Civil Liberties Chairman  
League of Women Voters





Mrs. Clifford Smith, 1684 West Riverview avenue, is new president of the League of Women Voters of Macon County. Her dog's name is Sailor. (Herald and Review Photo)

## Lupton Emphasizes Point in U.N. Forum



Attorney Perley T. Lupton, fourth from left, gestures with both hands as he makes a point in a forum discussion last night on the United Nations. Panel members, from left, are Attorney Walter Morey, The Rev. Jay M. Logan, Moderator Gershon R. Cohn, Lupton and Attorney Walter Morey. About 500 persons attended the forum in Decatur High School auditorium, sponsored by seven civic groups. (Herald and Review Photo)

## Russia C

By Don W. Robert  
Of The Herald Staff

Soviet Russia provided the principal question mark as a four-man panel last night debated the question: "Is the United Nations Worth the Cost."

The question might better have been whether the UN is worth anything at all, for there was little difference of opinion—or discussion—of the actual monetary cost.

Attorney Robert Owen said the UN cannot accomplish anything so long as Russia is a member because the admission of Russia was a "sacrifice to expediency which has undermined the whole organization."

He pointed out the United Nations originally was formed from those nations opposing the Axis powers and included Russia, "which had just finished five wars of aggression."

The Rev. Jay M. Logan said that Russia in the UN is under constant "self-review," acting as a forge for greater understanding among the free peoples. He said the "best way to wage peace is where we can illustrate we have the best alternative."

But Attorney Perley Lupton contended that it takes two to make peace and one to make war. "If one does not want peace, you can't make peace." He backed this with a 1946 quotation from Stalin that communism and capitalism cannot live side by side—one must be destroyed.

The second affirmative answer came from Attorney Walter Morey, a Korean war veteran, who pointed out there has been no new Communist aggression since the United Nations moved into Korea in 1950.

Lupton also had an answer when the affirmative team of Morey and The Rev. Mr. Logan asked what he and Owen would offer instead of the UN. Lupton described the UN idea of collective security as combination of nations of diverse interests and ideals.

He said he would substitute a combination whose ideals and purposes are the same, as with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The economic, displaced persons and educational functions of the UN, he added, are good and could be combined with a NATO-like group.

"When the aims of all are like our own," he concluded, "we can unite."

The Rev. Mr. Logan replied that "we can't lead without embracing" other nations.

To the question of why more members of the United Nations are

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not helping the war in Korea, Owen contended the action there "is not a UN undertaking and never has been." He said the United States entered Korea before the UN acted.

Morey, pointing out 17 nations have troops on the UN side in Korea, said the value is qualitative and not quantitative. He pointed out there are practical difficulties involving arms and training of different nations.

The Rev. Mr. Logan added that some other nations, such as the British in Malaya and the French in Indochina, are tied up in contests with Communists "as important to us as Korea."

Also debated was the issue of sovereignty: whether the treaty-status of the United Nations charter would endanger basic rights granted by the U.S. Constitution.

The forum, to observe United Nations Day, was attended by about 500 persons in Decatur High School auditorium.

Sponsoring organizations were the American Association of University Women, B'nai B'rith, Business and Professional Women's Club, Decatur Education Association, Decatur Woman's Club, League of Women Voters and the University Club, Gershom R. Cohn was the moderator.

