

LEAGUE TO DISCUSS STUDIES FOR 1964

Members of the Decatur League of Women Voters will present and discuss proposals for the 1964-65 national league studies at the Tuesday meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Henry Bachrach, president.

From the meeting, the Decatur league will submit a list of suggested study items to the National Board.

The national board considers the proposals sent by local leagues from throughout the country and league delegates select the items to be studied at the National Board.

Women Voters Plan Report On Trade Aid

League of Women Voters members studying foreign economic policy will report to the League on the theme, "The Trade Aid: A New Point of View." Reports will be given at all meetings on these three topics:

"The House is Midnight in Latin America"
"The Common Market: The European Community"
"Primary Products": The Problem of the World Trade.

Meetings will be:
Today at 1 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Marion Jones, 1214 W. Riverview Ave.

Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. at First Methodist Church with a survey for the children.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Walker Mills, 1427 W. Mason St.

Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Sam Loeb, 14 Montgomery Place.

Chairman of the committee is Mrs. Clifford Smith. Her committee members are:

Mrs. Frank B. Dilley
Mrs. Paul Reeder
Mrs. Elmer Landholt
Mrs. E. David Lika
Mrs. Joseph Roger Miller
Mrs. E. J. Petrie.

League Group To Give Report On Role of U.N.

Reports from the United Nations workshops will be featured during the September meeting of the Decatur League of Women Voters.

Two main issues for discussion will be the "non-alignment" policy and the role of the U. N. in any disarmament agreements.

Members of the working are:

Mrs. H. J. Petrie, chairman
Mrs. Neil Davidson
Mrs. Paul Reeder
Mrs. Russell E. Spilinger
Mrs. Harold Tenney
Mrs. Mabel Smith
Miss Marie Bromley
Mrs. Elmer Wolf.

Unit meetings will be held:

Monday at 2 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Thomas Proffman at 221 S. Linden Ave.

Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the First Methodist Church Sanctuary.

Elizabeth Bachrach Unusual Woman

The busy life of Mrs. Henry Bachrach has included many varied activities, some in dramatic contrast.

Interspersed with such civic services as the presidency of the League of Women Voters and membership of the Sanitary District Advisory Board have been trips to darkest Africa. She has also visited other corners of the world. For all that, she is a housewife, mother, photographer, cook.

Sunday, September 22, the Herald and Review will tell Elizabeth Bachrach's story—another in the series of outstanding women.

Sandra Sulanski writes.

Think Together, If Not Alike

A note from Mrs. Harold Tenney, commenting on the function of the League of Women Voters, says we learn to think together, even though we may not think alike.

Mrs. Tenney is public relations secretary. The league is completing plans for another season's activities.

Included will be many workshops, each concerned with a matter of local, state or national importance.

A picture-feature, Sunday, September 22, will show how these workshops operate, and how they serve both members and the public at large. See the Herald and Review, Sunday, September 22.

FIVE DECATUR WOMEN ATTEND CONFERENCE

Five Decatur women are representing the Decatur League of Women Voters at an all-day conference today in Chicago.

An annual league event, the conference is in the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel with Max Freedman, Washington columnist, as headline speaker. His topic is "Public Opinion and the U. S. Foreign Policy."

Attending from Decatur are: Mrs. Henry Bachrach, Decatur league president
Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst
Mrs. Harold Hamilton
Mrs. William Sabey
Mrs. David Mann.

The Illinois league currently is undertaking a state-wide study of welfare services for children and their families and the morning session of the conference was devoted to this subject.

Keynote speaker was Robert H. McRae, former executive director of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago.

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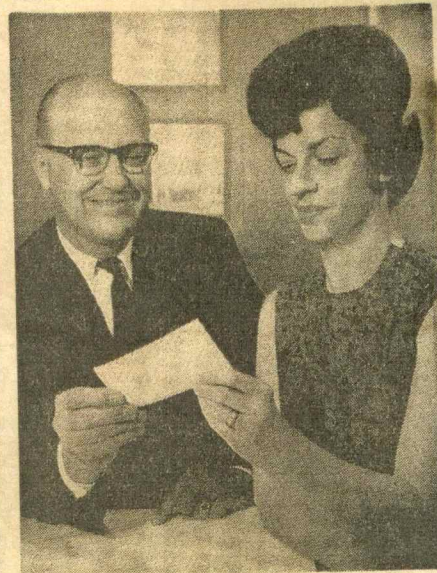
League at Meetings

Decatur members of the League of Women Voters are attending meetings of local governing bodies as a part of an observer program.

This attendance by observers is to continue through next May, allowing the league to prepare information on current local problems and operations of government.

The governing bodies mentioned in the program are the City Council, County Board of Supervisors, Park Board, School Board and Decatur Sanitary District.

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Check for League

Mrs. David S. Mann, 222 S. Dennis Ave., Decatur League of Women Voters treasurer, accepts check from Merle Quigle of Quigle's Furniture Store for league's two-week, 1963-64 finance drive which ends Sept. 25.



Roland F. Hahnstadt

Women Voters Session Due

Roland F. Hahnstadt, 1625 W. Riverview St., purchasing agent for Decatur's Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. plant, will speak at a public meeting sponsored by the Decatur League of Women Voters Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the lower lounge of the Millikin Student Union.

Hahnstadt will speak on "Latin America—Perpetual Land of the Future." A native of Brazil, he was formerly a purchasing agent at the Sao Paulo, Brazil, plant.

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Department of Family Services Function Described by Director



Dr. Donald Brieland

The director of the new state Department of Children and Family Services described his program here last night and said some of its work can be done at a lower per capita cost than is the case now.

Dr. Donald Brieland, director, spoke to a meeting of the League of Women Voters.

Dr. Brieland's department, as a separate agency, is eight days old.

Some of the functions of the department have been done in the past by a section within the Department of Mental Health. As of Jan. 1, those so-called non-psychiatric services became the Department of Children and Family Services.

The services the new department will offer are designed to keep families together, aid those temporarily having tough sledding and curb delinquency.

If families can be kept together, the more expensive cost of placing children in foster homes will result in a reduced per capita cost, Dr. Brieland said.

A branch office will be opened in Decatur in February, according to Ralph Hanebutt of Champaign, a regional director of the department.

Plans are to start with a supervisor, two social workers and one clerk. Ultimately a supervisor, five social workers and two clerks will staff the office, he said.

Quarters have been rented at 125 N. Franklin St.

The department will offer home guidance and counseling service, to keep families together.

Day care, for children whose mothers must work, homemaker service for families who temporarily need someone to do the house work and tend to the children, the facilitation of adoptions, foster care, service to unwed mothers, the return of run-away children and certain protective services are offered by the department.

Dr. Brieland emphasized that no volunteer, private or public agencies now in family service work need fear the expanded program of the new state department.

Dr. Brieland said, "We do not want to supplant private agencies. We are a complementary program. This is no field for big government to get bigger and push private agencies out of business."



Dr. Donald Brieland

Child Aid To Be Discussed

Dr. Donald Brieland, director of the new Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, will speak at a public meeting sponsored by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

Dr. Brieland will speak on "Children's Welfare Services—the New Look" at the meeting scheduled for 8:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Millikin University Student Union Lounge.

Dr. Brieland, who received his doctorate from the University of Minnesota Institute of Child Development in 1949, spent a year as a Fulbright lecturer in educational psychology at the University of Peshawar, Pakistan.

Persons wishing to attend Dr. Brieland's speech should telephone reservations to Mrs. Harold Tenney, 423-2445, by noon Monday.

Week's Events

Women Voters Set School Talks

School finances will be discussed at the November unit meetings of the Decatur League of Women Voters, especially Decatur school finances.

A committee of league women has been studying how the schools are financed, locally, state wide and nationally.

Meetings will be:

Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. in the First Methodist Church and at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt of 1390 W. Macon St.

Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. in the home of Mrs. G. L. Kessinger of 82 Woodhill Court.

Committee members reporting are:

Mrs. Keith Westenhover, chairman

Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst
Mrs. Don R. Livergood
Mrs. John E. Grimm
Mrs. T. Eugene Blanchard
Mrs. Carroll Smith
Mrs. Earl M. Ulbrich
Mrs. Morton J. Becker.

League Nov. 27 Redistricting 'Needs Study'

Decatur League of Women Voters explained methods of school financing in unit meetings yesterday and today.

The possibility of redistricting school districts was felt to be an area deserving more study.

The Decatur league will recommend to the Illinois State League that benefits of school redistricting be considered a subject for study in Illinois leagues.

At that time the committee will study elementary and high school space needs after reviewing the school census report.

CHILDREN'S WELFARE DISCUSSION TONIGHT

Dr. Donald Brieland, director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, will speak at an 8:30 p. m. public meeting today in the Millikin University Student Union Lounge.

His topic will be "Children's Welfare Services—the New Look."

This meeting is sponsored by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

League Meets To Discuss Child Welfare

Members of Illinois League of Women Voters are studying the welfare services in Illinois for children and families.

Since August, Decatur League members have held committee meetings with co-chairmen Mrs. William Sabey and Mrs. Morton J. Becker to study just what aid facilities are available to needy families.

This study takes three directions:

The child in relation to the courts—as in cases pertaining to children alleged to be delinquent, neglected or dependent

The child in need of protective services—as one abused, exploited or cruelly treated

Illinois Aid to Families of Dependent Children.

The League has invited the director of the newly formed State Code Department of Welfare Services, Dr. Donald Brieland, to a meeting at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in Millikin University Student Lounge.

Until now, child welfare has focused on foster care, but Dr. Brieland says the new emphasis will be on ways of keeping families intact, such as providing day care services for children of working mothers and family counseling services.

The new department is empowered to provide protective services to cruelly treated children. Experience has demonstrated that many parents who consciously or unconsciously neglect or abuse their children can be helped to become responsible.

These areas as well as others will be explored at the Wednesday meeting. Interested persons are asked to make reservations by noon Monday with Mrs. Harold Tenney of 257 S. Glencoe Ave.

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League of Women Voters

'A Chance to Think Together, Though Not Necessarily Alike'

Mrs. R. J. Peltz, seated, and Mrs. Clifford E. Smith discuss U. S. report.

Mrs. Ellen Palmer, union council chairman, with selected member, Mrs. Barbara Kraft.

Judge David Matthews tells welfare services offered children by court to Mrs. W. B. Selby, center, Mrs. Martha Becker.

Allies to civil life, whether they be national, state or local, are the allies of the League of Women Voters.

As the nation approaches fall and many more voters enter the polls, the League once again offers a stimulating class of workshops to its members.

The League whose members have helped national affairs, have become involved in the United Nations as foreign economic policy.

Problems of the state welfare services will offer more than of reeducated and human movement to those interested in state government while those in the local arena will learn to analyze the needs and problems of the Federal Public School system, since the General Union National Report.

"Women participating in such studies that a new reality and awareness is the," says Mrs. Harold Peltz, a spokesman for the group.

The League is a national non-partisan volunteer organization. Its income is derived from dues and contributions—particularly contributions from individual members.

It is a nonpartisan organization. The League takes action in one part of it or operates in national government's house, but not parties or candidates.

However, members are encouraged to work as individuals in the political party of their choice, though having members within from active party work while in League office.

Women efforts of voting are also before the representative government are eligible to join. There are 12 in 1963.

As pointed out by Mrs. Elva Levin, president of the Illinois League, "All leagues are not equal, all have not political action matters, nor do we all think alike."

But we are women who are, as she said to be citizens sharing the responsibilities of government with confidence with understanding and with devotion in the general public interest.

"The League gives us this opportunity to think together, though we may not think alike."

During a membership of more than 100,000 in the local level, delegates to the national and state conferences, which is to be held, with the membership which lives in the local level.

Programs are also available to the general public, with the presentation of workshop materials reports to the membership on the pros and cons of the issue in discussion.

Consensus is then reached by the members and the League then works to implement its program.

Reasons which the league has called on in the past years include the need of additional citizens in the Federal Public School system, the re-education of the general government, the Illinois Constitution, a proposed state health care, many government functions, and other community programs.

Despite the League's long history of the National League movement, many women had not even the right to vote. League leaders decided that an organization was needed to bring an informed vote.

By the women party.

Because they knew that the best way to bring about change in their families depended on effective leadership, the women had decided that an organization was needed to bring an informed vote.

By the women party.

Mrs. James M. Mazur, left, Mrs. William Miller distribute voting pamphlets.

Mrs. Keith Westphalen studies Decatur school area.

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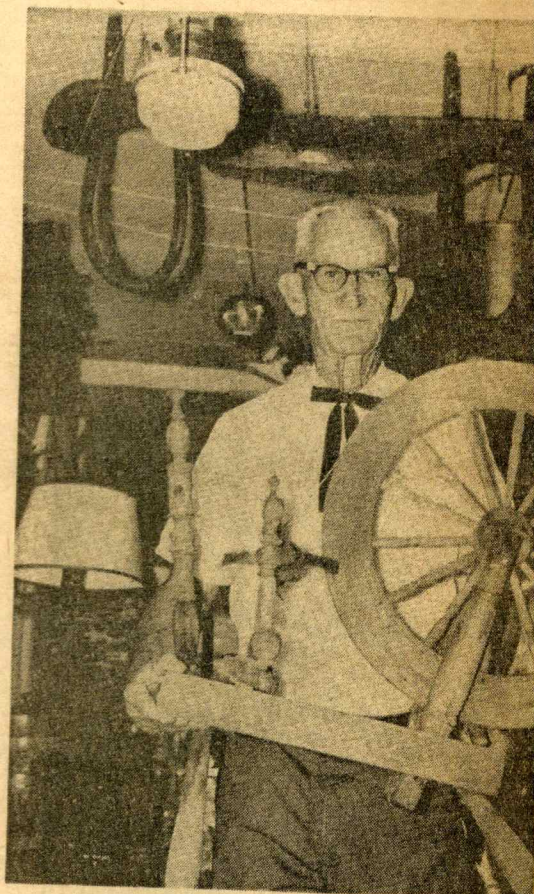
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JUMBO SAUCE	1.55	1.34
TUMBLER, 10 OZ.	1.65	1.32
SHERBERT	2.25	1.80
FOOTED EGG CUP	1.75	1.40
MUG, 7 OZ.	1.75	1.40
COMFOTE, FOOTED	1.65	1.32
TUMBLER, 6 OZ.	1.50	1.20
CREAMER	2.35	1.88
TEAPOT & LID, 6 CUPS	6.35	5.00
SYRUP JUG	2.95	2.38
WATER PITCHER, 2 1/2 QT.	5.75	4.60
MILK PITCHER, 1 QT.	4.25	3.40
COFFEE POT & LID	6.25	5.00
SALT & PEPPER MILL, PAIR	8.95	7.16
JUMBO SALT & PEPPER, PAIR	3.95	3.16
CHILD'S PLATE	3.50	2.80
VEGETABLE DISH, MEDIUM	2.95	2.35
VEGETABLE DISH, LARGE	3.50	2.80
DIVIDED RELISH DISH	4.95	3.96
DIVIDED VEGETABLE DISH	5.25	4.20
DIVIDED VEGETABLE DISH	4.75	3.80
PLATTER, SMALL OVAL	3.75	3.00
PLATTER, MEDIUM OVAL	4.75	3.80
PLATTER, TURKEY	14.95	11.96
PLATTER, LARGE	5.95	4.76
BREAD TRAY	5.25	4.20
COUPE OVAL STEAK PLATE	4.00	3.20
ASH TRAY, LARGE	2.25	1.80
JELLY DISH	3.95	3.16
SALAD BOWL	5.95	4.76
BEAN POT & LID	6.25	5.00
CASSEROLE & LID, MEDIUM	8.95	7.16
CASSEROLE & LID, MEDIUM	7.95	6.36
SMALL SOUP TUREEN & LID	14.95	11.96
CASSEROLE & LID, LARGE	8.95	7.16
LARGE SOUP TUREEN & LID	22.50	18.00
MIXING BOWLS, NEST OF 3	9.95	7.96
GRAY BOAT	4.95	3.96
LADLE	1.50	1.20
SALT & PEPPER, SMALL, PR.	2.50	2.00
ASH TRAY, IND.	1.10	.88
ASH TRAY, IND.	.95	.76
JAM JAR & LID	3.25	2.60
RELISH DISH	3.75	3.00
COOKIE JAR & LID	7.95	6.36
BUTTER DISH & LID	3.50	2.80

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Ed Leach of Shelbyville

Antique Collector Has Own



Leach's Home Museum

Included in Ed Leach's home museum are this old spinning wheel, the oxen yoke picture at the top, and a lady's side saddle to the left. Also included in Mr. Leach's antique collection is a grandfather clock at least 100 years old.

Welfare Board Elects Head

Mrs. A. Lewis Hull of 1841 W Main St. recently was elected president of the board of Welfare, the girls' welfare home.

Board officers are:

Mrs. A. Lewis Hull, president
Mrs. J. H. Roszell, vice presi-

secretary
treasurer
Cannon, corres-
ponding secretary.
Members of the board, who

Officers Club, R.N.A. ca, will meet
Officers Club, Independence day in the
Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, Hunter of



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League Gets Greenwood Study Report

Redevelopment of land in the Greenwood urban renewal area is not far enough along to make any assessment of the final result, but one fact is clear: the removal of blight has been accomplished.

These comments were made in reports by a committee of the Decatur League of Women Voters this week. The last of four reports was given this morning.

Mrs. Glenn O. Fuller was chairman of the committee which studied the Greenwood project.

In the four years since the project began, the committee found that 95 per cent of the land was acquired before condemnation proceedings were necessary. This accomplishment was attributed to good public relations and the surplus of homes available in Decatur.

The League committee also reported that the physical relocation of residents went smoothly, although personal problems were evident.

A large number of families in the area were senior citizens who, after being relocated, missed proximity to downtown and the familiar neighborhood, friends and church.

However, most relocated families now live in better homes, the committee decided.

The committee reviewed the chronology of the Greenwood project, including the federal laws authorizing assistance to urban renewal, estimated costs, acquisition of property and the redevelopment plan.

Preventive methods to curb the growth of blighted areas were considered. One alternative to complete demolition in slum clearance discussed was the desirability of strict enforcement of the minimum housing code through joint efforts of the City Council and the Decatur Housing Authority.

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League Makes Renewal Study

January units of the Decatur League of Women Voters will be concerned with the League's study of recent developments and future plans of the Greenwood Urban Renewal project in Decatur.

The League workshop has been meeting since last summer and will present its findings to the league membership.

Meetings are scheduled for:

Monday, 1 p. m. in the home of Mrs. James Moore of 444 S. Edward St.

Tuesday, 9:15 p. m. at First Methodist Church (Nursery); 7:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. William Miller of 1749 W. Forest St.

Wednesday, 9:15 a. m. in the home of Mrs. Russell Oplinger of 152 Cobb Ave.

Workshop chairman, Mrs. Glenn O. Fuller, will be assisted in making the report by committee members:

Mrs. David Mann, Mrs. Robert Packer, Miss Christine Kareotes and Mrs. John Wolf

Mrs. B. C. Dahlmann, Mrs. Mabel Amidon, Mrs. Robert B. Moore and Mrs. C. Roy Evans.

League Plans Civic Talk

The League of Women Voters is planning a community session for women who want to learn about local government.

The meeting will be at 7:45 p. m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Forrest Martin of 235 Park Place.

An informal question and answer discussion pertaining to the functions and separate duties of various local governing district is planned.

Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst will be discussion leader.

All interested women of the community are invited.

A league publication, "Do You Know the ABC's of Your Town's Government," will be referred to throughout the discussion period. It may be obtained by writing to League of Women Voters, 1026 17th St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C. Its price is 15 cents.



Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, left, and Mrs. Dwight L. Nelson review some of the whys and wherefores of local government, referring to a League of Women Voters pamphlet entitled "Do You Know the ABC's of Your Town's Government?"

VOTER LEAGUE DROPS CANDIDATES' MEETING

Board of directors of the Decatur League of Women Voters has voted not to hold the pre-primary election candidates' meeting this year.

League officers said the organization feels that the primary election is of great importance but canceled the meeting because there are few primary contests this year.

Plans are being made to have a candidates' meeting before the November general election.

League to Hear School Needs For Expansion

Reports on "the operation of school District No. 61 and the necessity for a referendum covering expansion" will be heard by the Decatur League of Women Voters next week.

The March report chiefly will be concerned with space and staff needs.

Members of the workshop committee are:

Mrs. Keith Westenhaver, chairman

Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst
Mrs. Morton J. Becker
Mrs. Paul Reeder
Mrs. Don Livergood
Mrs. Carroll Smith
Mrs. John E. Grimm.

Unit meetings are scheduled for:

Monday, 1 p.m., in home of Mrs. Roger Miller of 1830 W. Riverview Ave.

