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Mrs. C. E. Barnes, Pub. Rel. Chairman, Decatur, Illinois.

Social Side of the News

Armentrout-Burham Wedding Set for April 2

Miss Marjorie Sue Armentrout and Robert L. Burkham, whose engagement was announced in January, have set April 2 at 7:30 p. m. for their wedding in Central Christian Church.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Armentrout, 65 South Country Club Rd. and his parents are the late Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Burkham.

Parties honoring Miss Armentrout have been given by Mrs. Frank Shaw and Mrs. Jack Grant in the Shaw home, 145 N. Oak Crest Ave., and Mrs. Ronald Seavers who entertained with a miscellaneous shower in the YWCA.

The future bride is school nurse at Millikin University while taking graduate work there, and her fiancé is attending Millikin after service in the Air Force.

Dr. Wood Has Vacation In South Sea Islands

Dr. C. Martin Wood of 432 S. Union St. is home from a two-month vacation in the South Sea Islands and New Zealand.

His 25,000-mile trip included hops to Tahiti, the Fijis and Samoan islands by flying boat and a tour of New Zealand by bus and automobile.

At Ponga in the Fiji islands the touring party stayed in a thatched dormitory specially constructed for their visit. On the islands, natives honored the visitors with colorful feasts and traditional dances which often lasted all night.

Dr. Wood stayed at Tahiti for two weeks, his longest stop at one place. On the return trip he was at Honolulu, Hawaii for a week and in Los Angeles, Calif., he remained for a week with friends.

Rotzes Visit Shaffers While on Florida Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Rotz, 310 S. Glencoe Ave., have returned home after a vacation of three weeks in Florida.

They went first to Treasure Island at St. Petersburg, and then visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shaffer, formerly of Decatur, in their new home at Fort Lauderdale. Before leaving for home, the Rotzes were at the Hollywood Beach Hotel for 10 days.

Mrs. Janssen Visits Son's Family in Philippines

Mrs. Hazel Janssen of 276 W. Prairie Ave. returned this week from a three-month visit with her son and daughter-in-law and family, Capt. and Mrs. William L. Janssen and family at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippine Islands. Included in her visit were

'On-the-Go' Style Show For All-States

An informal "On-the-Go" luncheon style show sponsored by All States Club Thursday will feature nine models each displaying three complete travel costumes furnished by nine Decatur fashion shops. Serving will begin at 12:45 p.m. Models will stroll between tables of four at the combination bridge and style show luncheon and will give guests information on colors, sizes and prices of ensembles in the show.

Traveling attire, cocktail dresses and sportswear, all items for the vacationer, will be provided by Carols, Fields, Williams, Bursteins, Schaffer and Cluck, Block and Kuhl, Hawaiian Shop, Happiness House and Hechts.

Sphinx Club Meets Tuesday

Sphinx Club will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at the Delta Sigma Phi Chapter house, 1313 W. Main St.

The hostesses will be Mrs. Dale Smith and Mrs. Jim Kaiser.

Pi Phi Has Two Official Visitors This Week

Mrs. Perry Duncan of Springfield, Pi Beta Phi Iota province vice president, will make her official biennial visit to the Decatur Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Thursday.

She will meet at 5 p. m. with the club executive board and committee chairmen in the chapter house at 235 N. Fairview Ave. Dr. Frances Falvey, dean of women at Millikin, will be a guest of the club.

Following a dinner with the sorority collegiate members, Mrs. Duncan will meet at 7:30 p. m. with the alumnae group. New officers will be installed.

Mrs. Charles R. Warner is hostess chairman.

Mrs. Ruth Williams Hansen of Louisville, Ky., director of extension of Pi Beta Phi, will visit the Millikin chapter Wednesday through Friday. Mrs. Hansen is a member of the sorority Grand Council.

Delta Gammas to Pana

Delta Gamma Alumnae will meet at 1 p. m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Frederick Seigert in Pana.

Turnabout Dinner for Hadassah

Annual Hadassah Turnabout dinner will be at 6:30 p. m. Thursday in the Temple B'nai Abraham with the men serving as officers.

Mrs. S. Pollack of Oak Park will present a program of a tape recorded interview she has made with Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota. Renana Ben Gurion,

Cabaret Dinner-dance Saturday at Elks Club

Elks Club members will have a cabaret-style dinner dance Saturday with dinner serving set for 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.

Randy Brown will serve as master of ceremonies, and there will be a vaudeville show following dinner.

Wayne Karr's orchestra will furnish music for dancing from 10 p. m. until 1 a. m.

Reservations are being taken, and a limited number are still available. W. O. Salk is chairman.

Hawaiian Luau Party Saturday at Elks Club

An Hawaiian luau party will be given Saturday at the Decatur club with dinner at 7:30 p. m. and dancing from 9 p. m. to midnight to the music of Bill Oetzel and his orchestra.

Chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Irish. On the committee are Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Dicks, Dr. and Mrs. W. Dale Long, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Buchanan and Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Miller.

Members may take one local guest couple. Reservations should be made as soon as possible.

Country Club Bridge

Country Club of Decatur Bridge Assn., will have Mrs. E. M. Crawford and Mrs. C. A. McMillen as hostesses for luncheon Tuesday at 12:30 p. m.

Dinner-Bridge Saturday

South Side Country Club dinner-bridge group will have dinner Saturday at 6:30 p. m. Reservations will be taken by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith until Friday noon.

Elks Women to Elect

Women of the Elks will have election of officers Monday at 1:45 p. m. Mrs. J. H. McCarthy is chairman of hostesses.

Tea for Lawyers Wives

Lawyers Wives will be guests at a tea Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Horace Garman, 2096 W. William St.

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Garden Club Program on Vegetables

"Vegetables are Beautiful" will be the subject of Mrs. Eve Antonsen of Westchester Garden Club members Tuesday p. m. in the Woman's Club.

Mrs. Antonsen will show how to make vegetable arrangements, jello molds and leaves. She will also give tips for church salads and gasbords.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Gaddis and Mrs. O. B. Mc

Doris Emmons Stops Enroute to California

Miss Doris Jean Emmons of Mr. and Mrs. Emmons of 1777 N. U. has accepted a position as a tutor in the maternal-child department of the University of California school of nursing.

She recently returned from Honolulu for a visit with her parents after over two years as a visitor and instructor in the obstetrics department of Queen's Hospital in Hawaii.

Miss Emmons has a degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and her master's degree from the University in New York.

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League Plans Candidates Meeting

League of Women Voters, a non-partisan group, is planning its 1958 candidates meeting for Thursday at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Virginia Deane High School.

Open to the public, the affair

is scheduled to promote the April primary election.

In the photo below, officials of the League meet with the new county chairman. From left to right are Mrs. J. H. Quinn, president of the League; Charles

Quinn, Democratic County chairman; Mrs. Thomas L. Quinn, chairman of the League; Harry Taylor, Republican County chairman; and Mrs. James L. Quinn, chairman of the League.

Party candidates for county

and national offices have been named. They will be named on the steps of the auditorium. Voters questions from the audience will be debated in those who are seeking policy-making offices, will have a chance to be heard.

Printed program, containing pertinent information will be given to those attending. The program will consist of a long program of each of the officials, the official list of party affiliations, rights of women and the voters involved.



Mrs. Edward Smith, left, and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, right, are shown in a photograph. Mrs. Smith is pointing at a sign that reads "CANDIDATES MEETING".

of a new's union club. Every woman is asked to make the most of the meeting given her an opportunity to see, hear and question candidates.



(Left) Mrs. Thomas L. Quinn, right, and Mrs. C. F. Quinn, left, are shown in a photograph. Mrs. Quinn is pointing at a sign that reads "CANDIDATES MEETING".

(Right) After checking names, and checking them with the list of names, the new school auditorium and the new political parties, the League's chairman on invitations for a well. From left to right, Mrs. Thomas L. Quinn, Mrs. J. H. Quinn, and Mrs. William Quinn, are shown in a photograph. Mrs. Quinn is pointing at a sign that reads "CANDIDATES MEETING".



(Left) Sticking physical requirements for the meeting to the voters' attention, which they have at 8 p.m., left to right, Mrs. Gerald Cox and Mrs. J. L. Quinn with Raymond Newman, assistant to business affairs for the League. Mrs. Quinn, who died of the League's membership of 115 women, is the candidate meeting in some capacity. She was an active participant while others, were at others for the meeting.

(Right) Mapping the program for the meeting program, left to right, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. J. H. Quinn, and Robert L. Smith, who will be a candidate for the League. Mrs. Quinn has helped the League with several previous meetings. (Photo on this page by Herald and Review.)



Women Voters Question City-Township Plan

By John R. Harpster

Of The Herald and Review Staff
The League of Women Voters has questioned, following a special study, the advisability of establishing a City of Decatur Township.

The League's 10-member study committee, in its report to the membership, made this comment:

"The merit or lack of merit of the creation of a Township of the City of Decatur is completely obscured by the legal problems involved."

The League report said injustices exist under the present political divisions, but that creation of a city-township would not correct them. It would merely, the report says, transfer them from one taxpayer to another.

Mrs. H. W. Gibson, past president of the League and chairman of the study committee, said no compelling reasons for the change could be found.

"Before the League can support or oppose an issue it must be in a position to explain why," she said.

In the city-township case, she said, no reasons for support or opposition could be found.

"A change must be a change for the better, not just a change for change's sake," she said.

Questions Raised

While the study revealed no substantial reasons for formation of a city-township, it did raise many questions which, under present state law, the League regards as unanswerable.

For that reason it questions the advisability of holding the November referendum on the question, now being planned by the County Board of Supervisors.

"The League also questions the advisability of holding a referendum," the report says, "before the General Assembly clarifies the laws, from the standpoint that the individual voter has no way of de-

termining exactly what he is voting for or against."

The County Board of Supervisors, at its December meeting, approved plans for the November referendum, results of which would be advisory only.

The action was taken after the Board received a report from a committee of its members. The report cited more disadvantages than advantages to the proposal, but A. Webber Borchers, Decatur Township assistant supervisor who headed the committee, moved that the referendum be held.

The city-township proposal was first brought before the Board by the Democratic minority, following statements by supporters of the plan that it could save taxpayers from \$75,000 to \$100,000 annually.

Under a city-township, the boundary of the city and township would be the same.

Construction and maintenance

of streets and roads, and some other functions now duplicated by the city and township, would be combined in single departments.

The biggest saving to taxpayers cited by proponents as resulting from the city-township would come from consolidation of the present city and township street and highway departments.

At present the tax rate for the Decatur Township highway department is 7.3 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Residents of the township within the city limits pay this rate, but only half, 3.65 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, goes to the city for maintaining city streets.

The other 3.65 cents goes to the township for work on township roads outside the city limits.

Besides the 3.65 cents it receives from the township highway fund, the city may levy an addi-

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tional tax for street work to make a total rate of five cents per \$100 assessed valuation. At present the city street rate is thus 1.35 cents per \$100.

The township highway tax of 7.3 cents will raise about \$190,000 this year, according to the township budget. About \$163,000 of this will be paid by residents of the city, but half this amount, or about \$81,500 will go to pay for work on township roads outside the city limits.

In addition, the township will receive the full amount raised by the tax on property outside the city limits, or about \$27,000. This will be added to the \$81,500 the township will receive from city taxpayers, making a total of about \$108,500 available for work on township roads outside the city limits, the budget shows.

More City Mileage

Proponents of the city-township consider this unfair since there are about 160 miles of streets and roads inside the city limits and only about 60 in the township outside the city limits.

If a city-township were formed, they say, the \$81,500 now paid by city taxpayers, but going to the township outside the city, could be saved.

This claim is based on retention of the present five-cent tax limit for city streets.

The League says, however, that its study indicates that a city-township might have a street tax rate of from five cents per \$100 to as much as 15.166 cents per \$100 valuation.

Authorities questioned by the League in its study gave varying opinions on the maximum rate which could be allowed, the report says.

Two attorneys said the present limit of five cents would remain. Two state organizations said the limit would be 8.13 cents per \$100.

Two state organizations and the city townships at Warsaw and Alton fix 10.166 as the limit and one attorney and the Quincy city-

township fix the limit at the "pegged rate" (10 cents in Quincy) plus 10.166 cents, a total of 20.166 cents.

The League questions whether, in the absence of a court decision, the five-cent rate could be retained.

Three factors, it believes, would push the rate above that figure. One is ever-increasing pressure for more and better streets. Another is the precedents set by other city-townships.

Loss of Income

The third, in the view of the League, is that the five-cent rate would result in an actual loss of income for city street work.

This loss of revenue would result, the League says, because the city-township would include parts of four other townships besides Decatur.

These townships now have road and bridge taxes ranging from 20.7 cents to 33 cents per \$100 valuation. In each case the city receives half this amount on property within the city limits.

If the city-township were formed and a five-cent rate put in effect for these areas it would be well below what the city now receives.

City taxpayers living in these other townships would benefit from formation of a city-township because their road taxes would be lowered, the League acknowledges.

But residents of those parts of Decatur Township not in the city would be hurt because they would almost certainly be annexed by surrounding townships with higher rates, it points out.

Other townships annexing these areas would gain assessed valuation which would increase their tax income, but would at the same time

receive increased obligations of poor relief, road maintenance and assessment problems.

Unequal Distribution

The advantages and disadvantages resulting from such annexations would be unequal in distribution, the League believes.

Whitmore Township would gain an assessed valuation equal to the present assessed value of the entire township, because of the industrial plants located in the area adjacent to it.

Long Creek Township, on the other hand, would inherit the majority of the poor relief responsibility of Decatur Township outside the city limits.

Claimed savings to a city-township from consolidation of present city and township offices are problematical, the League feels.

This, it says, is because no one now knows how far such consolidation would be carried, or how much extra expense would be occasioned by any consolidations made.

The only township office which would automatically be eliminated by formation of a city-township is that of township highway commissioner.

Report Summarized

The League membership made these observations, in approving the report of its committee:

1. The League believes action on the question here should await action by the General Assembly to (a) write one set of laws governing creation and operation of city-

townships and (b) to repeal all conflicting laws.

2. State law provides no legal machinery for conducting a referendum such as that planned by the County Board, and the League questions whether the board, or any governmental body, should have the power to make its own rules governing such referendums.

3. The League suggests the need for a study of the tax situation before and after creation of a city-township, by some reliable agency.

The very real possibility exists that the individual taxpayer could end up with a higher tax bill after creation, the League says.

4. The League reiterates criticism of multiple and conflicting state laws.

Members of the League committee making the study are:

Mrs. H. W. Gibson
Mrs. E. J. Cresswell
Mrs. Don Livergood
Mrs. M. N. Bennett
Mrs. Loring Unger

Mrs. William Kuntz
Mrs. Thomas Protzman
Mrs. Lowell Gill
Mrs. Charles Griffin
Mrs. E. C. Stivers

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THE HERALD AND REVIEW'S PLATFORM

Adopt the short ballot for Illinois state government

Reorganize the state court system.

Adopt council-manager local government.

City of Decatur Township Desirable Under Present Law

THE LEAGUE of Women voters has studied the proposal for a Township of the City of Decatur and finds no overwhelming reason to support it.

The League's report, summarized on another page of this issue, expresses the belief that the Illinois General Assembly should be expected to rewrite the laws of townships and cities into precise sets of powers and duties before the change to a city township is made.

This is an understandable position. But it is a conclusion with which, regretfully, we disagree. We think it is not in the best interest of the people immediately affected to delay improvements in government that can be made under present laws, until some Utopian modernization of basic laws is achieved.

Most of the people living in Decatur Township also live in the City of Decatur. If the township boundaries were made the same as the city boundaries it would be possible to eliminate duplicating jobs, and under existing laws.

1. The salaried township highway commissioner would be re-

placed by the city street department.

2. The salaried township clerk would be replaced by the city clerk.

3. The Board of Town Auditors, paid on a per meeting basis, would be replaced by the City Council.

4. The Health Board, paid per meeting, would be eliminated because the city already furnishes all services.

5. Several expense items would be eliminated: attorney fees for the township highway commissioner, rent for the office of township clerk, etc. There would be a reduction in election expense.

6. All, instead of half, of the township road and bridge tax paid by city residents would be spent on city streets. Now city taxpayers are making an annual gift of more than \$84,000 to township residents and subdividers outside the city limits.

These seem to us to be overwhelming reasons for establishing a Township of the City of Decatur.

The League is concerned because there are conflicting opinions as to the proportions of a

road and bridge tax that could be levied by a city township.

The answer to this is that now the same confusion exists. Every township, except Decatur Township, has a higher road and bridge tax than the League says is maximum under some interpretations of the law. And under what the League says is the minimum road and bridge tax the city, under other interpretations, would have more money to spend on streets at a lower cost to city taxpayers.

Residents in the areas of the City of Decatur that extend into other townships would get reductions in their township tax bills in the city township plan.

Residents of Decatur Township who are outside the city would be attached to adjoining townships. Their township taxes would increase, but they could by petition annex to the City of Decatur. This includes one industry.

Decatur Township is predominately urban in character. The elimination of as much as is possible, under present laws of duplicating and rural-type government is good for the overwhelming majority of the citizens.

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Mrs. Colvis To League Convention

Mrs. L. L. Colvis, 559 S. Taylor Ave., will represent the Decatur League of Women Voters at the League's national convention in Atlantic City, N. J. Monday through Friday. Mrs. Colvis is incoming president of the local group.

Headquarters for the five-day meeting will be in the Ambassador and Ritz-Carlton Hotels with general sessions in the Convention Hall.

A program on which League members will concentrate for the next two years will be adopted, and officers will be elected.

Speakers will include Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, director of special studies of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund; and George H. Watkins, vice president of the Container Corp. of America.

Dr. Kissinger's subject will be "Foreign Policy." He is associate director of Harvard University's Center for International Studies and the author of a recent book, "Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy."

Mr. Watkins, formerly of the University of Chicago in charge of its fund raising drive, will discuss finances.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, April 13, 1958.

Women Voters Have School Finance Panel

"Public School Finance" will be discussed by a panel at unit meetings of the League of Women Voters Wednesday.

The morning unit will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs.

William Hipsher, 285 S. Glencoe and the evening unit will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Nat Kessler, 1346 W. Macon St. Questions to be answered include: How much do our schools cost? Where does the money come from? How are our millions of school dollars divided to educate our thousands of school children? How is the property assessed? Members of the panel are Mrs. Russell Oplinger, chairman, Mrs. J. C. Leigh, Mrs. William H. Miller, Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Mrs. Henry Malone, Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, May 18, 1958.

Women Voters Study Decatur Township Plan

The township of the city of Decatur will be discussed at unit meetings of the League of Women Voters this week.

The morning unit will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. C. R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe St. The evening unit will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. O. E. Schlachter, 73 Fairview Pl.

Copies of a study of the township will be reviewed. Mrs. L. L. Colvis, president of the group, will present highlights of the national convention which she attended recently in Atlantic City. Mrs. Robert Phillips, former Illinois State League president, was elected national president at the meeting.

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Women Voters Plan Judicial Coffees

Go-see trips, including several to possible reservoir areas, and coffee hours for discussion of the proposed Judicial amendment, have been planned in lieu of summer meetings for the League of Women Voters.

Board members who were recent guests for luncheon of the new president, Mrs. C. C. Colvis, 559 S. Taylor Ave., discussed their ideas with Mrs. Remick McDowell of Chicago, state organization chairman. Mrs. John Donovan of Decatur, who is a state board member in charge of conservation, was also a luncheon guest.

The judicial coffees will be climaxed by a large party open to any persons interested in the League on July 24 at 9:45 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Arthur Adelman, 66 Eastmoreland Place.

A nonpartisan organization, its members are sometimes called "watch dogs in high heels" because those who are active in the League are kept on their toes.

Each board member has a definite job in promoting political responsibility through more intelligent participation of citizens in their government.

Slated for chairmanships next year and their duties as outlined at the meeting in Mrs. Colvis' home are:

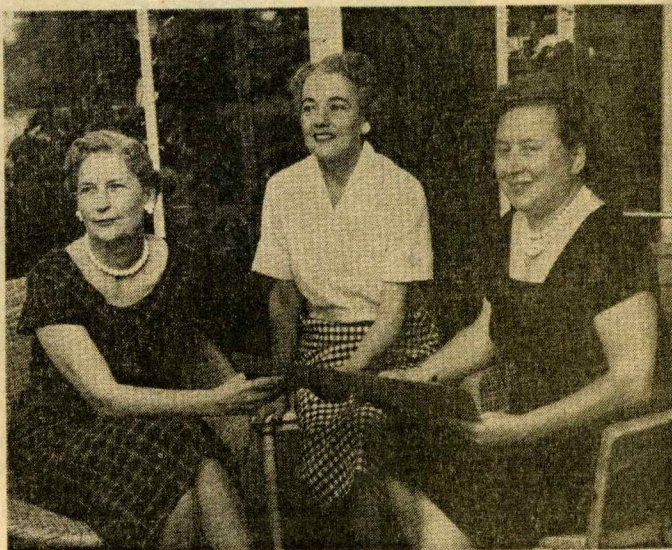
Mrs. E. J. Crosswell, secretary and action chairman. She will write to congressmen and senators when some legislation comes up such as the Reciprocal Trade Act about which the League is concerned.

Mrs. G. R. Cohn, treasurer, and on the state budget committee

Mrs. T. L. Hurst, voter-service chairman. In addition to planning candidates meetings, she is prepared to answer any question on voting that a new citizen or a first-time voter might have.

Mrs. Robert L. Cole, judicial chairman, who will be in charge of the summer discussion groups

Mrs. Clifford Smith chairman of the Leagues part in the national



Conferring for plans for the year of the League of Women Voters are, from left, Mrs. Remick McDowell of Chicago,

state organizer; Mrs. L. L. Colvis, new president of the Decatur League; and Mrs. Walker Mills, membership chairman.

al program, currently the foreign policy study

Mrs. C. E. Barnes, public relations chairman, who contacts newspaper, radio and television media.

Mrs. C. E. Schlachter, program coordinating chairman. She arranges the local calendar to coordinate the local study items with state and national

Mrs. James Leigh, chairman of the publication and sale of a booklet on local government to be released next fall.

Mrs. Porter French, local program chairman, in charge of the study of Decatur's water resources.

Mrs. L. C. Auby Jr., local study chairman, who plans for a representative at City Council, Board

of Supervisors, and School Board meetings and for a summary of action taken at them

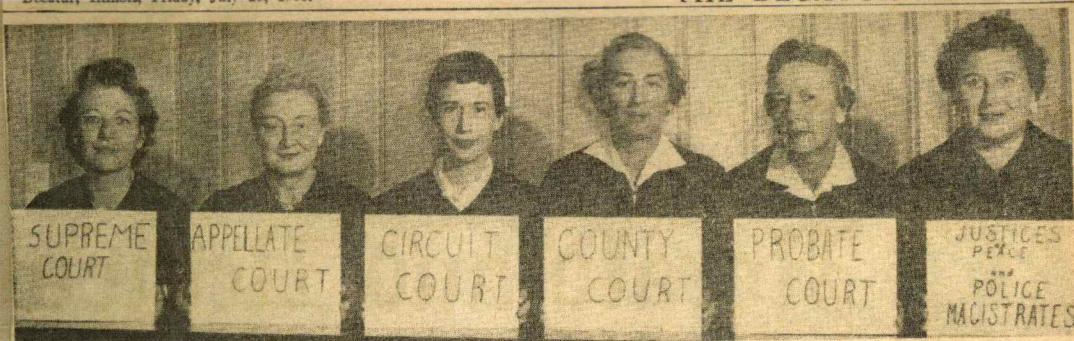
Mrs. John Fairs, bulletin chairman. She keeps the League membership informed through news letters.

Mrs. Edward Booth, publications chairman, who receives all printed material from national and state officers and distributes it to the proper persons.

Mrs. Gerald Cox, chairman of the evening unit groups

Mrs. William Winn, finance chairman, who is making plans for the annual drive in September

Mrs. William Hipsher, water resource chairman at the national level.



Opening the League of Women Voters' skit explaining the present Illinois court system are, from left, Mrs. Gershom Cohn, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Crestwell, Mrs. James Leigh and met in the home of Mrs. Arthur Adelman, 66 Eastmoreland Pl.

Women Voters' Skit Explains Proposed Court Changes

A skit presented at the League of Women Voters meeting Thursday morning in the home of Mrs. Arthur Adelman, 66 Eastmoreland Pl., clarified for members the court system of Illinois as it now exists. In the second half of the program, the women showed how the courts would be consolidated if the proposed judicial amendment is passed in the Nov. 4 election.

The present court system is substantially the same as it was in 1848-1870, they explained. It was then organized to meet the needs of about 500,000 people, most of whom lived on farms and in small towns. Due to poor communication and transportation facilities, the many independent courts, each a kingdom unto itself, seemed to be the solution.

Illinois now has nine million people with the large majority living in cities. With today's swift communication and transportation, the antiquated complex system of courts with every judge his own master, no longer makes sense, the women pointed out. It is wasteful because "while some judges are busy and others are not, no one has all the facts and no one has the authority to do anything about it."

Delay in Jury Cases

Because of the enormous growth of cities and the tremendous volume of litigation arising from modern transportation, there has been a growing congestion in the courts so that jury cases are delayed from an average of two years in Decatur to six years in the Superior Court of Cook County.

The proposed judicial amendment will provide three major improvements, according to the League's presentation:

1. An integrated court structure
2. Administrative authority vested in the Supreme Court over all other courts in the state with a staff to assist in this work
3. Improvement of standards of qualifications for judges, procedure for removal or suspension of judges and a liberalization of the procedure for changing the method of electing judges.

Women and the courts they represented to explain the current court system are:

Mrs. Gershom Cohn, Supreme Court

Mrs. Clifford Smith, Appellate Court

Mrs. Edward Booth, Circuit Court

Mrs. E. J. Crestwell, County Court

Mrs. James Leigh, Probate Court of the peace and police magistrates

System Explained

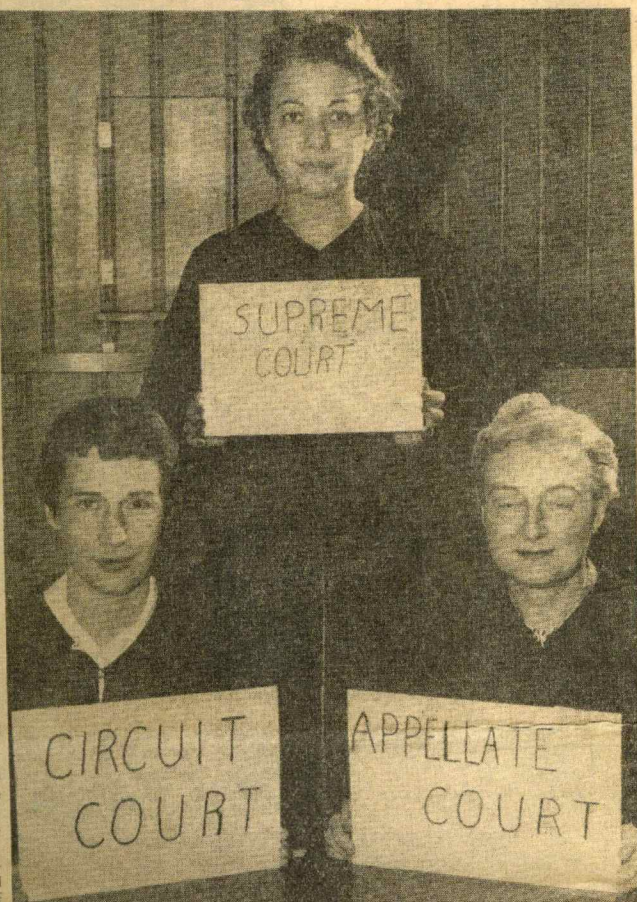
The women explained how the consolidation will work if the amendment passed.

Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Leigh and Mrs. Crestwell told of the operations of their respective courts as they would be absorbed into the Circuit Court.

The justices would be appointed by the chief judge and hold office as long as their services were satisfactory. They would be salaried and not need to depend on fees as they do today.

If a probate judge were elected, he would become a justice in the Circuit Court and can help in other branches of work when not busy in his particular field.

The county judge would also be



Showing how the courts would be consolidated if the proposed judicial amendment is passed in the November election are, from left, Mrs. Edward Booth, Mrs. Gershom Cohn and Mrs. Clifford Smith.

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coming a justice in the Circuit Court and hear cases similar to those heard in the past. However, he would have directions from the chief judge and can ask him for help when needed.

Mrs. Booth told of the three classifications of judicial officers planned for the Circuit Court if it consolidates the ones mentioned above. There would be three classifications of judicial officers—chief judge (elected by his associates), associate judges and magistrates. The number of associate judges would be determined by the work load and be prescribed by law.

Appellate Court

Representing the Appellate Court, Mrs. Smith pointed out that the amendment would make possible the selection of judges especially for that court in four judicial districts, one in Cook County and three downstate. And the Supreme Court would have the authority to assign additional judges to the four if the business of the court requires it.

If the amendment passes, Mrs. Cohn explained the administrative authority of the Supreme Court would be applied through the chief justice with the assistance of an ad-

ministrative director and staff who would collect and analyze the necessary statistics on the flow of statewide judicial business. The Supreme Court will have jurisdiction of all final appeals from the Appellate and trial Courts. The Supreme Court would also be able to hear cases that the members deem important, not those the people of 1870 felt important such as boundary disputes.

The women's program was arranged after the League members had made a study of the proposed amendment. Mrs. Robert Cole was chairman.

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Skit by Women Voters Demonstrates Proposed Consolidation of Courts

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Women Voters Coffee and Skit At Adelmans

A group of women wearing judicial robes will enact a skit for members of the League of Women Voters following a coffee hour Thursday at 9:45 a. m. in the lakeside home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adelman, 66 Eastmoreland Pl.

Mrs. Robert Cole and her committee have prepared the presentation with material concerning the proposed state judicial amendment to be voted on in November.

Mrs. L. L. Colvis, new president of the League, will give eye witness comments about the recent national convention in Atlantic City and will play a tape recording made during the sessions.

The coffee hour and program are open to any woman interested in the work of the non-partisan League. A reservation may be made with Mrs. Walker Mills, membership chairman.

Those who will assist with the judicial skit are:

Mrs. Mills
Mrs. Edward Booth
Mrs. Gershon Cohn
Mrs. Clifford Smith
Mrs. James Leigh
Mrs. Hilmer Landholt.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, September 21, 1958.

Legislation Discussion for Voters Units

Units of the Decatur League of Women Voters will express opinions on eight items pertaining to legislation about public school finance this month.

Unit discussions will be introduced by the school finance committee headed by Mrs. Russell Oplinger. The October meeting also will include reviews on issues up for vote on Nov. 4.

Tuesday, the newly-organized "Bring the Children Unit" will meet at the home of Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2095 W. Sunset Ave., at 9:15 a. m. Nursery care for the children is provided for 50 cents per family for the morning.

Wednesday at 9:30 a. m., the Morning Unit will convene at the home of Mrs. John H. Fairs, 43 N. Country Club Rd.

At 7:30 p. m. Wednesday the Evening Unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Gerald D. Cox, 834 W. Division St.

July 19, 1958.

Decatur, Illinois, Monday, September 22, 1958.

League of Women Voters Meeting Open to Public

The luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters Thursday at 12:45 p.m. in the Decatur Club is open to any interested women according to Mrs. C. E. Barnes, publicity chairman. Reservations may be made to Mrs. Walker Mills until Tuesday.

Edward Cleary, professor of law at the University of Illinois, will explain the proposed Judicial Amendment that will be voted on in the Nov. 4 election. He is active in the State Bar Assn., and practiced law before going to the U of I.

Edward Cleary Guest Speaker For League of Women Voters

Edward Cleary, professor of law at the University of Illinois, Champaign, will address members of the League of Women Voters at a luncheon meeting at 12:45 p.m. Thursday in the Decatur Club.

The professor is active in the state bar association and was a successful lawyer before going to the U of I as an instructor.

Reservations for the opening meeting may be made with Mrs. Walker Mills by Tuesday.

Decatur, Illinois, Wednesday, September 17, 1958.

Women Voters To Champaign

A regional meeting of the League of Women Voters will open at 10 a.m. Friday in the University of Illinois Student Union Building, Champaign.

Voters service plans will be the subject of the morning discussion. The judicial amendment committee will present a report in the afternoon session and crystallize plans for the fall campaign.

Biographical sketches of candidates for trustees of the University of Illinois will be given.

Information on the four ballot

issues to be voted on in November. also will be available.

The meeting will close at 3 p.m. Leagues from Decatur, Champaign, Danville, Lincoln and McLean will be represented.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, November 16, 1958.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, October 12, 1958.

'Bring the Children' Unit Of Women Voters Meets Tuesday

The "Bring the Children" unit, League of Women Voters, will continue a discussion on election laws and procedures during a meeting at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2095 W. Sunset Ave. There will be a charge of 50 cents per family for care of the children by a nursery school teacher.

Election Law Discussion Wednesday for Women Voters

Mrs. Robert Cole will review election laws and procedures with an emphasis on recommendations of the Pollack Commission during regular unit meetings this week of the League of Women Voters.

Also on the programs will be Mrs. H. C. Landholt who will discuss "state continuing responsibilities."

The meetings are:

Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. in the home of Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2095 W. Sunset Ave.

Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. E. J. Cresswell, 220 Delmar Ave.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Clifford Smith, 1684 W. Riverview Ave.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, January 11, 1959.

Women Voters Study Decatur Water Resources

Reports on Decatur's water resources with emphasis on the Big Creek proposal will be heard this week during meetings of the League of Women Voters.

The first meeting will be at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday at the home of Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2095 W. Sunset Ave. Reporting on water resources will be Mrs. H. C. Landholt, Mrs. T. F. Protzman and Mrs. E. J. Cresswell.