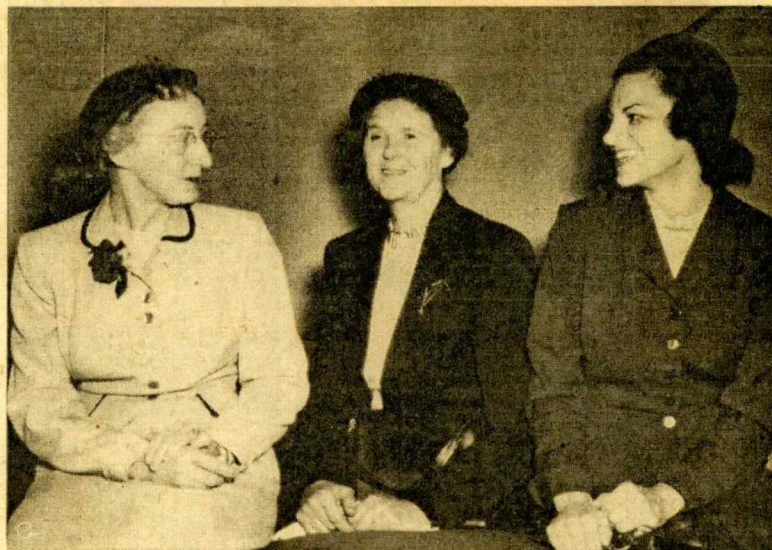
## Society

### League Opens Fall Season

Mrs. Walter T. Fisher of Winnetka, former Illinois State President of the League of Women Voters, will be the speaker when the local League starts its fall program with a luncheon meeting Sept. 25, at 12:30 p. m. at the Decatur Club. Reservations for the luncheon should be given to Mrs. Otis Chumbley or Mrs. Oliver Etheridge. Anyone interested in the League may attend.

The subject of Mrs. Fisher's talk will be "To make the People Care". In replying to the invitation of Mrs. Clifford Smith, local president, Mrs. Fisher wrote, "I always consider an invitation from a League of Women Voters as a command performance since I think of League work as an opportunity for important service."

### FORMER STATE LEAGUE PRESIDENT IS GUEST SPEAKER



Mrs. Walter T. Fisher of Winnetka, center, was guest speaker yesterday at the first fall program

of the Decatur League of Women Voters. Mrs. Fisher is former Illinois State president of the

League. With her are Mrs. Clifford Smith, local president, left, and Mrs. Walter Morey.

(Herald and Review Photo)

## League Has Speaker

### Former State President Gives Talk

"To Make the People Care" was the title of a talk given by Mrs. Walter T. Fisher of Winnetka, former Illinois State president of the League of Women Voters, yesterday in the Decatur Club. A luncheon and her talk opened the fall program for the local League.

Mrs. Fisher told the 80 members present that the purpose of the League is to promote intelligent and active participation of citizens in Government.

"Most persons seem to care but less than 50 percent of the eligible voters will vote", she said. "Government by the people means you cannot sit on the bleachers and let 'George' do it. If you really care you feel some personal responsibility for government", she continued.

Mrs. Fisher discussed the history of the League of Women Voters. The founders of the organization were women who wanted to be intelligent citizens and who were unwilling to see all political education in the hands of political parties.

In the 1920's from suffrage to depression, members were learning their way in the government. They

studied the existing government and had a program concerning the welfare of infants and the child labor laws.

During the depression years in the 1930's, they were concerned with improving the existing government. An emphasis was placed on economic aspects. During the 1940's the aim was to strengthen democracy. Study was concentrated on the United Nations, for world law and order.

Mrs. Fisher also told of the policies of the League. It is a non-partisan organization whose program changes with the times.

Mrs. Robert Lewis, finance chairman of the League reported that the \$625 goal for funds had been reached during the past two week's drive. Support comes from men and women who value the service performed by the League, and from its members.



The League of Women Voters is making a determined effort to persuade voters to support the tax amendment on the blue ballot. My question, does the League believe the record of state spending in the past fifty years is sufficient to justify granting more liberal taxing powers for the next fifty years?

Decatur Gordon R. Lloyd



## 13 Are Named On Committee To Push Vote

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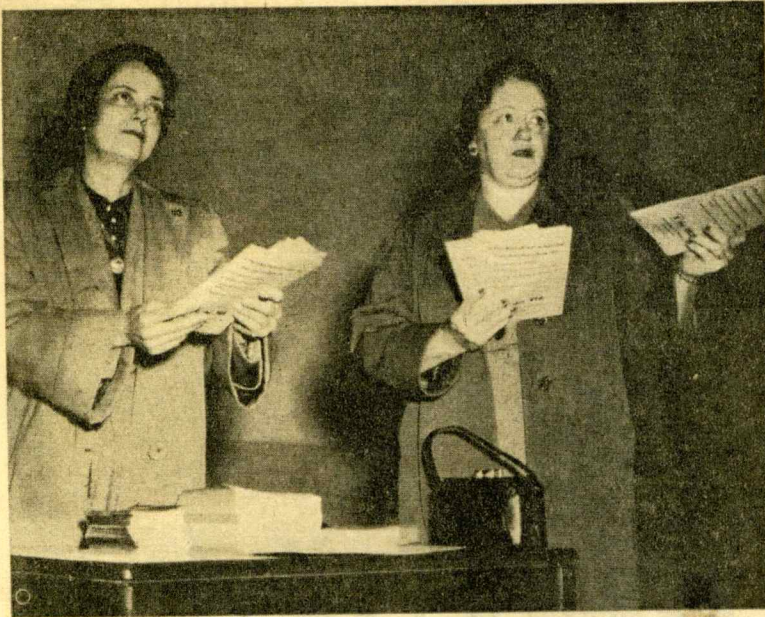