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

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Fred Schudel of 2080 W. Riverview Ave.

Wednesday, 9:15 a.m., in home of Mrs. Dwight Nelson of 278 S. Linden Ave.

League Studies to Be Discussed

Studies of economic and population growth in Macon and 10 surrounding counties will be discussed for the Decatur League of Women Voters this week.

The Downtown Decatur Development Corp. will present the program on studies by the University of Illinois and Millikin University at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the City Council room at 355 E. Wood St.

Governmental implications of projections and a report on shopping habits will be included in the program.

Jack H. Powers, corporation president, will moderate a panel composed of:

George Slater, Citizens National Bank vice president
City Manager John E. Dever
Harold E. Dolley, Dever's Carson, Pirie store here.

\$180 Million Lost

Poor Access Roads Hurt City

Cities having better access roads than Decatur's are siphoning off \$180 million in retail sales from Decatur merchants.

George R. Slater, economist and vice president of the Citizens National Bank, told the League of Women Voters here last night that studies have shown that there is that much money in the trading area, but that people shop in other cities because their access roads are better.

Slater said aggregate income in nine counties surrounding Macon County is about \$300 million, 60 per cent of which \$180 million goes for retail buying.

In such towns as Mount Pulaski, Clinton, Shelbyville, Pana, and Taylorville, 75 to 80 per cent of the families trade heavily in Decatur, Slater said.

But plans are under way to build superhighways which would make it much easier for residents of these towns to trade in other urban centers, such as Champaign-Urbana, Springfield, and Bloomington.

As an example, Slater said according to a recent study, Clinton residents would prefer to shop in Decatur 2 to 1 over Bloomington. But the road from Clinton to Bloomington is much better than that to Decatur, and

buyers are therefore drawn heavily to the Bloomington market.

Harold R. Dooley, president of the Downtown Decatur Council and manager of the Carson Pirie Scott & Co. store, and City Manager John E. Dever joined Slater in discussing two of the business studies made during the past year.

"All the studies leave the impression much needs to be done, and we have to think about rejuvenating and renewing on a total basis," Dever said.

Slater said it's too bad the various political power groups in the city can't get their heads together and say, "Let's get one plan and apply the political pressure."

Several freeway and expressway programs have been proposed for Decatur, but so far primary pressure has been aimed at getting state funds for completion of the U.S. 51 north-south couple.

Dever said a downtown redevelopment plan drawn by Victor Gruen & Associates of New York, will be aired at the area town meeting Feb. 29.

Slater said if enough personal feelings can be subjugated to have 70 per cent of the Gruen plan accepted, "We're on our way to dynamic growth."

REVIEW

Thursday, April 9, 1964.

Mrs. Hurst Elected League Picks Local Study Items

Decatur League of Women Voters yesterday elected Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, 2095 W. Sunset Ave., as president. Mrs. Hurst succeeds Mrs. Henry Bachrach.

New officers elected at the annual meeting held in First Congregational Church are:

Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, president

Mrs. Gerald A. Redford, first vice president

Mrs. Glenn O. Fuller, second vice president

Mrs. David L. Mann, treasurer

Mrs. George T. Wilson, secretary.

Elected directors were Mrs. Morton J. Becker, Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. Frank Dilly, Mrs. Richard Ruedi and Mrs. Henry Bachrach.

League members also approved a budget and voted on a program of local study items for 1964-65.

The items adopted for study are:

A continued study of urban renewal in Decatur

Action to implement the action after consensus.



Mrs. Thomas Hurst

league's stand on the need for a school building program, an increase in the educational tax fund rate, and an evaluation of ways to provide better public education in Decatur

Operation and needs of the Decatur Public Library

Advantages and disadvantages of the formation of a City of Decatur township with possible

League Group Gives Report On Welfare

April unit meetings of the Decatur League of Women Voters will be concerned with Illinois welfare services to children and their families.

The League's welfare study committee will concentrate on the Aid to Families of Dependent Children program. The League study group has worked since last summer gathering factual as well as "public opinion" material concerning welfare services in Illinois.

The committee will make its report to the League membership in the following meetings:

Monday at 1 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Edward Booth of 637 S. Crea St.

Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. in First Methodist Church with a nursery provided

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Roy Zarbock of 298 S. Westdale Ave.

Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Henry Bachrach of 25 N. Country Club Road.

Any interested woman is invited to attend.

Study committee members are:

Mrs. William Sabey and Mrs. Morton J. Becker, co-chairmen

Mrs. Nat Kessler, Mrs. Harold Hamilton, Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, Mrs. David Macarus

Mrs. John Holman, Mrs. L. B. Ritter, Mrs. Harold Tenney and Mrs. George F. Limerick.

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School Tax Hike For Education Asked by League

By Larry Blankenship
Of the Review Staff

School construction amounting to \$4.5 million over a five-year period and an increase of 20 to 25 cents in the educational tax rate are recommended by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

The League recommends increasing the educational fund tax rate by 20 to 25 cents (assuming no increase in assessed value or in state aid) in view of the following conclusions they reached:

1. An increase in the educational tax rate is indicated for 1964-65 in order to maintain the present program, to provide for an increase in enrollment and to provide for program improvements.

2. A salary increase for staff members is necessary in order to retain teachers.

3. There is a need for more teachers to obtain a desirable pupil-teacher ratio.

Vote Before Dec. 1

In order to increase the educational fund tax rate the league said it believes that referendums concerning these proposals are necessary before Dec. 1 in order to make tax-increase monies available the following year.

The maximum legal educational fund tax rate is \$2.50 per \$100 assessed valuation. In 1956, Decatur voters approved a rate of \$1.80. Illinois law will not permit this to be increased more than 40 cents at one time and then only by referendum.

Decatur's school tax rate is presently \$2.568 per \$100 of assessed property valuation.

The proposals by the league would increase the tax rate at least 20 cents if the educational fund rate was increased, which would boost it to \$2.768 per \$100.

The building program as outlined would probably add 7 to 8 cents to the property tax based on present assessed valuation of the district. The total construction costs for the entire building project would amount to \$4,582,000 over a period of as much as five years.

'Small Packages'

It is possible to meet these needs in small package referendums that would not be an immediate large tax burden, the league said.

It would be necessary to finance the building program by a building bond referendum.

The maximum allowed by law for the building fund tax rate is 37½ cents per \$100 assessed valuation, which has been in effect since Decatur voters approved it in 1946.

The school building program would involve building four new elementary schools and a new junior high school; the expansion of one elementary school; and the remodeling of one elementary school for junior high school use.

The league recommends the following four new elementary schools:

South Shores No. 2
Oak Grove No. 3
Mound East
Mound West.

Curb Transportation

Construction of these new elementary schools would permit a more desirable class size and eliminate costly transportation of pupils to other schools, the league said.

The league also recommends an addition at the Eldorado School to relieve crowding at both Eldorado and Excelsior.

Junior High

Construction of one junior high school in the airport area—Baker Woods—would take 413 7th and 8th graders out of the Lakeview Junior-Senior High building where there are now more than 1,000 pupils in a building with an optimum capacity of 800. A school in this area would also relieve crowding at Johns Hill, the league pointed out.

Capacity of a new Baker Woods Junior High School would be around 600. Capacity of the converted Mound School would be about the same.

Recommendations for these junior high school additions were based on the 1963-64 enrollment figures in grades 2 and 3. Using those figures, by the year 1968-1969, with no new space provided, 3,405 pupils would be attending schools with space for only 2,625. With the two additions—Baker Woods and Mound—3,405 pupils will be attending schools with an optimum size of 3,825, the league said.

The 1962 league report recommended that one junior high school in the airport area was needed; that a junior high

school was needed soon in the Mound area or in the South Shores area, and additional elementary space was needed more than a junior high school. That report did not include recommendations concerning the educational tax rate increase, but did state that an increase seemed to be indicated.

JOHNSON SPEAKS

League Adopts Study Program at Convention

More than 1,000 delegates participating in the League of Women Voters national convention at Pittsburgh, Pa. last week adopted a broad study program for 1964-1966.

Among the delegates was Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, 2095 W. Sunset Ave., president of the Decatur League of Women Voters.

Included in the study program were:

Evaluation of United States policies to provide all citizens with equal opportunities for education and employment.

Support of U. S. policies to strengthen the United Nations.

Support of U. S. policies which promote world economic development and maintain a sound national economy.

Support of national programs to promote long-range planning for conservation and development of water resources.

More time will be given in Decatur to the study of equal opportunities than to the others, because it is the newest, Mrs. Hurst said.

"Our emphasis probably will be on education, because people who have an equal education should have an equal footing in employment," she said.

President Johnson was a surprise guest speaker at the convention Friday. Johnson told the delegates that women should take a leading part in the fight against poverty, and continue their interest in governmental affairs.

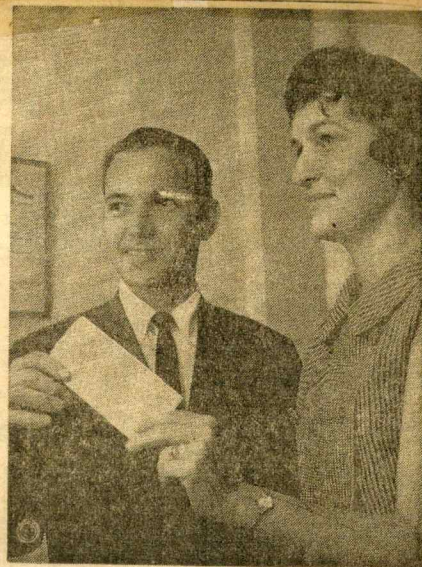
Sunday, June 22, 1964.

Voter League Annual Coffee Is Tuesday

The Decatur League of Women Voters invites all community women to its summer coffee Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Edwina Funk of 83 N. Country Club Road.

There will be a panel discussion of the blue ballot item, "Should the Illinois General Assembly Have Annual Sessions?" This question, involving a constitutional amendment, will come before the voters Nov. 3.

Mrs. Frank Verbanac, constitutional convention chairman, will moderate the panel, which will include Mrs. Clarence Crow, Mrs. Neal Doubleday and Mrs. Charles Meyerson.



Herald and Review Photo

Drive Donation

William J. Braun presents his check for the League of Women Voters fund drive to Mrs. Daniel M. Moore Jr.

This drive, held once a year is the league's only fund-raising drive. It ends today.

Thurs. April 30
1964

Thursday, September 3, 1964.

LEAGUE FUND DRIVE

Women Collect \$875 Toward \$1,200 Goal

Prospects appear bright for successful results for the Decatur League of Women Voters recent fund drive.

Mrs. Joseph R. Miller, 1830 W. Riverview Ave., co-chairman of the drive, said today that \$875 has been collected through mail solicitation thus far.

However, she said, only about one-quarter of the contributions have been received.

"Our goal is \$1,200 and I'm sure we'll make it," Mrs. Miller said.

Still to come in are contributions obtained through door-to-door solicitation.

Final results of the fund drive may not be known until October, Mrs. Miller said.

Last year's goal was also \$1,200 and funds collected totaled \$1,278.

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Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst of 209 W. Sunset Ave. will represent Decatur League of Women Voters at the 26th national convention of the United States League of Women Voters in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The convention opens today and will close Friday. Approximately 1,200 delegates are expected to attend.

The main work of the convention will be choosing a 1964-65 national program of study and action and the election of new national officers and directors. Only after full discussion and floor debate will a national program of study be adopted by the convention by a majority vote.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Ghoslin of Houston, Mo., will visit the Hurst home for two weeks. Mrs. Ghoslin is Dr. Hurst's mother. The Ghoslins will care for the Hursts' two sons, Bradley and Ronald, while their mother is attending the convention.



Hats On Now

It may be hats on now, but on Thursday it will be "Hats Off To Women Voters" as the Decatur League of Women Voters salutes Women Voters

Week. Mrs. Harold Tenney, left, adjusts a Christian Dior hat worn by Mrs. Glenn Fuller. The hat will be a door prize.

Women Voters Schedule County Building Tours

The Decatur League of Women Voters will sponsor tours of the County Building Thursday in observance of Women Voters Week. The public is invited to come to the Grand Jury room on the fifth floor where the tours will start at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

League publications and information about current league study items will be among the displays.

Among officials speaking in the planned visits to nine offices are: Supervisor of Assessments Clarence Sablotny, Judge Donald Morthland, Recorder of Deeds William Maddox, Treasurer Frank Meara, Sheriff Charles Peters and County Clerk William Tangney. The tour will be concluded at the county clerk's office, where voters may register.

In keeping with this year's theme, "Hats Off To Women Voters," Linn & Scruggs has donated a new fall hat for a door prize.

Mrs. Paul Raber and Mrs. Glenn Fuller are chairmen of the event. Tour guides are Mrs. Harold Tenney, Mrs. Daniel Moore Jr. and Mrs. Dwight Nelson.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served after the tour.

Voters' Week

League's Tour Success

Decatur League of Women Voters had its observance of Women Voters Week Thursday morning when it sponsored a coffee and a tour of the County Building for all women of the community.

The observance coincided with League of Women Voters Day at the New York World's Fair and Citizenship Day. Theme of the week was "Hats Off to Women Voters."

The immediate aim of the week was to get more persons to register and vote. However, the long range aim is to promote informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Two slogans are being used. "Each One Reach One" appeals to each voter in the last election to get one person who did not register and vote before to do so this year.

"Your Vote Makes a Difference" is the other slogan.

Those attending the coffee and tour in Decatur Thursday received red, white and blue tags reading "I Will Vote, Will You?"

They were also given information sheets about the County Building and about how to mark the at-large state representative ballot, general information on marking ballots, a politically informed voter

quiz and information on the blue ballot constitutional amendment providing for annual sessions of the General Assembly which the League supports.

Maps, charts and booklets were available on the various League studies.

The tour ended with a visit to the county clerk's office, where those who were not registered to vote could do so.

General chairman of "Hats Off to Women Voters" was Mrs. Glenn Fuller with Mrs. James Manuell in charge of the coffee hour and Mrs. Paul Raber in charge of the tour.

Sunday, September 27, 1964.

Women Voters Meet

The League of Women Voters will meet at the Decatur Public Library Thursday to begin a study of the needs and operation of the library. A report is to be completed in January.

Thursday, September 17, 1964.

League Women Take Tours of County Building

Tours of the County Building were made today by members of the League of Women Voters.

There was a coffee hour in the grand jury room; then several of the offices in the building were visited. Each of the officeholders explained their duties and the function of the office.

Associate Judge Donald W. Morthland explained the court changes under the Judicial Article that became effective last January.

The tours were conducted by Mrs. Lois Raber, member of the League and an assistant supervisor from Decatur Township.

Each of the women on the tour was given a handbook that listed the offices in county government and a brief history of the county.

The tours ended at the office of County Clerk William M. Tangney and persons not registered were given the chance to do so.

All the women on the tour said they were registered.

Oct. 6 is the last day for voters to register for the November election.

Sunday, September 27, 1964.

Women Voters To Get Sewer Issue Details

Members of the League of Women Voters will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Sanitary District Office, 501 Dipper Lane, to learn the details of the forthcoming sewer bond issue referendum.

Charles E. Hughes Jr., district superintendent, will explain to the women what projects are called for in the referendum, their costs, and their importance.

Members of the board of the League will determine the organization's position on the referendum following the discussion meeting.

The local League has had a continuing interest in the Sanitary District since the group supported and actively worked for the referendum in 1953 to build interceptor sewers. The group also supported the 1963 referendum to enlarge the treatment plant.

Mrs. Neal F. Doubleday, 1379 W. Macon St., is in charge of arrangements for Wednesday's meeting, which is open to the public.

Monday, September 28, 1964.

WRONG DATE

The League of Women Voters will meet at the Decatur Public Library Oct. 8 to begin a study of the library's needs and operations. It was incorrectly stated in Sunday's Herald and Review that the meeting would be this Thursday.

20 Accept Candidates' Meeting Bid

Twenty candidates involved in the November election have indicated they will attend a League of Women Voters, "Meet the Candidates" night Oct. 21.

Edward Linday, editor of the Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers, will be moderator of the meeting at the Hotel Orlando. The meeting will start at 8 p.m.

John J. Desmond, Democratic candidate for U.S. congressman will attend. Cong. William L. Springer, Republican of Champaign, will not be able to attend.

Candidates for the state Senate from the 28th District will appear. They are Sen. Robert W. McCarthy, Democrat from Lincoln, and Ralph M. Colburn, Republican from Decatur.

The six candidates for the Appellate Court are Harold F. District, will appear. The three Republican candidates are Albert Saikley, Danville; Judge Stanley Thomas of Springfield, and Judge Samuel O. Smith, Girard.

Democratic candidates for Appellate Nourt are Harold F. Trapp, Lincoln; James C. Craven, Springfield, and Judge Fred W. Reither, Beardstown.

Judge Candidates

Also appearing will be the two candidates for Circuit Court in the 6th Judicial Circuit, Republican Frederick S. Green of Champaign and Democrat Harold Baker of Champaign.

The following local candidates have said they will be at the meeting:

Basil G. Greanias, unopposed Democratic candidate for state's attorney

Bennett (Sonny) Bradley, Republican, and Richard D. Ferre, Democrat, candidates for county auditor

Phares G. Thompson, Republican, and Dr. V. T. Turley, Democrat, candidates for coroner

John T. Curry, Democrat, and Leonard J. Deardorff, Republican, candidates for circuit clerk

William H. Maddox, Republican, and John H. Bohn, Democrat, candidates for recorder of deeds

Speaking time will be given candidates for Congress, state senator and judicial posts.

County candidates will be introduced and will be available for questions during a coffee hour.

House at-large candidates have not been invited because of their number. But name plates will be provided for any of these candidates who appear at the meeting.

Friday, October 2, 1964.

Voter League Backs Sewer Expansion Plan

The League of Women Voters decided this week to back the \$4.75 million sewer bond referendum, which is set for Oct. 20.

The league made its decision after meeting Wednesday morning with Decatur Sanitary District Chairman Lyle V. DeWitt and district Supt. Charles E. Hughes Jr.

In a statement issued today the league set forth the following reasons for endorsing the sewer improvement program:

1. Recent residential developments have strained the sewer system to its limits
2. The main interceptor sewer between South Main Street and the treatment plant needs enlarging
3. The health of Decatur's citizens requires an adequate sewer system.
4. Industrial and residential growth of the city will be hampered unless an adequate sewer system allows for proper growth.

The statement continued: "For many years, the League of Women Voters has been interested in the conservation of our vital natural resource—water. We have worked with local, state, and national groups for legislation to lessen the pollution of our rivers and streams. Adequate sewer system and sewage treatment plant in every municipality is necessary if we are to have clean water."

The group also supported the 1953 and 1963 sewer bond issue referendums.

Monday, October 12, 1964.

LIBRARY STUDY

Needs and operations of the Decatur Public Library are now under study by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

Eleven league members were conducted on a tour of library facilities Thursday. Results of the league study will be issued in a report next January.

Wednesday, October 7, 1964.

MRS. WESTENHAVER ON SCHOOL STUDY PANEL

Mrs. Keith Westenhaver, 3420 N. University Ave., represented the Decatur League of Women Voters at the state League meeting in Highland Park.

Mrs. Westenhaver, who has been chairman of the local school study for several years, was one of three speakers in a panel discussion of school studies. Other members of the panel were League members from Waukegan and Elmhurst.

Saturday, October 17, 1964.

HOW TO VOTE

League Distributes 1,600 Publications

More than 1,600 publications issued by the League of Women Voters explaining correct voting procedures have been circulated in Decatur.

According to Mrs. Carroll Smith, League publications chairman, the publications give basic instructions on the mechanics of voting and explain how to vote correctly on the special at-large ballot for the Illinois House of Representatives.

Material explaining the League's position favoring passage of the constitutional amendment to have annual sessions of the Illinois legislature has also been widely distributed, Mrs. Smith said.

More of this literature, and biographical information on all candidates in the coming election, will be distributed at the League's "Meet the Candidates" meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Hotel Orlando.



Mrs. Elbert Smith, left, and Mrs. Robert Cole discuss plans for a dinner menu for Wednesday. The Smiths, the

Coles and five other families will be dinner hosts for the out-of-town candidates before

the "Meet the Candidates Night" Wednesday in Hotel Orlando.



From left, Miss Marie Brensley, Mrs. Robert M. Powers and Mrs. Dwight L. Nel-

son experiment with coffee table arrangements for the social hour after the meeting. A

color scheme of gold and blue will be used to blend with the gold decor of the ballroom.

Election Year Event

League Invites Decatur to 'Meet the Candidates' Wednesday

Decatur League of Women Voters will have a "Meet the Candidates Night" at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the ballroom of Hotel Orlando.

The non-partisan League does not endorse candidates and office seekers from both parties are invited to attend.