At 9:30 a.m. Wednesday a group will meet in the Water building, 1023 S. Main St., to hear a report by Dr. R. E. Greenfield, chairman of the city's water advisory committee. Mrs. H. J. Pettee is discussion leader.

Another meeting in the Water building will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and will feature a report by H. R. Beeson, conservationist. Mrs. Porter French will lead the discussion.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, January 25, 1959.

Dr. Chang Is Speaker for Women Voters

Dr. Stephen S. Chang, senior research chemist at the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., will be guest speaker at the 6:30 p.m. dinner meeting of the League of Women Voters Thursday in the Redwood restaurant.

His subject will be "A Review of Our Chinese Policy." Dr. Chang was born in Peiping China, educated at the University of Shanghai and received his doctorate degree at the University of Illinois. He has been in the United States 11 years.

Reservations for the dinner are to be in to Mrs. Walker Mills by Monday.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, February 8, 1959.

League's Foreign Policy Talk Open to Public

Rep. William L. Springer of Illinois 22nd District will discuss his recent trip to the Orient in relation to foreign policy at a luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday in the YMCA.

Persons interested in attending the luncheon and meeting may do so by making reservations with Mrs. Walker Mills by noon Monday. The public also is invited to attend for Rep. Springer's talk at 1:30 p.m.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, January 25, 1959.

League Says 'Yes'

To the Editor:

The Big Creek development reminds me of the high-voltage cable crossing our back yard. It would seem impossible for the people who installed it to have foreseen that it would ever carry the weight that is on it right now, but come ice and icicles, the cable still holds.

It would seem impossible right now that Decatur should run out of water, but when drought comes, will the Big Creek reservoir have been made possible?

The water committee of the League of Women Voters has been studying the same questions that are implied in recent Letters to the Editor, and our conclusion is a convinced "Yes" to the Big Creek project.

Rebecca French, chairman
Decatur

Dr. Chang Guest Speaker

League Hears About Our China Policy



Dr. Stephen S. Chang, who was born in Peiping, China, discusses foreign policy with Mrs. Clifford Smith of the League of Women Voters in preparation for a meeting of the league. Dr. Chang was guest speaker. (Herald and Review Photo)

The United States probably has lost its best opportunity to recognize Red China and thus insert a wedge between her and Russia, according to Dr. Stephen S. Chang.

Dr. Chang was guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the League of Women Voters last night at the Redwood Restaurant.

The senior research chemist for the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., was born in Peiping, China, educated at the University of Shanghai and received his doctorate degree at the University of Illinois. He came to the United States 11 years ago.

Dr. Chang's review of our Chinese foreign policy begins the league's local study on the United State's foreign policy in general. Members later will work to interest the community in new perspectives in foreign policy.

In his talk, Dr. Chang pointed out that it would be impossible to devise a Chinese policy at present which would be perfect in every angle.

He suggested that a committee of professional diplomats, government officials, educators, business men and religious representatives be set up to study extensively the Chinese situation and devise a far-sighted policy for the United States to follow.

Dr. Chang mentioned reasons for a communist government taking over in China include the following:

"We lost the people's confidence through support of a corrupt and unpopular government.

"American aid to China was over publicized, not enough and too small in comparison with our aid to other countries.

"The concessions which the United States and Britain gave to Russia during the Yalta conference at the expense of Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria opened the door for Russia to get inside China and gain concrete contact with the Chinese communists.

"It is hard for the people in the Far East to understand the change in our attitude toward China. Our foreign policy changed from mediating a coalition government made up of the communists and nationalists

Foreign Aid Programs Important for District

Foreign trade is as important to Decatur and the eight counties of the 22nd Congressional District as to any other part of the United States, U. S. Rep. William L. Springer (R-Champaign) said here yesterday.

The congressman spoke to the League of Women Voters and discussed many aspects of foreign trade, from the original Reciprocal Trade Agreements to the latest legislation.

Springer pointed out how employees of the Caterpillar Tractor Co. and farmers benefit because of U.S. trade agreements with other nations.

Springer is a member of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and as such, has made a number of trips abroad to see how U.S. programs are working.

He said the Caterpillar Tractor Co. has the highest export rate of production of any company in the United States. Springer, who said he meets Caterpillar representatives "everywhere in the world," said that more than 30 per cent of the firm's production is sold outside the United States.

Springer also reported that 80 per cent of all the export corn from the United States comes out of the eight counties in this district, plus four others nearby.

Soybeans are another big export crop the nation sells, he said. Upwards of 20 per cent of the country's production in 1957 was sold to Japan alone, Springer told the group.

America is benefitting in many ways by having foreign trade agreements, Springer said.

In his opinion, this country's

foreign trade policies "have done more good for the United States than anything else since the end of World War II."

He placed trade agreements above foreign aid programs, technical and military assistance.

Springer said this country is enjoying a "3 to 2" advantage in trade programs. For every two dollars worth of goods coming into this country, we are selling three dollars of materials to other nations.

Springer believes that the technical assistance program is good, but that it could be increased.

He is one of the authors of a law which permits the U.S. to sell surplus agriculture products in return for the currency of the foreign country buying the food stuffs.

Springer called the currency provision "the first break in our traditional trade policy in our history."

He said the U.S. has been able to get rid of much surplus production, enable many people to eat, especially in the Far East, and to save American dollars.

Gage to Lead League Meet For Candidates

Dr. Daniel J. Gage, professor of history and political science at Millikin University, will serve as moderator for the public candidates meeting at 8 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Stephen Decatur High School auditorium.

The meeting is sponsored by the League of Women Voters to give candidates an opportunity to express their views and voters an opportunity to become acquainted with the candidates.

Programs for the meeting will give the voters specific information about each candidate from facts on biographical sheets filed



Dr. Daniel J. Gage

with the League by the candidates. Candidates will be listed in the program in the same manner in which their names will appear on the ballot.

All three candidates for mayor returned the biographical information to the League but Charles E. Lee said he would not be able to attend because he would be out of the city.

Councilman candidates who have agreed to appear are:

Ellis B. Arnold
William F. Claus
Ralph M. Colburn
Rex O. Cochran
Alphonius N. Dobbins
Glenn R. Farrar
Paul H. Ferguson
William A. Ficker
Francis H. Hart
Pledger L. Hensley
H. Glenn Hirsch
Cody R. Holmes
Robert W. Kopetz
W. Ross Lloyd
Walter T. Morey
Dr. John K. Morrison
Robert A. Nichols
William H. Owens Sr.
Robert O. Peters
Harold Pogue
Jack Sanders
Charles Pat Shay
George W. Stoneburner
Victor H. Wall

Candidates John K. MacLennan and Norman L. Yates returned biographical information but were uncertain whether they would be able to attend. No information has been received from the other councilman candidate, Donald E. Bryant.

Four of the five candidates for police magistrate said they will attend and the fifth, Louis L. Mason, said he was not certain he could be there. The others are Dewayne E. Adams, P. D. Bradley, Maurice L. Leonard, and Marcellus J. J. Polk.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, February 8, 1959.

Decatur, Illinois, Wednesday, February 25, 1959.

Primary Candidates To Appear Tonight

City voters tonight get their best chance to hear candidates running in Tuesday's primary election.

Occasion will be an 8 p.m. candidates' meeting sponsored by the League of Women Voters at which 31 of 36 candidates have indicated they will appear. The meeting will be in Stephen Decatur High School auditorium.

Mrs. H. C. Gibson, general chairman of the meeting, today urged a large public turnout. She said she expects 500 persons but hopes for more in that interest seems high regarding the primary which names men for the city's first council-manager government.

In the primary there will be three candidates for mayor, 28 for councilmen and 5 for police magistrate.

Candidates for mayor and the council will speak for three minutes. The candidates for police magistrate will be introduced but will not speak since theirs is an

office which is non-policy-making.

Dr. Daniel J. Gage, professor of political science and history at Millikin University, will moderate the meeting.

Mrs. Gibson said a roving microphone will be used during a question-answer session following the speeches.

After that candidates will be asked to stand under placards bearing their name so individuals may talk to them informally.

Good Government League Not Meeting Tonight

The Good Government League will not meet tonight. The candidates the group is endorsing for the city primary Tuesday will be at the meeting of the League of Women Voters.

The Good Government League will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Labor Temple. The candidates of the group will be present and the meeting is open to all members of organized labor.

Decatur, Illinois, Thursday, February 19, 1959.



Mrs. Kirby Riley is the interested spectator while Mrs. Lawrence Aubrey tapes a meeting announcement to her car.

The women are co-chairmen helping make arrangements for the League of Women Voters' primary election candidates' meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Stephen Decatur High School.

(Herald and Review Photo)

31 Candidates On Program

Thirty-one of 36 primary election candidates have agreed to appear at the 8 p.m. Wednesday meeting arranged by the League of Women Voters. Mrs. H. W. Gibson, general chairman, said three more may be able to attend.

The public meeting, to be in the Stephen Decatur High School auditorium, is a League project to help voters become acquainted with the candidates and their views of current problem.

Charles E. Lee, candidate for mayor, will be out of the city that day and George W. Stoneburner, council candidate, cannot attend.

Dr. Daniel J. Gage, Millikin University professor of history and political science, will be moderator for the program of brief talks by candidates.

The election is March 3.

Candidates Tell Their Stands

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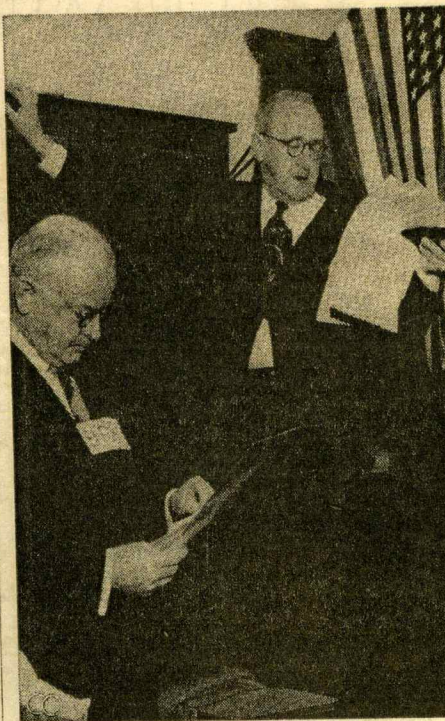
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William F. Claus — A qualified man should be hired. He did not favor Big Creek and feels repairs should be made to the lake to use it fully and then later attempt to develop Big Creek without raising taxes.

Rex O. Cochran — A manager who has a successful tenure should be hired and the manager and the plan director should make a study and report on a water solution.

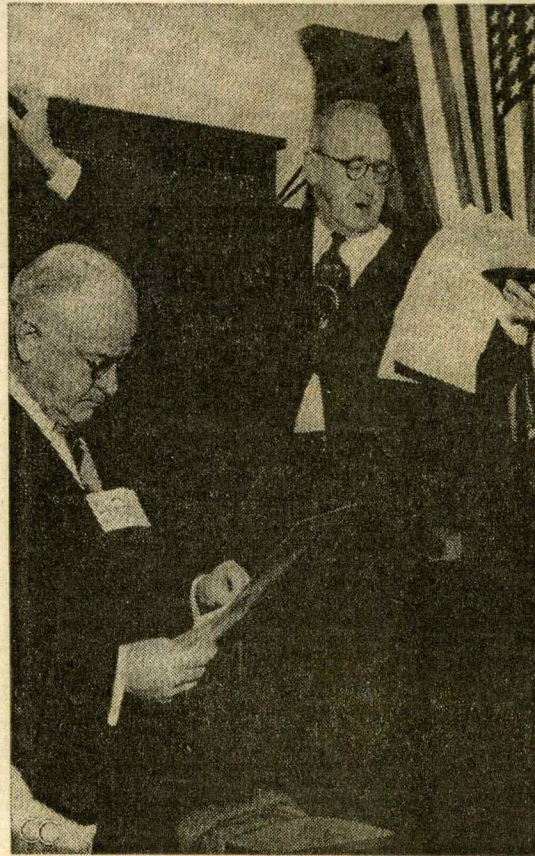
Ralph Colburn — The city's problems include public transportation, water and sewers. "We should be dollar conscious but also do a good job."

Alphonius M. Dobbins — "Urban renewal is one of the greatest means to build up a city." He said he had experience with it in St. Louis.

Glenn R. Farrar — Big Creek should be revised, a start should be made toward obtaining the Oakley Reservoir and "everyone should be represented on the Council."

Reduce Spending

Paul H. Ferguson — There should be a 25 per cent reduc-



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Francis H. Hart — "The adoption of a strong program to achieve a water program is necessary."

H. Glenn Hirsch — City employees should be paid in line with wages of local industries.

Robert W. Kopetz — One of the duties should be to plan for the orderly growth of Decatur.

W. Ross Lloyd — He has been observing council-manager government since 1926 and said public interest in it plus trained, experienced personnel will help it succeed.

John K. MacLennan — Water is a problem and the city cannot get new industries without it.

Walter R. Morenz — A water board should be established to help solve the water problem.

Walter T. Morey — Some things, such as inviting new industries and seeking more natural gas for residents can be done without costing the city any money. He believes public subscription for a new water storage area should be explored.

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per diem basis for attending meetings. He believes in setting up urban renewal committees.

Robert A. Nichols — The manager should have at least five years of experience.

William H. Owens — He believes in full use of the gates on the dam to get maximum storage and to complete rip-rapping so it will not be necessary to lower the lake for that purpose.

Harold A. Pogue — The job of councilman is a civic responsibility and does not necessarily have to carry a salary. On water, the voters rejected Big Creek and "it seems the Council will have to come up with a new program."

Jack Sanders — The people gave a decisive decision on Big Creek in January. He favors enough of a salary for councilmen so the lack of pay does not prevent people from seeking office.

Charles Pat Shay — Pay councilmen by the number of meetings they attend and said that more interest, "not an assistant planner," would do more toward accomplishing urban renewal.

Victor H. Wall — Water is a problem that will have to be solved with the help of the people and that urban renewal also needs the interest of the citizens.

Voters Have A Job to Do

—By Edward Lindsay

RESIDENTS of Decatur will be asked to express themselves in three more important elections in the current series.

These are:

City primary, March 3.
Township-park board, April 7.
City election, April 21.

I would add one more important date to the must list of every man or woman who has a real concern for the future of his city.

That date is:

League of Women Voters candidate meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in Stephen Decatur High School.

THE League's candidate meeting is important for several reasons.

Last fall we adopted a new form of city government, the council-manager form.

Under this form of government, the City Council will be composed of 2 mayor and six councilmen who will be expected to exercise judgment at the policy and legislative level.

The Council's first responsibility will be the employment of a competent city manager whose duty will be to be the administrative head of (actually run) the various city departments through competent department heads, either the present ones or others the manager will choose.

Such a Council should be made up of experienced, well informed people, with the capacity to work together in forming judgments for all of us that can be given effect by a professional manager.

All of us as voters and all of the candidates (three for mayor and 28 for the Council) need to give serious consideration to the important adventure upon which we are about to embark.

THE League's candidate meeting is unique in political experience. The League does not support any candidates for office, but provides an opportunity for the candidates and the voters to meet each other.

Candidates are allotted equal time. The meeting is presided over by Millikin's professor of history and political science, Dr. Daniel J. Gage. Candidates are asked to discuss, in the time allotted to them, their choices of vital community subjects suggested by the League.

Voters are given an opportunity to direct questions to the candidates.

The list of candidates is long. Their qualifications range from poor to excellent. Most of them, the good and the bad, are not as well known throughout the whole city as they think they are, or as they ought to be, for the voters to make the best selections.

If enough voters attend the candidates meeting there will be less likelihood that some of the good candidates will fail to survive the first test, in the March 3 primary.

IN THE township election, residents of Decatur will have an opportunity to elect the

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, February 22, 1959.

Primary Nears With Campaign Activity Slight

The city primary election is less than 10 days away, but there is little pre-voting activity despite the new form of government and a total of 31 candidates seeking nomination for mayor or councilmen.

In the County Building the only election talk is about the mechanics of the voting, as the city clerk's office is preparing for the primary, March 3.

The All Decatur Committee has been soliciting money and is working for the candidates it considers friends of council-manager government.

Some political observers are not surprised at the sparse pre-election campaigning.

These reasons are cited:

1. The jobs of mayor and councilmen will return little in monetary reward, due to the small salaries expected. That rules out expensive campaigning for most candidates.

2. The council-manager government is more divorced from political parties than the commission form. That means the political parties, which usually gave quiet support in primaries, are not as involved this time.

Activity to Increase

Activity is expected to pick up this week.

The Good Government League, a group of union representatives which has endorsed a slate for nomination, plans to distribute marked sample ballots house to house.

The League of Women Voters will afford the only opportunity for voters to see virtually all of the candidates at a meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Stephen Decatur High School.

The Decatur Citizens Committee, made up of Negro voters, has done some pre-election work but its plans for the last week are unknown.

That group and the Good Government League have a tacit agreement to work for the nomination of the same slate.

A few candidates have done some house to house soliciting for votes.

Another few have car signs and posters.

But, all in all, you really wouldn't think there was a city election less than 10 days away.

Foreign Policy Discussion for Women Voters

"New Perspectives in Foreign Policy" will be the subject of this week's meetings of the League of Women Voters. Mrs. Clifford Smith is chairman and members of the workshop will serve as resource persons. There will be a Pandora's box for questions. The discussion will be presented three times in order to serve the membership:

Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. in the home of Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2095 W. Sunset Ave.

Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Forrest Martin, 235 Park Pl.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Walker Mills, 1487 W. Macon St.

Decatur, Illinois, Thursday, February 12, 1959.

Women Voters Program on Water Based on 'Whose River Is It?'

"What to Do About Water" unit will meet at the home of Mrs. H. W. Gibson, 160 Kellar Lane.

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Such a Council should be made up of experienced, well informed people, with the capacity to work together in forming judgments for all of us that can be given effect by a professional manager.

All of us as voters and all of the candidates (three for mayor and 28 for the Council) need to give serious consideration to the important adventure upon which we are about to embark.

THE League's candidate meeting is unique in political experience. The League does not support any candidates for office, but provides an opportunity for the candidates and the voters to meet each other.

Candidates are allotted equal time. The meeting is presided over by Millikin's professor of history and political science, Dr. Daniel J. Gage. Candidates are asked to discuss, in the time allotted to them, their choices of vital community subjects suggested by the League.

Voters are given an opportunity to direct questions to the candidates.

The list of candidates is long. Their qualifications range from poor to excellent. Most of them, the good and the bad, are not as well known throughout the whole city as they think they are, or as they ought to be, for the voters to make the best selections.

If enough voters attend the candidates meeting there will be less likelihood that some of the good candidates will fail to survive the first test, in the March 3 primary.

IN THE township election, residents of Decatur will have an opportunity to clinch the establishment of a City of Decatur Township, which they voted for in an advisory referendum.

In the township election two years ago, all the Republican candidates were against the city township and all the Democrat candidates were for it, or so they said. In later developments, it became apparent that few members of the Board—Republicans or Democrats—were in sympathy with the overwhelming majority of the voters of Decatur and the immediately surrounding territory.

There have been some significant changes of complexion in the candidate list for the Board and in the attitudes toward this question of a good many of the candidates of each party.

It will become vitally important to the voters of Decatur Township, and of some of the adjoining townships, that they inform themselves fully as to the views of the candidates on this subject before April 7.

This is the year when voters have work to do in their own interest, and next Wednesday's League meeting is the place to start.

councilmen will return little in monetary reward, due to the small salaries expected. That rules out expensive campaigning for most candidates.

2. The council-manager government is more divorced from political parties than the commission form. That means the political parties, which usually gave quiet support in primaries, are not as involved this time.

Activity to Increase

Activity is expected to pick up this week.

The Good Government League, a group of union representatives which has endorsed a slate for nomination, plans to distribute marked sample ballots house to house.

The League of Women Voters will afford the only opportunity for voters to see virtually all of the candidates at a meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Stephen Decatur High School.

The Decatur Citizens Committee, made up of Negro voters, has done some pre-election work but its plans for the last week are unknown.

That group and the Good Government League have a tacit agreement to work for the nomination of the same slate.

A few candidates have done some house to house soliciting for votes.

Another few have car signs and posters.

But, all in all, you really wouldn't think there was a city election less than 10 days away.

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City Candidates Answer

(These seven questions were prepared by the Decatur League of Women Voters and sent to the city candidates with a request for brief answers that could be published.)

ROBERT A. GROHNE

1. What ideas do you have on controlling costs of city government?

Central purchasing with checks and controls to assure that only needed items of proper type and design are procured at the most advantageous cost to the City. Expenditures to be kept within budget limitations except in extreme emergencies.

2. Would you favor a continuation of Decatur's sanitary district and city sewers under board?

Yes. Responsibility for sewer systems, both storm sanitary, should be under jurisdiction if legally and otherwise possible.

CHARLES E. LEE

Under city manager expenditures are centrally controlled. By setting up a realistic budget and adhering to it costs can be kept in line.

Yes. A unified system would avoid possible duplication and give better service to the citizen.

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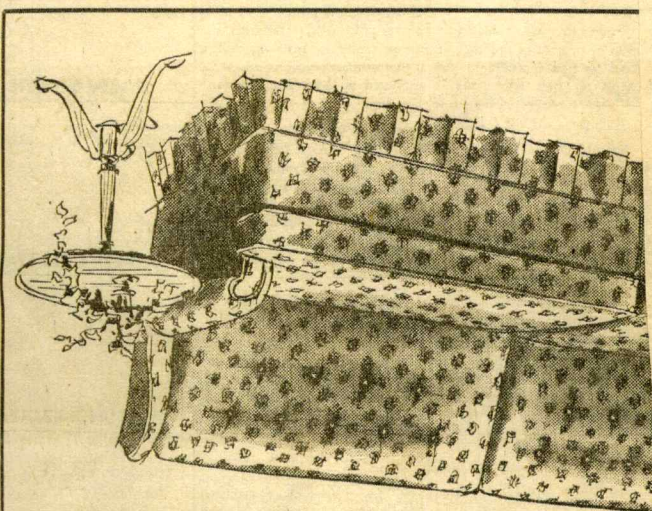
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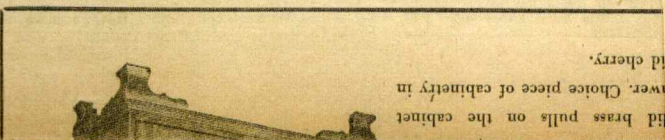
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Candidates Contesting for Eight City Offices in Tue



Robert A. Grohne
Mayor

Robert A. Grohne, 51, of 47 Eastmoreland Ct., is treasurer of the Grohne Concrete Products Co. and was the top vote-getter in the primary among the candidates for mayor. He is endorsed by the All Decatur Committee. He regards the selection of a good city manager his main job and cautions the people not to expect overnight changes. Grohne is Decatur and Macon County civil defense director. His activities on civic groups have been numerous and he is active in a number of fraternal and social organizations.



Charles E. Lee
Mayor

Charles E. Lee, 63, of 185 N. Oakdale, is an attorney and was mayor from 1936 to 1943. He believes council-manager government should offer savings and result in more efficiency. He believes his past governmental experience, on the city and state level, will aid him if elected. He has served on state and national groups concerned with municipal government. He is active in the management of Millikin University and has been an attorney in Decatur since 1922.



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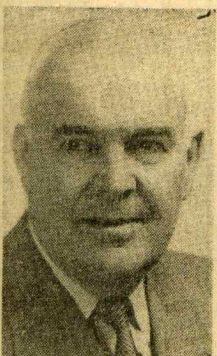
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Robert W. Kopetz, 44, of 1265 W. King St., pulled the third highest number of votes in the primaries. He is president of the Superior Welding Co., and is an advocate of the council-manager form of government. He is a member of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, a director of the Assn. of Commerce, the Soy Capital Bank, the YMCA, and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He is endorsed by the All Decatur Committee.



W. Ross Lloyd
Councilman

W. Ross Lloyd, 62, of 5 Powers Lane Pl., is president and general manager of Benson Creamery Co. He has been endorsed by the All Decatur Committee. A director of the Northtown Bank since 1956, Lloyd is a member of the YMCA, the Decatur Club, a former vice president and director of the Assn. of Commerce, past president of the Kiwanis Club and a former scoutmaster. He was a field artillery officer in World War I.



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Cody R. Holmes
Councilman
Cody R. Holmes, 67, of 12 First Dr., is a former city health commissioner and city inspector. By trade he is a plumber and also is a licensed sanitary engineer. The new type of government has rekindled his interest in city government. Holmes has agricultural holdings. He is running without the formal endorsement of any group. Holmes belongs to a long list of civic, fraternal, social and professional organizations and groups.



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Louis L. Mason
Police Magistrate
Louis L. Mason, 46, of 1358 W. Forest Ave., is a lawyer and has advocated the police magistrate's salary be fixed at \$10,000. Mason received 2,527 votes in the city primary. He is active in Air Reserves, holding the rank of lieutenant colonel. He has been an attorney since 1936 and has sought election to political office several times. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in February, 1936.



Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, April 19, 1959.

DECATUR SUNDAY HERALD AND REVIEW



Mrs. Thomas Hurst, right, and her son Bradley, 3, greet members of the "Bring Your Children" unit, League of

Women Voters, and their children. The members meet in the Hurst home at 2095 W. Sunset Ave. while their chil-

dren are entertained in the basement recreation room. Members approaching the camera with their children are,

left to right, Mrs. Don Livergood, Mrs. Lloyd Ater and Mrs. William Colan.

(Herald and Review Photo)

'Bring Your Children' Idea Prompts Women Voters to Join New Unit

An exciting and rewarding venture by Decatur's League of Women Voters has been the formation this past year of a "Bring Your Children" unit.

Busy mothers can come with their young sons and daughters and have their League meeting while their children are entertained.

The unit has met all year in the home of Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2095 W. Sunset Ave., who was one of the principal backers of the new unit.

Mrs. Mabel Lamont, a former nursery school helper, entertains the youngsters in the Hurst's basement recreation room while the mothers discuss ideas and

policies of local, state and national governments.

A nominal fee of 50 cents per family, (regardless of the number of children), takes care of the expenses involved and the children look forward to League meetings as much as their mothers.

The "Bring Your Children" unit convenes the Tuesday before the third Wednesday of the month.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, May 24, 1959.

State Convention Reports For Women Voters

Delegates to the state convention held last week in Peoria will report during meetings this week of the League of Women Voters.

Bring the Children unit will meet at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2095 W. Sunset Ave.

Another unit will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. C. E. Barnes, 345 Maryland Heights Rd., and that evening, at 7:30, a unit will meet in the home of Mrs. O. E. Schlachter, 73 Fairview Pl.

Mrs. Schlachter, Mrs. B. C. Dahlmann, Mrs. Walker Mills and Mrs. L. L. Colvis attended the convention.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, June 7, 1959.



State Secretary Meets With League Board

Mrs. Thomas Head, right, the former Judith Sly, meets with members of the board of Decatur League of Women

Voters, from left, Mrs. G. S. Kessinger, agenda chairman; Mrs. John H. Fairs, editor of the local League bulletin; and

Mrs. Ray Wilson, chairman of the revenue study. Mrs. Head, who grew up in Decatur and now lives in Peoria, is secre-

tary of the state League. The group met for luncheon in the home of Mrs. Gershom Cohn, 777 S. Monroe St.

Decatur, Illinois, Friday, July 10, 1959.



Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, July 5, 1959.

Social Meeting At Bachrachs For Voters

"Come to the Coffee" is the invitation of the League of Women Voters for a social affair at 9:30 a. m. next Wednesday at the lakeside home of Mrs. Henry Bachrach, 25 N. Country Club Rd.

Members are asked to bring guests interested in league activities, league work or league results. Anyone interested in the league should contact Mrs. L. C. Aubv Jr., 324 N. Edward St., or Mrs. L. L. Colvis, 559 S. Taylor Ave.

Committee chairmen for the coffee are Mrs. Walker Mills, program; Mrs. Aubv, notices and Mrs. G. R. Cohn, food.

League Has Coffee at Bachrachs

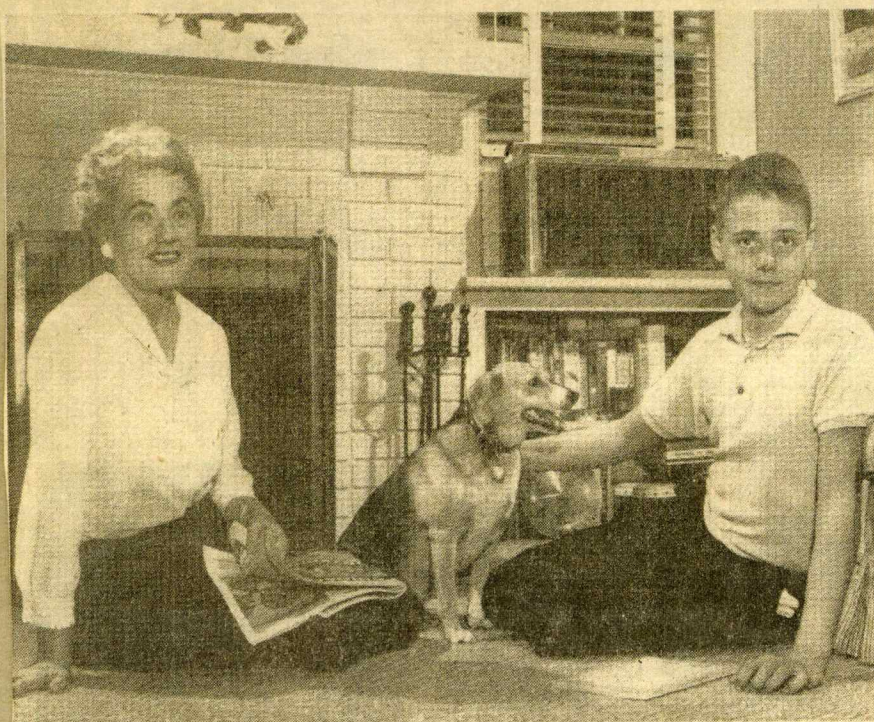
Mrs. Henry Bachrach greets members of the League of Women Voters during a coffee this week at her home at 25 N. Country Club Rd. Right to left from Mrs. Bachrach are: Mrs. C. E. Barnes, Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs.

Gershom Cohn, Mrs. Walker Mills, Mrs. L. L. Colvis and Mrs. Lloyd Ater. The day's program was entitled "Thirty

Years of Faith and Work in the League" and was taken from a league publication. (Herald and Review Photo)

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Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, October 4, 1959.



League of Women Voters, Head Mrs. L. L. Colvis and Son John

Busy Women Plan Activities

Families Come First

By Ann Colbrook

Of The Herald and Review Staff

How do the club women do it? With a steady stream of committee and board meetings, luncheons, general sessions and conventions, how do they keep from neglecting their homes and families?

To the presidents of four major organizations in Decatur, there's not much of a problem at all. They've just got a well-planned schedule governed by one edict—family comes first.

The women are:

Mrs. L. L. Colvis, president of the League of Women Voters

Mrs. V. L. Womeldorf, president of the YWCA board

Mrs. I. Paul Ellis, president of the Shemamo Girl Scout Council

Mrs. Charles H. Wintz, president of the Decatur Woman's Club

To all four, the telephone is an indispensable item along with a calendar of events. Mrs. Colvis adds another tool—a blackboard—to help keep herself and her family up to date.

The blackboard, conveniently located in a corner of the Colvis kitchen at 559 S. Taylor Ave.,

is a general message board for both parents and their youngest son John, who celebrates his 14th birthday today.

The older sons, Lawrence Jr., now associated with Montgomery Ward & Co. in Santa Barbara Calif., and Bill, a traveling sales representative of Mueller Co., also grew up with the blackboard.

Because Mr. Colvis, general manager of the Illinois Livestock Marketing Assn. here, is out of town often, his wife makes certain that her weekends—plus most evenings—are free for family activities.

The telephone is particularly busy on Mondays and Tuesdays when Mrs. Colvis tries to get much of her League calling done.

"As the hub of an organization, you want to make yourself available for receiving calls too," she said.

When the family came to Decatur eight years ago, Mrs. Colvis had three projects: millinery lessons, bridge lessons and work with the League of Women Voters which she had postponed until her family grew up a little.

As her interest in League work increased, other activities

slipped into the background although Mrs. Colvis has kept up her bridge playing because she enjoys the friends she has met across the card tables.

What does Mrs. Colvis value most about League work?

People, first of all and the personal enrichment from meeting members on local as well as state and national levels. And, because the League deals with timely subjects—urban renewal is a current interest—there always is a challenge to the individual.

"When you're in school you learn to concentrate," explained Mrs. Colvis. "But when you're a homemaker, you spend much of your time concentrating on interruptions. It's rewarding to know you can concentrate on current subjects again."

Mr. Colvis feels the broad cross-section of persons embraced by the League helps make it a more valuable organization and he heartily approves of his wife's active participation in the group.

"Of course, I don't think a person could do it without the cooperation of husband and family," said Mrs. Colvis.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, September 13, 1959.

Voter's Study Proposed School Bond and Tax Issue

Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2905 W. Sunset Ave., will be hostess at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday to the Bring the Children unit meeting of the League of Women Voters.

There will be a report of league members who attended City Council meetings and a discussion of the proposed school building bond and tax vote coming up on Nov. 10.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, October 18, 1959.

League Meetings

Unit meetings of the League of Women Voters this week are:

Tuesday, Bring the Children unit, 9:15 a.m. in the home of Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2095 W. Sunset Ave.

Wednesday, Morning unit, 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. H. J. Pettee, 1470 W. William St.

Wednesday, Evening unit, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Gerald Cox, 834 W. Division St.

A consensus on the League water item will be reached at unit meetings.

The League's current service project is distribution of tags to promote voting on the school bond referendum Nov. 10.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, November 8, 1959.

Women Voter Units Study Foreign Policies

"Our Share in Meeting the Rising Expectations of the Newly-Developing Countries" will be the discussion topic for League of Women Voters meetings this week. Mrs. Clifford Smith of the foreign policy committee is in charge.