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WOMEN VOTERS URGE VOTING



Mrs. Fred Leach and Mrs. M. J. Borden, members of the League of Women Voters, hand out literature at the Citizens National Bank urging voting in next Tuesday's election. The league, as well as scores of other organizations, have conducted a "Get Out the Vote" campaign. Officials predict a record vote in Macon County Tuesday with 57,062 registered. (Staff Photo)



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## WOMEN VOTERS BOOST YES VOTE ON BLUE BALLOT



Decatur League of Women Voters members are passing out literature asking for a yes vote on revision of the Illinois Constitu-

tion on Nov. 4. They contend that the revenue article is as old fashioned as the buggy and dress they display. While Mrs. Charles

H. Ruedi, 336 S. Edward St., drives, Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 12 Lincoln Pl., distributes reading material. (Herald and Review Photo)

## Revenue Article Old Fashioned, Too, Women Say



The League of Women Voters contends the revenue article of the Illinois Constitution, up for amendment Nov. 4, is as old fashioned as the buggy and clothing of the women here.

Mrs. Perley T. Lupton, 619, W. Forest Ave., deposits a coin in a parking meter as League members prepare to hand out literature backing the amendment. Others, from left, are Mrs. G. R. Cohn,

12 Lincoln Pl., Mrs. Charles H. Ruedi, 336 S. Edward St., and Mrs. William E. Watts Jr., 3255 Chestnut St.

(Herald and Review Photo)

## Speakers Ready For Talks on Amendment

A 16-member speakers bureau for passage of a proposed amendment broadening the revenue article of the State Constitution was announced yesterday by Mrs. H. W. Gibson, chairman for constitutional revision for the Decatur League of Women Voters.

The bureau is preparing 10-minute and 20-minute talks for presentation to organizations. It is to be ready to operate Oct. 1, but groups wishing speakers this month can be accommodated, Mrs. Gibson said. Speakers also will be prepared to answer questions following their talks, she said.

The amendment, to be on a ballot in the Nov. 4 general election, would give the State Legislature more freedom in taxation. It would allow new taxes, easing taxation on real estate, classification of property for tax purposes and a larger share to local government, Mrs. Gibson said.

The League of Women Voters is Macon County representative for a statewide joint committee for the amendment.

Members of the speakers bureau are:

Donald E. Gibler, social studies teacher at Johns Hill Junior High School;

Gordon L. Davis, social studies teacher at Centennial Junior High School;

G. L. Jacobsen, social studies teacher at Decatur High School;

William Kuntz, Toastmasters Club;

Guy G. Thompson, Toastmasters Club;

John Regan Jr., president of the Toastmasters Club;

Miss Leone B. Ehrhardt, social studies teacher at Decatur High School;

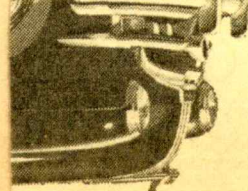
Mrs. Clifford E. Smith, president of the Decatur League of Women Voters;

Mrs. John Donovan, program chairman for the League of Women Voters;

Walter W. Diller, Toastmasters Club;

Herman Stoltz, social studies teacher at Roosevelt Junior High School;

Mrs. Gerald Cox, publicity chairman for the League.





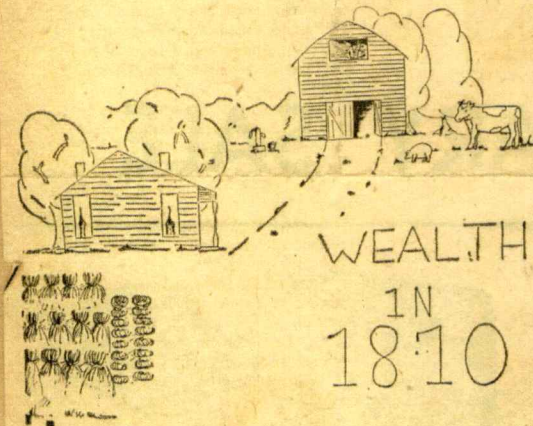
# Speakers Will Explain Proposed Amendment to Constitution

## CONSTITUTION OF ILLINOIS

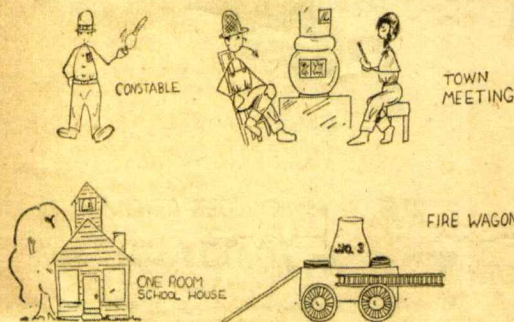


This sketch illustrates the fact that the present state revenue article was a part of the Illinois Constitution adopted 82 years ago.