Persons in the audience have the opportunity to see and compare candidates as well as to submit written questions in a 20-minute question-and-answer period.

Questions to be asked Congressional candidate John J. Desmond, State Sen. Robert W. McCarthy and his challenger, Ralph M. Colburn, are listed in Section 1, Page 3.

This year a social hour will close the meeting so that those attending may speak personally with the candidates.

There will also be printed materials available explaining the correct procedure for vot-

ing the at-large ballot for Illinois House of Representatives.

Information concerning the Constitutional amendment of "blue ballot" will also be distributed.

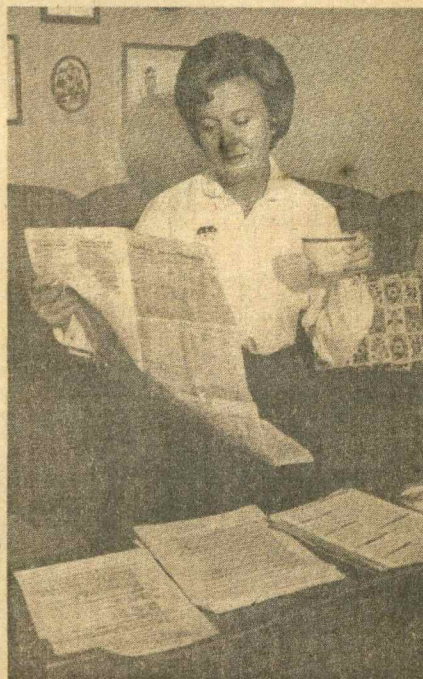
Mrs. Nat Kessler and Mrs. Neal Doubleday will be hostesses for the meeting.

Several League members and their husbands will entertain the out-of-town candidates with dinner in their homes before the meeting. Couples entertaining include:

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shae, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Susler

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cox, Mr. and Mrs. George Limerick and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tenney.

Co-chairmen of the event are Mrs. Thomas Protzman and Mrs. Harold Tenney. Many committees have been working on plans for this meeting since July.



Mrs. J. L. Gogek examines the League's flyer of biographical sketches of the 238 at-large candidates as she sorts material to be distributed at

the meeting. Mrs. Gogek and Mrs. Marshall Susler are co-chairmen of the ushers committee.



Mrs. Thomas Protzman types a few final notes before Wednesday's meeting. Persons attending will not only be able

to meet the candidates personally, but can see sample ballots and party platforms, which will be displayed.

Tuesday, October 20, 1964

Candidates Face Quiz Wednesday

Three area political candidates will appear in a question-and-answer session Wednesday night on the League of Women Voters "Meet the Candidates" program.

Facing the questions at the 8 p.m. session in the Hotel Orlando ballroom will be:

John J. Desmond, Urbana, candidate for Congress from the 22nd District on the Democrat ticket.

State Sen. Robert W. McCarthy, Lincoln Democrat

Ralph M. Colburn, Decatur, Republican candidate for the seat now held by McCarthy

Desmond's opponent, U. S. Rep. William L. Springer, Champaign, will not attend.

Desmond will answer any three of the following questions:

What are your views on extending federal support for elementary and secondary education?

What is your attitude toward the United Nations?

In the enactment of foreign aid legislation, should the military and economic parts be voted on separately?

Do you favor a change in House rules so that legislative proposals cannot be bottled up by a committee? If so, would you limit these changes to Presidential proposals?

More Questions
Colburn and McCarthy will be asked to answer three of these questions:

What are your views on redistricting for the Illinois House and Senate?

Would you work for a new revenue article in the state constitution? What should it include?

Do you favor further state legislation to enlarge school districts?

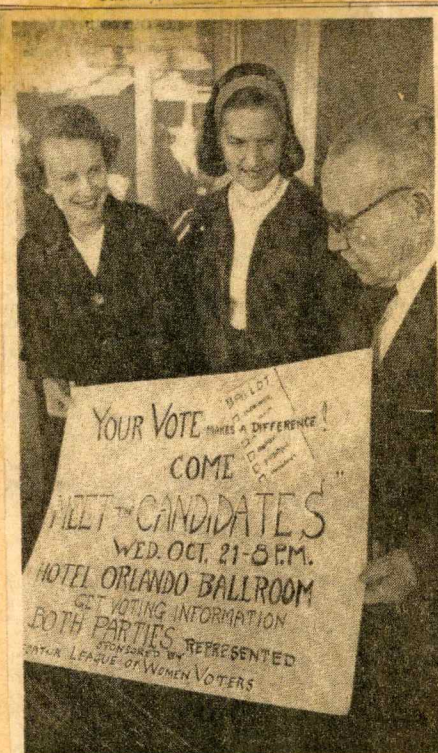
In view of the increasing number of students, would you support an increase in state expenditures for higher education? If so, how would you finance the increased cost?

Would you favor establishment of a central election authority to administer uniform training and certification of election judges?

McCarthy and Colburn will take six minutes for their initial remarks, and will also have a two-minute rebuttal.

Audience members may submit written questions to any candidate present.

Also to appear at the meeting will be candidates for the Appellate Court, Circuit Court and various county offices.



Candidates' Meeting Preparations

League of Women Voters members Mrs. Bruce L. Dwiggins, left and Mrs. Robert D. Miller, center, distribute posters for the group's "Meet

the Candidate's" program at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Hotel Orlando Ballroom. The posters were made by William Arnold, right.

Wednesday, October 21, 1964.

Candidates Talk Tonight

Federal, state and county candidates of both parties will appear tonight at the League of Women Voters "Meet the Candidates" program at the Hotel Orlando.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the hotel ballroom.

Moderator for the program is Edward Lindsay, editor of Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers.

The meeting is open to the public.

The league will distribute printed information on at-large candidates for the House of Representatives. They also will have available reproductions of Republican and Democrat party platforms.

Candidates will answer a series of prepared questions, and written questions submitted by audience members.

Thursday, October 22, 1964.

350 Hear Candidates Give Views

Judicial, state and county candidates appeared last night before 350 persons at a League of Women Voters "Meet the Candidates Night."

County and House candidates were introduced while judicial, congressional and state aspir-

ants gave their views on a variety of issues. The candidates were introduced by William Arnold, who moderated the program. The candidates were: U.S. Rep. William L. Springer, Champaign; State Sen. Robert W. McCarthy, Lincoln; and John J. Desmond, Urbana. The candidates were introduced while judicial, congressional and state aspirants gave their views on a variety of issues. The candidates were introduced by William Arnold, who moderated the program. The candidates were: U.S. Rep. William L. Springer, Champaign; State Sen. Robert W. McCarthy, Lincoln; and John J. Desmond, Urbana.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1964

Study Group Gives Report to Voters' League

League of Women Voters units will meet Tuesday and Wednesday to hear the report of the Child Welfare study group.

The units will meet Tuesday at 9:15 a. m. in the First Methodist Church and at 7:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Hilmer Landholt of 316 S. Linden Ave.

Wednesday unit meetings will be at 9:15 a. m. in the home of Mrs. Robert Miller of 207 Silver Drive and at 7:30 p. m. with Mrs. Richard Ruedi of 58 Woodhill Court.

At the meetings this week, the Decatur League, which is conducting a two-year study, will reach a consensus on questions regarding Aid for Families with Dependent Children.

The consensus on these questions will be used by the state League to determine the stand the League of Women Voters of Illinois will take on child welfare and what legislation it will support.

Friday, October 30, 1964.

\$1,365 COLLECTED

Women Voter League Tops Drive Goal

Decatur League of Women Voters' collected \$1,365 in a recent fund drive, Mrs. Joseph R. Miller, 1830 W. Riverview Ave., co-chairman of the drive, said today.

The league's goal was \$1,200. Last year the women collected \$1,278, also with a goal of \$1,200.

The drive started during the third week in August. By the beginning of September, about three-quarters of the goal had been collected through mail contributions.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1964

League of Women Voters Have Tuesday Meeting

The League of Women Voters will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Walker Mills, 1487 W. Macon St.

The meeting will be devoted to a discussion of water resources. Mrs. Lester Shell, Mrs. B. C. Dahlman and Miss Marie Brensley will speak on anti-pollution controls, Oakley Dam and other local water resources.

THE AT-LARGE BALLOT

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters is concerned about reports that misinformation is being circulated regarding the voting procedure in the at-large election of 177 representatives to the Illinois General Assembly.

It has come to our attention that some people are being told, inaccurately, that their ballots will not be counted if they vote a split ticket.

Therefore, we would like to emphasize the following information:

1. You may split your ticket by placing an X in the circle opposite the party of your choice (118 votes) and then placing an X in the square opposite for not more than 59 candidates of the other party.
2. You may split your ticket by placing an X in the square in front of the names of not more than 177 candidates from both parties.
3. You may vote a straight ticket by placing an X in the circle opposite the party of your choice, thus casting 118 votes.

If you have followed other instructions regarding erasures and marks and have not voted for more than 177 candidates, your ballot will be counted by the election judges, whether you choose to vote a split or a straight ticket.

Mrs. Thomas Protzman,
Voters Service chairman
Decatur

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1964

LEAGUE DISTRIBUTES 5,730 PUBLICATIONS

The League of Women Voters distributed 5,730 voters service publications for last Tuesday's election.

Mrs. Carroll M. Smith, league publications chairman, presented the literature to interested groups.

Publications and the numbers distributed are:

Explanations of voting procedure in an at large election, 3,990
"To Help You When You Vote," 1,300

Explanations of the Emergency Powers Amendment, 350

Area candidate information sheets on both parties, 130.

Sunday, November 22, 1964.

Workshop Report

League to Discuss Child Welfare Topics

Units of the League of Women Voters will meet Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. in First Methodist Church and at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Shae of 433 S. Westdale Ave. The third unit will meet at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Paul Reeder of 6 Ridge Court.

The topic for discussion at the meetings will be Child Welfare.

Discussions will include "The Child and the Courts" and "The Child in Need of Protective Services."

This is the third report given by the Child Welfare Workshop during its two-year study.

Mrs. Morton Becker and Mrs. George Limerick are co-chairmen of the workshop. Other members of the group include:

Mrs. Nat Kessler, Mrs. H. J. Pettee, Mrs. Edgar Martin, Mrs. Paul Turner Jr.

Mrs. Harold Tenney, Mrs. L. B. Ritter and Mrs. John Ho-

man.

The League will reach consensus on questions about the advisability of a law requiring a doctor or hospital to report a suspected "battered child"; on questions about Illinois Juvenile Probation services and their financing; a court system for handling juveniles which has different goals and techniques than those of the criminal court; and safeguards for the legal rights of the child and his parents in court proceedings under the Family Court Act.

Sunday, December 6, 1964.

League Meets Wednesday

League of Women Voters will have an all-member meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. E. H. Jurgens of 245 N. Summit Ave.

Mrs. Glenn Fuller will lead a discussion of suggestions for study in the state program for 1965-67. Mrs. Neal Doubleday will explain why the Illinois League has a continuing responsibility to support the following programs:

A convention to provide an improved Constitution for Illinois

A new Revenue Article giving the legislature broad power to levy the taxes necessary to provide an equitable and flexible tax structure.

Judicial reform through statutory provisions

Measures to improve election laws and procedures

Protection of the citizen in his civil rights and liberties.

More

SCHOOLS AND TAXES

To the Editor:

"Disgusted Taxpayer and Parent" whose letter appeared Nov. 15 does not seem to realize that if on visitation night at school "some teachers pointedly explained they were overburdened, overcrowded and underpaid" that such conditions hurt the pupils far more than the teachers. There is considerable difference between the effects of such conditions in the schools and in any other governmental service or in business.

Disgusted Taxpayer and Parent seemingly complained that "we furnish the school board \$2.58 out of every \$3.58 tax dollar" (about two thirds). This is only property tax. The proportion going to the schools would be considerably less if included in "tax dollar" were other taxes such as motor fuel, sales, excise, income, etc.

Whether or not parents think they are paying too much property tax, not many families pay a sufficient amount to cover the cost for schooling for one child. Local property tax pays about 75 per cent, state revenue 20 per cent, and federal funds 3 per cent. Therefore, \$375 of the \$500 per pupil cost per year must come from local property tax which means that total property tax has to be \$565 for each child since school tax is two-thirds of total.

The state of Illinois' contribution of about 20 per cent for elementary and secondary education is one of the lowest in the United States. The average amount paid by state governments is 40 per cent with state funds in Delaware providing 81 per cent. The larger the amount which comes from state funds the more equal within the state are both educational opportunities and taxes for schools.

There is a great need to amend the revenue article of the state constitution so as to provide an equitable and flexible tax system. This would help the schools which are one of the most if not THE most important service performed by government.

Decatur

Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst,
President
League of Women Voters

Tuesday, January 12, 1965.

Women Voters League to Hear Study Reports

Decatur League of Women Voters will meet at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Nat Kessler, 1405 W. Sunset Ave.

Mrs. Neal Doubleday will lead discussion of local current responsibilities. Mrs. Glenn Fuller will review the council-manager study, which resulted in the league's support of the council-manager form of government for Decatur. The school study will be outlined by Mrs. Keith Westenhaver.

Saturday, January 16, 1965.

Women's Group Backs Grant's Building Plan

The Decatur League of Women Voters voiced support Wednesday for Supt. of Schools Lester J. Grant's five-year public school building program.

After reviewing local studies and conclusions in a meeting Wednesday, the League said the report which was submitted by Grant last February, was "a realistic solution to building needs."

Urging immediate action to meet the educational needs of Decatur, the League cited several areas of improvement in addition to the building program. They were:

1. More teachers to keep up with enrollment and to reduce class size
2. A salary increase to retain teachers and to compete in the teacher market
3. Reinstatement of programs eliminated in the 1959 cutbacks and improvements in the education program
4. An increase in the education fund to meet needs.

The five-year building program urges construction of two new junior high and four elementary schools by the 1968-69 school year.

Sunday, January 17, 1965.

CLARIFYING SCHOOL AID

To The Editor:

The League of Women Voters feel that some parts of the news story on recommendations of the Illinois School Problems Commission which appeared in both papers Jan. 2 need clarifying.

From this story one would think that state aid to schools amounts to "about \$250 per pupil" at present. Such is not the case.

This \$250 (actually \$252) is known as the "foundation level" and is the amount set by the state as the minimum that is to be spent each year per pupil in average daily attendance. This minimum amount comes from both local property tax and state funds; it is not just from state funds.

"The foundation level" was set at \$252 in 1959. The commission recommend that it be increased by \$75 which would bring it to \$327.

The state pays a flat grant of \$47 for each pupil in grades 1-3 and \$32 for each in grades 9-12 in average daily attendance. In order to qualify for additional state funds, a school district must now have an Educational Fund tax rate of at least 67 cents per \$100 of the assessed valuation of the property in the district.

In your news story it was stated that it is this qualifying rate which determines the state money each school district receives. It is not the qualifying rate alone but also the assessed valuation which determines the aid each district receives.

If the amount received from the flat grants plus the amount received from the qualifying rate multiplied by the assessed valuation does not amount to the "foundation level" times the pupils in average daily attendance, the state pays the difference. The commission recommends that the qualifying rate be increased to 90 cents. The Decatur district's rate is \$1.80. All districts in Macon County and most others have rates considerably above the proposed qualifying rate.

For the Decatur schools with an enrollment of nearly 21,000 increasing the "foundation level" as proposed would mean \$776,000 more in state revenue. This would be equivalent to more than a 20 cent increase in the tax rate at the present assessed valuation.

State funds in Illinois have been paying only about 20 per cent of education cost whereas the average for the other states is 40 per cent.

Decatur Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst,
President,
League of Women Voters

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1965

Women Voters League Plans Unit Meetings

League of Women Voters units will meet this week to study the subject, "Advantages and Disadvantages of the Formation of a City of Decatur Township." There will also be some background on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on reapportionment and how it might affect local government.

Scheduled meetings are:

7:30 p.m. today in the home of Mrs. Verne Roby of 141 Delmar Ave.

9:15 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Paul Raber of 1548 W. Macon St.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. G. L. Kessinger of 83 Woodhill Court.

Co-chairmen of the study committee are Mrs. Loring Unger and Mrs. Robert Cole.

League Backs School Bond, Tax Rate Hike

1. More teachers to keep up with enrollment and to reduce average class size

Decatur in Review

The League of Women Voters called for the Board of Education to adopt a package of proposals dealing with district educational needs and urged an educational tax hike and presentation of a building bond referendum to voters.

Dr. Hubbard Speaker at Luncheon

Dr. Hubbard was graduated from the University of Alabama with a bachelor's degree in commerce and business admin-



Dr. Ben Hubbard

istration. He also earned a master's degree in secondary education and a doctorate in school administration from the same university.

Cost for the luncheon is \$1.80. Reservations should be made with Mrs. J. Roger Miller, 68 Northland Drive. The public is invited to attend.

Decatur, Illinois, Thursday, February 11, 1965.

Decatur Herald

Small School Districts Losing Effort to Give Top Education

By Jon Woods
Of the Herald Staff

Fondness for the old country school and the small school district must become history if quality education for all is to become a reality in Illinois.

That was the blunt warning given yesterday to the Decatur League of Women Voters by Dr. Ben Hubbard, research director for the Illinois School Problems Commission.

Dr. Hubbard said the time is rapidly approaching when the small school district can not meet financially or educationally the needs it faces.

The problem is that the small districts are tightly-knit and have intense pride in their local control, the director said. The concern, he stressed, must be for the children and not for maintaining "archaic boundary lines."

"We can not afford to pay for our nostalgia," he noted.

In the wake of the new cultural and educational explosion now taking place, Dr. Hubbard said, small districts are not capable of offering quality education.

They may be able to offer good teachers and good curriculum in a limited number of areas, but it is out of their financial scope to offer educa-

tion to meet a multitude of needs, he said.

If the present districts in Macon County are maintained, taxes will continue to spiral, he said.

And, he said, sentiment is already growing in the Illinois Legislature to, in effect, penalize small districts financially.

Large Districts Gain

This will come in the near future, Dr. Hubbard remarked, when large districts will get an ever increasing share of state aid—meaning small districts will be squeezed by the state to consolidate.

Schools, Some Offices Close For Holiday

Some public business will be slowed because of Lincoln's birthday tomorrow.

Schools, most state offices and all county offices will be closed.

The offices of the city government, the license plate counters of the secretary of state in Springfield, the Post Office and the Internal Revenue Service will be open. So will most businesses.

Some financial aid will be voted this session of the legislature, he said. He believes the minimum that will be passed is a \$325 per pupil equalization level.

He expects increases to continue about every two years.

The legislature is also taking a hard look at the office of the county school superintendent.

The major change likely here, Dr. Hubbard said, is creating area superintendents to do the work now done by several county superintendents.

Another bill for more money for districts teaching culturally disadvantaged children will have great impact on Decatur if passed, he said. The bill provides extra funds for teaching such children.

Decatur now has several projects for those children that are already getting federal aid. Such a measure would further reduce local costs.

Dr. Hubbard singled out Edward Lindsay, editor of Lindsay-Schaub newspapers, as a person of keen insight into the state's educational needs.

Lindsay, he said, is an editor Decatur and the Central Illinois area have been fortunate to have as a leading spokesman for better education.

Decatur, Illinois, Thursday, February 11, 1965.

Small School Areas 'Losing Funds Battle'

Dr. Ben Hubbard, research director of the Illinois School Problems Commission, said yesterday that small school districts soon will be unable to meet financial or educational needs.

He told members of the League of Women Voters that the concern must be for the children and not for maintaining archaic boundary lines.

Small districts are not capable of offering quality education in the wake of the new cultural and educational explosion, he said.

Touching on another aspect of the problem, Dr. Hubbard said maintenance of present districts in Macon County would cause taxes to continue to spiral.

Small districts may be penalized in the near future when large districts will receive an ever increasing share of state aid, he said.

Discussing present educational legislation in the General Assembly, he indicated some financial aid would be approved this session.

He believes legislators will pass a minimum per pupil

equalization level of \$325 and anticipates similar increases every two years.

The legislature is also considering creation of area superintendents to do the work now done by several county superintendents, he said.

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Dr. Hubbard cited Edward Lindsay, editor of Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers, as a person with keen insight into the state's educational needs.

He said Decatur and the Central Illinois area have been fortunate to have Lindsay as a leading spokesman for better education.

Further Consolidations in Order

THERE IS NOTHING new in the warning of Dr. Ben Hubbard, research director of the Illinois School Problems Commission.

He said before the Decatur League of Women Voters this week that "small schools and school districts must become history if quality education for all is to become a reality in Illinois."

Continuing studies from many sources agree on two vital factors which make further progress in the consolidation of Illinois schools a necessity. They are: a need to reduce overhead costs, and a need for broader based curriculums which are feasible only in school districts over a certain minimum size.