The local league will prepare suggestions for the national program.

Mrs. Neal Doubleday will review national continuing responsibilities.

Unit meetings for the week are:

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert D. Miller, 2081 W. Sunset Ave.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. at the

home of Mrs. R. H. Oplinger Sr., 152 Cobb Ave.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Kirby Riley, 4 Kater Dr.

Decatur, Illinois, Monday, November 23, 1959.

LEAGUE WOMEN BACK FROM CHICAGO MEETING

Mrs. John Donovan, state water resources chairman for the League of Women Voters, led a discussion of that topic at a state program conference in the Sherman Hotel in Chicago last week.

Others from the Decatur League who attended the conference were:

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Mrs. B. C. Dahlmann
Mrs. Walker Mills
Mrs. Clifford Smith
Mrs. Ray Wilson
Mrs. H. W. Gibson

Mrs. Mills has been appointed a member of the state constitutional convention committee.

Decatur, Illinois, Monday, January 18, 1960.

'Renewal' Is League Topic

"What Is Urban Renewal?" will be the topic for discussion at three unit meetings this week of the League of Women Voters.

The first unit meeting will be at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. T. L. Hurst of 2095 W. Sunset Ave.

At 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Mrs. William H. Miller of 1749 W. Forest Ave., will be hostess at the second unit meeting.

The third unit meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Neal Doubleday of 1379 W. Macon St.

Mrs. Lloyd D. Ater is chairman of the discussion programs.

Decatur, Illinois, Tuesday, February 9, 1960.

League Will Hear Springer

Representative William Springer will be a guest of the League of Women Voters at a coffee at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Mrs. John Donovan, 648 W. Prairie Ave., will be hostess for the "We Interview Our Congressman" coffee.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, January 24, 1960.

Women Voters Have State Head As Speaker for Tuesday Luncheon

League of Women Voters will have the League's state president as speaker for its membership luncheon Tuesday at 12:45 p. m. in the YMCA.

She is Mrs. Harper Andrews of Kewanee who is serving a second two-year term in the head office.

Reservations for the luncheon are due by 10 a.m. Monday to Mrs. O. E. Schlachter.

Mrs. Andrews spends two days each week in the League office in Chicago. She is a charter member of the Kewanee League, and has served as public relations chairman and chairman of individual liberties on the state and national level. She was also state chairman of the College Leagues on the organization committee.

A former newspaper reporter, Mrs. Andrews is married to a lawyer and has a married daughter and a son who is doing graduate work at the University of Chicago. The daughter is a graduate of Knox College, her mother's alma mater.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews and their son vacationed in Europe last summer, visiting several friends in private homes. In Belgium they



Mrs. Harper Andrews

were guests for a week with the family of a boy who had lived in the Andrews home as an American Field Service exchange high school student. They also became acquainted with the German family with whom their daughter had lived during a summer on the AFS program.

Decatur, Illinois, Wednesday, January 27, 1960.

Voter League Aids Home

That a woman's place in the League of Women Voters is closely associated with her place in the home was the conclusion drawn by state president Mrs. Harper Andrews in an address to fellow league members Tuesday in the YMCA.

The speaker pointed out that by becoming better informed citizens, and trying to promote good government league members are helping their families to live under happy, healthy conditions.

Stressing the "grass roots" nature of the organization which draws its strength from local leagues, Mrs. Andrews contrasted the voter group at the time of its origin in 1920 with that of the present day.

She complimented local leagues on their influence which is reflected on the state level by appeals from various groups for league support, requests for unbiased materials on current problems and queries from legislators.

Mrs. Andrews, whose home is in Kewanee, is serving a second two-year term in the state office.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, February 14, 1960.

'Polly's at Poll Shop' Voter League Skit

A skit entitled, "Polly's at the Poll Shop," directed by Mrs. B.C. Dahlmann will be featured for the League of Women Voters this week. The skit concerns what not to do at the polls and is the result of a study of election laws and procedures.

Unit meetings are:

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m., at the home of Mrs. T. L. Hurst, 2095 W. Sunset Ave.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Hilmer Landholt, 318 S. Linden Ave.

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March 13, 1960.

Women Voters to Have Speakers On 'Aspects of Revenue Problem'

Various aspects of the revenue

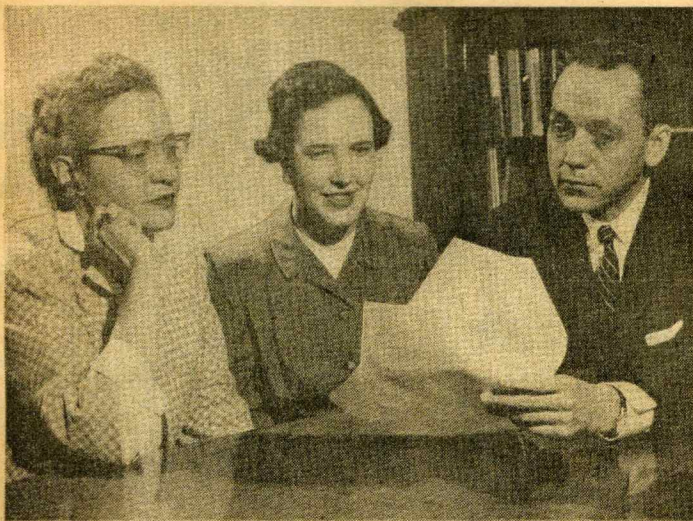
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McCarthy. At 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, a unit will meet in the home of Mrs. Nat Kessler, 1346 W. Macon St. Speakers will be Rep. Barrett Rogers and Rep. John Alsup. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. E. C. Stivers, 2034 W. Forest Ave. W. E. Watts,

recently retired from Illinois Power Co., will speak.

March 19, 1960



Herald and Review Photo

Dr. Paul L. McKay and two leaders of the League of Women Voters' "Your Date With the Candidates" look over an information sheet which will be distributed at the public meeting Thursday. At left is Mrs. Robert D. McNail, co-compiler of the material in the information sheets, and Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, co-chairman of the meeting, is in the center.

36 Candidates to Attend Thursday League of Women Voters' Meeting

Thirty-six candidates have accepted invitations to the "Your Date with the Candidates" Thursday.

The public meeting, the 12th such sponsored by the League of Women Voters, will be at 8 p.m. in the Stephen Decatur High School auditorium.

All candidates have been invited to attend. Those running for policy-making offices will be speakers.

During the second half of the meeting candidates will be asked questions submitted in writing by the audience.

After the meeting the public will have the opportunity to meet the various candidates in the corridor of the high school.

Candidates who have accepted invitations include:

For U. S. Senator: John A. Ricker, Chicago Republican

For Governor: Hayes Robertson, Flossmoor Republican and Joseph D. Lohman, Chicago Democrat

For Lieutenant Governor: Wetzel G. Harness, East St. Louis Republican and Robert W. McGaw, Rockford Democrat

For State Auditor: Elbert S. Smith, Decatur Republican and Michael J. Howlett, Chicago Democrat

For State Senator, George P. Johns, Decatur Republican and Robert W. McCarthy, Lincoln Democrat

For State Representative: Barrett F. Rogers, Hilmer Landholt and Webber Borchers, all Republicans; and John W. Alsop, Paul H. Ferguson, William R. Jarvis, James L. Atkins and Herman L. Dammerman, all Democrats

For National Convention Delegates: L. C. Martin and Clarence A. Nebel, Republicans; and E. A. Stout, Harold Pogue and Charles Kelly, Democrats

For State's Attorney: Robert N. Patterson, Republican; and Basil G. Greanias and Asher O. Geisler, Democrats

For Circuit Clerk: James C. Kelley, Republican and John T. Curry, Democrat

For Recorder: William H. Maddox, Republican; and Garold O. Buechler and Pledger L. Hensley, Democrats

For County Auditor: Henry M. Novak, Republican and John R. Muehlebach, Democrat

For County Treasurer, Henry B. Curry, Republican and E. Patrick Kickham, Democrat

For County Coroner: Phares G. Thompson, Republican and W. L. Terrell, Democrat

March 19, 1960

League of Women Voters Submits Questionnaire to Office Seekers

How long is long enough for a political campaign? Do you intend to enforce the state gambling laws? What changes would you recommend in the present farm price support program?

Answers to these questions may come up at the 12th public "Your Date With the Candidates," sponsored by the League of Women Voters. The meeting will be at 8 p.m. March 24 in Stephen Decatur High School auditorium.

Candidates for policy-making offices will speak briefly during the first half of the program on subjects suggested by the league.

The ideal length of a political campaign is one of five to be asked candidates for governor, state senator and state representative.

The enforcement of gambling laws is one of the two being asked of state's attorney candidates. The other is "Do you favor, or do you not favor, the death penalty and what are the reasons for your position?"

The farm price support program question is one of five suggested for candidates for U.S. senator and U.S. representative.

Other questions suggested to Congressional candidates are:

Will you give your reasons for your support or opposition to the present U.S. foreign economic aid program?

What federal legislation, if any, should be enacted for the development and conservation of our natural resources?

What priority do you believe should be given to balancing the budget?

What should be the role of the federal government in relation to labor-management problems?

Suggested topics for governor and General Assembly also include:

Would a 90-day interval between the primary and the general election be sufficient for your campaign, or do you feel that the six-month period now in the law is necessary?

What improvements need to be made in the Illinois revenue program and how can they be accomplished?

Do you feel the present method of amending the Constitution is satisfactory or do you advocate a Constitutional convention?

Please comment on the amount and use of funds for mental health and how adequate patient care can be assured.

What are your special legislative interests?

Attorney general candidates will be asked to comment on some phase of that office and representative committeemen will be asked to explain how they fulfill their responsibility within the party.

Other candidates present at the meeting will be asked questions submitted in writing by the audience.

Decatur, Illinois, Tuesday, March 29, 1960.

Voter League Elects Heads

New officers of the League of Women Voters elected at a coffee Monday in the YMCA are:

Mrs. Neal Doubleday, president
Mrs. G. L. Kessinger, second vice president

Mrs. Thomas Protzman, treasurer

Named to the board of directors were:

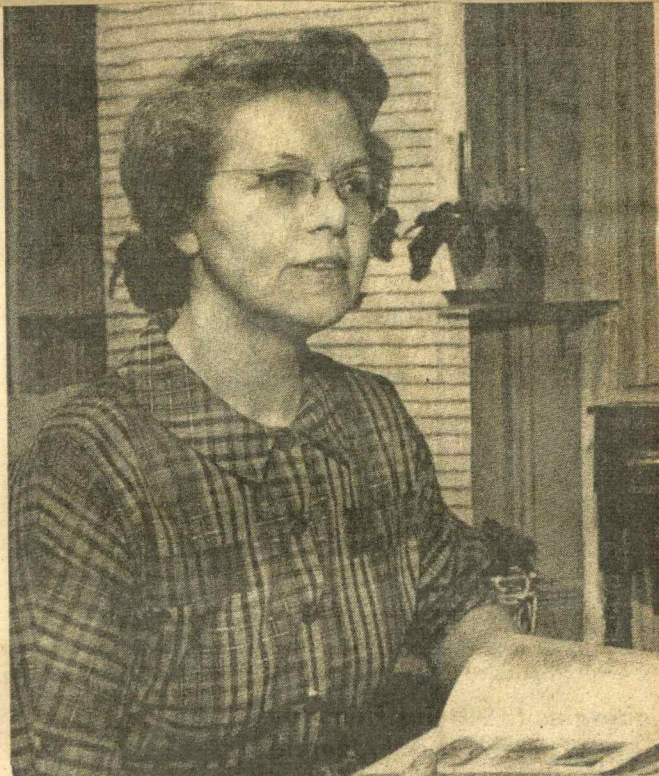
Mrs. Gary Hein, Mrs. Robert McNail, Mrs. L. D. Ater, Mrs. B. C. Dahmann and Mrs. Donald E. Valentine.

Local program adopted by the group is:

A study of public health services in Decatur and Macon County with action where indicated

A study of different forms of county government

Continuing responsibility will be a study of Decatur's urban renewal program.



Mrs. Neal Doubleday Looks Over A New England Cook Book Published in 1870

A President's Cookery

Heritage Is Influence

By Mildred Sutherland
Of The Review Staff

With her New England heritage it is not surprising that Mrs. Neal Doubleday of 1379 W. Macon St., is interested in all phases of the work of the League of Women Voters.

As new president of the Decatur League she is attending the National Defense Seminar this week in the Masonic Temple. She is interested in hearing the opinions of military men, she says, in view of the fact that so much of our federal tax money goes for the purposes pertaining to past wars or to present defenses. She points to the 58 per cent now going to straight defense, to 12 per cent for the national debt and to 6 per cent for veterans.

Mrs. Doubleday soon will appoint board members for the non-partisan league to work in various fields of study set up for the coming year:

1. Different forms of county government

2. Public Health Services in Decatur and Macon County

On the state level, the group will continue to investigate prospective revenue laws and Mrs. Doubleday even dreams of a constitutional convention.

She will go to St. Louis April 25

to 29 where League delegates from the 50 states will set up a National League project for the year.

Decatur League meetings are open to all women, Mrs. Doubleday explains. Scheduled for the third week of the month, the same program is scheduled for three times to give everyone a chance to attend. On Tuesday mornings, babysitting service is provided, then the same study subject is presented the following Wednesday morning and Wednesday evening.

Although the Doubledays' son and daughter are grown and away from home, Mrs. Doubleday likes to cook and uses a New England cook book published in 1870.

Mr. Doubleday teaches English at Millikin University, their son James is a graduate student at the University of Illinois, and their daughter Helen, who is now Mrs. Ronald Byers, lives in West Hyattsville, Md. She has a young son Danny.

Two family favorites, that Mrs. Doubleday likes to prepare for friends and when the family comes home to visit are Oatmeal cookies which are extra special because they are plumped full of raisins, dates and nuts, and an Old Fashioned flavorful Indian Pudding.

Oatmeal Cookies

1 cup raisins
1 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
3 beaten eggs
2 cups flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon cloves
2 cups oatmeal
6 tablespoons raisin liquid
½ cup chopped dates
½ cup broken nutmeats
Cover raisins with water and boil for five minutes. Drain, reserving six tablespoons of the

liquid. Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs. Beat until smooth. Sift dry ingredients. Add, alternating with the raisin liquid. Last, add fruit and nuts. Drop on cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes in a 400 degree oven.

Indian Pudding

5 cups milk, scalded
One third cup corn meal
One third cup sugar
½ cup molasses
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter
½ teaspoon ginger
½ teaspoon grated lemon rind
Pour milk slowly over cornmeal and cook in double boiler 25 minutes. Add other ingredients and bake three to four hours in buttered baking dish in a slow oven, 275 degrees. Serve warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream on each serving.

April 17, 1960

Voter League Units to Meet

Mrs. Walker Mills is chairman of a workshop committee of the League of Women Voters for a program on "To Work for a constitutional Convention for Illinois."

Other committee members for this month's program include: Mrs. Richard Burgess, Mrs. Hilmer Landholt and Mrs. Lee Sentman. Unit meetings are:

Bring the Children unit, 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, First Presbyterian Church

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, home of Mrs. E. J. Cresswells, 220 Delmar Ave.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., home of Mrs. H. W. Gibson, 160 Kellar Lane.

Tuesday, April 26, 1960.

League Opens Convention

St. Louis, April 26 (AP)

The 24th national convention of the 127,268-member League of Women Voters opened Monday with U. S. foreign economic policies scheduled to be the No. 1 topic of discussion.

About 1,600 members, ranging in age from 75-year-old Miss Golda Milliner of Wabash, Ind., to Mrs. Robert Danielson of Princeton, N. J., who is under 25, were expected to attend the five-day meeting.

The theme of this year's convention is "forty years of a great idea"—establishment of this non-partisan organization in 1920 to study and act on governmental issues.

The league's predecessor, the National American Woman Suffrage Assn., held its final meeting here in 1919. Delegates to that meeting heard women's suffrage champion Carrie Chapman Catt call for a "league of women voters to finish the fight for enactment of the 19th Amendment and aid in reconstruction of the nation" after World War I.

Mrs. Robert J. Phillips of St. Charles, Ill., president of the league and a candidate for re-election, said discussions of economic policies will touch on taxes, unemployment and tariffs.

May 7, 1960

Community Problems Alike

Mrs. Doubleday Reports on League Meeting

Communities throughout the United States have many identical problems, according to Mrs. Neal Frank Doubleday, just back from last week's League of Women Voters convention in St. Louis.

"There were 1,094 voters representing every state including Alaska and Hawaii at the meeting," the president of Decatur's League said. "I found it intriguing that so many communities have our same problems — problems connected with growth, water, attracting industry and frictions between various governmental groups."

Convention delegates re-elected

Mrs. Robert J. Phillips of St. Charles, Ill., as president. She will serve her second two-year term.

The league also approved an intensive study of United States economic policies for its agenda in 1960-62. Proposals to study farm policies and disarmament were voted down. After a year or more of study, the league makes a stand on various legislation.

Mrs. Doubleday described the league's national convention—the first she has attended—as "inspiring."

"We heard women from Louisiana, Maine, Wyoming, and other

parts of the country all speak for democracy—all interested in making our government work," she said.

Three other Decatur women at-

tended sessions of the five-day convention in the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel as visitors. They were Mrs. B. C. Dahlmann, Mrs. L. L. Colvis and Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst.

May 15, 1960

Convention, Security Seminar Topics for Voter League Units

Discussion topics for unit meetings of the League of Women Voters this week will be the national convention last month in St. Louis and the local National Security Seminar.

Convention representatives who will lead discussion are Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. L. L. Colvis, Mrs. B. C. Dahlmann and Mrs. Thomas Hurst. Mrs. Lowell Gill will talk about the seminar.

Unit meetings this week are:

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m. in the First Methodist Church. Nursery facilities will be furnished.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. B. C. Dahlmann, 4183 E. Lakeshore Dr.

Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Helen Miller, 947 W. Wood St.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, May 22, 1960.

Wigwam Scene Prevue for Republican State Convention

Enthusiasm Mounts for Fair Drama 'The Golden Prairie'

By Mildred Sutherland
Of The Herald and Review Staff
Enthusiasm for the historical drama to be presented nightly during the Macon County Fair, July 31-Aug. 5 is mounting as people learn more about it.

General chairman Ralph Colburn says that the giant undertaking is beginning to jell as actors and potential audience folk realize that "it can be great fun."

Dr. Kermit Hunter of Hollins College, Va., has donated his talents in writing "The Golden Prairie" covering 130 years of progress in Macon County. Dr. Hunter, who authored eight of the 10 historical dramas that were being given last summer in the United States, is especially interested in the Decatur project. His wife is the former Josephine (Honey) Christison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Christison, 154 W. Court Manor Pl.

Right now Mrs. Gale C. Hedrick and Mrs. G. William Madden are busy about town recruiting men and women who will appear in two scenes wearing costumes of eras to furnish atmosphere for the talking parts. Mrs. G. L. Kessinger will get some of the actors from the League of Women Voters.

Although official practices will not start until about July 1, "The Wigwam Scene" will be worked out so it can be part of the entertainment for the state Republican Convention program on June 18 in Kintner gym.



Ralph Colburn, Mrs. G. L. Kessinger, center, and Mrs. Gale C. Hedrick Discuss Drama

May 22, 1960

Women Voters Meet Thursday

The League of Women Voters will have an all-day meeting, beginning at 9:30 a.m., Thursday in the home of Mrs. L. L. Colvis, 559 S. Taylor Ave.

Mrs. Robert Ferber of Champaign will speak on "Can We Meet Tax Problems in Illinois?" Mrs. Ferber, an economist, previously has reported at a state League meeting.

Members of Champaign and Lincoln leagues and other guest have been invited. There will be a sack lunch at noon.

June 2, 1960

WOMEN VOTER LEAGUE COMMENDS CITY COUNCIL

The Decatur City Council was commended by the League of Women Voters Wednesday for its first year of service.

The League also praised the seven-member group for "contributing so much to the overwhelming success of the council-manager type of government."

Representatives of the League have attended virtually all of the Council meetings during the past year.

The League has been a strong backer of council-manager government since it made a study in 1951-52.

The League commendation states in part:

"Decatur is indeed fortunate to have a Council of such high cali-

ber and the Decatur League wishes to commend your very outstanding choice of Mr. John E. Dever as city manager, without whom much of what has been accomplished would not have been possible.

"We also commend your choice

of Mr. James H. May as chief of police. We feel it is a prerequisite of good government to have a capable police force in which the average citizen has full confidence."

July 17, 1960



Mrs. H. G. Landholt Models Dress of Lincoln Era

Women Gather Costumes For 'Golden Prairie'

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Women of Macon County are
playing a big part in the prepara
tion for the huge presentation of
"The Golden Prairie" historical
drama to be given nightly dur
ing the County Fair July 30
through Aug. 4.

130 years of progress in Macon
County with emphasis on the en
dorsement of Abraham Lincoln as
a presidential candidate by the
1860 Republican candidate here.

The dress of black satin and
white lace being modeled above
by Mrs. H. G. Landholt of the
League of Women Voters belongs
to Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Johns. His
great grandmother is the Mrs.
Johns written into the script of
"The Golden Prairie."

Mrs. Fritz Woot
Mrs. M. N. Bent
Mrs. J. W. Haris
Gertrude Hill
Mrs. Robert J. W
Mrs. Merle J. Bo
Mrs. F. Hanly Br
Mrs. John H. Mei
Mrs. M. D. Weav
Mrs. Oliver Ethel
Mrs. Irving Melnik

Sept. 11, 1960

Talk on Primaries'

For League of Women Voters

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BOOK ON GOVERNMENT

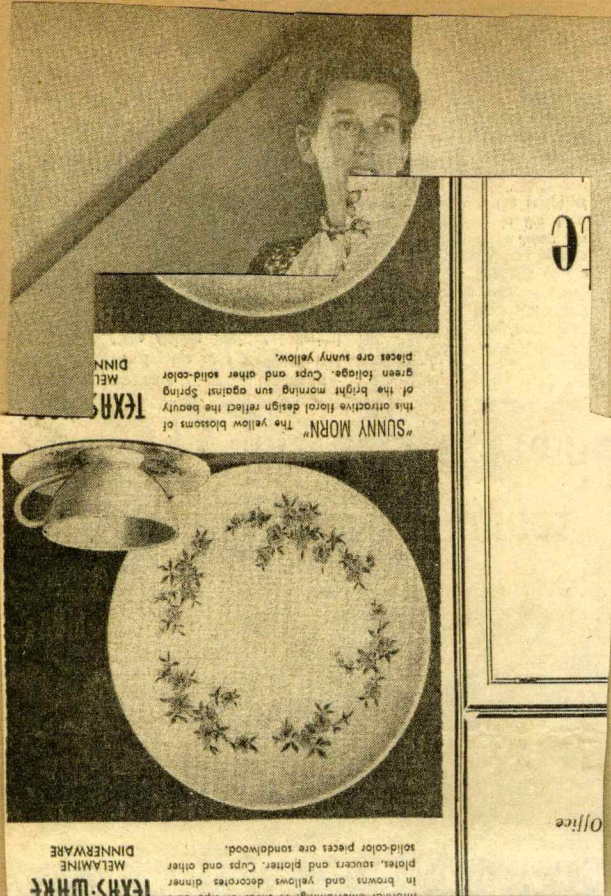
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revised publications.

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most members of the League, has
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July 17, 1960



Sept. 14, 1960

Voter League Booklet Out

Material Printed After 9 Years Research

"This is Macon County," a book on how governmental bodies within the county operate will be sold Monday through Friday in downtown Decatur.

Cost of the book is 50 cents.

The book was compiled by members of the Macon County League of Women Voters following a nine-year period of research.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will be used to finance future publications of the book as revision in county governments necessitate.

Nearly every League member has participated in the project originally outlined by the charter members of the organization in 1946. Persons who helped with the book are:

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Mrs. E. B. Freyfogie
Mrs. Thomas F. Protzman
Mrs. Elbert S. Smith

FORMER MEMBERS

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Mrs. Robert D. Lewis
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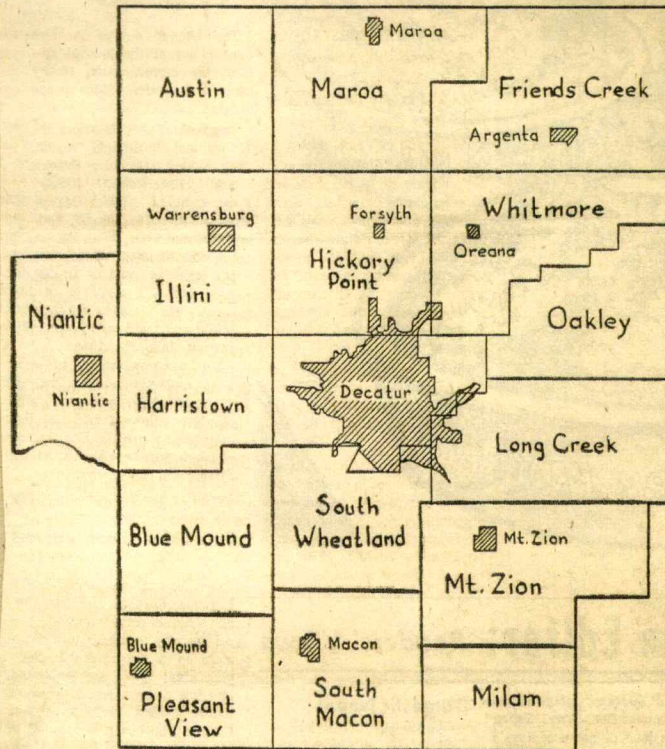
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MACON COUNTY

Townships-Cities-Incorporated Villages



League of Women Voters

How Local Government Works

Booklet Helpful to Area Residents

By JIM A. RICHSTAD
Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers
Editorial Writer

MACON County residents daily feel the effects of county, township and city government on their activities. While perhaps not as dramatic as the state and national governmental activity, local government deals with problems of immediate concern. Schools, police and fire protection, roads and parks, health and welfare programs and many other day-to-day activities are largely the responsibility of local government.

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The League outline includes descriptions of the judicial system: the circuit court, county court and justice of the peace courts.

The booklet next describes the 17 political townships: Austin, Blue Mound, Decatur, Friends Creek, Harristown, Hickory Point, Illini, Long Creek, Maroa, Milam, Mt. Zion, Niantic, Oakley, Pleasant View, South Macon, South Wheatland and Whitmore.

The basis of township government is explained in the League's booklet: "The voters of the township meet once a year in the annual town meeting as the legislative body of the township. In this meeting the voters can set rules and regulations for the township . . ." The legislative, executive and judicial organization is described.

The City of Decatur offers another set of government officials and functions. A city manager is the administrative head, and an elected mayor and six-member City Council comprise the corporate authority. Several partly administrative boards and 12 advisory boards and commissions assist the city governors.

City Manager

The booklet describes the city manager's function in these

districts, park districts, townships, judicial districts and sanitary districts. The cumulative voting system is also explained.

The final section of the booklet briefly explains the political party structure in Macon County.

This effort by the Decatur League of Women Voters is a noteworthy contribution to the understanding of local government. The League is a non-partisan organization, and it has faithfully reflected that spirit in the booklet. It is the first written reference book on the local governments in the county.

The booklet is a reference, it does not go into much detail. It does, clearly, give an overview that untangles much confusion concerning the various governmental units that operate in Macon County.

The League's booklet may be obtained from the League of Women Voters. The price is 50 cents.

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When Macon County was formed in 1829, it was governed by a three-man county commissioner's court. The basic unit today is the County Board of Supervisors. The League of Women Voters, quite logically, begins its booklet by describing the Board's duties:

"The County Board of Supervisors (and all county officials) are an administrative arm for the State of Illinois; that is, they carry out state administrative functions within the county. In addition, the Board certifies the tax levy for all county purposes makes appropriations for all county activities, cares for all county-owned property, selects grand jurors . . . passes resolutions and ordinances . . . lays out election precincts . . . appoints some of the county administrative officers."

The Board of Supervisors consists of one representative from each of the 17 townships in the county, with 15 assistant supervisors from Decatur to balance the city's large population.

Although there are several boards under the county board, day-to-day county government is handled under the direction of elected officials such as the county clerk, treasurer, recorder of deeds, auditor and superintendent of schools.

The League outline includes descriptions of the judicial system: the circuit court, county court and justice of the peace courts.

The booklet next describes the 17 political townships: Austin, Blue Mound, Decatur, Friends Creek, Harriestown, Hickory Point, Illini, Long Creek, Maroa, Milam, Mt. Zion, Niantic, Oakley, Pleasant View, South Macon, South Wheatland and Whitmore.

The basis of township government is explained in the League's booklet: "The voters of the township meet once a year in the annual town meeting as the legislative body of the township. In this meeting the voters can set rules and regulations for the township . . ." The legislative, executive and judicial organization is described.

The City of Decatur offers another set of government officials and functions. A city manager is the administrative head, and an elected mayor and six-member City Council comprise the corporate authority. Several partly administrative boards and 12 advisory boards and commissions assist the city governors.

City Manager

The booklet describes the city manager's function in these terms: "The city manager . . . is hired by the Council and is responsible to it. All city departments are under his immediate jurisdiction; he is responsible for aiding the Council in setting city policies by submitting facts and figures, conducting studies, making recommendations, and formulating the budget. He has the power to appoint and dismiss all department heads." The eight departments under the manager include finance, city clerk, treasurer, purchasing agent, legal, police, fire, public works, water, planning and development, and health.

Decatur has one court within the city limits, the police magistrate.

Macon and Maroa are the only other incorporated cities in the county, both having an aldermanic form of government. Incorporated villages include Argenta, Blue Mound, Forsyth, Mt. Zion, Niantic, Oreana and Warrensburg.

The League's booklet also includes descriptions of the county's eight school districts, and Decatur's sanitary district and park district.

An especially valuable section deals with election districts, and discusses such things as primary and general elections, city elections, and elections in school dis-

tricts, park districts, townships, judicial districts and sanitary districts. The cumulative voting system is also explained.

The final section of the booklet briefly explains the political party structure in Macon County.

This effort by the Decatur League of Women Voters is a noteworthy contribution to the understanding of local government. The League is a non-partisan organization, and it has faithfully reflected that spirit in the booklet. It is the first written reference book on the local governments in the county.

The booklet is a reference, it does not go into much detail. It does, clearly, give an overview that untangles much confusion concerning the various governmental units that operate in Macon County.

The League's booklet may be obtained from the League of Women Voters. The price is 50 cents.

October 2, 1960

Decatur Women Voters Hosts To Region Conference

Decatur League of Women Voters will be hostess on Tuesday to a state regional conference of members of the League. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the YMCA. Members from Lincoln, Champaign, Danville, Springfield, Quincy and Peoria will attend along with several from the state board.

Among the local members taking part will be:

Mrs. Paul Reader, chairman of the election laws study

Mrs. Thomas Hurst, membership chairman

Mrs. L.L. Colvis, revenue revision chairman

Mrs. E.C. Stivers, chairman of state items.

League Panel on Election Subjects for BPW

Decatur Business and Professional Women's Club will hear a panel from the League of Women Voters at their meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Members of the panel are:

Mrs. Thomas Hurst
Mrs. Walker Mills
Mrs. Gerald Cox

They will discuss several subjects of importance in the coming election.

Women Voters Set Meetings

The October unit meetings of the League of Women Voters have been scheduled.

"Bring the Children Unit" will meet at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Robert Miller, 2081 W. Sunset Ave.

Mrs. Helen Miller, 947 W. Wood St., will be hostess to the evening unit at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The morning unit will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Thomas Protzman, 332 S. Linden St.

Discussion topics are revenue and taxes in relation to state items. Mrs. L. L. Clovis is chairman of the revenue committee.

Committee members are:

Mrs. H. W. Gibson
Mrs. E. H. Jurgens
Mrs. Harold Tenny
Mrs. H. J. Pettee
Mrs. S. C. Whitcomb.

Bi-Partisan Panel for ABWA

Three members of the League of Women Voters will discuss bi-partisan politics at a meeting of the American Business Women's Assn. Friday in the Elks Club. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Members of the discussion panel will be Mrs. L. L. Colvis, Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst and Mrs. Gerald D. Cox.

The three women were among members of the League which recently compiled a book on how governmental bodies within the county operate.

November 14, 1960.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM TO BE LEAGUE TOPIC

League of Women Voters unit meetings will be as follows:

"Bring the Children," 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in First Methodist Church

Tuesday evening unit, 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Gerald D. Cox, 834 W. Division St.

Wednesday morning unit, 9:30 in the home of Mrs. Nat Kessler, 1346 W. Macon St.

Subject for the meetings will be the continued study of needed reforms in our state constitution.

A of C Coffee This Morning Features Panel

Six women will pour at the coffee hour at 10 a.m. today in the ballroom of the Decatur Club being sponsored by the Assn. of Commerce. They are:

Mrs. Merrill Lindsay
Mrs. Robert E. Linn
Mrs. Ben Bullock
Mrs. Henry Bolz
Mrs. E. L. Huntley
Mrs. William Stevens

League of Women Voters members are planning to attend to hear the panel on "Urban Renewal and Redevelopment in Decatur."

December 4, 1960

LWV ORIENTATION SET FOR THURSDAY

An orientation meeting for the newer members of the League of Women Voters will be at 8 p.m. Thursday in the home of Mrs. Walker Mills, 1487 W. Macon Ave.

The topic, "Let's Talk League," will include a glossary of frequently used terms in League work. Anyone interested in becoming a League member is invited to this meeting.



January 27, 1961

January 15, 1961

LWV Topic Is Improvement

Mrs. L. D. Ater is in charge of the program on urban renewal for the League of Women Voters unit meetings during January. A film will be shown on urban redevelopment in Indianapolis and local authorities will speak. John Schaeffer of the Planning Department will discuss Decatur's progress in urban renewal and John Dever, city manager, will lead a discussion at the Tuesday morning meeting about the problem of public transportation.