It has never been changed. The series of drawings will be used in connection with talks explaining the proposed amendment.



In 1870, when most of a man's tools and furniture, the general property was in land, buildings, property tax made sense.



The structure and functions of local government were equally simple. And the people were close to municipal problems.

By Russell Bieraugel  
Of The Herald and Review Staff  
The Decatur League of Women Voters is organizing a speakers bureau and steering committee for the proposed amendment to the revenue article of the State Constitution to be put to a vote in the general election Nov. 4.

An 18-member speakers bureau, with drawings already prepared to illustrate the talks, is getting an education in weekly meetings with Mrs. H. W. Gibson, chairman for constitutional revision.

At the present stage of its development, it includes representatives of the league and the Toastmasters Club and several social science teachers.

Members are to be announced following the second meeting next Thursday.

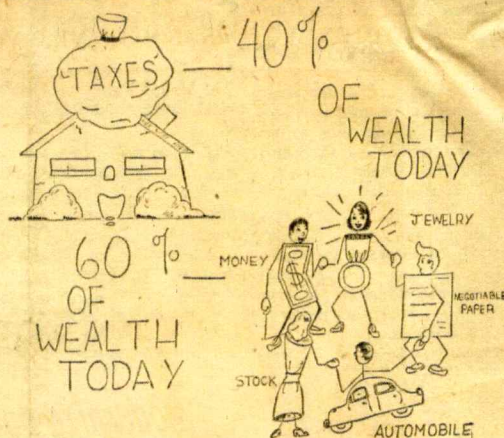
They are to be ready to go Oct. 1, but organizations wishing a speaker before then can be accommodated, Mrs. Gibson said. They will be prepared to give 10-minute talks or 20-minute talks followed by a question period.

The illustrations accompany this article. They were drawn by Miss Sue Borden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle J. Borden. Mrs. Borden is a member of the league.

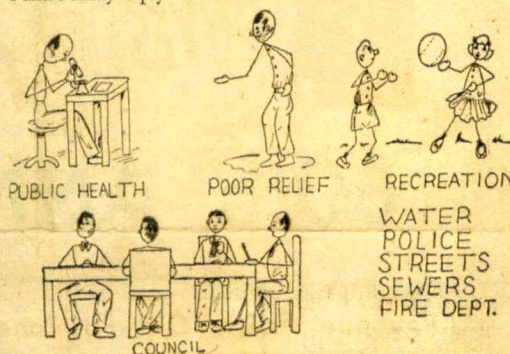
The league was named Macon County representative of a state-wide committee for constitutional reform in a recent meeting in Springfield. The committee and the league also took a leading role in the successful campaign in 1950 for passage of the gateway amendment to the State Constitution.

The league will spread information about the three amendments to be put to a vote in November, but it takes a positive stand on only one. It urges passage of the revenue amendment.

The Constitution now allows only three kinds of taxes—property, occupation and franchise. The amendment would allow development of more flexibility in taxes. Possible new taxes would be sales, use, severance, chain store and earnings.

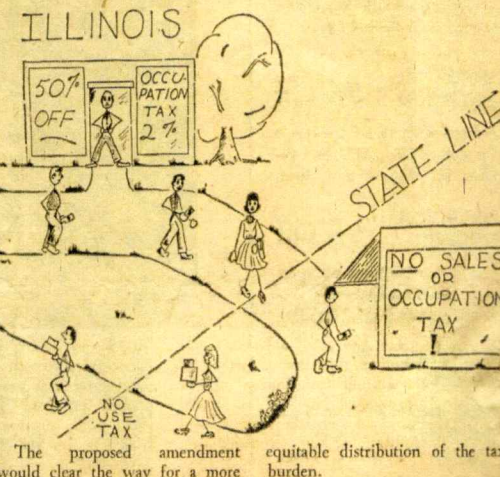


Property is not the measure of a man's ability to pay taxes that it once was. Intangibles can easily be hidden.