It simply takes a student

body of 600 to 2,000 to justify the teachers and courses required by students as they prepare to live in today's complex industrial urban society.

Illinois has moved a long way since 1945 when the state had 11,955 school districts, many of which supported one-room schools. By 1962 the number of districts had been reduced to under 1,600.

But the improvement is uneven and educational opportunities in the state are far from optimum in many districts. Even with the consolidations that have taken place in the last 20 years, large numbers of students still must go to schools that are unable to offer the breadth of courses they need to prepare them for jobs, or for higher education.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, February 14, 1965.

School Board Should Act Soon on Referendum

DECATUR'S BOARD of education must soon make two major decisions that will enable the school district to maintain the program of education on the standard to which the board has already committed itself either officially or informally.

The two questions are: first, how large a building bond issue is necessary to finance the building program and when should it be put before the district's voters for approval; second, how large an increase is necessary in the educational fund tax and when shall it be presented to the voters.

Approval of both issues would be necessary, of course, to implement wholly the programs which the board has approved.

The board has already embarked on the first half of a five-year building program outlined a year ago by Supt. Lester J. Grant. The first two elementary school buildings are to be constructed in the Oak Grove and Mound areas and bids are to be taken soon. Funds to pay for these and for a junior high school are in sight.

The consensus of the board is that the only way to pay for another pair of elementary buildings and a junior high school addition is by a bond referendum. The board has reached the brink of saying that a bond referendum must be voted, but it has not yet taken the last step.

The League of Women Voters, as a matter of fact, has called on the Board of Edu-

cation to present a building bond issue immediately to finance the six-school program.

The league also urged board approval of the enlarged education program it then had under consideration and which the board approved last week. This program will cost about \$800,000 for the 1965-66 school year, though some of it will be reimbursed by federal and state funds.

The educational program includes additional teachers to maintain the present program for the anticipated larger enrollment, teachers for new programs mostly in the vocational-technical area, and salary increases including a raise in the minimum salary.

The league said it would support an educational fund tax increase but noted that a precise request is difficult to make at present because of possible state and federal increases in school aid. A 20-cent increase has been mentioned frequently.

An early referendum on a bond issue would seem desirable. The early support given by the League of Women voters should be heartening to school officials. Psychologically some times are better than others for bond issues; federal income tax time and dates near payment of real estate and personal property taxes are less favorable. Bids on the two elementary buildings may provide information on probable building costs which will help determine the size of a bond issue.

A later referendum on the educational tax increase, to be set after possible increases in federal and state aid are determined, seems likely. This might not be until fall.

The voters are expecting a building bond referendum. Nothing will be gained by unavoidable delay in fixing the amount and setting the date.

Tuesday, February 23, 1965.

League Plans Public Forum

The League of Women Voters will hold a "meet the candidates" session at 7:30 p.m. March 30 in the YMCA.

Candidates for city, township and Park District offices will be asked to attend the session, which is a public meeting sponsored by the League.

The league began sponsoring the public "meet the candidates" sessions in 1947.

All but the township candidates will be given the opportunity to make short speeches. A question and answer period will follow the talks.

Because of the large number of township candidates they will not be included on the speaker portion of the meeting, Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, league president, said.

Sunday, February 21, 1965.

League Plans 4 Meetings

Decatur League of Women Voters will have Tuesday and Wednesday meetings to hear the report of the Library Study Group.

Areas to be covered in the presentation include services, personnel, physical needs, tax cost and cost comparison and library law.

Mrs. Clarence Crow is chairman of the group. Other members include Mrs. Dwight Nelson, Mrs. Frank Verbanec, Mrs. K. E. Langenberg, Mrs. Hilmer Landholt.

Mrs. Lowell Gill, Mrs. Carroll Smith and Mrs. Glenn Fuller.

Unit meetings are scheduled for:

9:15 a.m. Tuesday in First Methodist Church

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

9:15 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. H. J. Pettie of 1470 W. William St.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. T. Eugene Blanchard of 46 Woodhill Court.

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DECATUR, ILLINOIS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1965

Hotel Orlando

Women Voters Sponsor Talks

Members of Decatur League of Women Voters will be hostesses to eight area Leagues at an all-day meeting Wednesday in the Hotel Orlando.

Seven of these all-day meetings are being held in various parts of Illinois to provide an opportunity for members from different Leagues to exchange ideas and gather information on

some subjects of current League interest.

Subjects to be discussed include:

Child welfare, equality of opportunity for education and employment, apportionment of state legislatures, public relations and bulletins and League publications.

Those attending the Decatur meeting will be from Leagues in Champaign, Charleston, Danville, Lincoln, McLean County, Morgan County, Quincy and Springfield.

The meeting will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 3 p.m.

There will be discussion groups during the morning session. After a noon luncheon, the afternoon session at 1:30 p.m. will feature three guest speakers. They are:

Edward T. Weaver, regional director of Champaign Region of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

John P. Dohm, executive secretary of the Illinois Youth Commission

C. William Ruddell, superintendent of Correctional Services.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by contacting Mrs. L. L. Colvis of 559 S. Taylor Ave. Any interested person in the community is invited to attend.

Mrs. Henry Bachrach and Mrs. L. L. Colvis are in charge of arrangements for the meeting.

Decatur, Illinois, Thursday, September 30, 1965.

Women Voters

Child Welfare Support Urged

By Jeanette H. Johnson
Of the Review

Representatives of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Illinois Youth Commission urged the League of Women Voters Wednesday to support family and child welfare legislation.

The call for support came during a regional meeting of the League held in the Hotel Orlando. The League has selected this topic as their area of special study during the coming two years, according to state president, Mrs. Ezra Levin.

Edward T. Weaver, director of the Champaign region of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, pointed out that the number of active children's cases that his region is handling has more than doubled in the last two years. A total of 523 cases were being handled in June of 1963 as compared to 1,053 in June of 1965.

"The net gain of children's cases is 27 to 30 per month," said Weaver. "and I see no let up in this upward spiral for at least the next five years—until we catch up with what we hadn't been doing before the department was formed."

The Department of Children and Family Services was pulled out of the Department of Mental Health in 1963 and is given the non-psychiatric duties of that organization.

To meet the increase demand placed on the department, Weaver estimated that they could use a net gain of one staff person per month but added they were "pretty hard to come by."

John P. Dohm, executive secretary of the Illinois Youth Commission, stated that 47 per cent of crimes are committed by citizens 18 years of age or younger and that "the average boy or girl who gets into trouble with

the law is not much different than your son or daughter."

He anticipated a 75 per cent increase in the rate of juvenile delinquency over the next 10 years but added that "not many politicians have had the courage to expand the budget and the facilities devoted to these non-voting citizens."

Dohm also pointed out that countries and states having compulsory education to age 18 have a delinquency rate one-third lower than that of Illinois. A bill to raise compulsory education in Illinois to 18 failed in the last session of the legislature.

C. William Ruddell, superintendent of Correctional Services for the Youth Commission, believes that youth could be more adequately served in their own community where the trouble starts instead of waiting until they must be committed to a correctional institution.

"One hundred per cent of our children can be observed in the public school system and a properly trained teacher should be able to spot the possible problem child and see that he is referred for needed counseling before he becomes a delinquent," said Ruddell.

He added that such a program could be supported through school tax where people are more willing to increase their spending than through correctional facilities.

League to Study Apportionment Of Legislatures

"Apportionment of State Legislatures" is the topic for the October unit meetings of the League of Women Voters of Decatur.

Some of the points to be discussed include:

What are the principles which should underlie representation in state legislatures?

What are the pros and cons of a constitutional amendment to allow states to apportion one house on a basis other than population?

Mrs. Russell Oplinger is chairman of the apportionment study committee. Members of her committee are:

Mrs. Robert Cole, Mrs. L. L. Colvis, Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. John Ferguson

Mrs. Don Livergood, Mrs. H. J. Fettee, Mrs. Paul Reeder, Mrs. Elbert Smith and Mrs. James A. Brandt.

The schedule of unit meetings is:

Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., home of Mrs. Gordon Axon of 133 N. 33rd St.

Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. in the home of Mrs. H. J. Kapp of 5 Millikin Place with babysitting provided in the home of Mrs. Larry Calhoun, above Art Center

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., home of Mrs. Richard Plunkett of 418 Woodhill Dr.

Any interested person in the

community may attend the meetings.

The apportionment topic will be continued in the November unit meetings, at which time the Decatur League will reach a consensus based on the facts presented during the October and November meetings.

The apportionment study committee has been meeting weekly since July to assemble facts and interview knowledgeable persons on the subject.

VOTER LEAGUE FUND RACHES \$1,320

League of Women Voters has collected \$1,320 to date in its annual fund drive.

The fund drive, which began in September, has a goal of \$1,550. There is no definite deadline for the drive to end.

Mrs. Charles J. Meyerson, MacArthur Road, heads this year's drive.

Contributions to the non-partisan women's organization will go to support its program for the coming year.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, October 10, 1965.

Social Calendar

MONDAY

League of Women Voters of Decatur, equal housing opportunities study committee, 9:30 a.m., home of Mrs. Wesley Tilley of 1421 W. Riverview Ave.

zaar, hospital sewing room, sack lunch at noon
St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, to make gifts for Kris Kringle Korner, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., home of Mrs. Raymond Bond of 9 Eastmoreland Place

These announcements of committee meetings appear as regularly as submitted. I would continue to include them in the future.

Edward Lindsay To Speak on U.N. Oct. 26

The 20th anniversary of the United Nations will be observed in Decatur at 8 p.m. Oct. 26 with a community program in Albert Taylor Hall at Millikin University.

Edward Lindsay, editor of Lindsay - Schaub Newspapers, will talk on "United Nations Perspective."

Lindsay addressed the community 20 years ago in Albert Taylor Hall after returning from the charter meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco.

Following his address, Lindsay will answer questions from the audience about the United Nations.

The public meeting is being sponsored by the Decatur League of Women Voters in cooperation with the American Association of University Women, Altrusa International, the Decatur Public Library and Millikin University.

The public is invited to the meeting. There will be no charge.

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Wed. October 27, 1965

Lindsay on U.N.

Time for Change In U.S. Stance

Edward Lindsay, editor of Lindsay Schaub Newspapers, said Tuesday night that the time has come for the United States to change its posture in the United Nations and to change its relations with nations outside the U.N.

Lindsay made this statement in view of the fact that the U.S. no longer stands alone as a world power as it did when the U.N. was founded.

He spoke to an audience of approximately 150 in a program observing the 20th anniversary of the U.N. and sponsored by the Decatur League of Women Voters in cooperation with the American Association of University Women, Altrusa International, The Decatur Public Library and Millikin University. The program was held at Millikin University.

One of the changes advocated by Lindsay was the recognition of the "de facto government of Red China."

"The government of Formosa is not China," Lindsay said, "and our unwillingness to create a prior condition to discussion with the Red Chinese government is a continuing, and I



Edward Lindsay

think pointless, irritant in the Orient."

Lindsay admitted that the questions concerning the status of Nationalist China in the U.N. if Red China is admitted are hard questions. He pointed out, however, that they will not go away, and if we wish to improve Red China's behavior, we must consider them negotiable.

Lindsay also advocated changes in U.S. trade policies. "Trade is a great civilizing influence and a productive avenue toward world understanding and world peace," he said.

Lindsay pointed out that we have begun a less rigid policy in selling U. S. agricultural products to the Russians. He said that trade with the Soviet Bloc as a whole is to our mutual benefit and should be expanded.

Lindsay also said we are moving too slowly in recognizing the importance to the economy of the Philippines and Japan of trading with Red China.

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In his speech, Lindsay also gave some of the history of the U.N. from its founding by 50 nations in the closing years of World War II to the present with its membership of 117.

In giving this history, Lindsay pointed out that the work of the U.N. in incidents of less than front page proportions are endless.

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MILLIKIN PRESIDENT TO INTRODUCE LINDSAY

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Lindsay, editor of Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers, will talk on "United Nations Perspective" at 8 p.m. in Albert Taylor Hall on the university campus.

After his talk, Lindsay will answer written questions from the audience about the United Nations. The Decatur Chapter of Altrusa International, one of the sponsors of the public meeting, has sent special invitations to Decatur's 26 high school and college students from foreign countries.

These students include 13 Millikin youths and nine American Field Service (AFS) students and four Christian Youth Group students in the city's high schools.

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20th Anniversary Of U.N.; Program Held in A.T. Hall

A special program marking the 20th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations will be presented in Albert Taylor Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 8 p.m.

The meeting is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters, in cooperation with AAUW, Altrusa, the Decatur Public Library, and the university.

Edward E. Lindsay, who attended the charter meeting on the U.N. in 1945 in San Francisco, will discuss "United Nations Perspective." He addressed a similar community meeting 20 years ago on his return from the founding sessions, also from the platform in A.T. Hall.

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Lindsay advocated "a greater respect for the views of our associates in the family of nations."

"Civilization requires a little more of the live-and-let-live philosophy," he said

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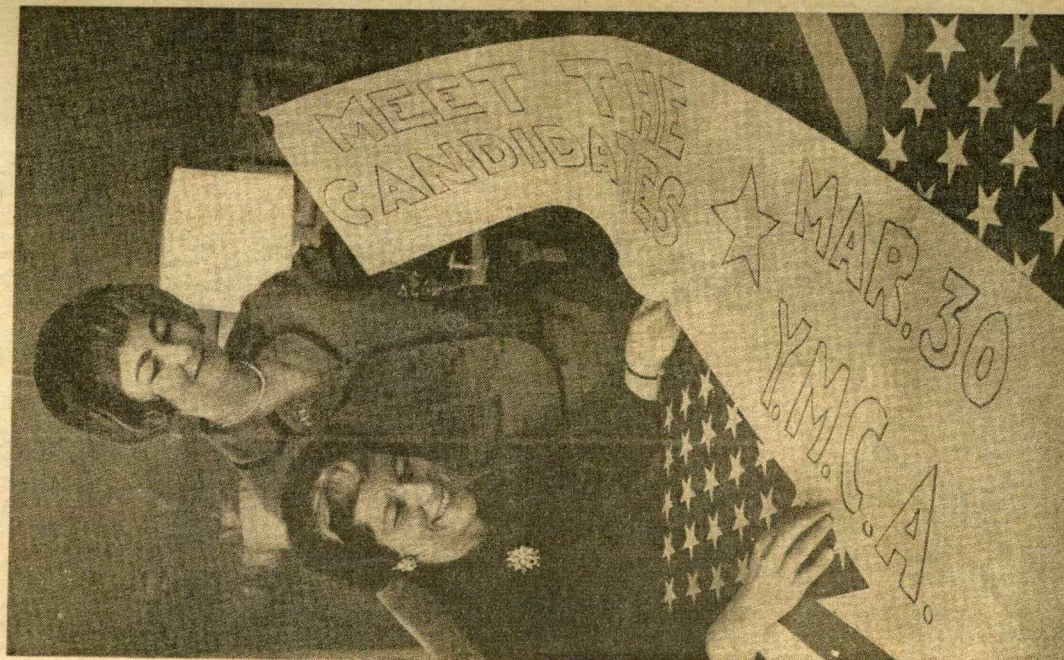
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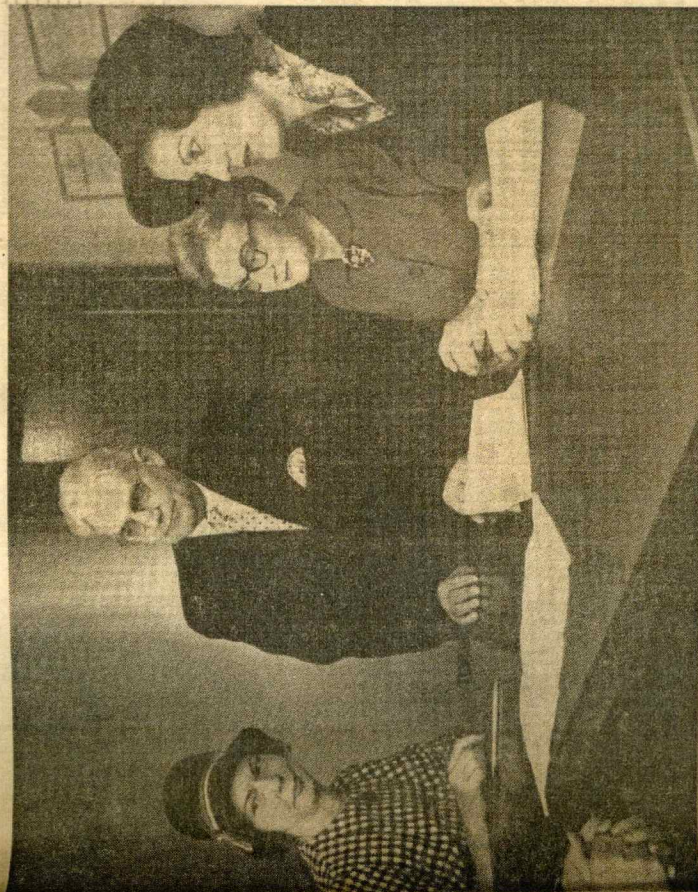
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Mrs. Thomas Protzman, Candidates' meeting which will be at 7:30 p.m. March 30. Mrs. Thomas Protzman, Service chairman of the League of Women Voters, Decatur, and



Above, Mrs. Frank Verhagen, left, Mrs. G. L. Kessinger, Mrs. Clifford E. Smith, standing, and Rep. John Alsup, seated, interviewed the representatives of the Women Voters League of Women Voters members in a "Legislative School" March 16 in Springfield. This gave them an opportunity to meet their representatives and to observe both houses in session and some committees in actual meetings. Observing the government at work is part of the League's course of study and action in the community.



Decatur League of Women Voters, and Mrs. E. H. Cor- des, a member of the League, make a last-minute check of a banner for the "Meet the 30 in the YMCA. Candidates for Decatur Park Board and Decatur City Council will speak. The League performs state and national govern- ment.

League of Women Voters' Activities Include Studies, Meeting the Candidates

All photos on this page by L. Roger Turner.



Mrs. Clarence Crow, left, chairman of the Decatur Library Study; Mrs. Frank Dille, chairman of the Human Resources Study; Mrs. Kelth Westenhaver, chairman of the Decatur Schools Study; and Mrs. George Limerick, chair- man of the Child Welfare Study; meet in Decatur Pub- lic Library to gather research report being given in Febru- ary. Other League studies for the year include United Na- tions, Foreign Economic Pol- icy, Water Resources, City of Decatur Township and De- catur Urban Renewal.



Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, left above, president of the League; Mrs. Morton J. Becker, first vice president; and Mrs. Paul L. Turner Jr., sec- retary; look over the Deca- tur League's handbook and

other League publications and studies. The new officers, elected March 9, familiarize themselves with current League work as well as with studies and activities of past years in order to fill their offices to the best of their ability. The League makes several studies each year on community matters of local importance as well as keep- ing informed on state and na- tional questions.



Mrs. L. B. Ritter, left, and Mrs. John Wolf mail letters to their congressmen in keep- ing with the League's theme of "Studies result in action." One form of action is writing to representatives in Congress and the state legislature al- ter League members have studied a problem.

20th Anniversary

Women Help in Sponsoring U.N. Meeting

The 20th anniversary of the United Nations will be marked in Decatur with a community program at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Albert Taylor Hall at Millikin University.

Sponsoring organizations include Decatur League of Women Voters, Decatur Branch of American Association of University Women, Altrusa Club of Decatur, Decatur Public Library and Millikin University.

Edward E. Lindsay, editor of Lindsay - Schaub Newspapers, Inc., will be the speaker at the meeting. His topic will be "United Nations Perspective."

This year has been designated International Cooperation Year by the U. N. General Assembly. The purpose is to focus attention on the many cooperative efforts which join nations rather than on the conflicts which divide them.

The Tuesday meeting is open to the public with no admission charge.

All those who attend will receive a Pocket Reference on the U. N. and International Cooperation Year 1965, published by the League of Women Voters of the United States. The booklet tells of the purpose of International Cooperation Year and summarizes the work of the U. N. agencies involved in UNICEF, UNESCO, FAO, the U. N. Special Fund, the Mekong Project and will include a year-by-year highlight of the 20 years of the U. N.

A United Nations flag which was sewn by members of the League of Women Voters in 1952 will be hung in Albert Taylor Hall for the meeting.

The flag was sewn during the time Mrs. Floyd Birt was president of the League and was the first U. N. flag displayed in the community.

It was first shown in a window display at Linn and Scruggs Co. in 1952 and since has been used as a background for numerous meetings.