Bring the Children unit will meet at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in First Methodist Church.

Evening unit will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Robert Cole, 1734 Foster Ave., Home Park.

Mrs. Forrest Martin, 235 Park Pl., will be hostess to Morning unit at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Any interested person may attend these meetings.

January 20, 1961

Chief May Speaker for Voters League

League of Women Voters will have an all-member dinner meeting at 6:45 p.m. Thursday at the new Student Union at Millikin University.

Chief of Police James May will speak on phases of police work that are of League interest.

Members may take their husbands and other invited guests. Reservations should be made with Mrs. Roger Quigle, 256 S. Austin Ave.

State to Get Drunk Driver Test Bill

A proposal to establish mandatory tests of persons suspected of driving while drunk will be submitted to the General Assembly.

This statement was made last night by Hilmer C. Landholt, Republican member of the Legislature, at a meeting of the League of Women Voters at the Millikin Student Union.

Landholt explained the proposal after asking Chief of Police James H. May whether the average Illinois police department is equipped and trained to administer such a test.

May, speaker at the meeting, said he doubted if the average police department is equipped to conduct the tests.

Such equipment is now used by the Decatur police and Macon County sheriff's office.

Administering such tests now is by consent of the person suspected of being drunk.

The proposal would require that the test could not be refused. Refusals are based on the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, which provides that persons are not required to give evidence against themselves.

Landholt said this provision of the Constitution could be avoided by making the proposed law a part of the driver's license law.

Landholt said a qualification of the law could be that anyone wanting a driver's license, must, if reasonably suspected, undergo a chemical test to determine if the person is drunk.

Refusal of the test could be grounds to revoke the license.

Landholt said similar laws have been put into effect in other states.

February 5, 1961

Women Voters Have Orientation Meeting

There will be an orientation meeting for the newer members of the League of Women Voters at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. John J. Donovan, 648 W. Prairie Ave.

The topic, "Let's Talk League," will be presented by Mrs. Thomas Hurst. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the non-partisan organization is invited to this meeting.

February 19, 1961

Women Voters Discuss 'Our Economic Policy'

League of Women Voters units will meet Tuesday and Wednesday:

Bring the Children Unit at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in First Methodist Church.

Evening Unit at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Neal Doubleday, 1379 W. Macon St.

Morning Unit at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Elbert Smith, 510 S. Seigel St.

The foreign policy committee with Mrs. Clifford Smith as chairman will have as their topic, "Our Economic Diplomacy at Home and Abroad."

Through group discussion and with the help of the resource committee, League members will try to decide which United States economic policies will maintain world development.

Mrs. Porter French will review the continuing national responsibilities.

Feb. 20, 1961

Councilmen Make Notes On Meeting

Mayor Robert A. Grohne last night mentioned a meeting in March that he said certain members of the City Council might be interested.

Councilmen Ellis B. Arnold, W. Ross Lloyd and Walter T. Morey were, and jotted down the date—March 21, at 8 p.m. in Eisenhower High School.

It is a meeting of candidates, sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

The three mentioned are seeking re-election, although first they must survive the Feb. 23 primary—if enough candidates file so a primary is needed.

MARCH 5, 1961

Women Voters League to Quiz April Candidates

The Decatur League of Women Voters will hold a non-partisan meeting for candidates in the April elections at 8 p.m. March 21 in Eisenhower High School auditorium.

The public meeting is a league project to help voters become acquainted with candidates and their views on issues.

Township and Park Board elections will be April 4. The city election will be April 18.

Candidates invited include those to the offices of city councilman, justice of the peace, Decatur Township assistant supervisor, Park Board member, cemetery trustee, constable, township auditor, town clerk and township assessor.

Sixty invitation and questionnaires have been sent to prospective officeholders. The audience will be given opportunity to submit written questions after the candidates discuss and answer those from the league.

Moderator will be James Beaumont, assistant manager of the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co. corn division.

Mrs. Edward Freyfogle is general chairman of the candidate meeting.

March 12, 1961

Health Topic For Voters

Mrs. Nat Kessler and Mrs. Kirby Riley and their committee will speak at the unit meetings of the League of Women Voters this week. They will give findings and lead discussion on "Public Health Services in Macon County."

Units meeting this week are:

Bring the Children unit, 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in First Methodist Church

Evening unit, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Edward Booth, 825 W. Decatur St.

Morning unit, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Hilmer Landholt, 253 E. Wood St.

March 12, 1961

Voters League Tells Questions To Candidates

Questions which the Decatur League of Women Voters have posed to candidates in the April elections have been made public.

The league will sponsor a non-partisan meeting for candidates at 8 p.m. March 21 in the Eisenhower High School auditorium.

City Council candidates will be asked to speak on three questions at the public meeting.

They are:

1. What suggestions do you have for dealing with the problems of public transportation in Decatur?

2. As Decatur develops its urban renewal plans, what procedures would you suggest for future development of areas in need of urban renewal treatment?

3. Will you take action on findings of the University of Illinois survey on aged?

Park Board candidates are being asked:

1. How do you feel about expanded recreation facilities such as swimming pools and ice skating rinks?

2. What suggestions would you make for providing parks for the greater Decatur area?

County Board of Supervisor candidates are asked:

1. Do you feel that health services in the county are adequate to insure good sanitation, pure drinking water and proper health safeguards?

2. Would you favor and support adoption of building codes and minimum housing standards for all of Macon County?

Justice of the peace candidates are asked:

1. Should there be a standard bookkeeping system for all justices of the peace?

2. Do you favor a standardization of fines among all justice of the peace courts?

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Cemetery trustee, constable, township auditor, town clerk and township assessor candidates also have been invited to the meeting.

Questions to the candidates from the audience will be honored at the meeting in addition to the league questions.

March 18, 1961

HOME SHOW BOOTH

The League of Women Voters has offered to help staff a booth the urban renewal commission will have at the Home Show in the Decatur Armory, March 24-26.

Commission members and representatives of the city's planning and development department will also be stationed at the booth.

League members assisted last year.

March 20, 1961



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Complete Candidate Meeting Plans

James Beaumont and Mrs. Edward B. Freyfogle complete plans for the League of Women Voters candidates' meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Eisenhower High School Gym. Beaumont will be moderator while Mrs. Freyfogle is general chairman of the event.

March 22, 1961

March 19, 1961

Candidates To Appear at Open Meeting

Forty-six of the 57 candidates for city, township, county, and park district offices in next month's election will appear at a public meeting tonight.

The meeting, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, will be at 8 p. m. in the Eisenhower High School auditorium.

Candidates for the City Council, Park Board, County Board of Supervisors and justice of the peace will speak for three minutes on a choice of questions submitted to them earlier.

Candidates for township assessor, auditor, town clerk, cemetery trustee and constable will be introduced but will not speak since their offices are non-policy-making.

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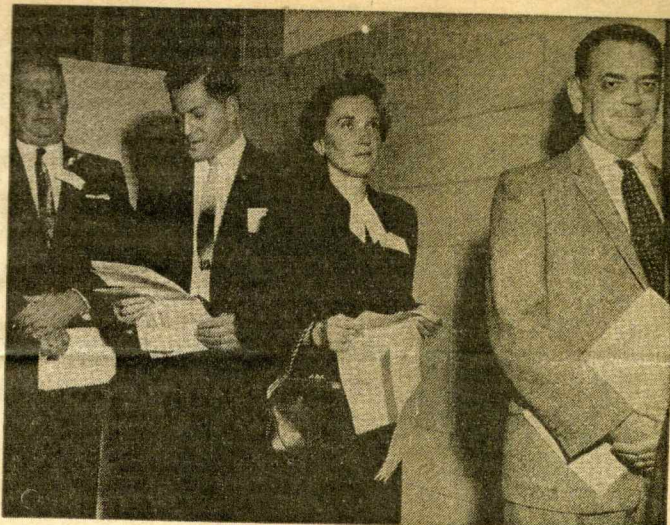
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City Lines Service for School Transit Backed

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Of the Herald Staff

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Four of the five Decatur Park Board candidates last night indicated in general that they favor expanding recreation facilities in the parks and increasing park areas primarily through annexations.

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"How do you feel about expanded recreation facilities such as swimming pools and ice skating rinks?"

"What suggestions would you make for providing parks for the greater Decatur area?"

Mrs. Jean P. Daily said she feels expanded recreation involves more than swimming pools and ice rinks.

"A swimming pool would only partially satisfy the need," she said.

"The people would want more. The same is true of ice rinks," she said.

"I am in favor of trying one of each," Mrs. Daily said.

Mrs. Daily also suggested the board hire a firm to study the relationship of parks to the metropolitan area and act on the firm's recommendations.

Ralph B. Lorenz, board president, said any decision on swimming pools or ice rinks must be tempered by the needs of the city and the will of the people.

Swimming pools were defeated in a 1954 referendum," he said. Lorenz said he favors the idea of small children's pools which cost about \$50,000 each.

He also favored ice rinks and thought they could

be provided without a tax increase.

He said annexation is the only way of providing park facilities for areas outside the Park District.

Robert E. Sablotny said people want many different forms of recreation.

"We should not provide one form and fail to provide others," he said.

"With careful planning over five or six years, we could fill the needs of Decatur," he said.

Sablotny said plans for parks in the Decatur area should be submitted to the City Plan Commission for recommendations.

Dr. R. Zink Sanders, board vice-president, concentrated on the second question.

"It has been the board's policy to acquire land before it is built up and becomes too costly," he said.

He said the problem arises when outlying areas are built up without reserving space for parks.

"The only way people on the outskirts can get parks is to come into the Park District," he said.

In discussing swimming pools, Dr. Sanders also referred to the 1954 vote.

"After a petition with 4,000 names was submitted, the vote was 1,308 in favor of a pool and 3,510 opposed," he said.

"I feel we should have another referendum as much in favor of pools before we have one," he added.

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The League questions asked candidates whether they believe county health services are adequate, and whether they favor adoption of a county building and housing code.

The 13 candidates appearing were unanimous in saying they believe county health services could be upgraded, and in addition that they favor county building and housing codes.

Such codes, most pointed out, would do much to solve the health problems existing in parts of the county because of substandard housing and sewage facilities.

Two candidates, Republicans Arthur B. Wilcox and Mrs. Lois

R. Raber, said they favor creation of a county health unit.

Wilcox said he believes this question should be put to the voters in the form of a referendum.

Mrs. Raber, a graduate nurse now a housewife, said present county health standards are inadequate to insure safety.

Formation of a health unit has been discussed by the County Board of Supervisors but no action has been taken. A building code is to be enacted at the June meeting.

JP Candidates Support Standard For Bookkeeping, Not for Fines

Macon County justices of the peace should operate with standard bookkeeping systems, but standardization of fines is inadvisable, seven of the eight justices of the peace candidates said last night.

Speaking at the League of Women Voters candidates meeting in the Eisenhower High School auditorium, some of the seven candidates present said any bookkeeping system adopted should be joined with a program of periodic audits to insure accuracy.

The unanimity of opinion against standardized fines for all justice of the peace courts was on grounds that circumstances involved in cases vary and that fines should be determined on the basis of the facts in each case.

The bookkeeping and standard fines questions were the two listed by the League of Women Voters

on its program for the justice candidates, four of whom will be elected April 4.

The question on standard fines asked justice candidates if they favored standardization of fines among all justice of the peace courts.

The candidates took standardization to mean that fixed fines would be set for each offense regardless of circumstances.

They did not consider, nor comment on, the possibility that by standardization the League meant standardization of fines between the four justice courts for like offenses under like circumstances.

There is some possibility that the latter construction was meant since earlier this year a situation existed for a time where one justice court was imposing substantially lower fines for speeding than were the other courts.

March 22, 1961

Rink Plan Gets Boost

Two Park Board Candidates Favor Facility

The proposed Fairview Park artificial ice rink got a boost last night from two Park Board commissioners seeking re-election.

The board is to meet Thursday to decide on the proposed rink, which has been under discussion for two months.

Ralph B. Lorenz, board president, told a League of Women Voters meeting last night he thought the rink could be provided without a tax increase.

A proposed swimming pool will not be considered by the Park Board until the results of a 1954 referendum are reversed, Dr. R. Zink Sanders, vice president of the board, said.

After petitions bearing 4,000 names asked for the facility, a referendum on the question lost 1,308 to 3,510.

A referendum on the proposed pool seems doubtful.

A proposal to put the ice rink up to an advisory referendum at the April 4 election has died after the board heard several opinions against it.

Mrs. Jean P. Daily and Robert E. Sablotny, Park Board candi-

dates, expressed themselves about expanded recreation facilities.

Mrs. Daily, who seeks to become the first woman commissioner of the district, said she is in favor of trying one ice rink and one pool.

She said these facilities would satisfy only part of the need for more facilities.

Sablotny, also making his first try for public office, said the district should provide many different forms of recreation.

He said the needs of Decatur could be filled with careful planning in the next five to six years.

On the question of providing parks for the Decatur area, Lorenz said annexation is the only way.

The district is about to annex the Muffley School area southeast of the city, its first acquisition in its 33-year history. A proposal to annex the Enterprise School area southwest of Decatur has been made.

Dr. Sanders said the board's policy has been to acquire land before it becomes built up and is too costly.

Mrs. Daily suggested hiring of a firm to study the relationship of parks to the metropolitan area and act on its recommendations.

The fifth Park Board candidate, C. V. (Van) Collins, did not appear at last night's meeting.

Expansion of Health Services Are Favored

Thirteen candidates for assistant supervisor appeared last night

at the League of Women Voters "meet your candidates" meeting.

All 13 said they are in favor of upgrading county health services.

Two Republican candidates, Arthur B. Wilcox and Mrs. Lois R. Raber, favor creation of a county health unit.

Charles F. (Bud) Riley, one of the candidates, said the county should establish a central purchasing agency, give minority party representation on the Board of Supervisors and adopt the use of voting machines.

JP Candidates Support Standard Bookkeeping

Candidates for Macon County justices of peace are of the opinion the office should be operated with standard bookkeeping systems.

Seven of the eight candidates appeared last night at the League of Women Voters candidate meeting expressed this opinion.

The candidates also said that standardization of fines is not advisable.

These opinions were given in reply to questions regarding bookkeeping systems and fines asked by the league.

5 Candidates Support Bus Service Aid

A wide range of topics—from fire houses to lower taxes to the general morale of the city—were discussed at a public meeting attended by City Council candidates last night.

There are six candidates for three seats on the Council in the April 18 city general election.

Five of the six spoke last night in favor of consolidation of Decatur school buses and Decatur City Lines services to keep the private firm in operation.

The city has no official spot in this picture except one of support. The decision is up to the bus line and the Board of Education.

The sixth candidate, Kenneth L. Huston, limited his three minutes of remarks to industrial development.

Incumbent Councilmen Ellis B. Arnold, W. Ross Lloyd and Walter

T. Morey pointed to accomplishments by the City Council in the past two years.

Dr. Edmund J. Douglas said morale was down "for those of us who are used to a more livable life with less restraints."

Not 'Open City'

Dr. Douglas explained today that he did not mean to imply he favored an "open city."

"This was not my intention. As a professional man and father of three children, I'm opposed to any such type of law violations.

"I was trying to call attention to my well-known objections to our over-zealous parking meter enforcement for revenue and the many reports I've received of unreasonable directives to businessmen for petty building code violations.

Arnold, Lloyd and Morey listed lower taxes, better financial condition, improved services, increased revenue, changes in contract and engineering procedures, the hiring of City Manager John E. Dever and Police Chief James H. May as major accomplishments.

Douglas said he had been critical of council-manager govern-

March 26, 1961

Annual Meeting Wednesday For Women Voters League

The annual meeting of the League of Women Voters will be at 9:15 a. m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. James C. Allen, 2094 W. Sunset Ave.

Babysitters will care for children in the home of Mrs. Robert D. Miller, 2081 W. Sunset Ave.

Items on the agenda include election of new officers and by-law revision. Members will also decide on the year's program at this meeting.

Mrs. John Donovan will lead a discussion on "Legislature in Springfield."

Test Your Story Ideas

Suggestions for Publicity Chairmen

By Mildred Sutherland
Of the Herald and Review Staff

With the fall season about to get in full swing, new publicity chairmen are calling us frequently with the question "What should I do?"

A club publicity chairman or president can test the newspaper value of her story ideas by putting herself in the editor's place and asking these questions?

How many persons will be affected by this story?

How many people will read it?
Is this story good news?

If not strictly news, is it unusual enough to make a good feature story?

People are always interested in other people.

We welcome stories about your group which will be interesting to other readers besides your members. Tell us about your special projects—ideas that women in other groups may benefit by.

We regard as ideal the publicity chairman who:

1. Lets us know in advance the most interesting things her club is doing and planning

2. Gives the essential facts, simply and clearly

3. Is good humored if, for any one of a dozen professional reasons, we are unable to use her material at the moment.

Our files contain the names of more than 250 women's organizations in this area. So you can see we have problems in treating each of you fairly.

Club meeting notices will not be taken over the telephone. Send them in well in advance being sure that names are spelled correctly and married names are listed as Mrs. J. L. Doe, not Mrs. Mary Doe.

Your stories should always contain the five important points: Who, What, Where, When and Why.

When your club is planning a special event or anniversary meeting, we will be glad to dis-

cuss it with you over the telephone.

If your group is having a regular meeting and all the members know about it through a year book or other means, why ask that it be put in the paper.

Why not wait until you are having an important speaker, then tell us in advance about him and advise us where we can contact him or her while in Decatur. Thus we may be able to write a story so that we may be able to share your speaker with the other readers.

Picture decisions will be based on news value. Pictures should make clear some action or show the important people who are doing the work on a big event. Put your best foot forward and have your members look their best when they are to be photographed. Advance notice is required when picture requests are made.

We like to limit the number of persons in pictures. Photographs of more than three or four per-



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April, 1961

County Government Topics For Women Voters

"Forms of County Government" will be the topic for discussion for the April meetings of the League of Women Voters.

Meeting times are:

Bring - the - Children unit, 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in First Methodist Church

Evening unit, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Walker Mills, 1487 W. Main St.

Morning unit, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Ernest Cresswell, 220 S. Delmar Ave.

Members who will report and lead the discussions are:

Mrs. Roger Maulterer
Mrs. Edward Booth
Mrs. Ernest Cresswell
Mrs. B. C. Dahlmann
Mrs. Charles J. Meyerson
Mrs. G. L. Kessinger
Mrs. Marshall Susler.

April, 1961

WOMEN VOTERS ATTEND LEGISLATIVE SCHOOL

Several members of the Decatur League of Women Voters will attend the annual legislative school in Springfield Wednesday and Thursday. The school is sponsored by the state League of Women Voters and includes visits to committee hearings and sessions of the House and Senate.

Those attending from Decatur are:

Mrs. Milton Kranbeer
Mrs. H. J. Pettie
Mrs. James C. Allen
Mrs. Clifford Smith
Mrs. Don Livergood
Mrs. Stanley C. Cox Jr.
Mrs. T. L. Hurst
Mrs. Helen Miller
Mrs. Harold Tenney
Mrs. E. C. Silvers
Mrs. Emmett Jurgens
Mrs. L. L. Colvis
Mrs. Walker Mills
Mrs. Paul S. Reeder
Mrs. G. L. Kessinger
Mrs. Neal Doubleday.

May, 1961

League of Women Voters Have State Meeting in Chicago

League of Women Voters of Illinois will celebrate its 40th anniversary at the state convention in Chicago's Sherman Hotel Tuesday through Thursday. Those attending from Decatur are:

Mrs. Neal Doubleday, local president

Mrs. L. L. Colvis, member of the election committee for state officers

Mrs. Walker Mills
Mrs. B. C. Dahlmann
Mrs. William R. Winn

May, 1961

Women Voters Study Reports and Legislation

Topic for the May unit meetings of the League of Women Voters will be reports on the 1961 state League convention and reports of recent developments in the Springfield legislature. Any interested woman may attend the meetings.

Unit meeting times are:

Bring the Children Unit, 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in First Methodist Church

Evening Unit, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. O. E. Schlachter, 73 Fairview Place

Morning Unit, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, 1615 E. Martin Drive.

May, 1961

2 of League Go to Hearing

Mrs. Walker Mills, 1487 W. Main St., and Mrs. Henry Connor, Chicago, attended a Senate Committee hearing in Springfield Wednesday. The two women spoke in behalf of the League of Women Voters of Illinois in support of a bill which would establish a legislative study commission to study revision of the State Constitution and assess the value of a constitutional convention.

Mrs. Mills is chairman of the Decatur workshop studying a convention and Mrs. Connor is chairman of the state League's committee on the convention.

July, 1961

Mrs. Bachrach Hostess To Women Voters League

Mrs. Henry Bachrach, 15 N. Country Club Road, will be hostess for the annual summer coffee of the League of Women Voters at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"Highlights of the Legislature," a review of the past Illinois legislative session, will be presented. A preview of next year's work in the League will be given.

Any interested woman in the community is invited to attend.

July, 1961

Voters Plan For Season

League of Women Voters of Decatur outlined the coming year's study groups Tuesday at a coffee in the home of Mrs. Henry Bachrach, 25 N. Country Club Road. There will be workshops on each of the items in the agenda.

On the local level are three items:

A report of the study made by the League on Decatur's bus transportation system

A study of the county public health problems and consideration of the need, if any, of a county health department

A study of the different forms of county government.

On the state level, the need for a constitutional convention to update the Illinois constitution is the only study item.

On the national and international level, there will be two items:

Foreign aid and trade, with the emphasis on foreign trade this year, in anticipation of the Trade Agreements Act to come up in 1962

A study of various problems facing the United Nations.

In addition to these, there will be studies of the political parties and the significance of primary elections.

August, 1961

League Plans Interviews

Downey Hewey will interview members of the Decatur League of Women Voters on his "resources" program which is heard at 10:10 a.m. Saturday mornings on WSOY.

The first interview has been set for this Saturday with Mrs. Walker Mills and Mrs. Paul Reeder as guests.

The second is planned for Sept. 2

when he will interview Mrs. Nat Kessler and Mrs. Neal Doubleday, local League president.

The purpose of the interviews is to acquaint the public with the work and purpose of the League.

Sept 3, 1961

League Opens Fund Drive

The Decatur League of Women Voters will begin its annual week-long finance drive Monday.

Members will call on local individuals and businesses beginning Monday, but the majority of solicitation is set for Wednesday. This year's goal is \$1,200.

Funds from the drive are used for league activities, with a portion of the money going to the league's state office.

The league, a non-partisan organization devoted to the promotion of wider participation in government, does not accept contributions from any political party. Also, it does not accept contributions from or give contributions to any other organization.

Chairman of the finance drive is Mrs. G. R. Cohn, 777 S. Monroe St.

Among activities of the league is sponsorship of an annual candidates meeting at which candidates for election are invited to appear.

Last year the Decatur league compiled and published a booklet describing how governmental bodies operate in Macon County. Entitled "This is Macon County," the booklet was the result of nine years of research by League members.

None of the league officers is salaried at the local, state or national level, and the only paid workers are those who perform secretarial services in the state and national offices.

September 6, 1961



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Voter League Holds Drive

Mrs. E. H. Kaufman, left, of the League of Women Voters 19 Montgomery Place, gives a fund-raising campaign. The goal is \$1,200 with most solicitation being done today.

Sept. 18, 1961

Women Voters Birthday Lunch To Be Thursday

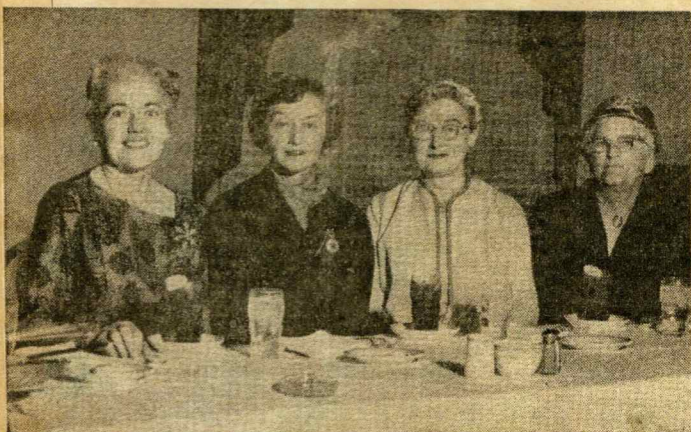
The Decatur League of Women Voters will celebrate their 15th birthday anniversary with a luncheon at the Decatur Club at 12:45 p.m. Thursday. Past presidents of the group will be guests of honor.

Warren Van Praag will be guest speaker. His topic will be the International Conference on Water in Berlin, which he attended this summer while in Europe.

Past members of the league are also invited to attend.

Reservations at \$1.85 may be made with Mrs. W. B. Sabey, 1816 S. Country Club Road.

Decatur, Illinois, Friday, September 22, 1961.



From left, Mrs. L. L. Colvis, Mrs. John L. Donovan, Mrs. Clifford E. Smith and Mrs. George Kuhns



Alex Van Praag and Mrs. Neal Doubleday study slides.

Birthday Luncheon

League of Women Voters Honors Officers

The 15th birthday anniversary of the Decatur League of Women Voters was observed yesterday with a luncheon at the Decatur Club.

Past presidents and members of the group were special guests. Past presidents attending were Mrs. L. L. Clovis, 559 S. Taylor Ave., Mrs. John J. Donovan, 648 W. Prairie Ave., Mrs. Clifford

Smith, 1648 W. Riverview Ave., and Mrs. George Kuhns, 1492 W. Decatur St.

The highlight of the afternoon was a speech by Alex Van Praag. He spoke and showed slides on a summer European trip, featuring the International Conference on Water in Berlin, which he attended.

Mrs. Neil Doubleday is president of the league.

September 29, 1961

Two to LWV Conference

Two Decatur women will be among 500 delegates from 15 states to attend a conference sponsored by the League of Women Voters Wednesday in Chicago.

They are Mrs. Paul Reeder, 2399 W. Main St., and Mrs. Clifford Smith, 1684 W. Riverview Ave.

The conference was called by the Overseas Education Fund of LWV to discuss the role of the United Nations in promoting peace through world economic development. There will also be an emphasis on communications and the

way in which understanding can be increased about the role of the UN in the field of economic development.

Highlight of the conference will be an address by Paul G. Hoffman, managing director of the United Nations Special Fund.

October, 1961

'Constitutional Convention'

Topic for Women Voters

League of Women Voters will have "Constitutional Convention" as their topic with Mrs. Walker Mills as chairman for this week's meetings.

The first session will be for the Bring Your Children unit Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. in the First Methodist church. Baby sitter service will be provided.

A group will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. William Winn, 2090 W. Riverview Ave., and the third meeting will be Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Dwight Nelson, 278 S. Linden Ave.

League Summary Of Interest to New Members

Decatur League of Women Voters will have a "Know Your League" orientation meeting at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. E. C. Stivers, 2034 W. Forest Ave.

The meeting will include a summary of the work and purposes of the League, geared especially to the interest of new members.

Prospective members are invited to attend.

Mrs. L. L. Clovis will be in charge of the program.

Wed. October 18, 1961

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Studies Constitution

League Urges Revision of Outmoded Parts

By Charlotte Huser
Of the Review Staff

"We must be politically practical," Mrs. Walker Mills said, "but we must also convince people that a Constitutional convention is needed."

Mrs. Mills, 1487 W. Macon St., addressed the three League of Women Voters units Tuesday and this morning on the executive branch of the Illinois government. This is in connection with the League's continuing study of the Illinois Constitution to ascertain how much of it is outmoded and unwieldy. Mrs. Mills is a member of the League's state committee which is compiling literature on the executive branch.

The League has been working for a Constitutional convention for the past two years.

The club is not alone in its interest in Constitutional revision. The Parent - Teacher Associations and the American Association of University Women have joined the League in this study.

"Our Illinois Constitution was adopted in 1870," Mrs. Mills reminded the group. "when the way of life was radically different from today. Our aim is to adopt a modern Constitution, one that is concise and basic."

Why is urgency so important in calling a convention?

Legislators Must Vote

"The legislators must first vote to have a convention," Mrs. Mills explained. "Then in the next general election in 1963, the people must vote for it. Or the vote may be taken in a special election in 1963."

If both votes are affirmative, the legislature will then set up the structure of the convention, deciding on a time, a place and

other important details.

The people must then elect delegates. The delegates will meet for five or six months. This meeting cannot take place until 1965.

When the results of the convention are known, they must be reviewed by the legislature and put to popular vote. They may be voted upon as separate entities, so that if there is disagreement on one or two points, the whole revision will not be lost.

If all votes are affirmative and the results are generally acceptable, the revised Constitution could not be put into effect until 1969, at the earliest. If there is disagreement in any of these steps, the revision will not go into effect until much later.

"It is evident that immediate action is needed," Mrs. Mills said.

She urged that League members read related literature so as to understand the Constitution better.

Strong and Weak Points

What are the strong and weak points of our present Constitution?

"Illinois elects five officials in addition to the governor and lieutenant - governor," Mrs. Mills explained. "Thus there may be no loyalty to the governor among the officials, since a man in a lower office may aspire to the governorship himself. In the League's model Constitution, only the governor is elected with the other officials appointed by him. In Alaska's Constitution, provision is made for the election of the governor and secretary of state only. There is no lieutenant-governor."

When all major officials are elected, the governor is powerless to remove any of them in case of dereliction of duty."

The timing of our election is

also bad. "Our election is held the same year as the presidential election," Mrs. Mills said. "Many times national issues overshadow those of the state, making the gubernatorial election a secondary matter. Many people favor election of a governor in the two-year interim between presidential elections."

The model constitution recommends there be not more than 20 departments in state government. Since 1917, when Illinois governmental departments were drawn together under the Code Department, the confusion has been lessened but still fewer departments are desirable.

"If there were fewer departments, budget planning and allotment would also be simplified," Mrs. Mills added.

"Some of the provisions in the present Constitution are very good," she pointed out. "For instance, our governor is elected to a four-year term with re-election possible. Some states elect a governor for two years with no chance of re-election."

One of our governor's important powers is the veto. He has an item veto, which means he can veto any part of a bill without killing the whole bill.

Some political scientists favor a governor having the power to re-write portions of a bill, submitting them to the legislature for ratification."

In urging League members to discuss the question of a convention with members of other clubs, their neighbors and friends, Mr. Mills pointed out a few questions to keep in mind.

How much fiscal power should a governor have?

Should tax money be allotted specifically?

What are eligibility requirements and what is their importance?

Should the Constitution make provision for the disability of a

governor and how is disability proven?

In concluding her remarks, Mrs. Mills said, "The League must be politically practical. We don't want the whole Constitution changed. We just want it reviewed and its weak points discarded. We want to make it more practical and efficient for modern life."

Local Transportation Report for Women Voters

Decatur League of Women Voters will have a special meeting at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Milton Krambeer, 253 Stevens Ave., to hear a report by the League committee that has been studying public transportation facilities in Decatur. Any interested person is invited to attend the meeting. Mrs. Don R. Livergood is chairman of the committee.

Since the meeting will take place on United Nations Day, the League will hear a tape-recorded speech by Paul Hoffman of the United Nations Special Fund which was given before League members at a national meeting in Chicago this month.

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More About City Buses

—By Edward Lindsay

A STUDY of the Decatur bus problem by the League of Women Voters, released last week, came up with the conclusion that most of us accept: Continued private operation of the city bus system is most desirable.

Members of the League's committee, like the rest of us, recognize that the bus system is in trouble and that some other plan for bus operation may have to be considered in the future.

Efforts are being made to assist the bus companies in keeping their heads above water. The Illinois General Assembly exempted city bus lines from paying the state tax on gasoline in the last regular session.

The Illinois Commerce Commission, upon petition of the Decatur City Lines and with the support of the Decatur city government, has approved an experimental plan for half-hour schedules and zone fares.

These have been helpful to the maintenance of bus service, but have not yet made it possible for the bus company to become a profitable business, according to Manager Bernard F. Murray.

THE League's committee, and the bus company, recognize that one of the difficulties for the bus company is its inability to justify the extension of service to the growing residential areas around the city.

The figures in the League's report show that in 1946 Decatur's, then, 63,500 population was confined in a 9½ square mile area. In 1960 the city's 78,600 population was spread over 21 square miles. And the bus service pattern is virtually unchanged in this 14-year period.

Obviously, the opportunity for the bus company to grow with the city includes the presumption that it will make service available to the total city-like area. At the moment, it may not be legally possible for Decatur City Lines to serve the area outside the city, although this has not been said.

It is true that Decatur City Lines, through its National City Lines parent, has exhaustive and apparently excellent studies of service costs and income potentials.

It is also true that National City Lines makes its declining business arguments from the apparent assumption that its volume during wartime restrictions on cars, gasoline and tires was more or less "normal." Trend studies would be a little more significant if they omitted the period of restrictions.

Nevertheless, it is obvious that bus companies are in trouble, though they may be less dramatic than the company's charts indicate.

IT SEEMS to me that there is merit in exploring further the use of Decatur City Lines buses by the schools, at least in some areas.

All of us recall that a significant part of the public transportation travel in Decatur once was high school students. This was when Decatur had a single high school. It also was before the practice of furnishing school buses by public and private schools had reached present proportions.

It seems doubtful, to me, that the information given the League committee was accurate when it left the impression that the schools' use of public transportation vehicles would somehow result in "a loss of the schools of the \$40,000 a year subsidy." There surely is no prohibition of contracting for transportation in the state's participation in the cost of school bus services.

If Decatur City Lines wishes to increase its patronage by much, if not all, of the transportation offered by the schools, it seems obvious that the first step is a City Lines bid for the business at rates that would be attractive to the schools. This may also require the consent of the Illinois Commerce Commission for service outside the city by city buses and for special rates for pupil transportation. This is not an impossible obstacle.