## GOVERNMENT TODAY

And local government is caught between dwindling tax income and rising costs and demands for expanded services.



The proposed amendment would clear the way for a more equitable distribution of the tax burden.



## Sewer Meeting Tomorrow Night

The League of Women Voters will sponsor a meeting at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the YMCA to determine whether a new interceptor sewer bond vote should be asked this spring.

Each of five speakers will discuss sewer problems for five minutes. During the meeting, a vote will be taken on whether the Decatur Sanitary district should be asked to call a referendum.

The League's idea is that a Citizens Committee should be formed at the meeting if the vote on the referendum question is favorable.

Speakers will be:

Alex Van Praag Jr., president of Warren & Van Praag, Inc., consulting engineers who have drawn sewer plans for both the city and the Sanitary District;

Walker Mills, attorney for the Decatur Sanitary District;

Dr. W. D. Hatfield, Sanitary District superintendent;

Mayor Robert E. Willis;

Dr. P. A. Steele, former city health commissioner and present township health superintendent.

## Sewer Drive Gets Response

The League of Women Voters reports "good response" to its move to organize a drive for interceptor sewers around the city.

Mrs. Clifford E. Smith, president, said several persons have volunteered to help, most of them from outside the city and in the Oak Grove area.

None have volunteered from areas now served by sewers, she said.

The league has called an organization meeting March 4 for a citizens committee. A vote is to be taken at the meeting to determine whether the drive should be carried through this year.

Some of the volunteers say many of their neighbors also would support a campaign, Mrs. Smith said.

Most of the volunteers are women, but several are husband-and-wife teams, she said. More support from men is desired, she said.

The Association of Commerce sewer committee has announced its support.

The sewers would be in the jurisdiction of the Decatur Sanitary District. The district proposed the project in 1950, but it was defeated in the public vote necessary to raise taxes enough to back the \$4½-million-dollar bond issue.

## Hatfield Heads Sewer Vote Promotion Group

By Don W. Roberts  
Of The Herald Staff

Wayne E. Hatfield last night was elected chairman of a citizens committee to support a probable interceptor sewer bond issue referendum this spring.

The board of trustees of the Decatur Sanitary District will meet Monday to act on a request for calling the referendum on the interceptor project.

J. D. Johnson, one of the trustees, said last night he believed the meeting provided the assurance the board wants to plan a referendum and that he expects such a decision Monday.

A second trustee, Mack Ray, would not predict the board's action but said that he personally thinks the referendum should be scheduled.

The League of Women Voters organized the meeting in the YMCA, which drew about 135 persons, in an effort to determine referendum sentiment.

The proposal is for construction of two interceptor sewers—giant arms from the sanitary district treatment plant around the east, west and north edges of the city at a estimated cost of 4 million dollars.

The work would be financed by general obligation bonds, retired from property taxation over a 20-year period. The referendum is required to authorize the bond issue.

In 1950, an identical proposal—except for cost—lost by 104 votes in light balloting. Since then, cost estimates have increased \$500,000.

The sanitary district has stood ready to call another referendum when it is convinced the issue will have community support.

There was almost no opposition last night, though questioning of city and sanitary district officials indicates a strong educational program must keynote a successful campaign.

Hatfield, who owns a hardware store at 130 S. Oakland Ave., said he plans to name a steering committee within a week and schedule another public meeting within two weeks if the sanitary district board calls a referendum.

Luther Roehm, a member of the Association of Commerce sewer committee, also was nominated for chairman. Mrs. C. E. Smith, League president, said Hatfield won in a written ballot by a big majority but did not announce the vote.

Hatfield said the educational committee probably will be the most important. Other committees will be named.

Post mortems on the 1950 defeat brought out these suggestions for a new campaign:



Wayne F. Hatfield

District residents who will not be benefited directly—most of the residents within the city limits—must be sold on the benefit to the community as a whole.

An intensive house-to-house educational campaign must be waged to reach residents not members of organized groups who would hear spokesmen for the committee.

There should be more polling places than the 14 in 1950 and a fleet of cars to carry voters to the polls.

Harold Pogue, lumber dealer, introduced a resolution that the sanitary district be asked and urged to call a referendum this spring and that those present pledge their support to work for a favorable vote.

In a standing vote, only two persons opposed the resolution and one did not vote either way.

Five men who are closely linked with sewer planning and health problems outlined the background of the interceptor issue and answered questions for an hour and a half before the vote.