Besides Mrs. Robert Wood, who has since moved to Atlanta, Ga., members who sewed the flag were Mrs. J. A. Mel-



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Decatur's First U.N. Flag

Mrs. Floyd Birt, left, and Mrs. Carl Canfield display United Nations flag sewn by members of the League of Women Voters in 1952. The flag will be displayed at the

Tuesday U. N. meeting. Mrs. Birt was League president in 1952 and Mrs. Canfield is current president of American Association of University Women.

rose and Mrs. Clifford Smith. American Association of University Women has given its support to the U. N. and a past national president, Dr. Anna Rose Hawks, is the only woman to hold a top office in the

United States Commission for UNESCO. Her position is vice president of the Commission.

Altrusans also join in efforts to keep the community informed about the U. N. and its work.



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Groups Set Up Display

Admiring a poster to be used in a display at MU advertising the U. N. meeting Tuesday are, from left, Mrs. John Snyder, Altrusa Club president; Gerald Redford, public relations director at MU; Mrs. Ralph Grossman,

chairman of International Study Committee of AAUW; and Mrs. Clifford Smith, chairman of Foreign Economic Policy and U. N. Study Group of League of Women Voters.

The National Citizenship Test

OFFICIAL TEST FORM

A. INTRODUCTION

Circle T (true) or F (false)

1. T. F. ☐

2. T. F. ☐

3. T. F. ☐

Fill in correct name

4. _____ ☐

5. _____ ☐

B. YOU AND THE LAW

Circle T (true) or F (false)

6. T. F. ☐

7. T. F. ☐

8. T. F. ☐

9. T. F. ☐

10. T. F. ☐

Circle Y (yes) or N (no)

11. Y. N. ☐

12. Y. N. ☐

13. Y. N. ☐

14. Y. N. ☐

Circle T (true) or F (false)

15. T. F. ☐

16. T. F. ☐

17. T. F. ☐

18. T. F. ☐

19. T. F. ☐

Opinion Question. No score. Circle your choice.

20. A. B. C.

C. YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT

Circle T (true) or F (false)

21. T. F. ☐

22. T. F. ☐

23. T. F. ☐

24. T. F. ☐

25. T. F. ☐

26. T. F. ☐

Opinion Question. No Score. Circle your choice.

27. A. B. C. D.

D. YOU AND YOUR OBLIGATIONS

Circle Y (yes) or N (no)

28. Y. N. ☐

29. Y. N. ☐

30. Y. N. ☐

Circle T (true) or F (false)

31. T. F. ☐

32. T. F. ☐

33. T. F. ☐

34. T. F. ☐

35. T. F. ☐

Fill in word

36. _____ ☐

37. _____ ☐

38. _____ ☐

39. _____ ☐

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TOTAL SCORE

This National Citizenship Test will be given at 9 p.m. Tuesday on WCIA-TV by CBS

News and the National Education Association. CBS reporters Harry Reasoner and

Mike Wallace will give viewers the test and then tell the answers at the end of the hour.

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THE POPULARITY of the National Drivers Test, televised by the Columbia Broadcasting System, has encouraged the network to try another "national test."

This latest edition of grab your pencil and follow along at home viewing is entitled the "National Citizenship Test".

Scheduled for showing during the week following election day, the program is designed to examine the viewers know-

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Women Voters Print Pamphlet Listing Officials

League of Women Voters has printed a pamphlet of local government officials and voting references.

The publication contains a list of government offices and the names of city, township and county officials.

Meeting places and dates of meeting of various government offices is also contained in the information.

Mrs. Daniel M. Moore Jr. is in charge of the project. Mrs. Moore said 5,000 pamphlets have been distributed.

They are available at these locations:

Decatur Public Library, 457 N. Main St.

Evans Branch Library, 1429 N. Jasper St.

Dill Branch Library, 3558 Cambridge Dr.

Pershing National Bank, 1000 W. Pershing Rd.

Northtown Bank of Decatur, 333 E. Pershing Rd.

Soy Capitol Bank, 1501 E. Eldorado St.

South Shores National Bank, 500 W. Southland Dr.

Citizens National Bank, 236 N. Water St.

National Bank of Decatur, 13 N. Water St.

Millikin National Bank, 100 N. Water St.

Association of Commerce, 250 N. Water St.

County clerk's office, County Building, 253 E. Wood St.

City clerk's office, Municipal Center, 707 E. Wood St.

League Units Plan Meetings For Next Week

"Apportionment of State Legislatures" will be the topic of discussion for the November unit meetings of League of Women Voters of Decatur.

The Tuesday unit will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Russell H. Oplinger of 152 Cobb Ave. Mrs. Oplinger is chairman of the study committee.

Unit meetings Wednesday will be:

9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Lester Shell of 855 W. Main St., with baby-sitting provided upstairs in the Art Center.

7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Austin H. Young of 53 Sundale Dr.

The presentation will be a continuation of the same topic which was discussed at the October unit meetings. The league membership will reach a consensus on what the basis of representation should be of all state legislatures and whether or not a Constitutional amendment is desirable.

Leagues throughout the United States are studying this topic and after consensus reports have been received in the national league office, an official position will be taken, based on the agreements reached in the local leagues.

League Meets Opportunities Corp. Leaders

C. Philip Ross, executive director, and Burl Stoner, program chairman of the Decatur-Macco County Opportunity Corp. will be guests at a League of Women Voters Committee meeting Tuesday.

The meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Edward Frost Jr., 127 Point Blue Dr.

Mrs. Frost is chairman of the League committee studying national league program, "Development of Human Resources: Evaluation of Policies and Programs in the United States to Provide for all Citizens Equality of Opportunity for Education and Employment."

CITIZENSHIP TEST

Television Program Scheduled for Tuesday

A national citizenship test being televised locally on channel 3 at 9 p.m. Tuesday will help viewers determine their sense of responsibilities and rights as a U. S. citizen.

The test form for the hour long program is printed on page 42 of today's Herald and Review.

The program will be monitored by CBS reporters Harry Reasoner and Mike Wallace who will give the test answers at the end of the hour.

The quiz is sponsored by CBS News and the National Education Association in conjunction with American Education Week.

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Women Voters To Plan League Program Topics

Members of the Decatur League of Women Voters will have an opportunity to suggest topics for the National League 1966-1968 program at an all-member meeting Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Forrest R. Martin, 235 Park Pl., at 9:15 a.m.

The national program making process begins when members of the League of Women Voters discuss within their local leagues possible choices for the forthcoming national program. All program recommendations from local leagues are analyzed in the national office.

The national office returns a proposed program to local leagues, who are to comment on the proposals. The final stage of program making is the debate and adoption of a national program at the national convention, to be held this year in Denver, Colo., May 2 to 6.

Current national studies include:

Equality of opportunity for education and employment
Support of the United Nations Foreign Economic Policy
Conservation and development of water resources
Apportionment of state legislatures.

Sun. 1-23-66

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the gifted and the handicapped.

4. Increased upgrading in staff, curriculums and equipment such as language and science labs.

In elaborating on increased motivation for learning, Gore said he felt that emphasis on college and a change in the attitude of the country as a whole had helped parents realize that if a teacher required more of their child, he was not being picked on.

"You are no longer considered a square if you are a good student," Gore said.

Saturday, January 22, 1966

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League of Women Backs School Vote

Boards of directors of the League of Women Voters and Decatur Area Council of Churches have announced support of the education fund tax rate increase referendum on Feb. 19.

The church council board asked "member churches to present the facts to their constituencies" and urged clergy to help provide the necessary leadership for positive action.

The board said "only through the approval of this increase can Decatur fulfill the obligations and opportunities of public education in this decade."

The League of Women Voters board of directors has reaffirmed the league's standing support of an increase in the education fund tax rate limit from \$1.80 to \$2.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation of property.

Mrs. Don R. Livengood, chairman of the school study committee, will head the league's work.

The league also said "the 40 cents increase is necessary just to maintain the present quality of education and extend it to the additional children."

Since the spring of 1963, the League membership consensus has been that more elementary and junior high space was needed. It has also felt that an increase in the education fund tax rate was needed in order to maintain the existing level of education, provide for increased enrollments and improve the education program.

New Library Branch Funds To Be Asked

The Decatur Public Library is including \$100,000 for construction and staffing of a new South Shores branch library in its 1966-67 budget request.

The announcement came at the meeting Friday of the library board. The board also announced more money to double the Dill Branch library will also be requested.

Appropriation of funds to the library is made by the City Council, but the library board decides how it will spend the money.

David D. Pilcher, head of the properties committee, said that the \$100,000 for the South Shores branch would include the land, building, equipment and salaries.

There was no mention where the building would be constructed.

Mayor Ellis B. Arnold has suggested that land donated by Franz Eakin might be a suitable place.

The board hopes that one-fourth of the construction cost, or \$19,500, can be reimbursed through federal funds. Under the federal Library Services and Construction Act, that percentage of the cost is available.

The properties committee recommended that the size of the Dill Branch building be doubled.

The board presently rents the structure for \$175 a month and has been renting it for four years from Carl Swartz, a Decatur developer.

A delegation from the League of Women Voters Friday announced that it would back a drive for a new main building for the Decatur Public Library, after questioning library trustees about building needs.

David D. Pilcher, chairman of the properties committee, disagreed, however, with the league's suggestion of holding a general fund drive to raise the money for the building.

"I personally feel that the community would not be receptive to contributing to a tax-supported agency," Pilcher said.

That led to the suggestion that the league might raise funds for different rooms within a new library.

The personnel committee recommended that a \$1,800 request be included in the next budget for another salary survey.

The study would determine whether the job classifications used in the city survey are in line with the work being done.

In other action, the board approved selling of 50 square feet on the northeast corner of the main library property to the State of Illinois, and the transfer of \$1,300 from the equipment account to supplies and maintenance.

The corner of the property will be surfaced as part of a highway widening and resurfacing project.

The library will receive \$400 for the land after approval by

Reader's Views

LEAGUE TELLS STAND

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters is actively working for the promotion and planning of a new main library but has taken no stand as to how funds for building might be obtained.

Clarification is needed on a news story in the Herald and Review Jan. 22, reporting that a committee of the League of Women Voters meeting with the Decatur Library Board had suggested holding a general fund drive to raise money for a new building.

The article inferred that the league might either hold a general fund drive or raise funds for different rooms for a building. At the present time the league is merely studying various ways in which a building program of this kind could be financed. The league would have no authority to begin any kind of financing program for a tax-supported institution.

Since its study of the needs and operation of the library a year ago, the league has been waiting completion of a survey by the City Plan Department of the cultural needs of the community, including the library. The director of the City Plan Department has recently stated that this survey will not be completed by his office until the latter part of this year.

Decatur Lucille Crow
Chairman Library Resource
Committee
League of Women Voters

Voter League To Discuss Nursing Homes

"What are the nursing home needs in Macon County? What effect will the Medicare bill have upon these needs?"

The nursing home study committee has had many interviews with public officials and operators of nursing homes during its study of this local current agenda item.

Mrs. W. B. Bishop is chairman of the study committee. She has worked on projects for senior citizens in Decatur for several years and was one of the founders of the Leisure Hour Club at the YWCA and of the Senior Citizens Center at Gastman School.

Committee members are Mrs. Nat Kessler, Mrs. George Limerick and Mrs. James Leigh.

The schedule of meetings is: Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., home of Mrs. Elbert Smith of 510 S. Seigel St.

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League Backs Action on Nursing Unit

Recommendation for a county nursing home, if private operators do not provide additional facilities, has been made by a special committee of the Decatur League of Women Voters.

The committee said the recommendation should hinge on a one-year waiting period to determine:

—The impact of Medicare on the volume of nursing home patients

—Expansion of private nursing homes.

The special league committee reported it would prefer for private homes to meet the expanding need.

The committee reported, as a result of a study just completed, that placing recipients of Old Age Assistance in skilled nursing home facilities is a major problem as most private facilities do not take an unlimited number of public aid recipients.

It was also reported that if in 1967 it can be seen that enough beds are not open to public aid patients, a county nursing home then should be established.

These facts were reported in the study:

—Large private homes charge from a minimum of \$7 to \$14 a day

—Public aid pays from \$6 to \$8 a day depending on the care necessary

—Some converted homes charge the minimum public aid rate, while others charge more

—There are 391 nursing home beds in Macon County with 246 in three large local nursing homes

—The remaining 145 are in the smaller converted home type nursing facility.

State minimum standards for licensing of the homes are to be enforced in 1967 and there is a possibility that some substandard facilities will be forced to close their doors.

It is a further league observation that if expansions are not ready by 1967 a county nursing home should be available by 1970.

Members of the special study committee are Mrs. W. B. Bishop, Mrs. Nat Kessler, Mrs. James C. Leigh and Mrs. George F. Limerick.

School Tax Loss Could Hike Others

The League of Women Voters board said today it is not recognized that failure of Saturday's school referendum "would result in a first-class city having a second class school system."

The board said the amount of the tax increase is relatively small compared with the benefits. It said cutbacks in school program could cause increases in students dropping out of school before graduating and possibly increase taxes for police and welfare groups.

In answer to remarks made Monday by Mayor Ellis B. Arnold, the board said the state property tax structure is the only local source for additional income for schools.

"Schools have to depend on property tax for about 75 per cent of their income, whereas for instance, the city depends on property tax for only 12 per cent of its income."

"The city has gasoline tax, parking meter fees, licenses and a half-cent sales tax from which it receives revenue," the board said.

The board also said Decatur cannot continue to attract good teachers if salaries are not competitive. Already Decatur is experiencing difficulties in obtaining vocational teachers since there is such a great demand for these teachers, the board said.

Teacher Pay Rate Here Lower After Several Years

A Decatur Education Association study shows starting salaries for Decatur teachers similar to those paid elsewhere, but as further education and seniority is accumulated rates fall below those in other cities.

A Decatur teacher with a bachelor's degree and no experience makes \$5,200, ninth highest out of 12 rates offered by 20 Illinois cities.

Teachers with bachelor degrees can make a maximum of \$7,545 in Decatur, the 11th highest rate out of 22 rates offered by the same 20 cities.

The DEA study indicates that teachers with master's degrees receive less in comparison to those in the other 19 cities.

B. V. Rosser, member of the DEA professional policies committee, said the study was conducted in anticipation of presenting a recommendation to the Board of Education that the salary scale be revised to bring Decatur in line with other districts its size.



Staff photo by Ken Kiley

Students Meet Experts

Millikin University students today met experts from the State Department on international problems. Two Millikin

students on the left, Dale Schoehofenn and Lynette Boatman, question Richard B. Finn, third from right, Del-

mas Nucker, second from right, and Walter J. Mueller, right.

Buddhist Unrest Current Top Problem

By Glen R. Cooper
Of the Review

Unrest among the Buddhists of Saigon, Hue and Da Nang is the major current problem facing the U.S. in Viet Nam.

This opinion was expressed today in a press conference for a team of three members of the U.S. State Department.

Richard B. Finn, chairman of the touring team, said the anti-America tinge of the unrest and demonstrations is a hindrance to the effort to win peace and must require top priority.

Finn, New York attorney and career man in the State Department, Walter J. Mueller, visiting professor at Knox College under the Department of State University Exchange program and Delmas H. Nucker, 20-year veteran in the field of international affairs, appeared in the press conference.

The three men divided their efforts in today's Decatur appearance. Finn spoke to students at Millikin University.

Mueller and Nucker went to the high schools to describe the Viet Nam situation, the Food for Peace program, and general policies of the State Department.

Saturday they will appear in a similar program in Springfield.

Finn said the tour, financed by the State Department, has two objectives:

1. Bring a better understanding of the position of U.S. in world affairs to the public

2. Sample opinion of the public as to the image of the federal government in Viet Nam.

Finn said the major criticism

today is at the lack of proper and adequate communication between the government and the public.

"Too many persons believe they are not getting the full story on Viet Nam," Finn said.

"We recognize this and realize the image is not the best today but perhaps these State Department sessions in the field can bring about a better understanding by the government."

All three team members agreed the Viet Nam situation is a war that lacks only a congressional declaration to give it full legal status.

Mueller said there has been no official time limit placed on the war even though some officials have described it as a matter of 5 or 10 or even 20 years duration.

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education in high schools and the emphasis placed on world affairs for the maturity shown by young persons.

The one-day visit is sponsored by Millikin University, the League of Women Voters, Decatur public schools and WSOY radio station.

U.S. Officials To Speak At Luncheon

U. S. State Department officials will speak at a luncheon meeting of the Decatur League of Women Voters Thursday in the Hotel Orlando's Victorian Room.

The one-day visit to Decatur by the officials is jointly sponsored by the league, the Decatur Public Schools, radio station WSOY and Millikin University.

Conferences with school groups and a 9 a. m. press conference at Millikin University are also included in the group's itinerary.

Speaking to the league will be Walter J. Mueller, visiting professor of international relations at Knox College, and Delmas Nucker of the U. S. Agency for International Development (AID).

Mueller's areas of special interest are the Near East, South Asia, the India-Pakistan dispute and the Atlantic Alliance.

Nucker will be prepared for discussion of the U. S. AID programs, the Alliance for Progress, South Asian economic affairs and the Food for Peace program.

Richard B. Finn, deputy director of the Office of German Affairs and chairman of the touring group, will introduce the speakers to the League.

The public is invited to both the luncheon and the program. Cost of the luncheon is \$1.75 a person with reservations available from Mrs. L. B. Ritter. The speakers are to begin at 1 p. m.

Both Plus, Minus

Causes of China, Soviet Split Told

By Ron N. Rosencrans
Of the Review

"Viet Nam is both a plus and a minus factor in the Sino-Russian split," a U. S. official said this morning at Millikin University.

Richard B. Finn, a member of a four-man State Department foreign policy team making several public appearances in Decatur today, said Russia and Red China are squabbling about the amount of aid Russia is giving North Viet Nam, but as two Communist nations, they also feel compelled to try and stand together on the issue.

Finn, deputy director of the Office of German Affairs, Bureau of European Affairs, said, in giving what he called a conservative view of the Sino-Russian split, "It gives indications of being a widening one."

He said that the factors which five years ago gave indications that the two countries were coming closer together are today a source of irritation between them.

He gave as one example their military ties which five years ago seemed a source of strength for the two nations.

Finn said that China expected Russia to divert pressures such as the U. S. is now putting on China's periphery in Viet Nam, but this is a source of irritation today because China feels that Russia is not doing all it could in Western Europe or elsewhere to cause the U. S. to have to divert this pressure.

Finn said that another source of friction between Russia and China is based on geography. He said that border disputes between the two countries are "obviously of growing seriousness."

Ideological differences between the two nations are also growing Finn said.

He said that Russia has become an industrial society and has grown away from expansionist tendencies and grown toward "more interest in doing something with what they have at home."

China, on the other hand, has had a series of economic and agricultural failures and its leaders are generating military activity in what Finn called a "classic solution" for domestic problems—that of drawing attention away from them by creating a fear of military action by another country.

To help nourish the split, Finn said the U. S. is doing all it can to create good relations with Russia through normal diplomatic channels and cultural exchanges.

"Russia is not eager, but she has not split in our eye either," Finn said.

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Inside and outside, breaking every rule
Looking for a teacher, searching for a class
Is there any question the referendum must pass?

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SEATO Treaty Binding Official Cites Viet Nam Obligation

By Lois M. Moore
Of the Review

In the viewpoint of Washington the United States has legal obligation under the Southeast Asia Treaty to be in Viet Nam, Richard B. Finn said this morning.

Finn, a member of a State Department team visiting in Decatur, spoke to students and faculty at a 10 a. m. assembly at Millikin University.

One argument advanced against our participation in Viet Nam was that our military effort is bonding the various Communist nations together, instead allowing splits to occur.

When we have a commitment, he said, we cannot sacrifice people by waiting for such a possible long range development.

He commented that it is true the present government in Viet Nam was not democratic, but the United States is faced with working with what is there. A democratic government is pretty much of an exception in Asia, he continued.

President Charles de Gaulle of France is opposed to our stand in Viet Nam as he feels the cold war is over and thinks our military effort is forcing Russia and China together rather than forcing them to further split.

Finn said however, that "De Gaulle resents our supplanting their position in Viet Nam" since the French effort failed in 1954.

He said Germany, particularly Berlin, had better understanding of the problem and feels defense of Viet Nam is defense of Berlin. However, he

said, they are somewhat afraid we might not be able to help them if help would be needed.

Finn said that help in Viet Nam is not solely that of the military. President Lyndon Johnson has made every effort he said to divert attention to economic aid so we can help build the economy and repair war damage even while fighting is going on.

In reply to a student's question about the feeling of the Vietnamese people toward our presence, Finn replied that he was not sure anyone really knows that answer and that many outside trouble areas are not aware of what is happening.

He did not feel the Buddhist unrest was necessarily a reflection of the general attitude.