The extension of the city bus service area and the serving of special groups using owned-buses are promising areas for exploration.

In these times it seems likely that the community and the local and state public bodies that need to cooperate in experimenting are in the mood to be helpful. It is time for the bus company to be a little more aggressive in trying to help itself succeed.

Sunday, Oct. 29, 1961

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Voters League Wants Private Bus Operation

Continued private operation of the city bus lines, with perhaps more vigorous pursuit of business, would be most desirable, a committee of the League of Women Voters reports.

The committee came up with four comments on the public transportation problem in Decatur after a study. The group, headed by Mrs. Don Livergood, said the comments were the result of the group's research and were not necessarily recommendations.

Bernard F. Murray, manager of Decatur City Lines Inc., reported to the committee that the half-hour schedule, the zone fare plans and recent exemption for the bus firms from paying motor fuel taxes, have all helped the company recover some of its losses here.

However, it is still not a profitable business, Murray told the committee.

The company recognizes that outlying city routes are in demand and officials hope that when streets in the new sections are improved, some service can be extended.

Service Lack

The lack of service to the new areas of the city is listed by the committee as one of four reasons bus patronage has dropped.

In 1946 Decatur's 63,500 population was confined to 9½ square miles. In 1960 the 78,600 population was living in 21 square miles —while buses run virtually the same routes they did in 1946.

The three other reasons cited as why Decatur bus patronage dropped 82 per cent from 1947 to the present time include:

1. A five-day week, meaning fewer trips to work

2. Sunday and nighttime use reduced as customers found television a substitute for public entertainment

3. As patronage dropped, service was reduced and fares increased, further reducing patronage.

Decatur's problem is not unique, the committee points out to the league. In comparing figures from all over the country, the committee found that since 1947 every company providing city bus transportation has had a sharp decrease in passengers.

Aside from continued private operation being the most desirable, the league committee considered:

Merging the services of the city bus system and the school system

Subsidization of the bus operation

Setting up a transit district, much as the recent mosquito abatement district was set up.

and school bus operations into a municipal transportation utility.

The income from this total operation would be spent to provide the best possible over-all transportation service, according to the committee.

Serving with Mrs. Livergood on the committee were:

Mrs. Harold Kraus
Mrs. Emmett Jurgens
Mrs. T. L. Hurst
Mrs. James Manuell.

According to the committee, the merger of the school and city bus lines does not seem likely. Among the problems is that school bus drivers are paid more money than city bus drivers; the school operates more buses and operates beyond the city routes.

The school bus system also gets a subsidy of some \$40,000 a year which could not be extended if a private bus company took over the routes.

In regard to subsidies or municipal operation, some cities have successfully worked out a bus franchise, the committee reports.

A transit district is legal under a new law and would combine such things as the on and off-street parking as well as city



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Verne A. Westover, left, regional manager of National City Lines, checks bus records with

Fred W. Kaiser Jr., center, chairman of the A of C transportation committee, and Mrs. Don R. Livergood, chairman of the League of Women Voters transportation group.

Merchant's Fare Pay Plan Given

Merchants may soon be providing public transportation if a suggestion made yesterday by an official of the National City Lines, Inc., is adopted.

The plan is called merchant-sponsored ride-and-shop. It is now in operation in Joliet.

Its adoption in Decatur might help rescue local bus transportation from its current in-the-red operation, according to Verne A. Westover, regional manager of National City Lines, Inc., parent firm of Decatur City Lines.

The Joliet ride-and-shop plan is this: About 70 per cent of the downtown retailers and 10 per cent of the professional men pay most of the 20-cent fare for shoppers.

Speaking before transportation committees of the League of Women Voters and the Association of Commerce, Westover said the plan has been greeted favorably in Joliet.

Westover said he would have to make a detailed study before deciding whether the line could permit 10-cent fares on all routes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., a slack period.

Discussing the line's financial ills, Westover said advertising was abandoned "because we didn't think we were getting any good out of it."

He said Decatur buses showed a slight profit in June and completed September without a loss. But the other nine months of this year the line has produced a \$5,312 deficit.

If any attempt is made to extend routes in Decatur, it should take place in the South Shore area, he said.

An experimentation with zone fares is underway in Canton, Ohio, he said. The plan sets up one-mile zones all along the bus lines, and fares run 10 cents for one zone, 20 cents for two zones and 25 cents for passengers wanting to travel two or more lines.

Women Voters

November,

Study Policies

The November unit meetings of Decatur League of Women Voters will be discussions on foreign policy led by study group chairman Mrs. Clifford Smith, 1684 W. Riverview Ave.

"Politics of Trade" is the title of the discussions. Any interested persons is invited to attend.

Unit meeting schedules are:

Bring - the - Children Unit, 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in First Methodist Church

Evening Unit, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Porter French, 3712 MacArthur Road

Morning Unit, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Don Livergood, 664 S. Crea St.

State League Program On Constitutional Convention

Three members of Decatur League of Women Voters will attend a state League meeting Thursday in the Sherman Hotel, Chicago.

They are:

Mrs. David Carr

Mrs. Walker Mills

Mrs. Neal Doubleday, president of the local League.

The meeting will be part of the work in a concentrated drive for a Constitutional convention for Illinois. Part of the day's program will be a discussion of the forms of county government.

Among the guest speakers will be:

W. Brooke Graves, professor of political science at American University, Washington, D. C.

William G. Stratton, former governor of Illinois

Attorney General William Clark.

Mid-December, 1961

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Fair Sex Sits Beside Men on Government Bodies; Council Next?

By Donald D. Miller

Of the Herald and Review Staff

A touch of perfume has been added to smoke-filled rooms of several local legislative and policy-making boards.

Women have put their names in the hat.

They have been appointed to positions, and they have sought and won elections. For some boards the last decade has brought the first appearance of a female member in their ranks.

But is this apparent increase in the number of women board members about to spread to other legislative groups—to the all-male Decatur City Council, for example?

A current vacancy on the council has brought suggestions that a woman be named to the post. Mayor Robert A. Grohne, who has less than 60 days to appoint a council member, said he has heard no registered objections to the idea from other members of the council.

Could representation on the council by the fairer sex be an advantage? Is the woman's viewpoint, in fact, an asset to any policy-setting body on the local level?

Women Asked

These questions were asked of several persons who probably consider the situation more often than anyone else—the women who actually hold board positions.

"A woman has to feel she is needed on a board," said Mrs. Paul Raber, an assistant supervisor of Decatur Township.

Mrs. Raber, the first woman in many years to hold the post, said it is difficult to find women who are really interested in governmental participation.

"I am fascinated by politics," she said. "I enjoy serving on the board more than I ever expected to."

Mrs. Raber is the wife of a Decatur obstetrician and gynecologist and the mother of three children.

In speaking of her duties with the board of supervisors, Mrs. Raber commented that township business has a different appeal to women than a City Council post would have.

She mentioned health problems and work with state aid patients as lending themselves more to a woman's interest.

Mrs. Virgil G. Burns, an appointed member of the city traffic and parking commission, indicated that a woman's viewpoint often can give another side to some situations.

She said she is in favor of the City Council members being mostly men, however.

The president of the Decatur



Mrs. Robert F. Daily



Mrs. Neal F. Doubleday



Mrs. Paul Raber



League Plans Health Talks

League of Women Voters has scheduled its unit meetings, which are open to the public, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The subject for discussion will be "A County Health Department for Decatur and Macon County?" Mrs. Nat Kessler, study group chairman, will lead the discussions.

Other members participating in reports are:

Mrs. Helen Miller
Mrs. Robert Cole
Mrs. Robert Miller
Mrs. C. L. Colvis
Mrs. Harold Tenney.

Unit meeting times are:

Bring the Children unit, 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in First Methodist Church

Evening unit, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Fred S. Schudel, 2080 W. Riverview Ave.

Morning unit, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Russell Oplinger, 152 Cobb Ave.

Decatur, Illinois, Thursday, January 18, 1962.

Voter Group Backs County Health Unit

The Decatur League of Women Voters yesterday announced its support of a proposed county health department for Macon County.

In workshop sessions over the past 1½ years the situation has been studied, the group said, with the finding that outside of Decatur the county is without health services except for the school nurse program.

Based on its study the league noted the large volume of work handled by the city health department with a limited staff and commended health standards set by the city code.

With its recommendation for a successful referendum to establish a county unit the league made these specific recommendations:

1. Include an adequate sanitary program, including control of well pollution
2. Retain the necessary laboratory facilities now run by the city department
3. Continue the immunization clinics for the medically indigent
4. Cooperate with, and not supersede, the present school nursing program
5. Emphasize health education

with special attention to food-handlers

6. Include private eating places such as clubs and churches where meals are sold to the general public in inspection and licensing.

The league called contaminated wells the most obvious health hazard in the county.

The group concluded that the city and county can no longer be considered separate units for the purpose of health regulation as the county becomes urbanized and growing suburbs stay outside city limits.

It was estimated by the league that the total cost of the unit should be a little over \$140,000. Of that the state would contribute \$1 for every \$3 spent by the city and county. The league said the balance of about \$112,000 could be met by an annual tax levy of 2½ cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation throughout the county.

advantage? Is the woman's viewpoint, in fact, an asset to any policy-setting body on the local level?

Women Asked

These questions were asked of several persons who probably consider the situation more often than anyone else—the women who actually hold board positions.

"A woman has to feel she is needed on a board," said Mrs. Paul Raber, an assistant supervisor of Decatur Township.

Mrs. Raber, the first woman in many years to hold the post, said it is difficult to find women who are really interested in governmental participation.

"I am fascinated by politics," she said. "I enjoy serving on the board more than I ever expected to."

Mrs. Raber is the wife of a Decatur obstetrician and gynecologist and the mother of three children.

In speaking of her duties with the board of supervisors, Mrs. Raber commented that township business has a different appeal to women than a City Council post would have.

She mentioned health problems and work with state aid patients as lending themselves more to a woman's interest.

Mrs. Virgil G. Burns, an appointed member of the city traffic and parking commission, indicated that a woman's viewpoint often can give another side to some situations.

She said she is in favor of the City Council members being mostly men, however.

The president of the Decatur League of Women Voters, Mrs. Neal F. Doubleday, said it doesn't really matter to her organization if a woman or man is appointed to the council.

We primarily are interested in a council member's qualifications, she said. And the League's general goal is to have maximum citizen participation in government.

The city will be well represented if qualified people serve on the council, even if an area does not have a direct representative, she said.

Full Representation

Mrs. Frank Coppenbarger, who has indicated an interest in the post, said that all areas of the city need representation.

She is a member of the Decatur Board of Education and lives at 1560 E. Hickory St., an area of the city not now geographically represented on the council.

Qualifications are the important thing, said Mrs. Robert L. Cole, an appointed member of the city zoning board of appeals.

"A woman shouldn't be held back if she has the qualifications," she said.

Mrs. Cole, named to the board in February to replace a resigning member, said men can more readily recognize details of the cases undertaken by the board.

But she indicated that she probably has more free time to check on specific problems.

Mrs. Cole, believed to be the first woman ever to serve on the board, will finish a term which expires Sept. 1, 1963.

The Decatur Park Board's first female commissioner, Mrs. Robert F. Daily, maintains that a woman's touch is needed in that group.

She has worked for an over-all plan to co-ordinate the activities of municipal parks; indicating that the play areas should offer some-



League PLES.
Mrs. Neal F. Doubleday



Mrs. Paul Raber *League member*



Mrs. Frank Coppenbarger



Mrs. Virgil G. Burns

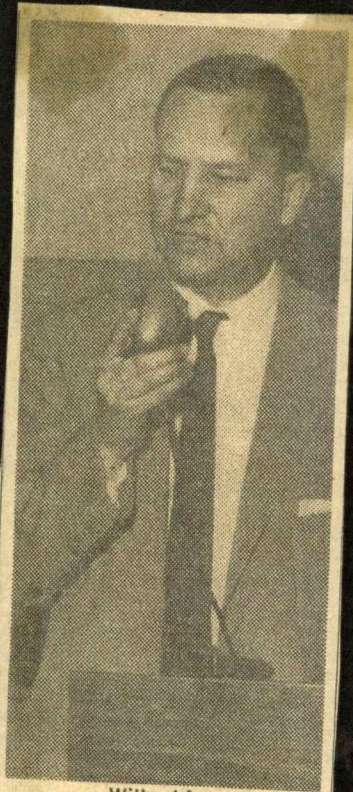


League member
Mrs. Robert L. Cole

thing for all age groups.

Mrs. Daily, who has three boys, was elected in April for a six-year term on the board. It was her first time to run for a public office.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, February 4, 1962.



Willard Ice

Ice Speaks Wednesday

Willard Ice, superintendent of the rules and regulations division of the Illinois department of revenue, will speak at a public meeting in Decatur Wednesday.

Ice will talk on the tax structure of Illinois at 7:45 p. m. Wednesday in the Millikin Student Center at a meeting sponsored by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

The meeting will open with refreshments and the public is invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Roy Zarbock.

Opposition Noted

Ice said he would have no fear of such a grant of authority, but that there is sufficient opposition that it could probably not be approved.

The current revenue section of the constitution puts lawmakers "in a box," Ice said, because the only sure way to raise large sums of money is through the sales tax or property tax.

The revenue section, now over 90 years old, was adopted during an agricultural economy when most of the wealth was in real estate, he said.

Today much of the wealth is in tangible or intangible personal property, with taxation difficult under present laws.

As a consequence revision of the tax structure, to reach this wealth, seems necessary to raise the funds needed for governmental operation.

The added money cannot come from extra economy in governmental operations, Ice said, because such economies are only "peanuts" compared with the amounts needed.

Operation of the state government itself takes only eight to nine per cent of the budget, with the 80 per cent going for schools, highways and welfare, Ice said.

Decatur, Illinois, Thursday, February 8, 1962.

State Official Predicts Income Tax Factor in Any Revenue Reforms

By John R. Harpster
Of the Herald Staff

Any proposed revision of the state's revenue article will raise the question of a state income tax, the League of Women Voters was told here last night.

Willard Ice, superintendent of the rules and regulations division of the state Department of Revenue, said the question will come either directly or indirectly if a revenue amendment is proposed by the General Assembly.

Ice, a member of the department for the past 20 years, said he expects the General Assembly to propose a revenue amendment next year. To become effective it would have to receive voter approval at the 1964 general election.

While Ice made no specific proposals of his own, he left no doubt about how he feels regarding the importance of revenue revision.

"It's a No. 1 problem in Illinois and important to all of us because it's close to our pocketbook," he said.

He also indirectly emphasized the need for revenue reform by predicting that the state will operate at a deficiency of at least 135 million dollars during its current fiscal biennium.

And this despite taxes, voted in 1961, which will add an estimated 286 million dollars to the state's income during the biennium.

Two Approaches

Ice said that any proposed revenue revision will face the income tax question either directly or indirectly.

If it is not taken up directly, any liberalization of taxing power granted by it to the Legislature would raise the possibility that an income tax could be imposed, he said.

Ice explained that in the 1930s a state income tax was voted, but was declared unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court.

The court, in its ruling, said that the current revenue section of the constitution allows only property, occupation and privilege taxes.

The difficulty of adopting a revenue amendment, Ice said, is compounded by the cross-currents of opinion concerning not only an income tax but other provisions.

Some groups, he said, will support a revenue amendment only if it allows an income tax, others only if such a tax is prohibited.

One approach to the problem, he said, is to adopt a revenue amendment simply giving the legislature power to levy the taxes it believes necessary.

Voter Registration Office Open Saturday

Vote s registration office will be open Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

County Clerk Darrell Foster said the office is normally closed Saturday but the heavy rush of registration of voters has made necessary to open the office.

The last day for registration Monday. Voters who fail to ha proper registration by this dr will not be eligible to vote in t April primary.

Thurs. Mar. 8th '62

Women Voters Study County Government Forms

Reports on the importance of county government will be given at meetings of the League of Women Voters this week.

Attention will be given to the various possible types of local government allowed in Illinois. The present Board of Supervisors form, the three man commission form and the county-manager form will be discussed.

Mrs. David Carr is chairman of the study group. Members of her committee are:

Mrs. Carl Stahl
Mrs. Glenn Fuller
Mrs. William Kuntz
Mrs. B. C. Dahlmann
Mrs. E. C. Stivers.

Scheduled meets are:

At 9 a.m. Tuesday for "Bring the Children Unit," in First Methodist Church.

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Donald Valentine, 632 W. Prairie Ave.

At 9 a.m. Wednesday with Mrs. Forrest Martin, 233 Park Place.

Women Voters

State Constitution 'Too Rigid'

A League of Women Voters workshop has come to the conclusion that the present Illinois Constitution "is too rigid and restricts local governments from making many constructive changes."

If constitutional revision is considered in this area the workshop, headed by Mrs. David Carr, 1607 Home Park Ave., suggests Home Rule legislation that would allow such things as:

1. Freedom to establish a central county law enforcement agency
2. Freedom to allow consideration of the adoption of a county manager form of government
3. Freedom of the present form of government to make efficient changes as the needs of the county change, in addition to freedom to shorten the county ballot.

In the past two years league workshops have been studying local government. Last year the workshop studied the various types of county government over the country.

Since October, Illinois county government in particular has been studied. The report was presented last week.

The group came to the conclusion that only two forms of county government are now allowed and the township form is the best.

The other form, the three-man commission form, has been rejected by the league as being of no advantage in either services or tax savings.

"The league committee found in the township system the framework for good representative government and supported this over the three-man form," Mrs. Harold Tenney, public relations chairman, reported.

Mrs. Carr said that if constitutional revisions are made to allow the three items suggested by the league, each item would then be studied further to see if it should be established in Macon County.

Sunday, Feb. 25th

Voters Plan Workshop

Women to Study 'Parties and Primaries'

A study group of the Decatur League of Women Voters will meet with local party chairmen Robert Owen and Harry Taylor. Topic of the workshop will be "Parties and Primaries" and will be a study of the functions and organization of the political parties.

The group will meet several times before reporting to the League in late March. Any woman of the community interested in the League and the workshop is invited to attend one of the following meetings:

Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. G. L. Kessinger, 82 Woodhill Court, Bay Shores, with Robert Owen as guest.

Thursday at 10 a.m. with Harry Taylor as guest.

Wed. March 7th, 1962

THIRTY-EIGHT PAGES TODAY

Daly Demands Live Telecast Of League Meet

Live television coverage of the League of Women Voters candidates meeting later this month has been demanded by one of the candidates, or he won't attend.

The request comes from Lar (America First) Daly, Chicago's perennial candidate for political office. In this year's primary he is opposing Rep. Sidney R. Yates for the Democratic nomination for U.S. senator.

The league meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. March 29 in the Stephen Decatur High School.

John H. Bone, general manager of Station WTVP, Decatur, said today that no formal request has been made for the live coverage of the meeting and, therefore, it would be premature to say whether the station would or would not televise it.

League sources said there had been talks last fall with some WTVP officials about coverage of the candidates meeting and other League activities.

The Daly letter including the TV request was directed to Mrs. Neal F. Doubleday, president of the League.

Copies of his letter were sent to the Review, Station WTVP, and, according to the letter, to league headquarters in Chicago, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the other 22 TV license holders in Illinois.

Daly suggests that WTVP be asked to provide a minimum of 90 minutes of TV coverage of the candidates' meeting.

This, under the Daly plan, would be divided among only the candidates for the General Assembly, U.S. representative and U.S. senator.

"If Mr. Bone of WTVP will agree to such arrangements, I am sure your meeting will be the most interesting and informative of any held by a League of Women Voters group in Illinois," Daly says.

"If Mr. Bone refuses to cover your meeting on his TV facilities, I must respectfully decline your invitation."

"I suggest you notify your local radio stations and ask them to broadcast your meeting also simultaneously during the 90 minutes TV coverage," Daly writes.

The candidate dwells at length on the responsibilities of TV stations in the U.S. and says that all Illinois stations are now operating on a temporary basis, their licenses having expired Dec. 31.

The FCC will hold public hearings in Chicago, beginning March 19, on the local programming of the five Chicago stations.

"I will testify at those hearings," Daly says.

"TV is now practically the only propaganda medium worth its salt as regards advertising and publicity purposes for political candidates, and informing the voters, not only of the campaign issues, but of the fact that an important election will soon be held," he said.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, February 25, 1962.

Decatur, Illinois, Tuesday, March 13, 1962

Lar Daly Will Not Be Missed

ILLINOIS voters of both major political parties will have a choice of sorts in the nomination of candidates for a seat in the U. S. Senate, the seat now held by Everett Dirksen, the Republican minority leader.

In the April 10 primary Republicans may choose between Sen. Dirksen, seeking another term, and Harley D. Jones. Those voters who ask for a Democratic primary ballot may vote for Rep. Sidney Yates, a Chicago congressman, or Lar (America First) Daly, who is a candidate for some political office in almost every election. He has thus far failed of election to any.

It is taken for granted that Senator Dirksen will be renominated and that Congressman Yates, the choice of the Democratic leadership in Cook County, will win his party's nomination.

Both favorites in the primary are already actively campaigning for the November election.

Lar Daly made a local headline when in reply to an invitation extended to all candidates to attend a public meeting sponsored by the Decatur League of Women Voters, he demanded that the candidates' meeting be televised "live," else he would not appear.

The local women's group replied, courteously but firmly, that no special arrangement would be attempted to insure his appearance. The president of the group told the candidate "Perhaps more people watch television, but interested citizens go to a meeting."

Lar Daly, always reaching for a microphone and impatient with "suffocating" local candidates for public office, will not be missed.

Decatur, Illinois, Friday, March 9, 1962

TWENTY-FOUR PAGES TO

Voter Group Answers Lar Daly

"Perhaps more people watch television, but interested citizens go to a meeting," Mrs. Neal Doubleday, president of the League of Women Voters, has written to a politician who demanded TV coverage here.

The candidate, Lar (America First) Daly, Chicago, had been invited to the league's March 29 candidates' meeting in Stephen Decatur High School auditorium.

He wrote Mrs. Doubleday that he would accept if she would arrange for Station WTVP to donate 90 minutes of live television coverage of the meeting.

Mrs. Doubleday tells Daly in reply there are several advantages to an open meeting in a public hall.

"It may be true in larger cities that candidates must work through the medium of television if they are to meet the voters, but in a city of the size of Decatur, we get a representative group of citizens to a public meeting," she said.

Newspaper coverage of the meetings is called excellent by Mrs. Doubleday.

The meetings have a more informal air than could be attained on TV and though the speaking time of each candidate is limited, "We do not have to hold so rigidly to a schedule as a television program would necessitate."

"And to see candidates on a stage is more satisfactory to us than to watch them on a screen," Mrs. Doubleday adds.

Daly had suggested the league have a separate meeting for local county candidates since they "suffocate" a meeting.

"We have found in several years' experience that county and local candidates, far from 'suffocating' our meeting, add a good deal of interest to one," Mrs. Doubleday replies.

"Local candidates are too often ignored, and so we think they welcome this opportunity to make their views known."

Daly this year is seeking the Democratic nomination for U. S. senator, a nomination also sought by U. S. Rep. Sidney R. Yates of Chicago.

In the past Daly has run for many offices without success.

IAR (America First) DAILY for UNITED STATES SENATOR....Democratic Candidate
State Primary Election, April 10, A.D., 1962

March 6, 1962

Mrs. Neal F. Doubleday, President
League of Women Voters, Decatur, Illinois
Mrs. Doubleday:

This replies to your letter of invitation of February 13, 1962. As you are probably aware, licenses to operate a television and radio station are granted by the Federal Communications Commission to licensees for the purpose of operating in the "public interest, convenience, and necessity". Any licensee not conforming to those basic standards is not entitled to renewal of its license.

All TV licenses in Illinois expired on December 31, 1961. Present licensees are now operating on a temporary basis. On March 19, 1962, in Chicago, Ill, the FCC will hold public hearings to determine the degree in which the 5 Chicago TV licensees have served their local programming needs.

I will testify at those hearings. The most important public service a TV licensee can render its local viewers is that of presenting the candidates for major public offices and their positions on vital issues on the screen of the "miracle medium" they operate. In this respect, the TV licensees of Illinois have failed miserably. TV is now practically the only propaganda medium worth its salt as regards advertising and publicity purposes for political candidates, and informing the voters, not only of the campaign issues, but of the fact that an important election will soon be held.

Meetings such as yours should be televised live by your local TV station, WTVP, Decatur, Ill. Probably you have not requested WTVP to cover your meeting. I suggest you do so immediately. A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. John H. Bone, Gen. Mgr. of WTVP. I have good reason to believe he will agree wholeheartedly with my abovestated views as to the superior importance of your meeting within the intent and meaning of the obligatory compliance of licensees to provide for the needs of "local programming".

I suggest you request Mr. Bone to provide a minimum of one and one-half hours of live coverage of your meeting. Further, I urge you not to dissipate the effectiveness of your meeting's purpose by allotting only 3 minutes to each invited candidate. A candidate without opposition in the April 10, 1962 Primary Election should not be permitted to speak at your meeting. A mere oral announcement of his candidacy by the meeting's Chairman should suffice. From Paragraph 2 of your letter, I infer that only candidates for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, and the Illinois General Assembly will address your meeting. That is as it should be. Do not make the mistake of "suffocating" your meeting by including County and local candidates at the same meeting. A separate meeting on a different date should be held for your County and local candidates. The time element alone, as you probably know from experience, requires such a procedure.

I also suggest that the 90 minutes of TV coverage should be divided as follows between the 3 abovementioned office-categories: 30 minutes should be allotted to the candidates for the Illinois General Assembly, divided equally between them. 60 minutes should be allotted to the candidates for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative, divided equally between them. If Mr. Bone of WTVP will agree to such arrangements, I am sure your meeting will be the most interesting and informative of any held by a League of Womens Voters group in Illinois.

Upon notification to the undersigned that you have definitely effected such arrangements with Mr. Bone, I will inform you by letter of my acceptance to attend your meeting and submit the information requested in your February 13 letter. If Mr. Bone refuses to cover your meeting on his TV facilities, I must respectfully decline your invitation. Finally, I suggest you ~~also~~ notify your local radio stations and ask them to broadcast your meeting also, simultaneously during the 90 minutes TV coverage. A copy of this letter is also sent LWV hdqtrs. in Chicago, and the FCC. IAR (AF) DAILY
A copy also sent to all other 22 TV licensees in Illinois.

Copies also to Decatur radio stations WDL and W50Y

Lar (America First) Daily

1379 West Macon
Decatur, Ill.
March 15, 1962

Mr. Lar Daly
844 W. Vermont St.
Chicago 90, Ill.

Dear Mr. Daly:

I have read with interest your letter of March 6 about televising our Candidates' Meeting. Although we have, from time to time, considered urging Mr. Bone of WTVP to televise such meetings, there are several advantages to an open meeting in a public hall. It may be true in larger cities that candidates must work through the medium of television if they are to meet the voters, but in a city the size of Decatur, we get a representative group of citizens to a public meeting, and the papers have given us such excellent coverage that a report is available to even more voters. Perhaps more people watch television, but interested citizens go to a meeting. Our meetings are unrehearsed; although we limit the time a candidate may speak, we do not have to hold so rigidly to a schedule as a television program would necessitate, so there is a more informal air to our meetings. And to see candidates on a stage is more satisfactory to us than to watch them on a screen.

We have found in several years' experience that county and local candidates, far from "suffocating" our meeting, add a good deal of interest to one. The League of Women Voters believes that a democracy can work only if there is good government at every level. Local candidates are too often ignored, and so we think they welcome this opportunity to make their views known. Since ours is a small organization, and there is a lot of work in putting on a Candidates' Meeting, we can have only one a year. We hold it before the primary, and consider it as preparation not only for the primary, but also for the fall elections. Thus we invite all the candidates who are running for policy-making offices to speak. Questions from the audience may be addressed to any candidate, and this practice adds further interest.

I hope that you may still decide to come to our meeting. I'm sorry that you did not return the biographical sheet, because many voters find the candidates' records of interest. We have them printed on a sheet which we furnish not only to those at the meeting, but to anyone who wants one.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs. Neal Doubleday, pres.)

Copies to WDZ, WSOY, WTVP, the Decatur Herald and Review, and to the state office of the LWV.

League Plans Unit Reports, Coffee Hour

The March meetings of the League of Women Voters will feature reports from the Political Parties Workshop. The workshop committee will discuss structure and function of American political parties. Chairman is Mrs. G. L. Kessinger. All interested women are invited to attend one of the following meetings:

Bring the Children Unit, 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in First Methodist Church

Evening Unit, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Berwyn Foster, 1584 W. Wood St.

Morning Unit, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Roy Zarbock, 298 S. Westdale Ave.

The League will have Congressman William L. Springer as a special guest at an informal coffee-question period at 10 a.m. Saturday in the home of Mrs. Marshall Susler, 3251 N. University Ave.

Champaign and Lincoln Leagues have been invited to attend. Questions will concern trade and tariff policies of the United States, foreign economic aid, United Nations and Water resources.



Robert B. King

King Named Voter League Quiz Leader

Robert B. King, general manager of Radio Station WSOY, will be moderator of a candidates' meeting March 29, the sponsoring League of Women Voters announced.

The meeting will be at 8 p.m. March 29 in Stephen Decatur High School auditorium.

All candidates seeking nomination in the primaries of April 10, in addition to the two Supreme Court candidates, have been invited to attend. The special judicial election will be held at the same time as the primary.

Of the 44 candidates invited, only six have not been heard from, according to Mrs. Harold F. Tenney, league publicity chairman.

Six others have declined because of other commitments and a seventh, Lar Daly of Chicago, has indicated he will not attend since the meeting won't be televised.

Both candidates for the Supreme Court, Judge Robert C. Underwood, the Republican, and Robert Zachariah Hickman, the Democrat, have accepted.

All candidates for policy-making offices will have the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

The local League of Women Voters began conducting the candidates' meetings in 1946, and this year's will be the 14th.

King was the 1961 "Man of the Year" of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the A of C board of directors, the Kiwanis Club board of directors, and president of Junior Achievement.

Primary Vote

31 to Attend Candidate Meet

Thirty-one candidates are expected to appear at the League of Women Voters candidates' meeting March 29.

The meeting will be at 8 p.m. March 29 in the Stephen Decatur High School Auditorium.

Co-chairmen of the event are Mrs. Nat Kessler and Mrs. Harold Tenney.

Each election year the league holds a candidates' meeting before the primary to emphasize the importance of that election.

Those that call themselves independent voters and avoid the primary election are actually dependent voters, the league says, because they can only vote for candidates chosen by someone else.

The league lists six reasons for voting in the primary:

1. Help select the candidates of your political party
2. Show your party whether or not its present policies are acceptable to you
3. Choose your party leaders, the men and women who determine party policies between elections
4. Demonstrate the strength of your party by helping to swell the total vote
5. Assure that your party has a good choice to offer in the general elections
6. See that party control stays in the hands of the voters.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, March 11, 1962.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, March 18, 1962.

Decatur, Illinois, Tuesday, March 20, 1962

Springer in 6 Meetings

What is happening in Washington during the current session of Congress will be explained by U. S. Rep. William L. Springer in six meetings in the next week.

Springer, Champaign Republican who is seeking re-election from the expanded 22nd District, listed these meetings:

Thursday, Republican Rally in Riverside Club, Havana, 6:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m.

Friday, Community Building, Monticello, 6:30 p. m.

Saturday morning, Decatur, home of Mrs. Marshall A. Susler, 3251 N. University Ave., for a 22nd District League of Women Voters meeting.

Saturday, 7:30 p. m., Republican rally, Watkins Cafe, Petersburg

Monday, Champaign County precinct committeemen, Champaign-Urbana Motor Inn, at an unspecified time

Tuesday, 6:30 p. m., Douglas County meeting at the Kaskaskia Country Club.



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Candidate Meeting Plans Made

Co-chairmen of the League of Women Voters candidates' meeting, Mrs. Harold Tenney, left, and Mrs. Nat Kessler, show

sample ballots to the two political party chairmen in the county, Democrat Robert D. Owen, left, and Republican Harry G.

(Skinny) Taylor. The league meeting will be at 8 p.m. next Thursday in Stephen Decatur High School auditorium.

Decatur, Illinois, Friday, March 16, 1962.

REVIEW

Legislature Candidates To Meeting

All seven candidates for the General Assembly have accepted invitations to the League of Women Voters candidates' meeting March 29.

The session will be at 8 p. m. March 29 in the Stephen Decatur High School auditorium.

Three questions have been submitted to the candidates for state representative:

1. Do you favor a Constitutional Convention?

2. Do you favor a new Revenue Article? If so, what should it contain?

3. Do you favor a shorter state ballot? If so, what offices would you eliminate?

Candidates for state representative include:

George P. Johns, Decatur Republican

Thomas M. Harris, Lincoln Republican

Earl Madigan, Lincoln Republican

Webber Borchers, Decatur Republican

State Rep. John W. Alsop, Decatur Democrat

State Rep. Herman Dammerman, Lincoln Democrat

Paul H. Ferguson, Decatur Democrat

None of the six candidates for the U. S. Senate and the U. S. House of Representatives have indicated they will attend the candidates' meeting. However, they have been asked three questions, too:

1. On what basis would you make decisions on new foreign trade laws?

2. In what domestic legislation are you especially interested?

3. How important to the United States is the survival of the United Nations?

After the formal part of the meeting program about an hour will be devoted to questions from the audience. Any candidate or

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1962

Springer said he feels retraining of the unemployed is the best approach to the "hard core" unemployed.

Questioned on U.S. foreign aid policy, Springer said that before aid can be given to Brazil, Chile and Argentina, some reforms in taxation, distribution of land and wages are needed.

Explaining his reasons for not "being hot" for buying \$100 million of United Nations bonds by the U.S. to support the Congo operation, Springer said he does not think anybody such as the U.N. should be dependent on one nation for its support.

At this time, he said, "I think it wrong to continue picking up the check."