Essentially, their points were these:

Some 20,000 persons within the sanitary district—roughly the area of Decatur Township—do not have sewers. They are divided equally among city and non-city residents.

The interceptors must be built before those outside the city or within the city can install lateral sewers to provide direct sewage connections for their homes, or before the city can enlarge its overloaded system.

Construction of interceptors is important to residents who now have sewers because diseases from non-sewer areas can be carried, through many public meeting places, to the areas where there are sewers.

The educational campaign must hit hard at this third point, it was emphasized, because considerable

## City Pledge: We'll Help With Sewers

The city council Monday considered the city's role in sewer improvement, came up with a pledge to cooperate in every way to help individual areas develop sewer plans once interceptors are available.

In an informal conference, council members concluded there was no way the city could immediately prepare plans and cost estimates for lateral sewers to tie areas into the proposed interceptor system.

City Engineer John M. Weir pointed out that it would require time, engineering, and money to prepare plans and cost estimates for neighborhood sewers.

All agreed such sewers would have to be financed through special assessments in the specific areas involved. The city would cooperate fully in developing neighborhood sewers through special assessment, the council pledged, but could not now prepare definite plans to dovetail with interceptor plans.

Health Commissioner Cody Holmes saw danger of the interceptor bond issue being defeated if voters in areas without sewers weren't offered a complete package—plans for both interceptors and laterals with estimates of what both would cost.

Other commissioners pointed out that without the new interceptors, nothing could be done to provide sewer service in many areas. It was better, they agreed, and probably necessary, to take first things first, get the interceptors built, then build laterals in individual areas by the most desirable means for each particular area.

The time-honored rule for lateral sewers, the council noted, is that each area builds its own at its own expense.

1950 opposition came from within the city, where there is sewer service. Questions asked last night showed considerable concern in plans and costs for laterals from the big interceptors to individual residences.



## Answers to Questions

Editor, The Herald and Review:

The questions asked by "Interested Citizen" in the Jan. 25 issue of The Herald and Review merit serious consideration and an attempt should be made to answer them.

1. Why do new additions such as South Shores have gas, sewers, curbs, etc., if the city does not have funds to provide these services for areas annexed as long as five years ago?

South Shores is a corporation of private individuals either with the necessary financial means themselves or with the credit standing to warrant the interest and acceptance of bonding companies. As such the land was purchased by the corporation and private contracts with the gas company and sewer contractor were made whereby these facilities were installed, payment to be either financed or guaranteed by the corporation. Obviously South Shores area is situated where natural drainage and nearness to our present Interceptor made tapping on to that Interceptor practical. The city's interest lay only in collecting the necessary tapping-on fees. The city had nothing to do with the installation of the facilities.

If you live in an area in which your natural drainage is toward the present interceptor and you are near enough to that interceptor to make it financially practical to tap on, you can interest your neighbors in (1) either financing the installing of the necessary mains and laterals themselves or (2) succeed in assuring a bonding house that your area has enough credit standing to encourage that bonding house to accept your bonds on an assessment basis. I am sure that in either case the city will be glad to accept your tapping-on fee.

2. Why is Oak Grove too low for sewers when four blocks away there is an area as low with city sewers and in other sections of the city there are even lower sections with them?

If you will examine a topographical map of the Oak Grove area, and ask any engineer to explain it to you, you will find that only about a third of Oak Grove, primarily the Southeast section, has a natural drainage course which will permit the installation of sewers that will drain toward the Interceptor we now have. The remainder of Oak Grove drains to the west and north towards Stevens Creek. The people living in those areas will never have sewers, even if they can and want to finance the necessary mains and laterals themselves, until an interceptor is built running west and north of the city. This hard and undeniable fact was evidently not made clear to the residents of Oak Grove at the time of the last bond issue for an interceptor in 1950.

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It is the natural drainage which determines whether or not a sewer can be laid. A low area may have trouble if a sewer is not properly laid; but properly laid and laid in the direction of natural drainage, a low area may be served, sewer-wise, as well as any other area.

3. Why do people living in sections without city sewers, street lights, curbs, etc., pay the same amount of taxes as those nearby sections who are enjoying these conveniences?