Finn said it was important to note that no one of importance had deserted to North Viet

Nam. Finn also stated there was no

Finn also stated there was no evidence that Russia would start a second front in Europe, though it is a possibility particularly if Russia would develop a hard line policy due to a change of leadership.

March 6, 1966
**Voter League
To Discuss
Revenue Reform**

Decatur League of Women Voters will discuss the first of two programs concerning Illinois revenue reform at the March unit meetings.

Three topics of discussion at the meetings will be the philosophy of taxation, the criteria of a good tax structure and the Illinois property tax.

Unit meetings will be:
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, home of Mrs. Robert Bowers of 425 S. Edward St.

9:15 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Don Livergood of 664 S. Crea St., babysitting provided in the Art Center at 125 N. Pine St.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Robert Schade of 143 Point Bluff Dr.

Mrs. Frank Verbanac is chairman of the revenue resource committee. She attended a state league workshop last fall where two state representatives debated the proposed revenue article for the Illinois Constitution.

Mrs. Verbanac's committee includes:

Mrs. Charles Meyerson, Mrs. Clarence Crow, Mrs. Neal Doubleday and Mrs. E. H. Jurgens.

*Sunday
April 10, '66*
**Voter League
Units to Study
State Taxes**

"Taxes: Sales Tax and State Income Tax" will be the subject for discussion in the April unit meetings of the League of Women Voters.

The presentation will be a continuation of reports made in the March unit meetings concerning Illinois revenue reform. Mrs. Frank Verbanac is chairman of the revenue committee.

Committee members include: Mrs. Charles Meyerson, Mrs. Clarence Crow, Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Mrs. Emmett Jurgens and Mrs. K. E. Langenberg.

Units meeting are:
Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., home of Mrs. Leo Wittig of 139 Wisconsin Dr.

Wednesday at 9:15 a.m., home of Mrs. Paul Reeder of 6 Ridge Ct., baby-sitting provided at 257 S. Glencoe Ave.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., home of Mrs. Robert Btler of 38 Sand Creek Dr.

Monday, April 12, '66
**Family Aid
Under Study**

The League of Women Voters will discuss Illinois welfare services to children and their families on Wednesday. The meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Keith Westenhaver, 3420 N. University St., at 9:15 a.m.

During the meeting Mrs. Thomas A. Maginn and Mrs. Leo Wittig will tell of their interviews with officials of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Illinois Youth Commission.

Leagues throughout Illinois have been making welfare studies during the past two years. The Decatur League study has been under the chairmanship of Mrs. George Limerick.

Three new League publications will be available at the coming meeting: "The Illinois Juvenile Court Act," "Youth Corrections," and "Family Planning Services for the AFDC Mother."

Guests are welcome to attend the meeting.

May 3, '66
**MRS. CLIFFORD SMITH
AT CONVENTION**

Mrs. Clifford E. Smith, 1684 W. Riverview is representing the Decatur League of Women Voters chapter at a week-long national convention of the organization in Denver, Colo.

She is among 1,300 delegates from all parts of the nation attending the convention which began Monday.

Major purpose of the convention is to adopt a program of study for League activities for the next two years.

Sun. May 8, 1966
**Social
Calendar**

League of Women Voters, 1 p.m., home of Mrs. Evelyn Jokisch, 333 Southmoreland Pl., items of study on the local level for next year will be determined, 1966-67 budget will be adopted and a report on the League's national convention will be given.

Tues. 6-21-1966
**League Plans
3 Studies**

The Decatur League of Women Voters has approved three local studies for 1966-67 of government planning agencies, equal housing opportunities and the Equal Opportunities Act.

The study of governmental planning agencies in Decatur and Macon County is headed by Mrs. Emmett Jurgens and the equal housing opportunities study by Mrs. Wesley Tilley.

A study and evaluation of the operation of the Equal Opportunities Act is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Frank Dilly.

Study committees will meet throughout the year to compile and report factual findings to the membership. The civil rights and human resources

items will be studied at the state and national levels as well.

Other items which may be acted on are the Decatur Public Library, Decatur Public Schools, Council-Manager form of city government, Macon County Health Department, Macon County Nursing Home and water resources.

Decatur, Illinois, Saturday, May 14, 1966

**Women Voters
League Elects
Mrs. C. Smith**

Mrs. Clifford Smith of 1684 W. Riverview Ave., has been elected president of the League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Smith, who succeeds Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, previously served a term as president in 1952-53.

Officers elected are:

Mrs. Clifford Smith, president
Mrs. Harold Tenney, first vice president

Mrs. Gerald Redford, second vice president

Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst, third vice president

Mrs. Robert Bowers, secretary

Mrs. Daniel Moore, treasurer.

Members of the board of directors for 1966-67 are: Mrs. Wesley Tilley, Mrs. Gordon Axon, Mrs. Robert Schade, Mrs. Robert Butler, Mrs. E. H. Jurgens, Mrs. Frank Dilly, Mrs. George Limerick, Mrs. Clarence Crow, Mrs. Keith Westenhaver and Mrs. J. R. Miller.

**Women Voters
Plan to Attend
Town Meeting**

Members of the Decatur League of Women Voters, as individuals, will attend Tuesday's annual Town Meeting of Decatur Township.

League members who want to attend the session, which opens at 1:30 p.m. in the office of Town Clerk Ralph E. Brown, are to meet in the first-floor lobby of the County Building at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Robert L. Cole, representing a special committee of the league, will discuss the structure and operation of township government with league members attending. She said there will be no discussion or backing of any proposal that might be considered at the annual meeting.

She said this is merely an opportunity for league members to see one form of local government in operation.

The major item of business will be action on a proposed budget of \$931,000. This is an increase of \$164,623 above the previous year.

Township Assessor August Alard is asking for an increase of \$69,000 in his budget to hire professional assessors for downtown property.

Another township budget increase, \$73,680, is for general assistance.

Friday, June 17, '66
FOR REVIEW

**Voter League
Against New
Tax Article**

Chicago (AP)

The Illinois League of Women Voters has announced its opposition to the proposed revenue article for the state Constitution.

The article is "too detailed, rigid, complicated and difficult to interpret," Mrs. Ezra Levin, president of the league, said Thursday.

She said objections to the proposed article included:

—The restriction to Cook County of the right to reclassify real property. The league felt it should be statewide.

—The constitutional limitations on tax rates and bonding

power. The limitations should be statutory so they can be changed by the legislature to meet changing conditions, the league said.

—The prohibition of graduated income tax. The league maintained a Constitution should not prohibit any tax.

—The prohibition of a personal property tax if an income tax is passed. The league maintained a revenue article should not

tie one tax to another.

Mrs. Levin said the members thought a proper revenue amendment should be flexible enough for changing conditions

in the future.

The decision was lectively by members ing 77 communities state, she said.

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Mrs. Clifford Smith

3-4-66

Appoint or Elect?

Two Differ Sharply

By Glen R. Cooper
Of the Review

Candidates for county superintendent of schools differ sharply in opinions on appointment of the top county and state school officials.

This difference was expressed Thursday night by Republican Howard E. Brown and Democrat Ned Freeman who participated in the League of Women Voters "Meet the Candidates Night."

The two candidates were asked if they favor appointment of county superintendents and state superintendents of schools.

Brown said he favors the appointment of both. He also said the appointed county superintendent of schools should be on a regional basis.

Brown said he thinks a state superintendent of public instruction should be appointed by a state elected board.

Freeman said he opposed appointment of either of the two officials. His argument was that the procedure would remove the office from the people.

Brown said he also favors

consolidation of smaller school districts. Freeman opposed consolidation.

Local and state candidates appeared in the Hotel Orlando meeting to introduce themselves and to answer questions.

Candidates competing for the same office were called on to answer a prepared question and, in the second half of the meeting, questions posed by the audience. There were about 200 at the meeting.

An audience question concerned removal of judicial candidates from political campaigns.

State Sen. Robert W. McCarthy, Democrat, noted all judges first have to submit to a political campaign, but that subsequent elections are on a non-partisan basis. He favors this.

Rolland Tipsword, Democratic candidate from the House, favored removal of judges from politics.

A. Webber Borchers, Republican candidate for the House, also favored the plan, as did Rep. John W. Alsop, Democrat, and Republican George P. Johns.

Frank Meara, Democrat, and

Jim Doster, Republican, candidates for sheriff, were asked if they favored leased cars for the sheriff's department.

Too Costly

Meara opposed the plan as being too costly. He said county-owned cars could be operated at a lower cost.

Doster said the rates of leased cars should be checked against operating costs of county-owned cars and the cheaper plan adopted.

Cameron B. Satterthwaite, Democratic candidate for U.S. representative, was asked if he favored blocking Viet Nam ports in an effort to end the war.

He said he opposed the plan because it would involve more nations than are actually at war now.

U.S. Rep. William L. Springer, candidate for re-election, was not at the meeting.

William M. Tangney, Democrat, seeking re-election as county clerk, said he has urged modernization of county operation. He suggested the use of voting machines and accounting machines in county affairs.

Women Voters To Explain Objectives

The principles and activities of the League of Women Voters will be explained to new and prospective members in meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesday and 1 p.m. Wednesday.

The meetings are called "Let's Get Acquainted with League and Local Government." Both will be held in the home of Mrs. Robert C. Schade, membership chairman, 143 Point Bluff Dr. All interested persons are invited to attend either meeting. Anyone needing transportation may call Mrs. Schade.

Now twenty years of age, the Decatur league encourages women to look beyond themselves to the governmental issues and human needs in a democratic society. League meetings are open to anyone, and voting membership is available to all women citizens over 21.

Local, state and national league boards are elected by the membership to carry out decisions and wishes of the members. Governmental studies by the league are made in the public interest and are not affiliated with any political party.

Members are encouraged to work as individuals in the political party of their choice, but to protect the league's nonpartisanship policy, board members refrain from active party work while holding league office.

The league takes stands on measures selected by the membership for study, decision and action.

An important part of league work is service to voters. The Decatur league will sponsor a candidates meeting on Oct. 27 in the Hotel Orlando. This is a public meeting to which the community is invited to meet and question candidates seeking office in the November elections.



Chuck Hippler

Women Voters 18th Candidates Forum Oct. 27

Decatur's League of Women Voters 18th "Meeting the Candidates" session will be Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. in the Hotel Orlando ballroom.

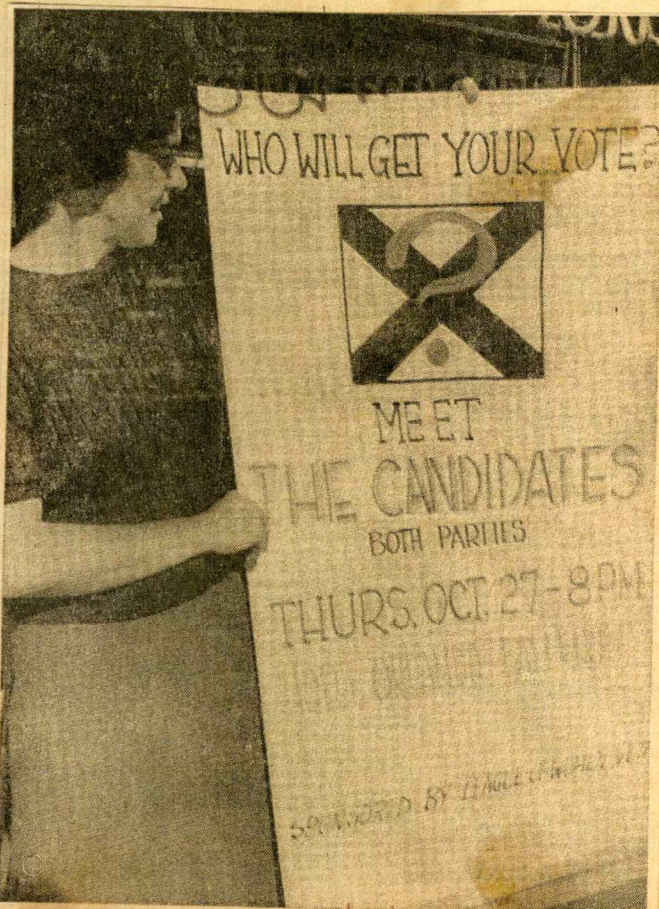
Candidates for state and local offices from both political parties have been invited to speak at the session, which is open to the public at no charge.

Purpose of the meeting is to acquaint voters with the candidates and issues in the Nov. 8 general election.

Candidates will be given equal speaking time.

Although the league takes positions on referendums and other state and local issues, it does not endorse either political party or individual candidates.

Charles E. (Chuck) Hippler, news director at radio station WSOY, will moderate the session.



Staff photo by Ken Kiley

Yes, Who Will?

"Who will get your vote?" is the theme of the poster made and held by Mrs. Harry

N. Caldwell, 74 Green Oak Dr. Her posters, in many locations in the city, promote

the League of Women Voters candidates meeting Thursday.

City Officials Encouraged

Budget May Reflect Public's Views

By Joseph M. Webb
Of the Herald

Public response at last week's prebudget hearing gave city leaders a much-needed shot in the arm.

And the results of the therapeutic shot may become visible to the public within the next year or two in the city budget, in a new capital improvements program, or in other proposals for planning and implementing long-range programs.

Three interrelated factors came out of the City Council hearing, at which citizens were urged to state what they wanted to see included in or omitted from next year's budget.

They are:

1. The prebudget hearings will be continued.

Eight persons appeared at the hearing, all but one speaking as a community leader. The other spoke as a private citizen.

Before the hearing, there was reason to believe that if the public response was the same as in previous years—when no more than two persons appeared with petty complaints—the council would re-evaluate whether the hearings were necessary and should be continued.

Complaint Cited

About the only reoccurring complaint of the city manager form of government has been that it is too remote from the people. But the public interest displayed at the budget hearing has, in effect, reinforced a major city effort to head off that complaint.

2. Key Decatur organizations were represented at the hearing.

This means, that even though only 8 people made remarks to the council, hundreds of others—were probably involved in their presentation in one way or another.

Among the organizations that showed an interest in the workings of the city's financial future are the Association of Commerce, the Downtown Decatur Council, the League of Women Voters, and the Decatur and Macon County Opportunities Corp.

In addition, former mayor Robert A. Grohne, who said he spoke as a private citizen, is president of the All-Decatur Committee, an influential citizen's group.

3. Expensive programs that city officials have long-recognized as needed received vital citizen-backing.

Four Major Areas

Four major areas were discussed by the public at the hearing—additional policemen firemen, and street department personnel, a civic center, construction of a new main library building, and support of the local poverty program.

The city staff, at various times over the past few years, has attempted to put out feelers in most of these areas, and

has in some cases made specific proposals.

For instance, City Manager John Dever commented a few weeks ago that while the City is completing a feasibility study of the civic center, the primary unknown about it is how much support the general public would give such a proposal.

In last year's budget message, Dever pointed out the need for increased city effort through the local Opportunities Corp., and for beefed up police and fire departments.

The clearly-stated citizen support for these programs—through a few key spokesmen—is repeatedly encouraging to the city staff and the City Council. And, as a result, their response to the citizen voices will probably be favorable.

This does not necessarily mean that all of these programs will finally be embraced and shoved before the public in next year's budget.

But it does mean that, all things considered, when the public speaks, it is entitled to and will probably receive assurances that its governmental leaders listen and respond.

Realtors Comment

'Discrimination Proof Lacking'

By Gary Wisby
Of the Herald

Decatur realtors have not been shown that discrimination here is a serious problem.

This was the contention of three members of the Decatur Board of Realtors Thursday night at a meeting of the Decatur League of Women Voters.

Board president Henry L. Cameron, Edward C. Drobisch and F. William Wilhelm agreed that, despite the board's stated willingness to help find housing for anyone who feels he is being discriminated against, no one has come to the board for such assistance.

They also said that no one has ever given them a specific example of discrimination in housing.

The realtors were asked about the statement to league members a week ago by James H. Gude, a member of the city's Advisory Commission on Hu-

man Relations, that only one Negro family in Decatur lives west of Fairview Avenue.

Drobisch said his firm has 10 new homes for sale in that area, and that no Negroes have asked to look at them.

Wilhelm said that most Negroes don't want to live in white areas, and Cameron added that "the majority of whites and Negroes are more at ease among their own people."

But the three men agreed that the number of sellers who put a restriction on who their home may be sold to is small.

They said the city ordinance, passed in May, under which real estate brokers are licensed in an effort to help prevent discrimination in the sale of housing, is "useless"—"It doesn't tie in the property owner"—and Cameron called it "window dressing" that is discriminatory in itself (against the real estate broker).

Voters League Holds Meeting On Housing

Decatur League of Women Voters continued this week its series of meetings dealing with housing opportunities for minority groups.

Members met Tuesday and are meeting again today in a probe of the housing situation here to assist the league's state and organizations in determining what type of fair housing laws to urge.

It was agreed at the Tuesday session, held at the home of Mrs. Jerry Roucher, 326 S. Westdale Ave., that housing should be free of discrimination and there should be some state legislation to regulate against such discrimination.

Recommendations of the Decatur chapter are expected to be formed by the end of the month. The recommendations will be combined with those of other chapters across the state in February.

Earlier league sessions disclosed statistics showing an apparent jump in housing segregation here over the last several years.

Gov. Otto Kerner has called for a statewide fair housing law. Such a bill has been introduced in the current session of the General Assembly.

Following a recent State Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of a Chicago open housing ordinance, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here said they would press for a similar ordinance here.

Voters Saturday Choose Majority Of School Board

By Mary Ann Johnson
Of the Review

Voters in the Decatur Public School district will go to the polls from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and select four members of the board from a field of 12 candidates.

There are four terms to be filled: two full three-year terms, and unexpired terms of one and two years.

Because voters must fill two unexpired terms created by resignations, in addition to two vacancies caused by expiration of terms, a majority of the seven-member board will be elected.

Candidates for the three-year terms are: John E. Fick, a Decatur attorney, Mrs. Shan Schaar, assistant professor of accounting at Millikin University; Daniel A. Nellis, a mental health rehabilitation counselor at the Adolf Meyer Zone Center for mental health, and Mrs. Ruth K. Wilson, a teacher in the Decatur Public Schools adult education division.

Candidates for the two-year term are:

Jerry J. Breitman, salesman for a rubber firm; Karl F. Burgstahler, owner of a local printing firm; Yessayi H. Mardrossian, chief engineer of the nuclear equipment section of Marvel-Schebler Division of Borg Warner Corp., and Mrs. Mary M. Bond, teacher at Washington School (recently resigned).

One-Year Candidates

Those seeking the one-year term are: Dr. Daniel J. Buckley, a local physician; W. Robert Schwandt, plant superintendent at A. E. Staley Mfg. Co.; Norman V. Williams, an English teacher at Argenta-Oreana High School, and Mrs. Edwina Dickey, a substitute elementary teacher for the past seven years.

The new board members will fill the vacancies left by Richard W. Huff and Joseph Katauski, whose terms expire. Mrs. Mary Barnes' term expires next year and David D. Brett's term in 1969.

There are 30 precincts in the Decatur district and a map of them appears on page 18 of the Review.

The election campaign this year has created a considerable interest among various organizations in Decatur.

The Decatur Education Association (DEA) political action committee has interviewed most of the candidates, and given its endorsement to five of the candidates. The candidates endorsed were Fick and Mrs. Schaar for the three-year terms, Mardrossian for the two-year term and Schwandt or Buckley for the one-year term.

School Ballot

(THREE-YEAR TERMS)

(Vote for Two)

Daniel A. Nellis
Shan Schaar
John Ellis Fick
Ruth K. Wilson

(Two-YEAR TERM)

(Vote for One)

J. J. (Jerry) Brietman
Karl F. Burgstahler
Yessayi H. Mardrossian
Mary Martin Bond

(ONE-YEAR TERM)

(Vote for One)

Daniel J. Buckley
W. Robert Schwandt
Norman V. Williams
Edwina Dickey

Committee Action

The endorsement was given by the political action committee and no vote was taken of the entire DEA membership.

The League of Women Voters also was active in seeking views of candidates for the board. They sent questionnaires to all candidates asking their views on various school issues. Copies of the candidate's answers were available this week in various places throughout the city.

The league did not endorse candidates, however.

The First Christian Church's community service department endorsed Mrs. Schaar and Fick for three-year terms and Mardrossian and Burgstahler for the two-year term.

CAPE, Citizens to Advance Public Education, originally announced its intention to name candidates but later decided against it.

A Board of Education meeting will be held at 9 p.m. Saturday in the Keil Building to canvass election returns and pass a resolution declaring the successful candidates. The new board will take the oath of office and elect officers for the coming year.

Women Voters List 6-Point Program Here

Members of the Decatur League of Women Voters have proposed a six-point study and support program for the present year.