Springer called a "masterpiece" U.N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson's speech on the justification of the exclusion of Red China from the U.N. last September.

He indicated his support for the U.N. and said it has in three instances been able to work out solutions to avert "bad" situations.

Springer, seeking re-election to represent the 22nd District, was invited to the district meeting, held in the home of Mrs. Marshall A. Susler, 3251 N. University Ave.

This Week In Decatur

March 25-31

SUNDAY

Rockhounds Annual Exhibit, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Y.M.C.A.
Audubon Screen Tour lecture "Wildlife at Your Doorstep" 3:30 p.m. MacArthur H.S.

TUESDAY

Style Show and Variety Show, St. Teresa Gym, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Vacation Church School Institute, St. Paul's Methodist Church

THURSDAY

Helen Stewart retirement luncheon, noon, Decatur Club
Salad Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Congregational Church

League of Women Voters Candidates Meeting, 8 p.m., Stephen Decatur High School

FRIDAY

Modern Living Home Show, 6-10 p.m., Armory
Variety Show, Decatur & Macon County School of Nursing, 7:30 p.m., Eisenhower High School

SATURDAY

Modern Living Home Show, 1-10 P.M., Armory

Springer Talks

Farm Marketing Gain Seen Through Cuts in U.S. Tariffs

A gain in agricultural marketing abroad is seen by U.S. Rep. William L. Springer, R-Champaign, if the United States adopts tariff reductions with the Common Market nations.

Speaking to more than 30 members of the 22nd District League

of Women Voters yesterday morning, Springer stressed the need for cooperation rather than competition with the nations in the Common Market.

In answering questions about what is happening in Washington during the current session of Congress, Springer said he thinks there should be provisions made for adjustments to injured industries if the lower tariff levels are agreed upon.

He indicated that freer trade between nations would ultimately tend to equalize wages. He said that some equalization is already apparent in that our wage increases are leveling off while in Europe they are still rising.

Answering questions from the floor, Springer said that the economy has taken up the slack of providing 800,000 new jobs each year needed because of population growth. He said however that the increased skill now needed in industry is adding to the problems of the unemployed.

Two Elections On April 10

VOTERS in 16 East Central Illinois counties will have opportunity to participate in two elections on Tuesday, April 10. That is primary day and members of the two major political parties will nominate candidates for U.S. senator, for state and local offices subject to the general election in November.

On the same day and at the same polling places in those 16 counties, which comprise the 3rd Supreme Court District, voters will elect a judge to fill the vacancy left by the death last year of Justice George W. Bristow. Each party chose its candidate for that vacancy in a party convention of delegates.

Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court are nominated in political conventions and run on political party ballots. But if a voter in the 3rd District chooses to vote only for Supreme Court justice and ignore the primary election being held on the same day, and at the same polling place, he can receive his judicial ballot without declaring his political party allegiance. After all, that declaration would not be necessary if the judicial election were held on another day or on the same day at another place.

Voters in the primary election must ask for either a Republican or Democratic party ballot. But even though the voter receives the judicial election ballot at the same time, he may vote for either the Republican or Democratic party judicial nominee and that choice will be made in the privacy of the polling booth.

Some eligible voters just do not care to participate in political party primaries. They thus narrow their influence in choosing public officials, since their choice in November will be between candidates nominated by those voters who participate in all elections provided under our democratic form of government.



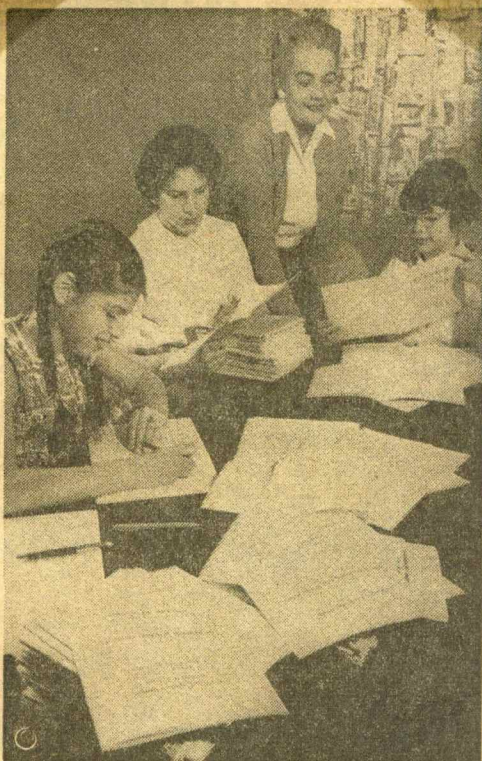
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Voter League Meeting

Mrs. Verne Roby puts up a poster advertising the League of Women Voters candidates meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday in

Stephen Decatur High School Auditorium. The meeting is arranged so that voters may hear candidates for nomination in the

April 10 primary election. The League does not endorse candidates.



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Candidates Meeting Programs Prepared

Programs for tomorrow night's candidates meeting, sponsored by the League of Women voters, are put together under the supervision of Mrs. L. L. Colvis, chairman of ushers. The workers, from left, are Gail, Joy and Margie Kessler.

Candidate Meeting

To the Editor:

On April 10th the voters of Macon County have the opportunity and the obligation to vote in the primary election for a number of county, state and national offices.

The writers of our United States Constitution did not guarantee automatic good government. By establishing a representative democracy, however, they did make the voting public responsible for the quality of government maintained. Each vote cast in every election is the clear and critical voice of the citizen and should reflect more than just a moment's thought.

Again this year, the Decatur League of Women Voters is sponsoring a public meeting to which all candidates seeking office in the primary are invited. Also invited this year, since that election is to be held along with the primary, are those candidates for Illinois Supreme Court justice.

The League believes that all Macon County voters can better do their job of voting after meeting their candidates at this program.

Decatur Mrs. Nat Kessler
Mrs. Harold Tenney

day, March 29, 1962.

Candidates Meet Voters Here Tonight

Thirty or 31 candidates for office in the April 10 primary and judicial elections will attend tonight's candidates meeting, the League of Women Voters reported this noon.

One candidate, Jack M. Standerfer, Democratic hopeful for the probate clerk's office, has been hospitalized recently and told Mrs. Harold Tenney, co-chairman of the event, he would not know until later today if he could appear.

The meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Stephen Decatur High School auditorium.

Among the 31 to appear are two Republican candidates for state office and the two Supreme Court justice candidates.

The latter, Republican Robert C. Underwood of Normal and Democrat Robert Zachariah Hickman of Danville, have shared platforms in their campaign for the seat left vacant by the death of George W. Bristow.

Underwood and Hickman, who are seeking election April 10, not nomination, will be two of the nine speakers at tonight's meeting.

The other seven speakers will be the four Republican and the three Democratic candidates for state representative.

Each party will nominate two men to run for the three seats available in the 47th District.

Candidates are:

Republicans

George P. Johns, Decatur
Thomas M. Harris, Lincoln
Earl (Red) Madigan, Lincoln
A. Webber Borchers, Decatur

Democrats

John W. Alsop, Decatur incumbent

Herman L. Dammerman, Lincoln incumbent

Paul H. Ferguson, Decatur.

The two state candidates appearing tonight will be Walter J. Reum of Oak Park, one of three candidates for state treasurer, and Louis F. Bottino of Lockport, one of two candidates for superintendent of public instruction.

They, along with all the other candidates aside from the Supreme Court or the General Assembly, will be introduced but will not give speeches.

Statements will be read from U. S. Rep. William L. Springer, Champaign Republican, who is seeking re-election, and U.S. Rep. Sidney R. Yates, Chicago, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for U.S. senator.

Nine Speakers

Voters Meet Candidates

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The meeting is in Stephen Decatur High School auditorium.

In addition to the speakers, a score of candidates seeking non-policy making offices will be introduced.

The league feels certain that the relatively small number of speeches will allow ample time for questions from the audience later.

Mrs. Nat Kessler and Mrs. Harold Tenney are co-chairmen of the candidates' meeting.

Statements will be read from U.S. Rep. William L. Springer, Champaign Republican who is seeking re-election to represent the 22nd District, and U.S. Rep. Sidney R. Yates of Chicago, Democrat candidate for U.S. senator.

The speech-makers will be:

The seven men seeking the four nominations (two for each party) for the Illinois House from the

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The two candidates for the vacancy on the Illinois Supreme Court from the 3rd District of 16 counties including Macon.

One candidate for state office has promised to attend. He is State Rep. Walter J. Reum of Oak Park, one of three Republicans seeking the nomination for state treasurer. His office is classed as non-policy making and he will not speak.

The two Supreme Court candidates are Robert (Zack) Hickman, Democrat attorney of Danville, and Robert C. Underwood, Republican McLean County Court judge.

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Candidates Back Revenue Change

By Tom Mahoney
Of the Review Staff

State representative candidates and their views on such things as revenue reform and aid to parochial schools dominated the League of Women Voters candidates' meeting in Stephen Decatur High School's auditorium last night.

About 500 persons attended the hour and three-quarters session.

The seven representative candidates and the two men who are seeking election to the Supreme Court were the only ones allowed to give speeches.

All other candidates present, however, got a chance to answer questions submitted from the audience. Twenty-six candidates attended.

Robert B. King, general manager of radio station WSOY, was moderator of the meeting and City Councilman Ellis B. Arnold and Niantic attorney B. A. Sheehan, both of the Commodore Toastmasters Club, were time-keepers.

All seven General Assembly candidates, four of whom will be nominated in the April 10 primary, came out for reform of the state Revenue Article. Six, all but Republican George P. Johns, Decatur, were in favor of a constitutional convention, too.

'One More Chance'

Johns said he favored giving the legislature one more chance at revenue revision before calling for a costly convention.

Several of the candidates pointed out the present constitution was drawn up when the state had a rural complexion while the state has now been urbanized.

Earl (Red) Madigan, Lincoln Republican, summed up the feeling when he noted that the Constitution was adopted in 1870—"In that length of time, almost anything needs changing."

Most of the candidates favored shortening the ballot but they didn't agree on how it was to be done or who was to be eliminated.

State Rep. John W. Alsup, Decatur Democrat, said "Take care of it at the constitutional convention."

State Rep. Herman L. Dammerman, Lincoln Democrat, said the auditor of public accounts, superintendent of public instruction, state treasurer, "and probably these University of Illinois trustees," could be eliminated from the ballot.

Paul H. Ferguson, Decatur Democrat, advised that only the governor, lieutenant governor and the legislators should be elected. All other state officers should be appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate.

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Republican, said he would rather see a change than a shortened ballot. The change would be to have only one ballot for the primary.

"Men elected now," Borchers observed, "represent not truly the people but truly the party."

Madigan said the state treasurer should still be elected as a doublecheck on the governor. The state school chief should be elected by school administrators, he said.

Aid to parochial schools was raised in a question submitted from the audience to the state representative candidates, though it was so general it was not apparent whether federal or state aid was involved.

Whatever the idea of the question, all seven came out against it with Thomas M. Harris, Lincoln Republican, saying he believed in separation of church and state.

Borchers saw no reason to help church groups set up school systems; Ferguson said he'd go along with Madigan and President Kennedy, two strong Catholics, in opposing aid to parochial schools.

Johns mentioned that the hot lunch program and transportation are as far as government aid to parochial schools has gone and said he thought that was far enough.

'Aids to Children'

Madigan, the only one given additional time, noted lunches and rides were aids to the children, not the schools.

While the representative candidates dominated the talking, county candidates did have a little to say.

County Supt. of Schools William R. Woodward, Republican, drew the biggest applause of the night with the comment that Macon County schools don't want dictation from Washington.

The Democratic candidate for the job, Lester F. Heckert, had just told the audience he favored federal aid to education. "We have federal aid for everything else," he commented.

Donald W. Morthland, GOP candidate for county judge, commenting on juvenile delinquency, said a commission to advise the judge on what to do might be appointed.

The Democratic candidate, Donald A. Jones, said "It's not one problem, it's many." The judge should act on proved information, only, as the child has civil rights too, he added.

The five candidates for county sheriff had varying ideas on what to do to improve the office operations.

One, V. E. (Tiny) Healy, Republican, said he thought the office was operating fine now.

Chief Dep. Ralph J. (Red) Doyle, Republican, said "work harder and work longer" were the ways to improve.

Backgrounds Cited

Hickman, Underwood Ask Judicious Decision

Two men, one of whom will be elected to Illinois' highest court in 11 days, pointed to their backgrounds at a meeting in Decatur last night and asked the voters to make a judicious decision.

Appearing at the League of Women Voters candidates' meeting were McLean County Judge Robert C. Underwood, 46, Republican of Normal, and Robert Zachariah Hickman, 54, Democrat of Danville.

Both were in agreement that politics has nothing to do with decisions of the Supreme Court. This came up when a question submitted from the audience asked the men's opinions of the proposed judicial article which would provide for four Supreme Court justices from Downstate and three from Chicago.

Chicago and Cook County now only has one representative on the seven-man court, Hickman pointed out, while a majority of the cases before the court come from Cook County.

Apparently alluding to the strong Democratic flavor of Chicago politics, Republican Underwood said that he saw no cause for alarm in the possibility that only one judge of a particular party, the Democratic, would have to be elected Downstate to give that party dominance.

"The matter of political affiliation of the judge is of no bearing in the decisions," Judge Underwood said.

Prior Service Told

In tracing their own qualifications for the Supreme Court the two men touched several times on prior judicial service.

Hickman has never been a judge; Underwood has been McLean County judge since 1946.

Hickman said prior judicial experience was not necessary for a candidate for the court, noting that if it were the state would have lost the services of Harry B. Hershey, the present chief justice, and Justice Walter V. Schaefer, who is also serving at present, and the late Justices Walter T. Gunn, Danville Republican, and June C. Smith, Centralia Republican.

Underwood said he was not one of those who have stated that prior service is essential. "I do think it is helpful," he added.

Then he recalled his service on the McLean County bench which has also led him to be invited to sit in the Circuit Court. There have been only six appeals from the thousands of cases he has judged, and only one was sent back for a new trial, Underwood said.

Both men urged voters to go to the polls for the special judicial election April 10. The election is being held at the same time as the primary but voters need not vote in the primary, thus avoiding declaration of their politics, to vote for the judges.

The two are seeking the Supreme Court seat left vacant by the death of Republican Justice George W. Bristow of Paris.

Seven years remain in the nine-year Bristow term.

Among other things, election to the Supreme Court vacancy holds out the possibility of \$210,000 in income since the salary of a justice is now \$30,000 a year.

Charles David Peters, Democrat, suggested establishing separate patrol and investigative staffs.

Pledger L. Hensley, Democrat, cited a lack of communication now between the records office and the radio operator.

Suggests Air Patrol

He also suggested, but did not elaborate on, an air patrol for Macon County schools.

Clark Tarrant, Democrat, a restaurant operator, compared his knowledge of the office operations with his knowledge of cooking. "I didn't know anything about frying hamburgers eight years ago," he said in promising to surround himself with experienced police personnel.

Also speaking briefly last night were:

Mildred Staley, GOP candidate for the new office of probate clerk

Frank A. Meara, Democratic candidate for county treasurer

Arthur B. Wilcox, Republican candidate for county treasurer

County Clerk Darrell Foster, Republican

Frank J. Gollings, Democratic candidate for probate judge

Hilmer C. Landholt, Republican candidate for probate judge.

Present at the start of the meeting but having to leave before they could be questioned were William M. Tangney, Democratic candidate for county clerk, and Walter J. Reum, Oak Park, GOP candidate for state treasurer.

Reum, a state representative, was the only candidate running state-wide present at last night's meeting.

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WOMEN VOTERS PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

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Members will also have an opportunity to select the study items for the 1962-63 local agenda.

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Constitutional Convention

Illinois Tried Before; Probably Won't Again

By O. T. BANTON

Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers
Legislative Correspondent

ILLINOIS residents appear to be coming to regard state constitutional change by the convention method as out of the question.

Only the League of Women Voters is making a real and continued effort to keep the issue alive. At the state level the League has been researching on the subject, and has recently drafted proposed changes in the constitutional article dealing with county and local government.

The last hard fight in the Legislature on the subject was in 1949.

Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson failed to get a resolution through the House that would have called a constitutional convention to rewrite the state's 1870 charter.

Stevenson, who came within five votes of getting the two-thirds majority of 102 votes needed in the House, threatened to carry the issue "to the people" in the next legislative election, but no serious effort was made.

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While Albert J. Harno, then dean of the University of Illinois Law School—now court administrator for Illinois—was among those supporting con-con at that time, his views on the subject have changed to some extent.

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In 1934 the Legislature proposed that a constitutional convention be called, but the people turned the proposal down by a vote of 691,021 for, and 585,879 against. The proposition lost because the affirmative vote was far short of a majority of the total of 2,935,192 votes cast in the election.

Those advocating a complete rewrite of the Illinois constitution have, on some occasions, cited the words of Abraham Lincoln, who in reference to the U. S. Constitution, once said:

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Several are advocating that, to avoid possible rejection for this reason, the new constitution be submitted in a series of separate propositions, which could be approved or turned down individually.

It is recognized that it would be awkward, if the proposed constitution were broken up into enough separate propositions to avoid the trouble that is feared in offering it as a package. No agreement has yet been reached on the knotty problem.

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How to Improve The Constitution

—By Edward Lindsay

DISILLUSIONMENT of Illinois residents with the constitutional convention approach to governmental reform is discussed today by O. T. Banton in an article on the front page of this section.

Three points have persuaded me that we cannot hope for progress by the convention method. These are:

1. The Illinois constitution, taken as a whole, is not as bad as most of us imply by emphasizing that it was adopted in 1870. Illinois gives the executive department more real and implied powers than is the case in most state constitutions. It provides for a fairly low number of elective officers by comparison with most state constitutions so that real authority is delivered to those who are given responsibility by the voters. It is true that the ballot should be shorter so the top executive officer, the governor, could to a greater extent deliver, and take full responsibility for, an administration.

2. Michigan, which is now in the midst of a constitutional convention, offers a telling reminder of the fact that any representative body functions by compromise. When the whole constitution is put before a convention it is inevitable that good sections can go into the draft document only when those who sponsor them are willing to trade votes with enthusiasts for other sections. This opens a Pandora's box. It inevitably creates a large number of small but influential groups who are losers and may carry their opposition into the public referendum for the adoption of the proposed final constitution draft.

3. When the whole constitution is put before the voters after the convention has produced a final draft copy, each change from the old constitution, or from proposed sections the convention did not adopt, has some opponents. While no one of these dissatisfied groups, considered alone, would be enough to defeat the adoption of a new constitution, their total could easily become overwhelming, as Mr. Banton and Albert J. Harno, former Dean of the University of Illinois Law School, point out.

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THERE HAS been considerable change in attitude toward a graduated income tax with a specified limit (possibly a limit that could be changed by statewide referendum) since then in Illinois. Other states seeking to lift the tax burden on property have been turning to the graduated income tax. Actually, there are more income tax states than sales tax states at the present.

It should be borne in mind that a new revenue amendment

permitting the classification of property for tax purposes undoubtedly will open the door for taking the sales tax off food. This will make it necessary to find another tax to replace the loss of income to the state, and through the state, to local school districts and state universities.

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principal remaining proponents of a constitutional convention. At the same time the League's current efforts toward reform are aimed largely at the much needed improvements in county and local government. I hope they, too, are persuaded to move on the constitution an article at a time, by the Gateway Amendment route.

Sun. May 5th

League's Support

To the Editor:

An article by O. T. Banton and an editorial page column by Edward Lindsay in the Herald and Review for April 22 each speak of the League of Women voters as the only group actively working for a constitutional convention. There are other groups interested, such as the American Association of University Women and the Parent-Teachers Association.

A constitutional convention would concentrate only on a workable constitution, making sure all parts hung together. Amendments already accepted could be incorporated into the new constitution. We would hope that a representative group of thoughtful citizens would make up such a convention. The new constitution could be submitted to the voters in sections, so that rejection of any part would not mean rejection of the whole. And if we start the whole process with the next session of the Legislature, we may be able to celebrate the centennial of our 1870 constitution with a new one in 1970!

Many states are laboring, as is Illinois, under constitutions inadequate for our modern society. If Michigan seems to be running into discouraging compromises in its constitutional convention, there are other states, like New Jersey, that have achieved success with an up-to-date, stream-lined constitution. The League does not think that a new constitution will solve all of Illinois' problems, but we don't see how many of them can be solved at all under the limitations imposed by our 1870 constitution.

Decatur Mrs. Henry Bachrach
President
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May 2nd 1962

Women Voters

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By Edith Evans Asbury
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After his official retirement in 1948 he was made pastor of the Zion Chapel Methodist Church near Boody until 1952 when he retired again having served 50 years as a minister. It was a short retirement filled with activity. In 1956 he was assigned to the Grove City Church where he preached until 1959. He is now retired for the third time but often fills in for vacationing ministers in the area. He did more than just preach where he was assigned. Among many things he carried on campaigns to raise funds for churches and parsonages.

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Dwight Hightower, senior law partner in firm of Baker, McKenzie and Hightower, Chicago

Howard Whidden, foreign and senior editor of Business Week magazine

Dr. Pierre A. Rinfret, vice president and economics division director of Lionel D. Edie and Co., Inc., New York

Dr. Charles P. Kindleberger, professor of economics, Center for International Studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the University Center. It will end with a panel discussion by the various speakers from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Window Displays On Conference

Two window displays with the export-import theme have been set up in downtown Decatur in connection with the International Trade Conference Tuesday.

The displays are the work of the Decatur League of Women Voters which has been studying world trade for several years.

The foreign affairs study group, headed by Mrs. Clifford Smith, was in charge of the downtown displays, in windows of Linn & Scruggs Co. and Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co.

Monday, May 2

Sunday ~~June 10th~~

Women Voters to Hear Report by Mrs. Bachrach

Decatur League of Women Voters will have one May unit meeting at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday in the home of the League's president, Mrs. Henry Bachrach, 25 N. Country Club Road.

Mrs. Bachrach will give a brief resume of the National League Convention which she attended recently. Mrs. Hilmer Landholt and her committee will give a report on the proposed judicial amendment which they have been studying.

Any interested woman is welcome to attend the meeting.

Four League members will attend an all-day regional meeting in Danville Tuesday.

The state board of the League has planned the meeting to discuss subjects including membership, state continuing responsibilities, legislation, finance drive and the judicial amendment campaign. Those attending from Decatur will be:

Mrs. Henry Bachrach
Mrs. Hilmer Landholt
Mrs. G. R. Cohn
Mrs. T. L. Hurst.

\$1,500 Fund Drive Goal

League of Women Voters Begin Drive Sept. 11

The League of Women Voters hopes the thermometer will reach 1,500 during September — \$1,500, that is.

The women have set their annual fund drive for Sept. 11 through Sept. 21. It will feature a thermometer chart to record the drive's progress.

Mrs. G. R. Cohn of 777 S. Monroe St., last year's chairman, heads the drive again this year.

Contributions are being sought by letter and by personal visits from interested organizations and individuals.

During the all-member drive,

women will also distribute information about the non-profit, non-partisan organization.

The League's activities this year will include:

1. Support passage of the judicial amendment to the Illinois constitution
2. Study Decatur School District 61
3. Analyze council-manager government in Decatur
4. Continue study of the Decatur urban renewal program.

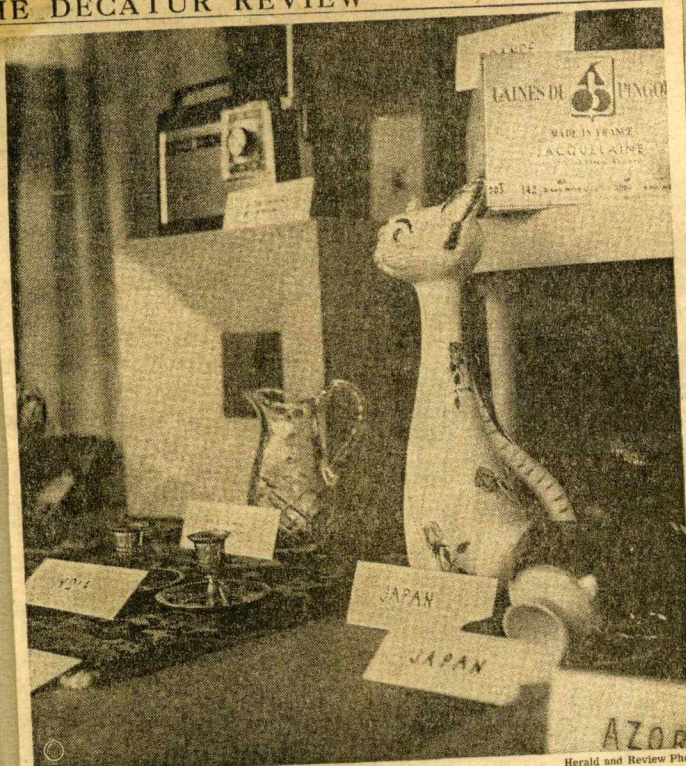
The League's fund drive goal this fall is \$300 higher than last year's goal.



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Mrs. G. R. Cohn of 777 S. Women Voters plans to use in its week-long fall fund drive starting Sept. 11.

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Cats from Japan hobnob with yarn from France in Linn & Scruggs Co.'s window display.

reflecting the atmosphere of the International Trade Conference Tuesday at Millikin University.

About 200 are expected at the meeting, sponsored by the Association of Commerce.

Trade Conference Tuesday

152 Sign for Event

Registration for the International Trade Conference Tuesday at Millikin University totaled 152 at noon today.

Between 25 and 50 more registrants are expected before the one-day session opens, according to the Association of Commerce.

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MONDAY, JULY 16, 1962

League Plans Annual Coffee

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The League's annual summer coffee is an attempt to provide an over-all picture of League activities to women interested in becoming members. Guests are invited.

Lester J. Grant, superintendent of Decatur public schools, will speak at the coffee on the subject of building needs for our public schools.

Mrs. Keith Westenhaver is chairman of a League study group currently studying School District 61 and its needs for expansion. The group will present its findings to the League at the September unit meetings.

Decatur, Illinois, Wednesday, July 18, 1962.

20-Cent School Hike?

Grant Sees Need for Tax Rate Increase

Lester J. Grant, superintendent of Decatur public schools, indicated today the educational fund tax rate needs to be raised as much as 20 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to meet the 1962-63 school budget.

At a meeting of the Decatur League of Women Voters this morning, Grant, the guest speaker, was asked if he felt a tax increase was necessary and what a 20 cent increase would mean.

A 20 cent raise would net \$577,122 revenue, the superintendent said. Presently the 1962-63 budget appears short of \$469,356 revenue.

However, approximately \$290,000 is being held by the county treasurer pending two annexation lawsuits.

But even if this sum became available, the school district would still need \$179,356 to meet its planned expenses.

Grant said this implies a tax increase is necessary, for the present budget and any income left over from such an increase is

needed for expansion of educational facilities.

Late in June, the board of education discussed a proposal by Grant on the building of three new junior high schools and additions to grade schools which would add about 12 cents to the tax rate.

Grant also said at today's meeting negotiations with both private landowners and the Park District are underway to acquire land for the new junior high schools.

In discussing the school district's total budget, Grant said 75.8 per cent of the revenue \$9,920,618 budget comes from local taxes, 24.18 per cent from the state and .062 per cent from federal funds.

During the meeting Grant indicated lengthening the school year or going to the quarter system, little money would be saved since only about seven per cent of the total budget is cost of new buildings as reflected in the bond and interest fund. Any savings in the area would be reduced by transportation costs.



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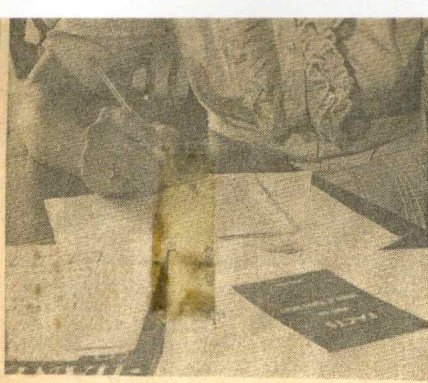
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How is the League supported? The League is supported by five dollars annual dues from members, and by contributions from public-spirited citizens who believe in its aims. The finance

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Women Voters

School Bond Issue Backed

League of Women Voters of Decatur today came out in partial support of the proposed referendum of the Decatur Public Schools.

Following an analysis of enrollments, League spokesmen issued this recommendation:

"There is an immediate need for a junior high school in the airport area and additions to elementary buildings at Mound and South Shores elementary schools.

"On the basis of an analysis using just September 1962 enrollment figures and using the figures of the Board of Education for optimum class size and building use, the League is unable to justify the need at this time for junior high schools in the Mound and South Shores areas, as proposed by the school board.

"We recommend the Board of Education submit to the voters at the earliest possible date, a new proposal to provide for the immediate needs."

The Board of Education has set Oct. 9 for a vote on a \$3,655,000 bond issue to construct three new junior high schools and authorization for an increase in the educational fund tax rate levy from \$1.80 to \$2 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Regarding the latter, the League said it has not had sufficient time to "analyze curriculum and staff requirements and wishes not to make a recommendation at this time.

League officials estimated their proposed building program would cost about \$1.5 million.

In general, spokesmen said, Decatur is in a state of flux. Action on further school building, beyond that recommended by the League, should be deferred until needs can be more definitely determined.



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Contribution for League

One of the first contributions to the League of Women Voters' fund drive is made by Carl R. Miller of 630 S. Monroe St. Mrs. David E. Carr of 1607 Home Park Ave., League treasurer, accepts his check. The drive opened Tuesday and ends Sept. 21.

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The **CITIZENS**
NATIONAL BANK
DECATUR, ILL.



Support The League Of Women Voters . . . With A Contribution.

Sunday Sept. 16th



League committee at work, from left, Mrs. Keith Westenhaver, Mrs. Kenneth Shea, Mrs. Roger Miller and Mrs. Paul Reeder.

Voters League

Women Study School Problems

League of Women Voters will open the fall season with reports

given by the League committee which has been studying the local program item on "The Operation of School District 61 and of the Necessity for Referendum Covering School Expansion, with Action where indicated."

Any women interested may attend one of the three meetings set for this week with the same program for each. They are:

Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. Bring the Children Unit (care is provided

for them) in First Methodist Church.

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. C. H. Halsey, 305 S. Glencoe Ave.

Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Honore Owen, 212 S. Glencoe Ave.

The committee reporting on the school referendum has been busy this summer gaining information through the following activities:

Held a coffee question and answer interview for all League members with School Superintendent Lester Grant.

Toured five schools under the guidance of Warner Rogers in charge of school maintenance.

1. MacArthur High to observe new materials and large facilities

2. Pershing elementary to see the use of a smaller building

3. Woodrow Wilson Junior High and Oakland elementary to compare older buildings

4. Stephen Decatur High to note the remodeling effects of a large, older school.

The committee has attended all school board meetings since July

1 and has received copies and made a study of the School Board budget.

During the coming year, the study group will continue with these activities:

Report its findings to the League membership on the financial and buildings needs of School District 61 giving an opportunity for discussion.

Compile a "Know Your Schools" brochure which will include reports on organizations of schools at local and state levels, special services to our schools, the school program, personnel, building facilities and finances.

Keep speaking dates with the American Association of University Women, Parent-Teacher Associations, PEO and other groups. Continue League representation at School Board meetings.

Members of the committee are:

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Mrs. Kenneth Shae
Mrs. John E. Grimm
Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst
Mrs. Henry Bachrach
Mrs. Roger Miller
Mrs. James Drenan
Mrs. Lloyd Ater
Mrs. Paul Reeder
Mrs. Don R. Livergood.

r, Illinois, Friday, September 21, 1962.

School Board Women Meet Tomorrow

Decatur's Board of Education will meet with representatives of the League of Women Voters at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Keil Administration Building, 101 W. Cerro Gordo St.

Richard W. Huff, board president, arranged the meeting this morning. He said, "We welcome the chance to meet with the league representatives and to discuss the reasons for the stand they have taken. I certainly hope that with a full discussion of the facts, that we can come to an understanding."

League of Women Voters offered in letters mailed yesterday to discuss the public school referendum with the Board of Education.

Most board members polled indicated the board should give consideration to the proposal of the League to cut the size of the referendum.

The board regular meeting will be Tuesday night.

Mrs. Henry Bachrach, league president, said fact sheets explaining statistics prepared by the league were sent to board members and Supt. Lester J. Grant early this week. Some league members met with school officials Wednesday morning prior to releasing a statement on their stand.

Board member Theodore W. Schroeder said yesterday the school report should be compared with the league's and then the board should give the league an answer to its criticisms.

Donald A. Jones, board member, said he believed the league's statement would hinder the bond issue. "It has given aid and comfort to those people who are looking for things wrong with the schools' proposals, giving them an excuse to be against it when they really didn't intend to."

'Wrong End First'

Jones said the league "has taken the thing up the wrong end first. They haven't yet passed on what educational program is necessary but they have already presumed to know what rooms are necessary and where."

"The important thing is the educational program that we are trying to provide, not necessarily in what rooms it will take place. At least the ladies have agreed that we do need some classrooms."

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The league's recommendations should be considered, Joseph E. Katauski, board member said yesterday, because they do represent the voters and "undoubtedly have given the issue a great deal of consideration."

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Katauski agreed with the league that the most needed junior high school is in the airport area.

League's Recommendations

School Officials Disappointed

Disappointment was expressed by Decatur school officials today on the League of Women Voters' recommendations on the Oct. 9 referendum.

The League yesterday recommended a re-consideration of the referendum building proposal.

It said there is an immediate need for one of three junior high schools proposed by the board but recommended elementary school additions be made at two locations rather than junior highs.

League members did not take a stand on the referendum proposal to increase the educational fund tax rate from \$1.80 to \$2 per \$100 assessed valuation, saying they had not had sufficient time to study it.

Richard W. Huff, Decatur Board of Education president, said this morning, "I was very disappointed in the action taken by the League of Women Voters."