When you were annexed to the city, you automatically accepted the responsibilities that come with being a citizen of a city. Unfortunately you were annexed at a time when cities all over the United States were suffering from a combination of suddenly realized growing pains right at a period when citizens were becoming tax conscious. The only place the citizen can protest high taxes is at the local level and he has so protested even though the cities are taking today only about 10 per cent of the total tax dollar, compared to about 45 per cent before the depression. Such unintelligent protest is hurting every city dweller right where he lives. It takes time and effort to dig out the facts but if you will do such research, you will find that cities are offering more services and direct benefits for less money, than any other governmental agency we have.

4. What actions are necessary to prove to the city that these people want the same conveniences in their area?

First, you must understand the problems that face city officials. This is not always easy for the individual to do because quite often he does not know where to go for unbiased information. Nor without some effort at research can he understand the problem without knowing its background.

If you are a woman I suggest you join and participate in the activities of the League of Women Voters of Decatur. This organization is open to every woman in Decatur and while it does not pretend to have all the answers, I know, that in working in it, your understanding will broaden and you will be in a better position to aid in solving those very problems that are annoying you. If you, "Interested Citizen," are a man, please urge your wife to join.

Second, it is extremely likely that community activity will begin very shortly to stir citizens to a

more complete understanding for the necessity for the passage of a bond issue for Interceptors. I would suggest that you telephone immediately the Sanitary District office and volunteer your services in getting information on the sewer situation to voters.

Decatur

Virginia Gibson

# Spring Vote On Sewers Proposed

## Women Voters Rank Interceptors First

Proposed Decatur Sanitary District interceptors were put at the top of sewer development plans yesterday, with the prospect of a bond issue referendum this spring.

The League of Women Voters called for a meeting of a citizens committee March 4 to decide whether the district should be asked to start referendum wheels in motion.

The League's decision followed a discussion with city and Sanitary District officials and Association of Commerce sewer committee members.

A statement by Mrs. C. E. Smith, League president, said all those present at the meeting agreed:

That the sewer problem is a vital one, that the issue should be presented for a vote this spring and that interceptors are the first step;

That there are problems concerning the construction of mains and laterals that cannot be fully answered until after the interceptors are constructed;

That each population area outside the city limits has one or more means to solve its own problems with regard to mains and laterals.

These agreements represent a change from thinking of the last six months, in which there was a move for joint development of sanitary district and city sewers.

Under discussion have been the proposed Stevens Creek and East Side interceptors, 4 million dollars; five city relief sewers, 2½ million dollars and necessary laterals, 1½ million dollars.

Mrs. Smith said the citizens committee would decide whether to ask the Sanitary District to call a referendum and would act as a supporting nucleus if the vote is scheduled.

She said the League is acting only as an organizing agency for the citizens committee, which would be expected to set up its own permanent organization at the March 4 meeting. A place for the meeting has not yet been selected.

The A of C sewer committee last fall started urging joint city-sanitary district efforts toward a co-ordinated sewer development program.

Sanitary district officials, since the defeat of a bond referendum for interceptors in 1950, have said they are ready to call for another vote—but only when they feel sure it will be favorable.

Yesterday's agreement indicates plans for additional trunk sewers to relieve over-loaded city sewers will be primarily up to the City Council.

The Council has given top priority to getting underway its water supply plans. It is also under pressure for action on street developments and off-street parking, along with its own plans for a new downtown lighting system.

A new crop of sewage problems, particularly in outlying areas which could be served only by the interceptor program, has prompted the League to "start the ball rolling" toward another referendum.

Mrs. Smith said that representatives of areas to be served by interceptors will be urged to serve on the citizens committee.

The vote will be on a general obligation bond issue to finance construction of the interceptors. This means an obligation on property taxes.

The A of C committee had leaned toward possible use of a sewer rental plan for the interceptors, but gave this up because of legal complications.

A rental system still may figure in eventual city financing.

Some Council members have felt that cost estimates for extending laterals to residential property should accompany any referendum bid. Yesterday's area of agreement eliminates this possibility.

Mayor Robert E. Willis and Corporation Counsel Byron M. Merris represented the city yesterday.

Two members of the sanitary district board, J. D. Johnson and Mack Ray, along with Supt. W. D. Hatfield and Attorney Walker Mills were present.

President Edgar Allen, Chairman John H. Crocker of the sewer committee, Henry H. Bolz, secretary-general manager, and three other committee members represented the A of C.

The League was represented by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. Lowell Gill, Mrs. Oliver Etheridge, Mrs. Perley Lupton and Mrs. H. W. Gibson.