Included are civil rights, human resources, the Decatur Public Library, Decatur public schools, council-manager form of city government and a Macon County nursing home.

Under civil rights would be a study and evaluation of the need for funds of the Decatur Human Relations Commission and evaluation of the fair housing ordinance in Decatur.

A study and evaluation of a program in Decatur and Macon County to provide equality of opportunity in education and employment would come under human resources.

The third proposal would be support and promotion for construction of a new main library building and continued study of the library's needs and operation.

Under the topic of schools, the league will give support to increased funds to provide quality education and adequate space.

This will also include studies of ways to improve public education in Decatur and procedures and practices regulating board of education elections.

The league also proposes support of council-manager form of government for Decatur and continued evaluation for the need for a county nursing home.



New President

Mrs. Clifford E. Smith (left) of 1684 W. Riverview Ave., outgoing president of the League of Women Voters, discusses the duties of the office with the new president, Mrs. W. H. Tilley of 1421 W. Riverview Ave.

Voter League President Is Selected

Mrs. W. H. Tilley of 1421 W. Riverview Dr. was elected president of the League of Women Voters at a luncheon meeting Wednesday in the Orlando Hotel.

She served as chairman of the equal housing study group last year. She succeeds Mrs. Harold Tenney of 237 S. Glencoe Ave.

Serving with Mrs. Tilley will be:

Mrs. Thomas Maginn, first vice president

Mrs. Frank Dilley, second vice president

Mrs. L. B. Ritter, secretary

Mrs. E. H. Jurgens, treasurer.

Also elected at the annual meeting were new directors. They are Mrs. John Homan, Mrs. Robert M. Butler, Mrs. H. W. Dakin and Mrs. Jack McGaugh.

Other directors serving on the 18-member board are filling out unexpired terms, and some will be appointed by the incoming officers.

Opportunities Corp.

'Structure' Weak

The fact that the Decatur-Macon County Opportunities Corp. has not formed itself into enough continuing working committees is one of the weaknesses pointed out in a report by the League of Women Voters Monday.

The report, prepared by the league's development of human resources committee, said the lack of sufficient working committees has meant insignificant details were discussed by the whole membership lengthening meetings unnecessarily. On the other hand, some important business was handled by only a few board members.

Another problem is the trouble the corporation has had in getting one-third of the membership from within the poverty level, and the conflicts between these "neighborhood representatives" and the other members.

The fact that no representatives of major industries here—such as Caterpillar Tractor Co., A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., General Electric Co. or Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.—have become members was also noted.

Lack of board members—though three of the four members did meet informally several times—was also reported.

Mrs. Cecelia Grant, who represented the poverty-level membership, was the fourth member. Those who met informally included James B. Johnston, Joe Livesay and Robert B. King.

It was noted that in the fiscal year, 1967, under a new president, the board of directors has begun meeting monthly.

A big problem, the league's study found, is an indifferent attitude on the part of the corporation membership. In August, October and November, a quorum was lacking to hold a meeting.

The corporation was praised for such successful programs as neighborhood workers, Self Start, Head Start and Neighborhood Youth Corps.

However, the report finds fault with the United Fund in Decatur for not working directly with the corporation so that more programs could have been undertaken.

"The effects of the narrow interpretation of the local United Fund philosophy in relation to the Office of Economic Opportunity cannot be overstated," the report reads.

Another part of the community—civic and business leaders—came under fire for seeming reluctance to become involved in the corporation programs, because of the precariousness of the corporation's existence and problems in funding and programming through the regional office.

The four-month survey was carried out under the direction of Mrs. Frank B. Dilley and Mrs. Don Kastner.

Opportunity Is Voters League May Topic

Feature of the Tuesday all-member meeting of League of Women Voters will be discussion of a booklet prepared by the committee on human resources.

The booklet is a survey of programs within Macon County which are designed to provide equality of opportunity for education and employment in Decatur.

The committee, headed by Mrs. Frank Dilley, will present reactions from persons in the community who have been affected by such programs.

Other committee members are Mrs. Don Kastner, Mrs. Manker Harris, Mrs. Roger Stafford, Miss Jean Lee, Mrs. John Weinman, Mrs. Robert Ohlson and Mrs. Edward Beck.

The meeting will be in the home of Mrs. John Molloy of 210 S. Woodale Ave. Dessert will be served at 12:45 p.m.

Some Problems Solved Opportunities Corp. Progresses

A League of Women Voters report issued this week points out that the Decatur-Macon County Opportunities Corp. is beginning to solve its problems, Rev. Ronald Trojak president of the corporation said Tuesday.

The report was a survey of educational and employment opportunities in Decatur. It cited some of the problems faced in the past by the corporation, including only three meetings of the corporation board of directors during fiscal 1966.

Other problems listed were a lack of working committees in the Corporation; informal meetings of three of the four board members, excluding the poverty-level membership representative; and an indifferent attitude by the corporation membership which resulted in a lack of a quorum at three monthly meetings in 1966.

Trojck said that at the present time, the board holds no informal meetings and is meeting more than once a month.

One-third of the membership is now from the poverty level.

"A committee headed by Paul Crutchfield, a representative of the poor, has been formed to involve the poor in the corporation and is the most active committee in the group," Trojak said.

Meet Quarterly

The corporation president indicated that membership meetings are now held quarterly rather than monthly as everyone is now involved in committee work.

A newspaper story Tuesday was criticized by Trojak. He said that the article covered only "about one-half page of the 30-page report."

Plans of the antipoverty agency were covered in the league report.

A personnel committee is interviewing applicants for the jobs of deputy director and activities co-ordinator who will be supervised by the executive director.

Space for the development of a neighborhood center are included in the administrative office.

There are 61 members of the corporation including the one-third minimum representation of the low-income group.

The executive board consists of four elected officers and the board of directors is composed of seven elected members in addition to the executive board.

Radio Listeners, Citizens Concerned With Urban Renewal

"These things don't just happen."

WDZ newsmen used Mayor James H. Rupp's earlier statement that things don't happen by themselves to introduce two city planners at noon Saturday.

Charles Reed, director of the department of community development, and Bruce Bullamore spent an hour discussing the city's plans and the planning function.

Questions of urban renewal, removal of blight, a cultural center, intergovernmental cooperation, absentee landlords and building inspector were called in by the radio listeners.

Reed said that a \$200,000 master plan for urban renewal is now being made which will relate social and economic factors of the entire Decatur area.

Three callers asked the planners what could be done to remove a deteriorated or burned out house from a neighborhood.

Both men said that Oklahoma and Torrence Park area are included in federal urban renewal applications.

"We will just have to sit tight until we hear from the federal government."

"But then we don't want to wait too long," Reed said, in asking for patience.

The projects will affect every citizen and especially those who live in the areas. There are many kinds of urban renewal projects and the city doesn't know which type will be used, he said.

Some of the callers blamed the city's blighted areas on absentee landlords, who live "across the lake" or "out of town".

Reed said that the problem of absentee landlords is not

the building of a sidewalk.

"Renewal is not merely a physical problem but is also a social problem," which makes it hard to decide what to do, Bullamore said.

Projects Show City's Success

Public works projects sound financial condition of city indicate the success council-manager government according to Council Robert W. Mallow.

Evaluations of council-manager government and act taken under it were discussed on the hotline program by M or James H. Rupp, Councilman Robert W. Mallow and Corporation Counsel Holmer C. La holt.

There is more to public leadership than just sitting at council meetings, said the mayor. He said the council has the responsibility for study and consideration of programs which will be for the welfare of the entire city.

A review of past council actions is possible, Rupp said, in a constructive fashion. The concern of the council after a initial transition period should be new programs and decisions Mallow said.

A high potential for citizen participation exists in city government, the three agreed.

One problem is finding sufficient volunteers to fill the existing posts on citizen boards and commissions, which act in an advisory capacity toward city officials, Mallow said.

MAN FINED

Harold Bradford, 36, of 1274 W. Forest Ave., Saturday was fined \$27 by Magistrate John

Gymnastics Helpful

Small Deeds Are Great Feats For Mentally Retarded Youths

By G. K. Hodenfield
Of the Associated Press
Indianapolis, Ind.

It was just an ordinary jump rope, held by two teachers standing six feet apart.

But to Carol it was one of the biggest and most frightening

challenges faced in a lifetime of 11 lonesome, frustrated years. Slowly the teachers twirled the rope over her head, and as it neared the floor one of them said, "NOW, Carol."

Carol, every muscle taut, literally threw her body six inches into the air. The rope passed

beneath her feet, and the nasium exploded with appl Big deal, huh? An 11-year girl had finally learned to rope.

A big deal indeed for Carol, mentally retarded child must carry through life the ed burdens of near-total ness and deafness. In the low world of the mental tarded, even the most commonplace accomplishment recorded as a great victory.

Learning to jump rope help Carol learn to read faster, write a bit more leg and grasp at least the fundamentals of simple arithmetic. "Lucky" Girl

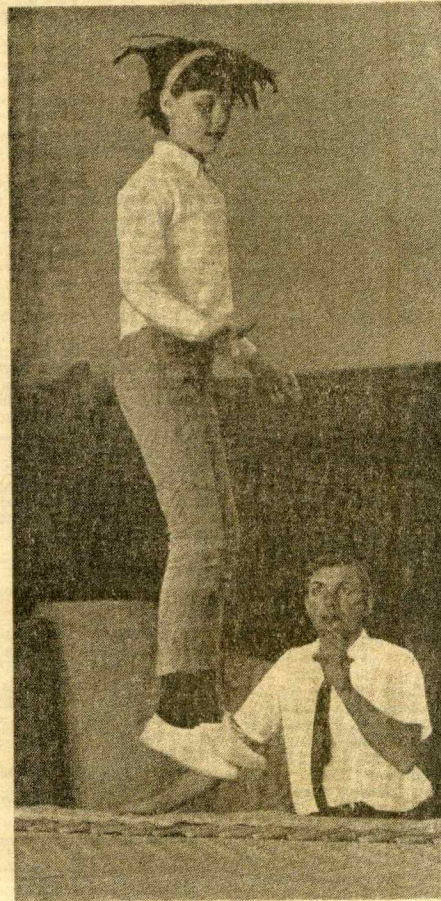
It is a perverse use of word, perhaps, to say that ol, with all her handicap "lucky." But, unlike youngsters who share plight, Carol at least has p working to lighten her load.

There are almost six million mentally retarded men, women and children in the United States today. There will be en million by 1970. About million of them are school boys and girls. Every 15 utes a retarded child is bo this country. There will be 000 such births this year a from any of 100 known cau

Most of the mentally red can be helped. An official the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation reported rece "The U.S. Office of Educ estimates that 83 per ce the retarded are educ They can be taught to read write, to hold down jobs little or no supervision, to along in society wholly, or tially by themselves, to be

BORDER CLOSED Athens (AP)

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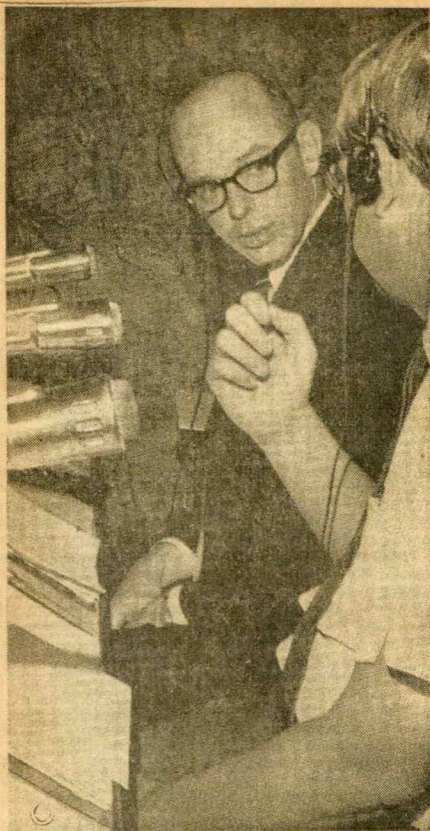


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Children with confidence use trampoline



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Staff photo by Doug Gaumon

In Answer to That . . .

The Rev. Manker Harris of the Decatur Area Council of Churches, and Jim Muehl, manager of WRAM, Mon-

mouth, appear on WDZ's Community Conversations program.

Civic Leaders Brought Closer to Community

There's no question but that we'll do this again next year, a "not really tired" Steve Bellinger, manager of radio station WDZ, said Saturday after the station's Community Conversation.

Bellinger, who with several others was on hand for the entire 14-hour program, said the man who made the effort a success was "the Decatur citizen — he challenged the city officials."

Community leaders answered questions from listeners on the show, and, according to Bellinger, said they felt they had been brought "closer to the citizens."

He said the Community Conversation idea "has never been done before."

"It was born of our 'Hotline.' I cooked it up along with the League of Women Voters and Rev. Harris," referring to the Rev. Manker Harris, executive secretary of the Decatur Area Council of Churches.

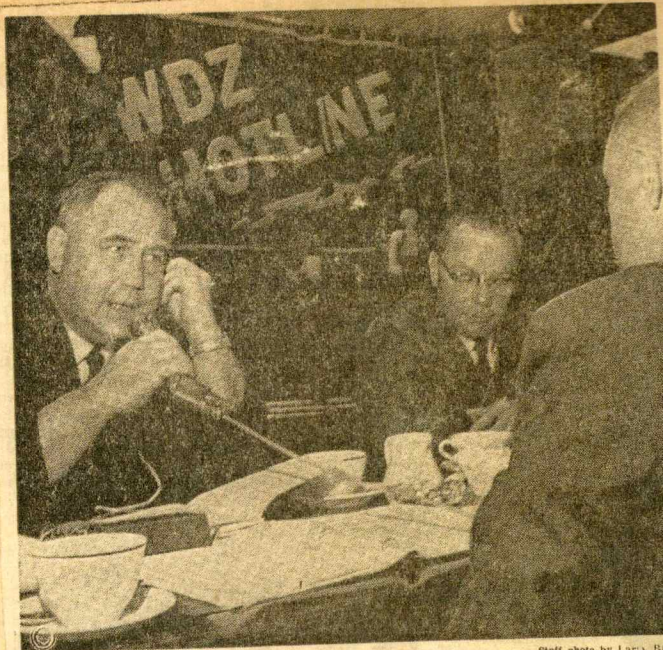
He had no estimate of how

many listeners called the program with questions and comments.

Copies of the program will be available at cost in the Decatur Public Library, it was announced.

The Community Conversation was broadcast from the Ambassador Motor Inn from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Members of the League of Women Voters answered calls coming in on five telephone lines.

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Staff photo by Larry Brooks

Mayor James H. Rupp, left, Councilman Robert W. Mallow and Dick Westbrook on WDZ.

Chain Reaction

Hotline Gets Response

By Lawrence Reh
Of the Review

The 14-hour "hotline" marathon program on WDZ radio today showed early signs of provoking chain reaction responses to the questions and comments from the public.

Officials of government, citizen committees, religious and school bodies, and public organizations alternated in facing the barrage of questions from an active listening audience.

Five private telephone lines were kept in almost constant use with direct "community conversation" on current issues.

Among the unexpected consequences of the program, according to radio station officials, was the immediate continuation of each of the panel discussions in other parts of the restaurant-studio at the Ambassador Motor Inn.

"These calls are having an immediate result," said station manager Steve Bellinger. "As soon as one panel is off the air, they reorganize in another part of the room to go into the issues in more detail."

"We're extremely happy that

a heavy degree of follow-through is coming out of each of these panels."

Rev. Manker Harris, executive secretary of the Decatur Area Council of Churches, a co-sponsor of the marathon participation event, cited an example.

"In the human relations segment we were able to bring together for the first time the NAACP and the city's Human Relations Commission."

"These men had never sat down with each other before to discuss their mutual concerns," said the Rev. Mr. Harris.

"Their responses to listeners' questions prompted them to continue their talks for another 90 minutes after they were off the air."

The program was also seen as an avenue for the average citizen to air problems or clear up misunderstandings which otherwise would be withheld from general circulation.

"Too often," said the Rev. Mr. Harris, "these people can't get their opinions and questions in front of the proper authorities or the community at large."

Many Comments

Bellinger estimated that as many comments were being recorded on tape from callers as were actually being heard on the air.

All of the "conversation" from callers and panelists will be transcribed in booklet form by the station for later distribution to program participants.

"That booklet is getting thick-

er by the minute," Bellinger reported as phones continued to ring and tape reels turned.

The Heritage Room of the hotel, which had been specially equipped for the radio event, was almost filled with panelists, radio employees, aides from the League of Women Voters, and the actual machinery for the broadcast.

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Landholt emphasized that difficulty is often encountered in recruiting enough interested citizens to participate in government processes.

"No one is beating down the door for citizen appointments to help us with these problems," he said.

League Fund, Membership Drive Opens

Today through Saturday has been proclaimed League of Women Voters Week by Mayor James Rupp. The event coincides with the league's annual finance drive and marks the beginning of a year-long membership drive in Decatur and throughout the nation.

A kick-off coffee for the finance drive will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Thomas Maginn of 111 S. Westdale Ave.

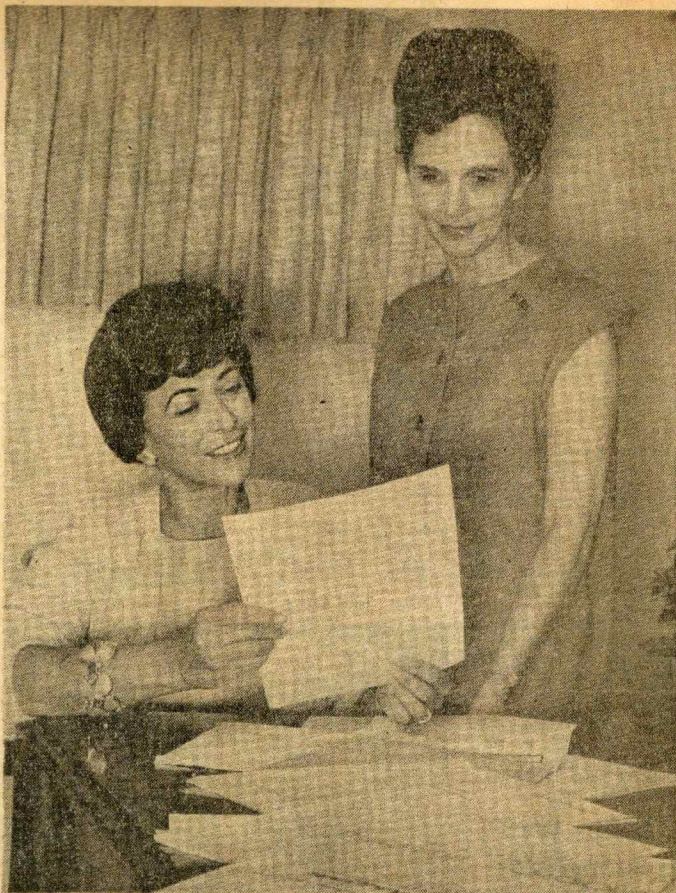
Mrs. Robert Mee of 279 Victoria Ct., finance chairman, says the funds collected in the community each year are used to support the league's program of voter education and community service to Decatur.

Funds raised last year were used to publish a revised edition of "This is Macon County, a Handbook of Local Governments;" to print and distribute the "Survey of Education and Employment Opportunities in Decatur;" the question and answer sheets for the Board of Education election and the information sheets on candidates in the last general election.

Funds raised also helped defray costs involved in conducting the public candidate's meeting for the general election, the television candidate's meeting for City Council, Park Board and township elections and the Community Conversation program.

Although the League of Women Voters is concerned with state and national as well as local government, all league funds are raised, and almost all league work is done locally by volunteer members.

Mrs. Robert Schade of 143 Point Bluff, membership chairman, says that membership in the league is open to any woman interested in learning about the government of her city, state and nation and about the issues confronting governmental agencies.



From left, Mrs. R. G. Mee and Mrs. T. A. Maginn plan fund-raising strategy.

Staff photo by Ken Kiley

Women Voters

\$1,454 Collected

The League of Women Voters announced today that it has surpassed its 1967 finance drive goal.

A total of \$1,454 has been collected during the past two weeks from local citizens and league members. The goal was \$1,360.

Contributions are still being accepted by finance chairman, Mrs. Robert G. Mee, 279 Victoria Ct.

The funds, which are solicited annually, are used for the League's year-round program of voter education and community service.

This past year the League has published and distributed a revised "This is Macon County," handbook of local government; "A Survey of Education and Employment Opportunities in Decatur;" "The Government Officials and Voter Reference;" question and answer sheets for the Decatur Board of Education election in 1967, and information sheets on all candidates in the 1966 general election.