Huff said, "The best interest of the school system could have been served by the League asking for a conference with the Board of Education before the statement was given."

Could Have Been Discussed

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Huff said, "Economy and good public practice make it imperative that long range planning be done."

"The board has spent many hours over a period of several years developing what I consider to be a minimum program."

"Our decision was made only after this study was completed," Huff said, "I am sure that the decision is a sound one and is in the best interest of the community and the school system."

These statements were somewhat echoed by Lester J. Grant, public schools superintendent.

"The board has given over a year of serious consideration to the building and educational needs of this district," Grant said, "and the data on which its decision was reached were sound and they are basically no different now than in July when the election was called."

Grant said, "Their solution (the board's) for meeting these needs is educationally and economically sound. Therefore, I see no reason to consider any change at this time."

New Proposal

The League recommended the board make a new proposal to "provide for immediate needs" and submit it to voters as at the earliest possible date.

It was estimated by the League its proposal for one junior high school in the Airport area, and the Mound and South Shores additions, would cost about \$1.5 million compared to the board's building estimates of \$3,655,000 for the three junior highs.

League representatives said a number of factors influenced their recommendation to pare the bond issue, among them that Decatur is in a state of flux.

There is no estimate at the moment of the number of people new industries would bring into the city, they said, and perhaps, many employees of new facilities might be unemployed persons living in Decatur who are sending their children to school now.

The number of births in the city have shown a decline from 1956 through 1961, League officials said, and there is a possibility that 1963 may be a peak enrollment year with the student number dropping after that time.

They said they could not find justification for junior high schools in the Mound and South Shores areas after an analysis of enrollments.

League members calculated only Johns Hill Junior High School would be badly overcrowded in 1964. The airport junior high would take students from that school plus relieving congestion at Lakeview Junior and Senior High School.

League members said that needs of the district could be re-evaluated later if an appreciable number of students enroll in the system.

Also, they said the delay would mean the school district's bonded indebtedness would be reduced and perhaps the assessed valuation would be higher, making funds easier to obtain.

School Board, Voter League Fail to Agree On Building Needs

Board to Get Grant's Report On Buildings

Supt. Lester J. Grant will present a report to the Board of Education at its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday on whether the three proposed junior high school buildings should be built as duplicates.

The report is based on replies contained in questionnaires sent to various Decatur architects and on conferences held with the draftsmen.

In August, Grant estimated that "essential duplication of the buildings" would save the district about \$65,000 in architectural fees.

Permission to use certain schools as fallout shelters also will be requested from the board by Otto A. Salefski, director of the local Civil Defense program.

Other business includes the drawing up of an amendment to contract for employe annuity deductions, plus the approval of several bids.

Bids to be studied include those on printing of school directories, a gas burner for Roach School and a smoke stack for Gastman School.

By Ralph W. Sanders

Of the Herald and Review Staff

Decatur Board of Education members and representatives of the League of Women Voters yesterday failed to agree on building needs for the Decatur unit.

In a two-hour afternoon session in the Keil Administration Building, what was termed a difference of opinion was aired. At issue was whether the board should ask voters to approve a \$2,655,000 bond issue Oct. 9 to finance three junior high schools, or should instead adopt a proposal made public Wednesday by the women's group.

The league's proposal would call for the construction of one new junior high school near the airport and additions to Mound and South Shores elementary schools at an estimated total cost of \$1.5 million.

As explained to the board yesterday by Mrs. Keith G. Westervaver and four other league representatives, such a program would provide for "immediate" needs.

Using school administration enrollment figures, she said the league based its decision for the proposal mainly on the unsettled state of the community's economy and the apparent decline in birth rates in the county from 1953 through 1961.

The women took no stand on the school's proposed increase in the educational fund tax rate, saying they had not had time to study it fully.

Remarks Biting

Remarks from both sides were sometimes polite and sometimes biting.

Board member G. William Madden said the action of the league had "scuttled" the chances of passing the board's bond issue. The league denied the charge.

Madden said he thought the group's facts were right, that its motives were right but that it came up with the wrong answer.

Both sides agreed that they were working for the same thing: better schools for the community. But their agreement ended there.

Mrs. Henry Bachrach, league president, assured the board the league was not trying to "maliciously or undermine the board," but was echoing the feeling of its members that there was one practical way to get needed school buildings and that was to justify them on the basis of immediate need.

Board member Mrs. Mary L. Barnes strongly defended the need for a new junior high in the Mound School area.

She said the league's action had cast a "cloud of suspicion and doubt" over the board.

Donald A. Jones commended the women on their method of study of the problem. He suggested that it is pointless to argue over a building if you do not have teachers and a teaching program. He stressed that the system will need more classrooms and the only question is in what year.

Not Out of Line

Joseph E. Katauski told the group he feels asking for three junior high schools is not out of line with current enrollment figures. He said a junior high in the airport area is needed now, and that South Shores and Mound area junior highs could serve elementary needs better than additions to the existing elementary schools.

Supt. of Schools Lester J. Grant said both elementary schools are about as large as is practical.

Good educational principles are the basis of the board's proposal, according to member Theodore W. Schroeder. He suggested that birth figures for a few years do not indicate a general trend.

Schroeder said the school system has well distributed elementary and high school attendance centers and currently needs junior highs in the newer residential areas.

Board President Richard W. Huff told the league that the board feels its enrollment figure projections are very conservative, and that the board's proposal is an attempt to provide a flexible long-range program.

Though no agreement was reached, the discussion was ended on a note of cordiality when Huff thanked the ladies for coming and expressed regret that the differences had not been resolved.

Questions relevant to the discussion are apt to be asked Sept. 27 when the board is to appear on a radio panel program on WSOY.

Decatur School Board Should Stand Firm on Program

HOWEVER worthy the motives of the Decatur chapter of the League of Women Voters, the League's recommendation for trimming the amount of the bond issue for school construction to be submitted at an October 9 public referendum is unfortunately timed.

The League asked last Wednesday, not quite three weeks before the scheduled referendum, that the Decatur Board of Education make a new bond issue proposal to "provide for immediate needs" only. In its statement the League made no recommendation on the other proposal to be submitted in the October 9 referendum, an increase in the limit of the tax rate for school operations.

The League of Women Voters has an excellent reputation in Decatur. Women of the organization have studied public issues on all levels of government. They have been active, participating citizens and their recommendations have been influential in campaigns for reform of government on the local and state levels.

Committees of the League have had access to the same statistics and projections used by the Decatur Board of Education which drew the proposals to be submitted to referendum.

The Board has recommended a bond issue and an educational tax rate increase to meet minimum needs. The bond issue proposed for construction is for \$3,654,000,

an almost 50 per cent reduction from the amount of the bond issue which was rejected in public referendum in 1959. The educational tax rate increase asked this year would amount to 20 cents on the \$100 valuation, half the increase asked, and rejected, in the 1959 referendum.

But the Board feels that there is a limit to the facing of realities—meaning the general climate of opposition to any property tax increases. The Board is responsible for providing the needed schools and staff to maintain a high standard of public school education to Decatur children.

The League, working from the same statistics of present needs and future demands, proposes a reduction of the bond issue request to about \$1.5 million, enough to build only one of the three junior high schools proposed by the Board and to make repairs and build some additions to buildings now in use.

It may be that the League has assessed public attitudes toward taxes and Decatur School District spending and, fearing defeat of the program the Board will submit on October 9, hopes to salvage part of the program on the principle of "half a loaf is better than none."

This is discounting the public interest of the Decatur community in good public schools, and the willingness of the community to provide the schools and teach-

ing staff necessary to the maintenance of that proper level of education.

Regardless of the recommendation of the League of Women Voters and the conferences with League representatives, which should have been held before rather than after the League's unexpected statement of last Wednesday, the Board of Education should stand firm on its program to be submitted to referendum on October 9, and hold the referendum on that date as has been decided. The Board has no alternative if it is to keep faith with the people of Decatur and with the children of the Decatur of tomorrow.

Unfortunately, the League's eleventh-hour recommendation for a new deal in the October 9 bond issue referendum has revived, and possibly has augmented, whatever quiet opposition there had been to the Board of Education's program for providing physical plant and staff for the future public school population when they shall be needed.

If the League of Women Voters is afraid of more taxes, it should devote its energies, which this newspaper respects and applauds to the amendment of the Revenue Article in the state's 1870 constitution and the enactment of tax laws that will relieve the tax burden on property, but at the same time will produce the revenue needed for the operation of local governments including public school districts.

Our Boards

To the Editor:

The "No" vote on the Decatur School Board proposal is definitely a vote of "no confidence" in the board and it is time that they do just what the president of the school board said, after the vote count: "Shall we adjourn, forever."

After looking over the new skating pavilion in Fairview Park with its high-priced roof, both inside and out, and its open ends which will leave snow-drifts in on the ice all winter, I wonder who does the planning for our boards. Surely they can come up with more practical plans than those they have used in the past.

I wish to congratulate the League of Women Voters who opposed the extravagant School Board plan of trying to build three new schools when one would have been enough at this time. It is too bad that our school board did not listen to these women instead of criticizing them for enlightening the public.

Decatur, Ala. A "No" Voter

Decatur, Illinois, Friday, September 21, 1962.

School Board, Voter League Parley Possible On Construction Plans

By Sandra Sulenski
Of The Herald Staff

Decatur Board of Education members last night agreed that the League of Women Voters' recommendation to pare the schools' upcoming bond issue should be considered as soon as possible.

Theodore Schroeder said the board should also give the league an answer to its criticisms of the \$3,655,000 bond issue referendum after its report has been compared with that prepared by school officials.

Letters offering to meet with the board at any time so the board's position may be explained were mailed yesterday by the league.

The League Wednesday issued a statement recommending the board make a new proposal to "provide for immediate needs" only and submit it to voters at the earliest possible date.

The statement agreed with the need for a new junior high school in the Municipal Airport area, but recommended that grade school additions be made at the Mound and South Shores areas instead of building junior highs there.

The league estimated its proposal would cost about \$1.5 million as compared to the \$3,655,000 being asked by the board.

No Tax Stand

The League gave no statement on the board's proposal to raise the educational tax fund rate from \$1.80 to \$2.00 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Richard W. Huff, board president, said he is disappointed in the action taken by the league and said the best interest of the school system would have been served had the league asked for a conference with the board before issuing its statement.

In this way, differences of opinion could have been talked over before the statement was made, he said.

Mrs. Henry Bachrach, league president, said fact sheets explaining all statistics prepared by the league were sent to Supt. Lester J. Grant and board members at the beginning of the week. Also, some league members met with school officials Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Bachrach said that no one had at those times expressed a desire for the league to meet with the board.

Board member Donald A. Jones said he believed the league's statement would hinder the bond issue.

"It has given aid and comfort to those people who are looking for things wrong with the schools' proposals, giving them an excuse to be against it when they really didn't intend to."

He said the league "has taken the thing up the wrong end first."

"They haven't yet passed on what educational program is necessary but they have already presumed to know what rooms are necessary and where."

"The important thing is the educational program that we (the board) are trying to provide, not necessarily in what rooms it will take place."

But he said "at least the ladies have agreed that we do need some classrooms. Basically, they just differ on whether they should be called grade or junior high rooms."

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"This is something a junior high in the area would have given us a few more years to look at in terms of what should be done."

The schools' present proposal calls for housing some of the South Shores and Mound pupils in the proposed junior highs.

Dr. George D. Flaxman, board member, said the matter should definitely be discussed but said it should be reserved for a board meeting.

G. William Madden, and Mrs. C. E. Barnes, both members, could not be reached.

Supt. Lester A. Grant said yesterday:

"The board has given over a year of serious consideration to the building and educational needs of this district and the data on which its decision was reached were sound. The board's solution for meeting these needs is educationally and economically sound. Therefore, I see no reason to consider any change at this time."

Grant Says

Taxes Pose Problem, But Children Need Education

Lester J. Grant, superintendent of Decatur Public Schools, told local realtors yesterday that education presents a tax problem, but children still must be educated.

"There ought to be a change in the tax structure to take the load off of the property owners, but meanwhile we must educate the youngsters," he said.

This is a legislative matter and cannot be solved locally, he added.

At a meeting of the Board of Realtors, Grant answered questions on the proposed \$3.65 million school bond issue and increase in the educational fund tax levy limit from \$1.80 to \$2 per \$100 assessed valuation.

Some realtors, concerned with how higher taxes makes it harder to sell property, offered a variety of alternatives.

These included dropping kindergarten from the curriculum, adding second floors to present school buildings and operating a year-around school system.

Ninety per cent of the parents favor kindergarten, Grant said, and it is important in the total education of youngsters.

He said present buildings could not hold second-story additions and the year-around system, or quarter system, has numerous disadvantages.

Grant and Theodore W. Schroeder, a member of the School Board, explained anticipated school needs when members of the Decatur Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) failed to arrive as scheduled.

Robert Hooper Jr., who heads the Board of Realtors, said the NAACP members thought the meeting was later in the day and were not in town at noon.

They will be invited to a future meeting to discuss local Negro housing problems, he said.

Hooper said a spokesman for the county health department referendum will speak at the realtors' next meeting Oct. 18.

Sunday
Feb 3rd 1963

Educational Needs

To the Editor:

The Decatur community does not yet seem to recognize the crisis facing its public school system. Consider these events of the past few months:

(1) The League of Women Voters declared a no confidence vote by recommending against the building bond issue.

(2) The community responded by defeating not only the bond issue, but the education fund increase by an even greater margin.

(3) The teachers associations proposed wage scales based solely on formal degrees and seniority with no recognition for ability, or performance.

(4) This week the superintendent proposed the elimination of non-revenue producing athletics, further emasculation of the token music program, and discontinuing the pilot language program. Every one of these items calls for a deterioration in quality in an area where Decatur is already far behind other communities.

The school board must come forward with a plan for a first rate school system even if means major reorganization to reduce administrative overhead. When this is done and the community can see the bill, it in turn must face up to its responsibilities to provide the funds. Our children will not get a second chance if we fail them.

Decatur

W.R.S.

Fri. Sept 21, 1962

Sun. Sept 23, 1962

League Asks Consideration Of New Vote

SAT., OCT. 20, 11 A. M.

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League Explains Timing of Study On Referendum

League officials stated because of the limited time available it was possible to complete only study on the building part of Oct. 9 referendum.

The league statement also serves: "The far-sighted approval of the Board of Education is admirable; however, we feel the future will be better served progressing slowly as need evident."

Editorials

Our Opinions

THE HERALD AND REVIEW'S PLATFORM

Develop Oakley and Big Creek dams for water supply and recreation.

Create a single sewer system under Sanitary District Control.

Adopt the short ballot for Illinois state government.

Create a township of the City of Decatur.

Preserve parks for public recreation.

Reorganize state court system.

Public Must Support an Adequate School System

THE ISSUES of additional school construction and a higher educational tax rate to accommodate the needs of the Decatur school district have not been settled by the twin defeat dealt these measures by the public in Tuesday's referendum.

The problems facing public school education in the district must be met, one way or another. It may mean poorer overall educational facilities, continued overcrowding in some schools and deficit financing.

A primary reason for defeat of the school propositions was, of course, that the people feel they now are overtaxed for public services. The relatively heavy property taxes in the Decatur school district tend to prompt public opposition to any tax increase for any purpose.

An eventual way out of this dilemma is to broaden the tax base through further consolidation of school districts, a move which would also reduce administrative costs of operating the schools. Local districts might also obtain further relief from state contributions, if the state were in a better financial position to extend such aid through a

needed overhaul of the Illinois revenue system.

But, the local communities must remain basically responsible for the financial upkeep of their public schools, and available methods of financing in these systems must be utilized to meet immediate needs.

To the extent that the defeats suffered by the schools last week reflect a public reaction against a greater tax burden, the subject for expressing this opposition was a singularly unfortunate one. This is so even though the great bulk of the property tax dollar goes to the schools.

But the general public may not fully understand what is at stake in the school issues which remain before the community. The School Board may not have done an adequate job of spelling out the specific needs which, surely, exist in some areas of the city.

Projections of needs over an uncertain future do not necessarily convince the public unless these requirements can be related to actual conditions in particular school situations. At the present time some children are being transported by school bus

to classrooms outside their school boundaries because of local crowding. This is inefficient. It is costly.

But does the general public realize what the costs of an inefficient arrangement in the school system amount to, or how much worse these conditions are likely to be as the classrooms in a particular area become more crowded as growing children reach school age and advance to higher grades?

If, indeed, the people are convinced that the need for better school facilities exists, then an enlightened public will vote for necessary improvements. Favorable votes, but generally by narrow margins, were recorded in Tuesday's referendum in areas which would have been served by additional classroom facilities. But the majority of the voters were not prepared to contribute toward this relief within the school system.

Yet, it is the responsibility of the resident of an area in the city that is reasonably well served by the school system to support the establishment of adequate educational facilities in another part of the community that is not so well served.

Board Should Welcome League's Support

DECATUR'S League of Women Voters has suggested that a new school referendum be held in the near future. It offers its support.

In what was generally regarded as a last minute reaction to the Board of Education's referendum proposal for a \$3,655,000 bond issue to build three new junior high schools and a 20-cent increase in the authorized educational fund tax limit, the League said its study resulted in the conclusion that a smaller building program would be sufficient for the immediate future. It took no position on the education tax question, but some of the individual members said that preliminary study led them to believe that the increase in this item was justified.

Now "the ladies," as some of the board members persist in calling them, feel a responsibility for standing before the public in support of the additional school funds that their study of the situation indicates is necessary.

Two things are apparent here:

1. The League of Women Voters is a sincere and respected citizens' political action group, that has grown in stature as a direct result of this first head-on clash

with a taxing body on the eve of an important referendum.

2. It is now ready to be the initiating, and hopefully, the deciding citizens' action force in a new test of public support of its findings. Members of the league have children in the Decatur schools. They have a sincere concern that children will have the best available education within the most economical use of tax funds for this purpose.

The Decatur School Board would be well advised to accept the League's offer to support a new referendum in the near future.

The League would be well advised to complete its study of the educational fund needs of the Decatur schools, and to make it public, before a date for a new referendum is set. The need, in view of many well informed persons, is for money for both more classroom space and for additional teachers.

There needs to be an impartial and well-informed citizens group to take public leadership on matters of vital community concern. No subject is more important than the community's schools.

No group, at this time, is better equipped to accept leadership than the League of Women Voters.

Tuesday

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 FARM—Farm Hour 12:15-1 p.m.
 EDITOR'S DESK—4:30 p.m.
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 SPORTS—8:25 a.m., 5 p.m.
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Tuesday Highlights

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT—WDZ Women's Director Nancy Norman reports news from the women's world together with household and fashion tips, 11 a.m., WDZ.
MARKET REPORTS—WDZ Farm Director Marty Roberts reports the latest livestock and grain market prices in Decatur's most complete summary, 12:15 p.m., WDZ.
CAMPAIGN CARAVAN—WDZ interviews a series of programs in which members of the Decatur League of Women Voters question local candidates in the November election. Today's candidates are Donald A. Jones and Donald W. Morland who are seeking the post of Macon County Clerk, 4:30 p.m., WDZ.

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HOUSEPARTY—Art Linkletter is under arrest and the arresting officer is Car. Sgt. Gunther Toody. Joe Ross in everyday life, 11:10 a.m., WSOY-AM.
LUNCH DATE—Marty Roberts interviews lunchers from a downtown restaurant about current topics and plays some of your favorite records, 11:30 a.m., WDZ.
UNIVERSITY REPORT—Larry Somers of the University of Illinois Agriculture Department reports on farming trends in the state, 12:25 p.m., WDZ.
WOMAN'S WORLD—Betty Furness discusses the "price of publicity" and talks about "Daphne", 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 p.m., WSOY-AM-FM.
CAMPAIGN CARAVAN—Candidates for probate judge discuss the duties of the new Probate Court, Republican Bill Landholt and Democrat Frank Gollins are interviewed by a representative of the Decatur League of Women Voters, 4:30 p.m., WDZ.
CONCERT HALL—Gracie Andra's "Dance" from Peer Gynt, Suite No. 1, Waltz from Act 1 of the Swan Lake Ballet by Tchaikovsky, Piano Concerto No. 1 in F Sharp Minor by Rachmaninoff, 7 p.m., WSOY-FM.
CAMPAIGN '60—Reports on the local races in California, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Michigan, 8:20 p.m., WSOY-AM.

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CHAPEL OF THE AIR—The Rev. John D. Jess presents his program of Religious Music and meditation from Wheaton, 10 a.m., WDZ.
HOUSEPARTY—Art Linkletter—Theop! an! Art emotes opposite a pretty housewife who took an instant acting course with drama coach Ben Bard, 11:10 a.m., WSOY.
GARRY MOORE—Why is it that wolves on the island of Zanzibar won't let their young out clove? You may find out as Garry and Durdard Kirby go to work on "newspaper fillers"—those little items of information that fill out columns, 11:30 a.m., WSOY.
NEWS FROM THE FARM FRONT—Macon County Farm Adviser Warren Myers reports on agriculture in Central Illinois in his daily program, 12:40 p.m., WDZ.
CAMPAIGN CARAVAN—Members of the Decatur League of Women Voters continue their interrogation of political candidates. Today's candidates are the most seeking the office of Macon County clerk: Darrell Foster and William M. Tanney, 5:20 p.m., WDZ.
WSOY'S WEDNESDAY EVENING "TRILOGY" OF CLASSICAL MUSIC—Beginning with the regular performance of Concert Hall, followed by the new Wednesday program—Classical Gems, and winding up with the new QXR-FM network program—the Victor Borge show, 7:40 and 9 p.m., WSOY.

The payments deficit represents the difference between the amount that Americans spend, lend and invest abroad and the lesser amount received from foreign sources. Deficits give foreigners extra dollars which they may use to buy American goods.

On Thursday, the reserve board reported foreign purchases of another \$50 million of gold, which reduced the U.S. supply to a new 23-year low of \$16 billion.

Despite the third-quarter setback in government efforts to eliminate the payments deficit, officials said they remain optimistic that the long-standing problem can be solved in the next year or two.

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 FARM—Farm Hour 12:15-1 p.m.
 EDITOR'S DESK—4:30 p.m.
 FINANCIAL—5:10 p.m.
 SPORTS—8:25 a.m., 5 p.m.
 TOWN AND COUNTRY REPORTER—12:25 p.m.
 FIRST PERSON REPORTS—18 times daily.

Thursday Highlights

ROOSTER CLUB—Happy Hank and Clarence the Rooster, 30's new under blankets of pink or blue? Get the answer each morning (about 6) when Hank reports on stock activities. Also, music, news, time and weather, 5 a.m., WSOY-AM-FM.
MARTY'S TRADING POST—Marty Roberts conducts his swap shop of items that listeners are offering for sale or trade, 10:15 a.m., WDZ.
HOUSEPARTY—How do you raise five children while advancing a busy night club career? Phyllis Diller is a walking success story in both departments. Hear her when she makes a guest appearance with Art Linkletter at 11:10 a.m., WSOY-AM.
HARRY MICHAELS SHOW—Comedy stars and your favorite recording artists make up today's program with Harry Michaels as your host, 4:30 p.m., WDZ.
CAMPAIGN CARAVAN—Candidates for the office of Macon County Treasurer are questioned by members of the Decatur League of Women Voters. The candidates are Arthur B. Wilcox and Frank A. Meera, 5:20 p.m., WDZ.
CONCERT HALL—Halleloban Strauss, Jr.—Acceleration Waltzes, Also, Prokofiev's 3rd Piano Concerto in C Major, 7 p.m., WSOY-FM.

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WEDNESDAY HIGHLIGHTS

HARRY MICHAELS SHOW—The Morning Meeting of the Michaels Marching Society is held complete with honorary march leaders and a look into Michaels Comedy Corner, 7:35 a.m., WDZ.
SPORTSREEL—MBS Sportscenter Van Patrick reports the morning's sports news, 8:25 a.m., WDZ.
WOMAN'S WORLD—What people ate in bygone days and how they cooked it are subjects that Betty Furness has on today's agenda, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 p.m., WSOY-AM-FM.
CAMPAIGN CARAVAN—Three candidates for State Legislature discuss the topic "What economies could be effected in the State Government?" The three candidates are George F. Johns (Decatur), John Alsop (Decatur) and Thomas Harris (H-Lincoln). The question is asked by a representative of the Decatur League of Women Voters, 4:30 p.m., WDZ.
CONCERT HALL—Ferdinand Grofe's GRAND CANYON SUITE and Orchestral Barcarolle from TALES OF HOFFMAN, 7 p.m., WSOY-FM.
VICTOR BORGE—Serving up musical

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HOUSEPARTY—Dr. Lorlene Johnston is a practicing psychologist in the rarified atmosphere of California's Beverly Hills. One of Art Linkletter's favorite guests, she's back with advice and comment at 11:10 a.m., WSOY-AM.
BILL BRADY SHOW—Bill Brady is your host for an hour of fine popular music, 1:05 p.m., WDZ.
CAMPAIGN CARAVAN—Ralph (Red) Doyle and Charles D. Peters, candidates for the office of Macon County Sheriff, answer questions put to them by members of the Decatur League of Women Voters, 5:20 p.m., WDZ.
CONCERT HALL—Enesco's Fomanian Rhapsody No. 1; Saint-Saens's Danse Macabre; and Liszt's Hungarian Fantasy for Piano and Orchestra, 7 p.m., WSOY-FM.
FOOTBALL—High School Game of the Week, Eisenhower vs. Bloomington, Jim Murray brings you the play-by-play from Lee Pigot Field, 7:30 p.m., WSOY-AM.

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court system in the United States.

The major roadblock to modern courts and timely trials of cases is voter apathy. Let's all vote on the Blue Ballot when we go to the polls on Nov. 6. Let's not deny to ourselves, just by not voting, the reform that we need so badly.

Decatur Thomas K. Hostetler
Robert E. Lloyd
Macon County Committee for Modern Courts

Support Health Unit

To the Editor:

During the past two winters a committee of the Decatur League of Women Voters has studied the health needs and problems of Macon County. In a meeting last spring the committee recommended that the League favor the establishment of a county health department.

A county health unit could

help to meet the problems of private and public water pollution; provide county-wide licensing and inspection of food establishments; make available local laboratory facilities; enlarge the program of health education; and cope with all health problems on a county-wide basis.

The League feels the health needs of both city and county residents can best be met by the

services of a single county health unit which would take the place of the existing city health department and extend its benefits throughout Macon County. We urge voters to vote Yes Nov. 6.

Decatur Mrs. Henry Bachrach
President, Decatur League of Women Voters
Mrs. Nat Kessler
Chairman, Health Study Committee

Jan. 9th 1963

League to Hear Two

Need for expansion of the Sanitary District treatment plant will be described to the League of Women Voters at an 8 p.m. meeting today in the YWCA.

Lyle V. DeWitt, district trustee president, and John K. Wells, trustee, will speak to the members.

Thursday, January 10, 1963

Pollution, Not Consolidation No. 1 Project

Before considering consolidation of the Sanitary District and city sewers, the district hopes to solve the Sangamon River pollution problem.

This was emphasized last night by Lyle V. DeWitt, district trustee president, in a talk to League of Women Voters members.

The trustees are too busy now with the pollution problem, DeWitt said, to go into other matters, but, he observed, the combined sewers might eventually mean a tax savings.

Mayor Robert A. Grohne has urged talks begin soon on the proposed consolidation.

DeWitt said the trustees understand the federal government has granted \$533,000 toward expansion of the district's treatment plant, though the grant has not been confirmed.

This money would pay half the total cost of the expansion which is aimed at ending the river pollution, he said.

The other half—or if the grant is not received, the full amount—is to be sought through a referendum in mid-March.

\$1.40 Per \$10,000

If just the \$533,000 is sought, and approved, this would mean an increase of .014 in the district's tax levy which represents \$1.40 per \$10,000 assessed valuation, it was explained by DeWitt and a trustee, John K. Wells.

Bond issue approval means the district would be able to put about \$100,000 annually into its long-range interceptor program, DeWitt said.

Included in that program is an interceptor sewer for the South Shores area and one for north Decatur which would serve the state mental health hospital.

However, failure of the bond issue would mean the district would be stymied until the state took action, it was indicated.

DeWitt said expansion of the interceptor sewer system could be stopped by the state until the pollution is abated. Also the state could order the district to sell bonds without voter approval, he said.

A halt in expansion would stop plans for the interceptor sewer for the state hospital as well as for any new industry interested in coming to Decatur, DeWitt said.



Virgil V. Grant

V. V. Grant to Be Speaker

Virgil V. Grant, vice president of the Caterpillar Tractor Co., will speak at a meeting of the Decatur League of Women Voters at 8 p.m., Jan. 30 in Millikin University's Student Union.

Grant's topic will be "The European Common Market—A Big Story in Your Future."

Joining the company in 1936, he became president of Caterpillar Overseas S. A. in 1960 and moved to Geneva, Switzerland.

The letters, S. A., stand for "societe anonyme," the French equivalent of corporation.

In July of last year, Grant returned to Peoria as vice president of the company.

The public is invited to the meeting and should make reservations with Mrs. B. C. Dahlmann.

Mrs. Allen Heads Bond Issue Study Committee

Mrs. James C. Allen, 115 S. Glencoe, has been appointed chairman of a to-be-formed committee of the League of Women Voters which is to study the Sanitary District bond issue proposal.

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CITIZEN STUDY GROUP EFFORTS POSTPONED

Efforts to form a citizen's committee to study school needs will not be renewed until this spring by the League of Women Voters.

League officials said six persons have indicated they would serve on a committee which would determine public interest in school building needs.

However, they said the league is quite involved now in such studies as council-manager form of government and the Sanitary District bond issue vote.

Mrs. Betty Bachrach, league president, said the league therefore would not actively pursue efforts to form the committee until this spring.

Voter League To Talk City Government

The pros and cons of council-manager government and its adaptability in Decatur will be the topic of three meetings of the League of Women Voters, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Essentially, the sessions will involve reports from a league committee which has been studying the subject for four months.

The eight-member group, headed by Mrs. Glenn O. Fuller, has held about 14 meetings to discuss council-manager government. They have talked with past and present city officials, heads of political parties and labor groups and leaders of an opposition to the council-manager form of government.

In addition, the committee has corresponded with officials in other cities where the form of government has been questioned.

Meetings on the topic, which are open to all interested persons, will be held at the following times:

9:15 a.m. Tuesday, First Methodist Church

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, home of Mrs. Duane Loofbourrow, 825 W. William St.

9:30 a.m. Wednesday, home of Mrs. John J. Donovan, 643 W. Prairie Ave.

Talks Held

Mrs. Fuller said yesterday the committee talked with City Manager John E. Dever and Mayor Robert A. Grohne on the topic, and with members of the City Council.

In addition, backers and leaders of opposition to council-manager government at the time it was approved for Decatur also were consulted.

H. G. (Skinny) Taylor, chairman of the Macon County Republican Central Committee, and Robert D. Owen, former chairman of the county Democratic Central Committee, talked with the group.

Conferences also were held with Harley I. Harrington, leader of a group circulating petitions which call for a referendum to oust council-manager government in Decatur.

Harrington is business agent of the Bartenders and Waitresses Union local here.

Mrs. Fuller said members of her group also wrote to city officials of Alton, which recently voted to abandon council-manager government, and Joliet, which has a referendum scheduled on a type of government.

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Mrs. Robert K. Levey

Decatur, Illinois, Wednesday, January 16, 1963.

Council-Manager Given Okay by Women's League

By Eldon E. Libby

Of the Review Staff

After months of study, the League of Women Voters today formally voiced support of the council-manager form of government.

League officials said it is the consensus of the general membership that:

"Decatur has benefitted greatly under the council-manager form of city government and that this form of city government should be retained."

Reports from an eight-member league committee were given the membership in meetings yesterday and this morning.

In report after report of city departments this morning, the study committee members said they had found more efficiency than had existed under the previous governmental form—mayor commission. This form of government was changed to the present one following the 1958-59 fiscal year.

Mrs. Glenn O. Fuller, who headed the study committee, said "My conclusion would be we have fewer employees but better paid, better qualified city personnel."

'Long List'

"A list of benefits under council-manager government would be long," she said, but mentioned the following as significant accomplishments:

Property tax reductions
Sound financial practices
Multi-million dollar street improvement program
Increased fire protection
Reduction in fire insurance rates

Central purchasing
New street lighting program.
Also, she said, "We feel we have one of the finest city managers in the country."

Member's questions following the reports included some concerning whether the previous governmental form was more democratic—this one more autocratic. If this form is so good, one member asked, should it be formed at state and national levels?

Among answers were that the people do elect those persons who make the laws here whereas before, it elected those who made the laws and then, the same persons enforced the laws, "wearing a different hat."

At the national level, it was observed, we do elect the president, but he appoints his cabinet members.

It was indicated the city would not pay high enough salaries for full time commissioners to gain qualified personnel.

Previous Support

League officials said the League

Voter's Choice in City Election

THE DECATUR city election to be held in April gives promise of being a lively contest which will, inevitably, result in some few faces in city hall.

But, council-manager government apparently will not seriously be on trial in the election. Dissatisfaction which has been aired over the present form of government in Decatur has been limited, although as a result of petitions now being circulated in the city, a referendum may be called to decide whether council-manager government should be retained.

The public has reason to be satisfied with council-manager government as it has worked out in Decatur. The League of Women Voters has given reasons for its continued support of this form of city administration. They are convincing reasons.

But it is in order to recognize that while credit for the progress made under council-manager government in Decatur is due to city officials who have administered it, the voting public has an obligation to be critical of positions taken by individual representatives of the city government on matters of public concern.

One of the strengths of council-manager government in Decatur

has been the agreeable working relationship between the city manager and the City Council. Among cities where this form of government has failed or faltered, lack of such a condition has been a notable factor. This is true also in the official relationship within the elected Council.