## Sewer Problems

Editor, The Herald and Review:

As an Oak Grove resident, no one needs to tell me how bad we need sewers. Our toilet would not flush at all from September 1951 to May of 1952. A new, expensive (to me) septic installation was just installed the middle of March this year, but recent rains have proven it, too, is inadequate.

However, I recently read that the new sewers will handle only sewage, and not storm water.

While it would be nice to flush the toilet again, this does not seem like a complete enough solution. The storm water is the biggest reason that the septic tanks will not work. This entire area has very poor drainage. There is just nowhere for the water to go.

While sanitary sewers would relieve this health menace to some extent, it would do so only if everyone tapped onto them. But from recent articles, I have the idea that these interceptors will be extended to areas only after they are subscribed to by all within the area. Now, does this mean that if we have a few residents in this block on comparatively higher ground (whose water all runs down to flood our lower lots) that those people could block me from getting a sewer laid to my house?

As a potential sewer customer, I would also like to know:

1. After the interceptors are laid, how long would it take to have sewers connected to our houses on West Grand, if all residents were willing to have them?

2. How much would it cost me as an individual?

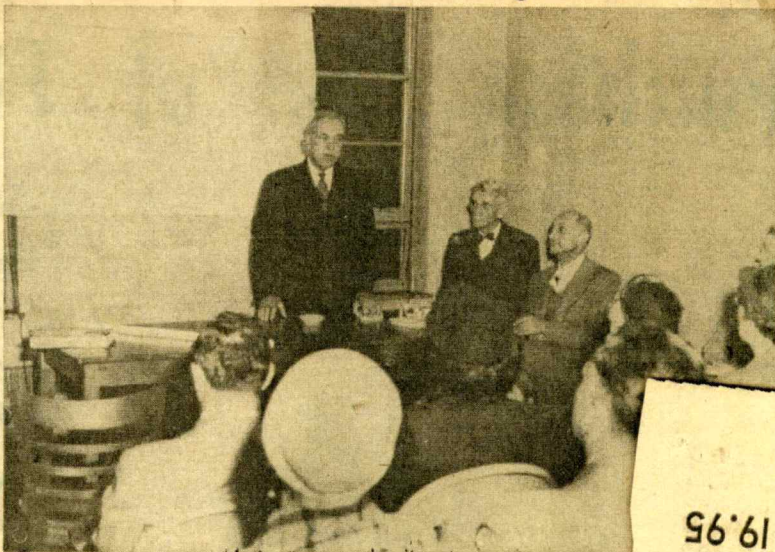
3. Once the sewers were laid right up to my house, would my taxes increase again, over and above the additional taxes for the interceptor?

4. In what manner would a house-sewer connection be paid for? Cash or payment plan?

Until I know the answers to these questions, I cannot in good conscience vote "yes" to a sewer referendum. If it should take as long to get a sewer connected from my house to the interceptor, as it has taken to get the interceptor to Oak Grove, I'll just build me an outhouse.

"Oak Grove"

## Merris Answers Question at Meeting on Sewers



Corporation Counsel Byron M. Merris answers a question at last night's League of Women Voters meeting on sewer developments for Decatur and Decatur Sanitary

District areas. Officials seated at the table are Walker Mills, sanitary district attorney, left, and Dr. W. D. Hatfield, district superintendent. The map behind Merris,

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# Sewer Bond Issue Quickest Financing

## Legal Problems Delay Service Charge Method

By Don W. Roberts  
Of The Herald Staff

Decatur Sanitary District officials said last night a general obligation bond issue is the only immediate method of financing interceptor sewer construction.

Attorney Walker Mills and Dr. W. D. Hatfield, district superintendent, told a League of Women Voters meeting that the solution to legal problems of sewer service charges for the district are "at least two years away."

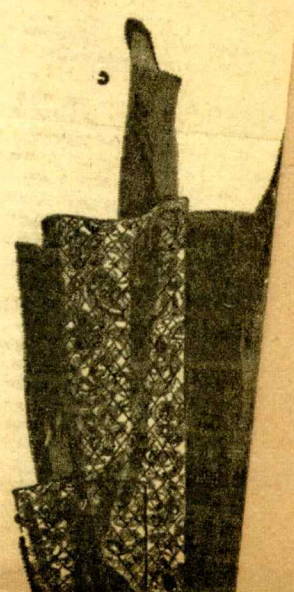
On the other hand, the personal opinions expressed by both city and sanitary district officials present pointed toward development of big city relief sewers by the service method, which presents few problems for cities.

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