But a municipal government may not demonstrate the vitality of which it should be capable where controversy is muffled by a tendency toward easy agreement. If the City Council is made up entirely or primarily from a particular economic or social segment of the population, the public generally may not be served as well as it might be if its councilmen represented diverse interests in the city.

Within the council-manager form of government, as within any democratic governmental form, wide latitude is possible and desirable in the choice of public officials. This choice should be exercised. But the public must be given the opportunity of a choice in city elections that challenge the voter to know where the community has been, where it now stands and where it is likely to go, under particular candidates broadly representing community interests.

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Woman Voters Study Several State Issues

October unit meetings of the Decatur League of Women Voters will be a resume of the League's position on several state government issues. These meetings will be of special interest to prospective members in that they will give some idea of the League's interest in various state issues, such as a new revenue article, court reform, civil liberties and election laws.

The committee to present this review consists of Mrs. L. L. Colvis, Mrs. Neal Doubleday and Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst.

Any interested woman is invited to attend one of these meetings.

Bring - the - Children unit, 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, First Methodist Church

Evening unit, 7:15 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, 1390 W. Macon St.

Morning unit, 9:15 a.m. coffee, 9:30 a.m. meeting Wednesday in the home of Mrs. E. B. Evans, 168 Southmoreland Place.

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Previous Support

League officials said the League supported the adoption of the present form of government in 1954, when the proposal failed, and then in 1958, when it carried.

However, they said, the league based its stand on theory that the city would receive more benefits.

Last September, they said, the league began a "comprehensive and impartial study of the benefits to Decatur under the council-manager form of city government as compared with those benefits under the commission form."

This was to "re-assess its (the league's) position to see if the theories and expectations of the council-manager form of city government had been fulfilled."

The study involved talks with city personnel, political party leaders and Harley Harrington and Ned Freeman, the latter two men because they had voiced opposition to the present form of government.

Among statistics presented to league members today were:

Salaries of the mayor and commissioners in 1958-59 totaled \$35,200 compared to salaries of \$32,841 of the council and manager personnel. (It was noted that the salaries would probably have increased under the old form of government in four years)

Higher Higher

Total salaries of all legislative and administrative personnel totaled \$136,960 four years ago, and in 1961-62, totaled \$142,098.

Full time employees numbered 340 then, 298 now

Total salaries have increased by 6.15 per cent but salaries of city positions such as patrolmen, firemen, truck drivers and clerk typists have increased in a range of 18.1 per cent to 45.7 per cent

Operating expenditures have gone from \$1,652,826 in 1958-59 to \$1,611,891 in 1961-62

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Sun. Jan. 20

School Needs Vary Widely

Education needs from more school rooms to further public library space and a junior college were brought out in the education discussion.

One even called for more newspapers in Decatur.

There was apparent consensus among the 80 present that much more money is needed for education; this despite the fact that property taxes supplying 80 per cent of the cost of education are felt to be too high a percentage and too high a tax.

Though the League of Women Voters and the Decatur School Board are at odds on how much additional building is needed, it was observed more emphasis should be placed on where the two groups agree.

This is that one new junior high school is needed right now and a second one within a few years.

Criticism has been an especial burden of education, it was stated, since it must approve its building expenditures through public vote.

However, it was observed that millions of dollars have been spent for projects in Decatur by other agencies which do not require voter approval.

Decatur Public Schools will be filled to capacity in 1965, not including utility rooms and basements.

There were questions on what size a high school should be — somewhere in the size of those in Macon County outside of Decatur which range from enrollments of 183 to 379, or larger ones.

Should there be eight school districts or just one in Macon County? a superintendent asked.

There was a picture painted of the plight of the school dropout who is usually not only unemployed but unemployable.

Some called for addition of a vocational trades school or junior college in Decatur.

A Danville school board member urged the Decatur community to not make the same mistake his area did—to put a junior college in a high school.

Within a few years, he said, the junior college will be forced to move—or to die—so space can be provided for high school.

—Libby

Monday, Jan. 21st 1963

Objections Answered

League Backs Council-Manager Statistics

Some objections have been made to the League of Women Voters on statistics used by a study group to support the league's stand for Council-Manager form of government.

Mrs. Glenn O. Fuller, who headed the league's city government workshop, said persons have asked her:

How the league could claim property tax reductions have been made by the Council-Manager form of government when local taxes have raised consistently?

How the league could report the city's financial successes without keeping in mind the Council-Manager government's levying of a sales tax for new revenue?

To the first question, Mrs. Fuller observed that city taxes have indeed continued to rise.

"But people do not realize the city is just one taxing agency that collects on public real and personal property," Mrs. Fuller said.

She observed only 47 cents of the total local taxes of \$3.81 per \$100 assessed valuation is under city government control.

Of that 47 cents, Mrs. Fuller

said only about 25 cents goes directly to the city government.

Fourteen cents is for the library, playground and recreation and municipal band, each of which has its own governing body. The city makes the appropriation to these groups.

Also, the city contributes to its share of the Illinois Municipal Retirement police and firemen fund—another eight cents.

In 1958, the city government tax was 50 cents, Mrs. Fuller said, and it was cut a penny a year to the 47 cents collected in 1961. It is anticipated, she said, that the city's part of total taxes in 1962 will be about 45 cents.

Regarding the sales tax of one-half per cent, Mrs. Fuller said it is a misconception that this is a new tax of Council-Manager form of government.

"It was started by the commission form of government," she said. "It was voted by the commission form in July of 1956 and collected in August of 1956."

Mrs. Fuller observed the Council-Manager form of government was not started here until 1959.

Wed. Jan. 30th

LEAGUE REPORT ON SEWER VOTE SEEN IN 3 WEEKS

Mrs. James C. Allen, chairman of a League of Women Voters committee studying the Sanitary District bond proposal, today said a report should be ready in about three weeks.

Mrs. Allen, of 115 S. Glencoe Ave., and six other league members are currently studying aspects of the March 12 referendum on a \$533,000 bond issue.

Their findings will be reported to the league's board and membership, Mrs. Allen said.

Wed. Jan. 30th

VIRGIL V. GRANT TO SPEAK AT MU TONIGHT

Virgil V. Grant will speak on "The European Common Market — A Big Factor in Your Future," at 8 p.m. today in Millikin University's student union.

About 60 reservations have been made with Mrs. B. C. Dahlmann of the League of Women Voters by non-members of the league. The league has about 120 members.

Grant is a vice president of the Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Peoria.

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Sewer Bond Vote Backed By League

Support for the Decatur Sanitary District bond proposal was announced today by the League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Harold Tenney, league public relations chairman, said approval of the bond issue came during an all-day meeting of the league's board yesterday. A committee has been studying the bond issue proposal.

District trustees will hold a referendum March 12 on a \$533,000 bond issue to match a federal grant of \$533,250 for sewage treatment plant expansion.

The league today gave these reasons for backing the bond issue:

1. Overloading at the treatment plant is causing pollution of the Sangamon River almost to Springfield.

2. Repeated warnings have been issued by the state that this pollution must be eliminated.

3. Federal funds have been granted to cover one-half the cost of the expansion of the treatment facilities, with the provision that matching funds be voted by the community and that construction must be started no later than June 10. If the local action is not taken, there is danger of loss of federal funds.

State Action

4. If these funds are not made available there is danger of the state taking action to curtail expansion of sewers, thereby crippling industrial growth in Decatur.

Told of the backing, Lyle V. DeWitt, district trustees president, said "We know the study group (of the league) secured from us all the pertinent information that would enable them to arrive at this decision.

"We're naturally elated that they have seen fit to endorse it (the bond issue)."

In the league's statement regarding its support, it noted that since 1950, the Decatur league has studied and worked for the improvement of the sanitary facilities for the community. In 1953, the league initiated and helped bring to a successful conclusion a referendum on interceptor sewers.

"In addition, the Decatur League has worked with local leagues throughout the U. S. to control pollution of water and streams.

"The League after studying the proposal of the Sanitary District, recommends that the bond issue on March 12 covering expansion of the treatment plant facilities be supported."

Feb 12 1963

League Hears Grant

Outlook for Common Market Is 'Excellent'

Virgil V. Grant, vice president of Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Peoria, spoke to Decatur's League of Women Voters Wednesday evening on the subject of the Common Market.

Mr. Grant said Britain's failure to gain acceptance in the Common Market will not harm the existence of the six-country union.

To emphasize his statement, he pointed out that the six countries involved would not face a decline in their presently rising economies by repudiating the treaty.

Mr. Grant said, "Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's persistent efforts to get a better deal for the Commonwealth countries finally broke President Charles De Gaulle's patience."

Common Market countries are West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and France.

Grant pointed out that the economies of the five countries during the Common Market's existence since 1958 have risen. "The result has been greater production, more efficient manufacture—and a booming economy. This in turn has created an increased need for products from the United States, while causing the Communist Party membership in these countries to shrink in importance," he said.

As for the outlook of the treaty, Mr. Grant said it was "excellent."

Sunday
Feb. 3rd 1963

Voter League Candidates' Quiz Feb. 17

The 15 candidates in Decatur's Feb. 26 primary election have been invited to a meeting with the public Feb. 17.

The event is sponsored by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

Two questions will be asked of each candidate by the league and an audience question-and-answer period will follow.

The meeting will be at 3 p.m. in Albert Taylor Hall on the Millikin University campus.

Officials of the league say the meeting, one of several held in past years, is designed to acquaint citizens with the candidates and their views.

There are three candidates for mayor and 12 for councilman on the primary ballot. A mayor and three councilmen will be selected at the general election, April 16.

Sunday
Feb. 10th 1963

Reception Set For Candidates

Eleven of the 15 candidates in Decatur's Feb. 26 primary election are expected to attend a League of Women Voters reception next Sunday.

League officials, who are holding the meeting to give the public a chance to meet the candidates, say four candidates will not be able to attend.

The reception will be held at 3 p.m. in Millikin University's Albert Taylor Hall.

The league, which does not endorse any individual candidates, will ask questions of each of those present. Then the meeting will be open for questions from the audience.

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Wed. Feb. 13th 1963



Herald and Review Photo

J. D. Coleman and Mrs. James Manuell review plans for candidates meeting.

Coleman Will Be Moderator

J. D. Coleman, radio station WDZ news director, will be the moderator for the public candidates to be held Sunday.

Mrs. James Manuell is chairman of the League of Women Voters committee planning the meeting. It will start at 3 p.m. in Albert Taylor Hall at Millikin University.

Candidates seeking the office of mayor or seats on the City Council have been invited.

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Primary Campaign Causing No Excitement

By Norman J. Puhek
Of the Herald and Review Staff

The city primary election campaign has been so quiet you can almost hear a specimen ballot drop.

Most candidates are not campaigning, although the election is Feb. 26, a week from Tuesday.

Nearly all, however, plan to attend the League of Women Voters candidates meeting at 3 p.m. today in Albert Taylor Hall on the Millikin campus.

There are 15 candidates on the ballot.

Public Meeting For Candidates Today at MU

About 500 persons are expected to attend a 3 p.m. reception today for candidates in Decatur's Feb. 6 primary election.

The event, designed to give the public an opportunity to meet and learn the views of mayor and councilman candidates, is sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

It will be held in Millikin University's Albert Taylor Hall.

Eleven of the 15 men on the primary ballot have indicated they will attend.

The league plans to give each candidate two questions to answer for the audience and later turn the program over to additional questions anyone else wishes to ask.

J. D. Coleman, news director of radio station WDZ, is to be the moderator.

The league, which has sponsored similar programs in the past, does not endorse any particular candidate. Attendance at previous candidate receptions has ranged from 300 to 700 persons.

Three are seeking the two nominations for mayor.

That "race" is causing hardly a ripple.

Councilman Ellis B. Arnold says he is "pushing every button I know how to push."

The outside shot among the three is Glen M. Burrows, a virtual unknown. He is not campaigning. He figures he can get a nomination "if enough people are dissatisfied."

Activity among the 12 candidates for the six councilman nominations is equally restrained.

There are a few exceptions.

Rex O. Cochran and Tom W. Mentis appear to be doing the most work although Councilman Leland H. Henderson is plugging along industriously, sitting down with small groups and seeking votes.

Mentis mailed 1,500 pieces of literature as the week ended. He also has some cards in circulation. He believes an issue is the representation on the present council. Mentis feels the council is dominated by a small segment of the population.

Cochran has had 4,000 campaign cards printed and has formed groups of backers in a number of factories. His wife has organized support among some women.

Cochran says he is worried about the attitude of candidates who are not doing anything to get themselves nominated.

E. C. Johnson, who admits he has not done much campaigning, believes the issue is council-manager government. He is openly against it and hopes to be nominated by people who agree with him.

E. B. Carter, the first man to file, has campaign cards in distribution.

Most of the other candidates contacted said they are not campaigning or are doing it on an individual, "voice" basis.

Some said they are relying on the press to convey their ideas out of meetings such as the one scheduled for today.

Unfortunately, the league meeting is the only one of any consequence between now and the primary.

The general election is April 16.

U.S. Economy League Topic

February unit meetings of Decatur League of Women Voters will be discussions of three areas of the economic picture of the United States and the world: "The Pursuit of Economic Growth", "The American Farmer and the Common Market" and "Our Trade Policy Toward the Communist Countries."

Mrs. Clifford E. Smith is chairman of the study group which will make reports at the meetings.

Any interested person is invited to attend one of these meetings:

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m., First Methodist Church; nursery care is provided

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. James Allen, 115 S. Glencoe Ave.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., in the home of Mrs. George Kuhns, 1492 W. Decatur St.

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One of Three Candidates

Council-Manager System Opposed

One of three candidates for mayor on the Feb. 26 primary ballot, Glen M. Burrows, said yesterday that he favors abandoning the council-manager system of government.

However, except for one councilman candidate, Everett C. Johnson, he was alone with the opinion on a meeting of the primary electors hopeful with the public yesterday.

Thirteen of the 15 men on the ballot attended an afternoon session in Millikin University's Albert Taylor Hall sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

The program was arranged to give each candidate an opportunity to state his views and members of the league and the audience a chance to ask questions.

Councilman Harold A. Pogue, a candidate for mayor, called the council-manager system by far the most efficient and sensible form of municipal government.

Councilman Ellis B. Arnold, the third mayoral hopeful, and a strong supporter of council-manager government, gave a word of caution, however.

"If enough of you feel it is arbitrary, aloof or unfeeling, it is in trouble—its days are numbered."

'Virtual Dictator'

Johnson said he was opposed to the system on the grounds that a city manager could become a virtual dictator because the people have no direct way of removing him from office.

In the race for councilman, the city Council came under attack or what was called not being representative of the people.

Tom Mentis, co-owner of Henry's Drive-In, said the present council is a clique and is dominated by men who represent a small segment of the population.

Councilman Robert W. Kopetz, who is seeking another term, said the council considers the entire city in policy decisions rather than only one segment.

All candidates except Fred O. Cole, former justice of the peace, and Walter R. Morenz, retired fire captain, appeared at the meeting. Henry H. Bolz, former Association

of Commerce executive secretary, said advance planning for Oakley Dam and Reservoir will have to be pushed hard during the next four years.

William G. Calfas, of 412 W. Eldorado St., said government, good or otherwise, is the direct responsibility of the people and thinks a movement is going on "to change things."

F. B. Carter, Beatrice Food Co. Decatur office manager, said all phases of the community have to cooperate for industrial expansion.

Rex O. Cochran, owner of the Decatur Milk Co., called for changes in the building code and the street maintenance program should be improved.

Incumbent Councilman Leland H. Henderson recommended town meetings for each of four areas of Decatur with participation of officials of all taxing bodies.

G. Robert Howard, a building contractor, said the council should encourage new industry and delve into the school dropout problem.

Otis G. Ryan, a General Electric electronics technician, called himself a representative of Decatur's east side and said he would vote "yes" on 17 questions.

These include the rescheduling of trains during rush hours, additional recreation facilities, free parking in downtown Decatur, construction of another hospital, urban renewal, city expansion, tapping council meetings and allowing local 10 per cent more than out of town firms on bids.



Councilman Harold A. Pogue speaks at yesterday's League of Women Voter's session.

Sunday, Feb 25th 1963

LEAGUE'S BROCHURE ON SCHOOLS ON SALE

Decatur's League of Women Voters has published a 30-page brochure on the public schools.

Entitled "Facts About Decatur Schools," it includes a brief history and then, in two parts, information on the school system and program.

The league is selling the brochures at 10 cents each to cover printing costs.

Mrs. Gerald Redford, 40 Glenview Drive, is in charge of sales.

Where Is the Spirit at Election Time?

CANDIDATES for city offices in the February 26 primary election appeared before a small representation of townspeople on Sunday afternoon at a meeting arranged by the League of Women Voters. It was one of the few public appearances made by the candidates.

While the essence of democratic government is public interest, that interest apparently is seriously lacking in Decatur. The electorate doesn't seem to be concerned about the scheduled vote, and this is due largely to the limited enthusiasm demonstrated by those seeking public office, rather numerous as they are.

The election campaign may give support to the contention of opponents of council-manager government that this form of administration is too far removed from the people, that it is not a "popular" form of government. The primary campaign at least appears to bear this out.

If the contest for election in April is as dull as the pre-primary period has been, it is not reasonable to expect that the electorate will turn out at the polls then in any great numbers. Some of the candidates are aiming for support through particular groups rather than by confronting the general public. Two candidates say they are depending upon a "dissatisfied" public to give them votes; that is, they hope to back into office.

The cost of extensive campaigning may be a factor in the present case in Decatur. The can-

didates have no political party treasuries to draw upon. There are no organized groups of citizens as substitutes for established political organizations lending support to certain candidates. But the result, as evidenced in Decatur this election year, is not a happy one.

It is not good enough, surely, to accept the present city administration as quite adequate and perhaps the best that can be expected. Issues do exist that might be publicly debated and which would form the basis of meaningful election campaigns.

There is expressed opposition to certain municipal policies, and even to council-manager government itself. But the voices are weak and tend to be complaining rather than aggressively progressive in suggesting how things might be made better than they are.

This newspaper supports council-manager government. It believes the city administration has done a good job on behalf of the community. That's one opinion, and even so, it does not hold that improvements are not possible.

The primary election is close at hand. The candidates haven't much time to make themselves heard. But, there is quite a lot of time between the February primary and the general election in April. And this period should be marked by a determined race for public office, by way of proof that council-manager government need not be a departure from a lively political tradition.

President To League Convention

Mrs. Henry Bachrach, president of Decatur League of Women Voters, will attend a conference sponsored by the National League in the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Thursday and Friday. She is one of 15 League women from across the country to participate in the conference entitled "Program Structure."

The League program—a blueprint for League activity—consists of a listed number of governmental issues chosen by the membership for concentrated study, possible action and sustained attention.

A motion from the 1962 National League Convention called for a committee to be assigned to study certain proposed changes in the Program system and this Chicago conference is one of three committee meetings being held for that purpose.

Women's League Wants New Vote On School Tax

A referendum to increase Decatur's education tax rate for 1964-65 was recommended today by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

After hearing committee reports Monday and this morning, the league further recommended the school board indicate specifically the ways a tax increase would be used and what cuts would be made if the increase were rejected by voters.

"Voters will not often agree to sign blank checks but will respond to school needs if realistic demands are made and fully explained," the league commented.

The league again recommended the board of education should present to voters a proposal for construction of a new junior high school in the Decatur Municipal Airport area.

Based on committee reports on School District 61, the league decided an education tax increase is needed to maintain the present school program, to provide for any increase in enrollment, and to provide for any improvements in the present program.

An increased number of classroom teachers is needed presently, the league said today. Its study used figures recommended by school accrediting associations.

The league recommended also that staff salary evaluations be made regularly and increases given as necessary in order to retain teachers and remain competitive in the teacher market.

When cuts in the budget must be made, the league said they should be made on a priority basis; that is, those economies be made in areas which affect the least number of pupils.

On the school bond referendum in September, the league took no stand on an increase in the education tax rate because it said it had not spent sufficient time studying the question.

It had studied, and rejected, the proposed building needs part of the referendum which called for three new junior high schools.

At that time, the league study said about 885 additional pupils could be expected by 1963 and the league recommended then only one junior high school be built.

Voters League To Springfield

About 15 members of the Decatur League of Women Voters will attend a league sponsored Legislative School Tuesday and Wednesday in Springfield.

The Decatur women will join other league members from throughout the state to observe Senate and House sessions and attend legislative committee meetings.

Gov. Otto Kerner will attend a briefing session at the start of Wednesday's activities and will explain methods of legislative process.

Tuesday Radio Highlights

EDITOR'S DESK: The Decatur League of Women Voters questions the candidates for the Decatur Board of Education on key issues. Today's question: "What are your qualifications for the School Board?" 5:30 p.m., W.D.Z.

WONDERFUL WORLD OF FM—Frank Bowman with the best in popular, semi-classical and classical music. 7 p.m., WSOY-FM.

PROGRAM PM—Orv Graham with up-tempo music including a special Top Ten rock and roll portion from 8:15 until 9:35 p.m., WSOY-AM.

HI-FI PANORAMA — Feature Album: Benny Goodman "Kingdom of Swing," 10:30 p.m., WSOY-AM, FM.

Thursday Radio Highlights

ROOSTER CLUB — Happy Hank features the Norman Luboff Choir. 5 a.m., WSOY-AM, FM.

HARRY MICHAELS SHOW — Another visit to Michaels Comedy Corner. 7:35 a.m., W.D.Z.

ARTHUR GODFREY — Louise Drake, columnist Rufus Jarman, Richard Hayes are today's guests. 10:10 a.m., WSOY-AM.

MIDDAY — Frank Bowman with music, news and features from 11:45 to 3 p.m., WSOY-AM, FM.

TOWN AND COUNTRY REPORTER — Marty Roberts reports activities of local church groups and organizations. 12:25 p.m., W.D.Z.

PERSONAL CLOSE UP — Mike Wallace and FDR Jr. review the president's son's political and government career. 3:30 p.m., WSOY-AM, FM.

RED BARBER SHOW — About a strange fighter. 4:55 p.m., WSOY-AM, FM.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS — Sid Rotz reports the days sports news. 5 p.m., W.D.Z.

EDITORS DESK — The Decatur League of Women Voters questions candidates for the Decatur Board of Education on key issues. Today's question: "Besides finance, what do you consider the most serious problem of the Decatur District?" 5:30 p.m., W.D.Z.

WONDERFUL WORLD OF FM — Frank Bowman with music. 7 p.m., WSOY-FM.

PROGRAM PM — Orv Graham with music for those who like up-tempo tunes. 7:35 p.m., WSOY-AM.

HI-FI PANORAMA — "All Time Movie Favorites" with Russ Conway. 11 p.m., WSOY-AM, FM.

All Officers Re-Elected By League

Decatur League of Women Voters re-elected Mrs. Henry Bachrach president for 1963-64 at their annual meeting Thursday in the home of Mrs. Edwin Jokisch Jr., 333 Southmoreland Place.

The membership also adopted the following items for local study during the next year:

Continued study of School District 61, with action where indicated

A study of recent developments and future plans of Greenwood Urban Renewal Project in Decatur.

Re-elected officers of the League are:

Mrs. Henry Bachrach, president

Mrs. Paul Reeder, first vice president

Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, second vice president

Mrs. Charles Meyerson, secretary

Mrs. David Carr, treasurer.

The elected board of directors includes:

Mrs. Gerald Redford

Mrs. Harold Tenney

Mrs. James Manuell

Mrs. Roger Miller

Mrs. Richard McGowan

Mrs. Glenn Fuller.

Appointed directors are:

Mrs. C. L. Smith

Mrs. Neal Doubleday

Mrs. Frank Verbanac

Mrs. Keith Westenhaver

Mrs. B. C. Dahlmann.

WOMEN VOTERS WORK FOR ELECTION TURNOUT

About 20,000 get-out-the-vote papers are to be distributed this week by the League of Women Voters for the Saturday Decatur Board of Education election and Tuesday's city election.

Entitled, "Women Rise Up, Early Enough to Vote," the papers are to be distributed through grocery stores.

The paper notes "Know your candidates then vote. The man following you to the polls may be your husband."

The idea for the papers was by Mrs. David Carr, 1607 Home Park.

April 14, 1963.

News---

LEAGUE TO DISCUSS UNITED NATIONS

April unit meetings of Decatur League of Women Voters will be discussions of the United Nations. Opinions will be expressed as to what attitude the United States should assume regarding the United Nations.

Mrs. Paul Reeder will be chairman of the committee leading the discussions. Her committee members include:

Mrs. G. R. Cohn

Mrs. Neal Doubleday

Mrs. Nat Kessler

Mrs. H. J. Pettee

Mrs. Clifford E. Smith.

Any interested woman is invited to attend one of the following meetings:

9:15 a.m. Tuesday, First Methodist Church, with nursery for children

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, home of Mrs. John Grimm, 1565 W. Forest Ave.

9:15 a.m. Wednesday, coffee meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Alfred Tick, 90 Montgomery Place.

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League of Women Voters

Decatur League of Women Voters will have its May unit meeting at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. L. B. Ritter, 3772 MacArthur Road.

League members who attended the state convention earlier this month will report on the study items chosen for next year's State Program.

Mrs. John J. Donovan will give a review of the League program on the national level.

Any interested woman is invited to attend.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, April 28, 1963.

COUNCIL-MANAGER ISSUE

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters worked for many years to bring council-manager government to Decatur. It has been here now barely four years and its existence is being threatened by a group asking for a referendum.

The League has conducted a thorough and extensive study this past year to re-evaluate the benefits to Decatur under council-manager government. We feel that this is again the time to make our findings known to the people of Decatur.

Decatur has benefitted greatly under council-manager government and it should be retained. In department after department we found greater efficiency, sounder financial practices, better-paid and better-qualified personnel than previously.

A list of the benefits under council - manager government would be long but some of the more significant ones are property tax reductions, multi-million dollar street improvements, reduction of fire insurance rates, increased fire protection and central purchasing.

There has been much grumbling and now, finally, a petition for a referendum. However, at no time has the group opposing council - manager government stated reasons for its opposition or why it would like to return to the commission form of government. What are the objections?

What do we stand to gain by reverting to commission government? Is it because there would be more patronage jobs? Is it because certain groups would derive benefits from the favoritism and pressure tactics characteristic of commission government? Until the reasons for abolishing the present form of government are made available to the people of Decatur, it is impossible for anyone to make an intelligent decision.

We would hope that before going to the polls to vote out a successful type of government the voters of this city would investigate both side of the issue thoroughly.

Decatur Betty Bachrach
President Decatur League of Women Voters

Six Attend Convention Of League

Delegates from Decatur League of Women Voters will be in North Aurora today through Thursday to attend the 31st convention of the League of Women Voters of Illinois. Representatives from all 78 Illinois Leagues are expected to attend this convention.

Decatur women attending are: Mrs. Henry Bachrach, president; Mrs. David Carr; Mrs. James Manuell; Mrs. Glenn O. Fuller; Mrs. Don R. Livergood; Mrs. Richard McGowan.

Delegates to the convention will adopt a two-year program of study and action, elect officers and directors, adopt a budget and vote on proposed by-law changes.

Principal speaker will be Elbert N. Carvel, governor of Delaware. His address for the banquet Wednesday evening will be "States Must Be Strong."

Now serving his second term, Gov. Carvel believes the characteristics of a strong state government includes adequate services to citizens, fiscal responsibility, provision for good education and the ability to plan for future development.

May 3, 1963

League Adopts Welfare Study For Two Years

The League of Women Voters of Illinois has adopted a study of state welfare services to children and their families as a new part of their program for 1963-65. About 500 League members from all over the state attended the 31st biennial convention in the Hilton Inn, Aurora, April 30 through May 2.

The League will undertake a study of tax-supported welfare services, including the proposed Department of Children and Family Services, the Aid to Dependent Children program, mental health services available to children. General Assistance, correctional

services and the welfare functions of the courts.

Discussion by delegates centered around two main points: the need for adequate financing and effective administration of welfare services and the role of the League as a non-partisan citizens' group working in the general public interest. Coordinated planning for needy and dependent children was also stressed.

REVIEW

Women Voters Oppose Bills On Judges' Pay

Members of the League of Women Voters of Illinois oppose bills in the legislature which call for wage increases for judges.

The league suggests pay increases be delayed until the new court system will have been in operation and the bills be considered in view of case loads and the number of judges.

Setting salaries for judges is one of the statutory provisions that must be passed as result of adoption of the judicial amendment.

The judicial amendment provides many sweeping changes in the Illinois court system.

Mrs. Ezra Levin, Champaign, president of the Illinois League, made this comment:

"Members of the League of Women Voters vigorously supported the adoption of the Judicial Article and feel a responsibility for its implementation.

"Significant salary increases are being suggested which seem unjustified at this time.

"We should give the new judicial system a chance to operate and make adjustments in salaries in light of the case load and number of judges in subsequent legislative sessions."

Voters' League Coffee Open To Public

Decatur League of Women Voters will have its summer coffee at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the home of the club's president, Mrs. Henry Bachrach, 25 N. Country Club Road.

Unlike other League meetings during the year, there will be no formal presentation at the coffee. Chairmen of the workshops who, with their committees, will study throughout the year and make reports to the membership at monthly meetings, will be at individual tables to discuss the various workshop programs.

League members may join workshops on such items as:

- Urban renewal in Decatur
- State welfare services in Illinois
- The United Nations
- Foreign economic policy.

Any interested woman is invited to attend the coffee.

Monday, July 29, 1963.

16 Appointed To Advisory Sewer Group

Sixteen persons have been named to the Decatur Sanitary District citizens advisory committee.

That committee, headed by Merrill Lindsay, general manager of the Herald and Review, is to study community sewer problems, including the proposed consolidation of city and district sewer systems.

The committee includes:

Roy R. Anthony, chairman of the Macon County Democratic Central Committee

Edward A. Schroeder, manager of the mortgage department of Roby & Roby, realtors

D. Robert Davies, a vice president of Illinois Power Co.

Franzy Eakin, South Shores developer

Walter R. Morenz, business representative of Teamsters Local 279

Mrs. Henry Bachrach, president of the League of Women Voters

Mrs. Helen J. Miller, League of Women Voters member

Lee H. Sentman, Jr., vice president of J. L. Simmons Co. heavy construction division

The Rev. C. M. Curry, pastor of St. Peter's AME Church

Robert A. Grohne, former Decatur mayor

Roy Rollins, vice president of A. E. Staley Mfg. Co.

William G. Traver, president of W. G. Traver Supply Co.

John W. Crocker, chairman of the board of the Citizens National Bank

Ira R. Abbott, treasurer of Wagner Castings Co.

Charles R. Galbreath, plant engineer of Caterpillar Tractor Co.

Joseph D. Russell, Eisenhower High School teacher.

Aug. 14th

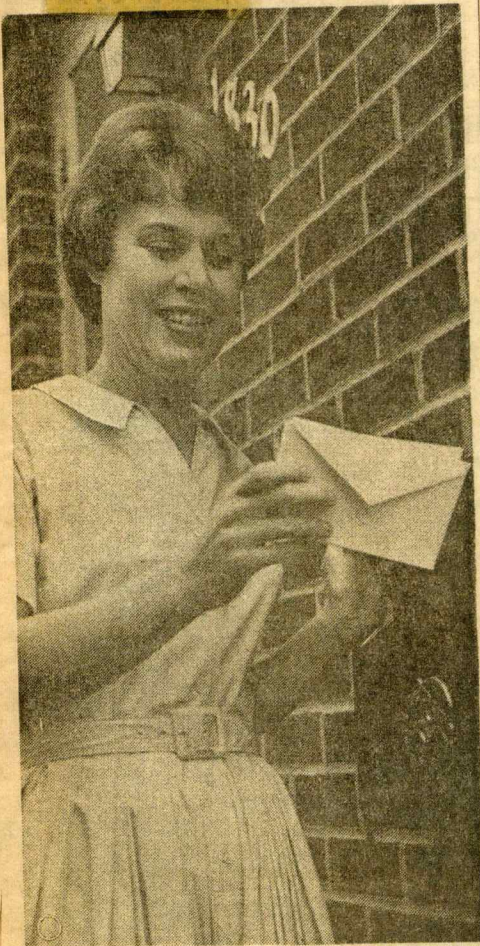
Women Voters Begin Finance Drive Sept. 12

Decatur's League of Women Voters will hold its finance drive Sept. 12 through Sept. 30.

Mrs. Joseph R. Miller, 1830 W. Riverview Ave., is the chairman of the 1963 drive.

Many contributions have already been received in response to mail solicitation sent out by the league last week.

The league is a non-partisan organization whose membership is open to any woman of voting age interested in the workings of government.



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Donation Received

Mrs. Joseph R. Miller, 1830 W. Riverview Ave., receives a donation by mail for the Decatur League of Women Voters fund drive from Sept. 12 to Sept. 30.

Sept. 6th 1963

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MEET THURSDAY

City Plan Director Donald Irvin will speak on Decatur's urban renewal program at a League of Women Voters luncheon at 12:45 p.m. Thursday in the Decatur Club.

The league will have urban renewal developments and plans as one of its 1963-64 local study projects.

The luncheon will serve also as a kick-off event for the league's annual financial drive in the community, headed by Mrs. J. Roger Miller.

Thurs. Sept. 12th 1963

Irvin Cites Relocation

Plan Director Donald L. Irvin told members of the Decatur League of Women Voters today that an effective relocation program is the mainstay in any workable urban renewal project.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting of the league in the Decatur Club, Irvin explained how proper planning and execution of relocation in the Greenwood project has spelled success for the entire endeavor.

At today's meeting, Councilman Leland H. Henderson, acting mayor, presented a proclamation designating Tuesday as the start of League of Women Voters Week in Decatur. It was given to league president, Mrs. Henry Bachrach.

The proclamation, signed by Mayor Ellis B. Arnold, credited the league with encouraging all citizens to participate in government. It commended the organization for providing objective information on candidates and issues, and providing services to voters.