The 1966 funds were also spent organizing and conducting a public candidates meeting for the 1966 general election; a televised meeting of municipal, park, and township candidates in 1967 and in assisting the WDC staff in the day-long Community Conversation last spring.

is the new, big meeting

China Topic For Meeting

"China since 1949" is the discussion topic for the all-member meeting Tuesday of the League of Women Voters to be held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Protzman of 332 S. Linden Ave.

The discussion will be preceded by an international potluck luncheon for members and guests at 12:45 p.m. The meeting will start at 1:45 p.m.

Interested women are invited to attend the program.

Women Voters Plan Meeting

A regional meeting of the League of Women Voters will be held in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Workshops will be on programs for the coming year. The session will discuss the need for a constitutional convention for Illinois.

Members from leagues in Champaign County, Charleston, Danville, Lincoln, McLean County, Morgan County and Springfield will attend.

League Backs Board Decision On Integration

Support of the Board of Education's commitment to the philosophy of racial and socioeconomic integration of public schools was announced today by the League of Women Voters.

The Decatur organization's support was expressed in a letter to Daniel M. Moore Jr., board president.

In making the announcement the League said "We applaud the Board of Education's action in this direction and look forward to the implementation of a plan for integration of the Decatur School District."

"All leagues of the United States have been actively concerned with Equality of Opportunity for Education," the letter said.

Voter League Meetings Set

The national League program for 1968-70 is the discussion topic at the November unit meetings of the League of Women Voters.

At the meetings, a review of national water resources and national continuing responsibilities such as apportionment of state legislatures, home rule for the District of Columbia, tax rates and treaty making will be given by League resource persons Mr. Robert L. Cole, Mrs. Elbert Smith and Mrs. G. L. Kessinger. Any interested persons in the community may attend any of the following unit meetings.

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m., Holy Cross Church, 3778 N. Water St.

Wednesday, 9:15 a.m., in the home of Mrs. Robert Cole, 2230 Gary Dr.

Wednesday, 7:15 p.m., in the home of Mrs. W. H. Heilman, 304 N. Summit Ave.

Human Resources Topic of Monday League Meeting

Kenley Wade, director of the Decatur and Macon County Opportunities Corp. will be the speaker at the all-member meeting of The League of Women Voters at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Rolling Prairies Library.

All members of the community are invited to this meeting.

Wade has recently returned from a conference on civil rights and public education held in Washington, D.C.

The development of human resources is a national League program concerned with the evaluation of policies and programs which seek to provide equality of opportunity for all persons in education and in employment.

Mrs. Manker Harris is chairman of the human resources group which is in charge of this meeting.

Women Voters Will Discuss Tax Increase

Education fund tax rate increase will be the topic of the unit meetings of League of Women Voters this week.

The league has plans underway to work for the passage of the Feb. 14 education tax referendum. The units will also discuss the question of advantages of longer terms and every-other-year elections of the School Board members.

The unit meetings are open to the public. Schedule is:

Tuesday at 9:15 a.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church at 1360 W. Main

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mrs. W. D. Johnson at 444 Hackberry

Wednesday, 9:15 a.m., in the home of Mrs. D. S. Mann at 222 S. Dennis.

Tax Referendum Must Be Approved

THE DECATUR public school system financial picture is much the same as for the citizen who faces the prospect of losing his income.

Most persons, if they lost their income, could survive for a period of time on savings. Then there would be some borrowing ability.

But beyond on that there is a point when the well runs dry.

In an overly simplified manner that is the prospect for the Decatur public school system unless additional revenue for the years ahead can be found.

On Feb. 14, the voters of Decatur School District 61 will be asked to approve a 40-cent per \$100 assessed valuation increase in the tax rate, so water will continue to come from the well.

Without the income the district would be forced into measures that no one wants. The future of Decatur education would be bleak indeed, just as the future of the man without an income.

For the last six months of 1967 there were enough discussions, special school board sessions, statements from the administration, and cold, hard facts to prove conclusively that the district needs an injection of new financial sustenance.

One of the reasons the Board of Education has waited so long to make its final decision as to the rate and timing is because each member wanted to be sure of the need, and having that assurance, to be able to provide answers to questions on the subject.

This is not a decision that was made on the spur of the moment. Those who have attended the special board sessions on finances, or have read of the discussions, realize that caution has been exercised.

It will mean an increase in taxes for all property owners in the district. No one is more aware than board members that this tax system already carries a weighty burden.

Many will let the pure tax facts guide their decision on Feb. 14. For a majority, we hope, concern for the quality of education in Decatur will be the determining factor.

Reporters and editors of the Herald and Review have spent many hours the last six months working closely with the question of a referendum.

In the weeks ahead the information available on district finances and the referendum proposal will appear in the daily and Sunday papers. The opinion of the Herald and Review will be restricted to the editorial page.

We have heard the arguments, viewed the disturbing figures and listened to the warnings. Our decision is that with all due consideration for the additional tax obligation, Decatur citizens must approve the school tax rate increase.

Further Support Expected

Civic Group Forms to Back School Referendum

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Making Plans

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Guymon, Parent-Teachers Association City Council president.

Volunteer Groups Start Organizing for Vote

By Lois M. Moore
Of the Review

Community willingness to work for passage of a school tax referendum has already been indicated by several

er within a few days.

An invitation has been issued to all school staff members today to attend a 4 p.m. meeting at Eisenhower High School.

They will discuss how they can help. "If they are interested," Dr. Rolland W. Jones, school superintendent, said, "We would like to know who they are and what they might be interested in doing."

Other organizations in the city, such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Decatur Area Council of Churches, have expressed an interest in working for the referendum, Dr. Jones said. "But," he added, "it will probably take a few days for these groups to organize into some kind of active force. I look forward to sometime within the next week for a major thrust to become public."

Discussing the referendum,

Daniel M. Moore Jr., Board of Education president, said, "I think it is the board's office to study and to make a decision to call a referendum when the need is seen."

"It then becomes, is really, a community obligation to see that the referendum succeeds, so I would hope there will be a broad community effort toward its passage."

'A Necessity'

Though the Decatur Education Association has made no definite plans as yet, Otis Vaughan, president, said "We are definitely pro-referendum. We feel this is a necessity and hope to be useful as an organization during this referendum."

Decatur's school superintendent has previously indicated the need for a referendum.

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Hundreds Working Volunteers Back School Tax Vote

Hundreds of volunteers, organized by the Vote Yes for Your Children Committee, are now working for the Feb. 14 school tax referendum.

Included are precinct captains and neighborhood block workers. The committee considers the block workers "most important of all within the committee structure," because they are the workers in direct contact with their neighbors.

Most of the neighborhood block work is now done by phone, though some persons are holding coffees in their homes to interest more neighbors in volunteer work.

Each school district precinct has one or two captains, who in turn have 10 to 15 persons working in that area with them.

In the more formal structure, 30 persons are directly committed.

These workers are augmented by the League of Women Voters, which has been working with the committee in several different areas.

Another active group is the Junior Welfare Association; about two-thirds of its 85 members are active committee volunteers.

The members staff the office in the Professional Building and alternate such duties as answering the telephone and distributing supplies.

The Downtown Decatur Council is also supporting the cause.

Help is also coming to the committee from groups which are endorsing the referendum.

"We are greatly encouraged by these people and by the fact boards of organizations are doing it, not just the officers," said Dr. Walter Flora Jr., chairman of the committee.

More than 2,000 are represented in 11 of the groups endorsing the referendum.

"It is heartening," Dr. Flora said, "to have people calling us to want to give time and money to help."

In discussing the school district's educational tax rate, which has not been raised since 1956, Dr. Flora asked, "Could a family pay its 1963-64 expenses on a 1956 income?"

"The committee is concerned with the image of the Decatur education system, which helps us to attract industry, to grow and to prosper," he said.

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Quality Education on Ballot

THERE IS no bargain basement in education. Quality education is like a quality dress or suit. The original cost may be higher, but in the long run there is greater benefit.

But isn't the phrase "quality education" just another shop worn battle cry trotted out at referendum time?

Shop worn, maybe. But is a battle cry that rings with significance. Quality education is what the Feb. 14 school referendum in Decatur is all about.

What is quality education? What does it do for us?

Quality education is the best education money can buy.

Without quality education we wouldn't be driving 300 horsepower automobiles with bucket seats.

Without quality education we wouldn't be eating TV dinners.

Without quality education we wouldn't be as close to curing

cancer as we are, or transplanting hearts.

A quality education means that a company can build a better mousetrap and sell it, and the person who made it can receive more pay for his efforts.

Quality education means that a son has a chance to make more money and do more things than his dad.

Quality education has made life a silly millimeter longer.

Quality education has given us the extra money that we would rather spend on some gadget than reinvest it in more quality education.

Quality education is the hope you have to make better wages next year.

Quality education makes pensions and social security.

Everyone has a stake in quality education, old, young, rich, poor.

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Black Action Association Tells Purposes

The full text of the statement of purpose adopted by the Local Association for Black Action reads:

"We, the members of the Local Association for Black Action, believe in cooperation and coordination of black people striving toward a common goal of political, economic and electoral strength;

"And to continually foster and cultivate the social, educational and business relations; improve standards of efficiency and productivity; form interests in the pursuit of our occupations and professions;

"Encourage among ourselves close acquaintance and friendly spirit, and promote general welfare and prosperity for all black people;

"To achieve by lawful and peaceful means the full reward of our labor and accomplishment that will result in a sense of black pride and dignity."



Staff photo by Bob Strongman

Ready to Work

Dr. Walter Flora Jr., left, Gordon Elliott and Mrs. Wardie Sain check a poster in the headquarters for the newly

formed "Vote Yes For Your Children Committee." Flora and Elliott are general co-

chairmen of the committee supporting the school referendum.

Women voters at work

"Only 135,000 of them? I thought there were millions." Sen. George D. Aiken (R) of Vermont was speaking of the women who belong to the League of Women Voters of the United States. The league has added 10,000 members since Senator Aiken made his statement, but the organization still gets its power from some force other than numbers.

Its weapon has been education. Members have sought to educate themselves first, then others, in civic and governmental affairs. They have done this with a view to action, carrying on vigorous campaigns for reforms ever since the day in 1920 when women got the vote. Their methods have given them a major part in so many victories that their group seems much larger than it is.

Next week the league, through its 1,237

local organizations in every state and Puerto Rico, launches a campaign for recruits. The league is setting out to tap the under-used talent for civic service to be found in the nation's homes so as to give civic-minded homemakers an opportunity to develop this talent and put it to work. The league should be encouraged in this effort.

Not every woman will find her pet cause listed in the league's program. This organization wisely limits its work to support of projects it has studied in depth. But its current list provides scope for much activity in solving today's problems. It includes effort for such goals as antipollution, open housing, equal educational opportunities, reapportionment of state legislatures, and, on the local level, voter education in all strata of the community. Its drive should meet with good response.

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Definite plans for DEA members have not been set as yet, but Dodd said teachers would be involved on election day in making calls and providing rides after school hours.

They will also be involved in such work he said, as helping gather information for the volunteer workers of the newly formed committee.

In announcing the committee, Flora expressed hope for the same excellent education for today's children in Decatur that he received.

"This can only be accomplished if we face up to the facts of the present economy and realize that to make these opportunities available to all, we must pay for this investment in our community," he said.

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Pamphlet Backs Vote

League Lists Reasons for Support

Prevention of further deterioration of Decatur's school system is one of the reasons listed for support of the Feb. 14 school referendum in a pamphlet printed by the League of Women Voters after a study by the organization's school committee.

This study of increased funds to provide quality education and adequate space, actually was set up last year for one of the study items on the organization's program.

The league was happy it worked out the way it did, according to Mrs. W. H. Tilley, president. "It gave us an opportunity to present it at a time we felt it most valuable."

Other reasons listed for support of the education fund tax rate increase include stopping deficit spending buildup (more is being used each year of next year's income), providing teachers with the necessary equipment and supplies, and higher salaries to attract and keep good teachers.

The accumulated deficit buildup will be \$1,530,609 in the 1967-68 year.

The education fund expenses, according to the pamphlet, are \$895,000 more than revenue. This is equivalent to the salaries of 142 teachers at the Decatur average of \$6,300.

The \$463,000 taken from the building fund to pay some of education fund expenses (primary utilities) caused major maintenance to be neglected in 1967-68, the pamphlet reads.

The pamphlet also lists the five school funds with the tax

rate and source of income for each.

These funds are educational, building, bond and interest, transportation and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

The total tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation is \$2.65. Of this, \$1.80 is for the educational fund. It is in this fund, only the Board of Education is asking for an increase of 40 cents, making that total \$2.20. The total school tax rate would increase from \$2.65 to \$3.05.

"Although the total assessed valuation on which the \$1.80 is collected has increased," the pamphlet reads, "the amount received per child has decreased due to the larger number of children among whom it has to be divided."

How much will it increase taxes?

The pamphlet cites two examples.

For a house with selling price of \$5,000, the equalized assessed valuation (55 per cent of the selling price plus the 1.0204 multiplier) would be \$2,806. This would mean a monthly increase of 94 cents and annual increase of \$11.22.

For a house with \$10,000 selling price, the equalized assessed valuation would be \$5,612; monthly increase, \$1.87 and annual increase, \$22.44.



Staff photo by Larry Brooks

Handy Reference

Mrs. Robert M. Butler, League of Women Voters vice president, and Elmer Walton of Caterpillar Tractor Co. look

over the county handbook prepared by the League. Walton's firm has purchased a number of them for use as

reference material. They also have been used for off-shift courses in practical politics.

U.S. Policies Toward China Meetings Topic

A review of U.S. policies toward Communist China will be presented at the Tuesday and Wednesday unit meetings of the League of Women Voters.

Specific areas to be covered are United Nations representation, trade, recognition, travel and cultural exchange.

The question of China's admission to the United Nations is being considered for consensus by the league.

Mrs. J. R. Miller and members of her study committee will be in charge of the following unit meetings:

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1360 W. Main St.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Elbert S. Smith, two S. Seigel St.

Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. in the home of Mrs. L. L. Colvis, 359 S. Taylor Ave.

Interested persons may attend any of the league unit meetings.

Booklet Tells County, City Governments

Local government often is a confusing thing with all the different departments and taxing units. It's enough to make you wonder how it all works.

The answer probably can be found in a booklet printed by the League of Women Voters of Decatur. The title of the 78-page edition is "This is Macon County—A Handbook of Local Government."

Charts and maps illustrate the structure of both city and county government, public schools, election precincts and party organizations.

For those wondering where their tax money goes, the league booklet describes in detail the various taxing districts which derive their main source of income from the real estate and property taxes collected in Macon County.

The material was compiled with the cooperation of government officials. It was prepared by league committee members under the chairmanship of Mrs. Neal Doubleday and Mrs. Gerald Redford.

The booklet would be especially useful to new county residents, and any resident would find it a good reference source.

Mrs. Harold Tenney, league president, said "This is Macon County" is a 75-cent investment which the league hopes will help Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen better understand local government."

The booklet may be purchased at any of the following locations: The County Clerk's office, Decatur YWCA, South Shores Drugs, Rambo Pharmacy, Pershing National Bank, Northtown Bank of Decatur, Haines & Eslick Co., and Charles & John Beauty Salon.

Decatur, Illinois, Tuesday, February 27, 1968

Women Voters Meet to Discuss Constitution Call

Mrs. Hilmer Landholt will report on "A Constitutional Convention for Illinois" at a special meeting of the Decatur League of Women Voters at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Rolling Prairies Library.

Any interested person may attend. PTA presidents will be special guests. The group asks that those attending not park in spaces reserved for the Bookmobiles.

Decatur School Proposal Turned Down by 614 Votes

By Lois M. Moore
Of the Review

Decatur voters, by a margin of 614 votes, Wednesday defeated a proposal to raise the educational fund tax rate for Decatur School District 61 by 40 cents.

Yes votes totaled 9,275; no votes 9,889.

The proposal would have raised

the tax rate from \$1.80 per \$100 assessed valuation to \$2.20.

Wednesday's defeat was the fifth since 1956 for a hike in the educational fund tax rate. It has remained at \$1.80 since 1956 when it was raised from \$1.40.

Previous defeats came in 1959, 1962 and 1966. In 1966, two referendums were held.

Wednesday's margin of defeat was considerably less than March 19, 1966, when the proposal was voted down by a 1,765 vote margin.

Though hope was held by proponents until almost the very end, the proposal Wednesday never led as returns were called in to the Keil Building.

With 18 precincts reporting at

8:45 p.m.—the polls closed at 7 p.m.—the vote was 4,108 yes and 5,113 no.

Shortly after 9 p.m., the 25 precincts reporting listed 6,906 yes and 7,154 no votes.

Hopes were built, as the final count drew nearer, on such precincts as Dennis, which has favored referendums in the past.

This held true again Wednesday but the 386 vote difference—1486 to 600—was not enough to swing the picture to the favorable side.

It was the last precinct to report, with totals coming in around 11 p.m.

Twelve of the 30 precincts favored the proposal.

Roach and Washington school precincts handed down the largest negative margins. At Roach, the difference was 511 votes, 867 no to 356 yes. At Washington, the difference was 511 votes, 673 no to 217 yes.

Three schools—Enterprise, Gastman and Muffley—voted favorably Wednesday, a reversal from the March 19, 1966 vote.

On the other side of the ledger, however, Oak Grove changed from a favorable vote to a negative vote, though the margin of defeat was only 45 votes.

New Precincts

The four new precincts—Parsons, Adams, Stevenson and Franklin—all carried the proposed tax rate hike.

Of these four, Parsons had the largest favorable vote with 601. Negative votes there were 420.

Two other outlying schools—South Shores and Muffley—also had more than 600 yes votes. South Shores was 605 to 290 in favor and Muffley 609 to 548.

Except for such schools as French, Dennis and Gastman, the precincts carrying the referendum proposal were in the outer fringes or areas. The inner-city and older city area schools defeated the issue.

This was also generally true in the March, 1966 referendum.

At that time, Dennis was also the leading proponent with 1,222 yes votes. That time also, Roach had a high negative vote of 867.

Decatur's last favorable school referendum was a building bond issue approved in 1965.

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Red China Supported Women Voters Back U.N. Entry

The United States should support Communist China's admission to the United Nations, the Decatur League of Women Voters thinks.

The group reached this consensus and others concerning Red China during a recent meeting.

The opinions will be sent to League headquarters in Washington, D.C., and evaluated along with consensus reports from other chapters.

According to the Decatur report, the majority felt Peking should be admitted in the interest of universality of membership and in the belief that its participation in the U.N. would have a moderating influence.

Those dissenting felt that China would have a disruptive effect on the U.N.

Most members were reluctant to support giving Communist China great power status in the U.N. by seating it in the Security Council, although some thought that Peking would be

unlikely to enter under any other circumstances.

The group also agreed that the U.S. should recognize the Red Chinese government.

The need for a more meaningful dialogue with Communist China was said to be the prime reason for recognition of China, according to the report.

It was also felt by the majority of the Decatur group that the U.S. should pursue a more active role in seeking cultural

exchanges with China and should remove all travel restrictions to mainland China.

"Although it is realized that we cannot expect miraculous results from such exchanges and that the main responsibility to participate in cultural exchanges rests with China, it is in the American interest to do all it can to reduce the tension and hostility which now overshadow all relations between the two nations," the report said.

The Decatur group failed to reach a consensus on the question of removing the U.S. embargo on non-strategic trade with Communist China.

State Constitution Outdated, Women Voters Believe

The Illinois state constitution is outdated in many ways and needs revision, members of the Decatur League of Women Voters believe.

The present state constitution was approved in 1870 and in many ways does not meet present situations, Mrs. Irene Mills, member, said during discussion at a league meeting.

Illinois voters will have a chance at the Nov. 5 general election to approve a state constitutional convention to revise or draw up a new constitution.

Constitutional Convention Discussed

By Jan Hille
Of the Herald

The need for an Illinois constitutional convention was discussed Wednesday by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

The present state constitution was approved in 1870 and is outdated in many ways, Mrs. Irene Mills said.

A statewide referendum will be held Nov. 5 to decide whether there will be a convention to revise and update the constitution.

Mrs. Mills said amendments to the constitution are seldom passed because of the difficulties involved.

One amendment the league has backed without success has been a revised revenue article to allow more state aid to schools and welfare agencies, Mrs. Shirley Landholt said.

Illinois has more units of local government (city and county) and special boards than any other state to get around the debt limitations set by the constitution, Mrs. Janet Beck pointed out.

Counties have only the choice of township or commission form of government, Mrs. Beck said.

Cities have four choices—the mayor-council form, trustee, city manager or commission form.

With the increased emphasis on urbanization, county government is not as efficient as it was in 1870, she said.

If county government is to be efficient there should be more choice of form, such as a stronger executive office by a county president, county manager or some other officer who would be separated from legislative functions, she added.

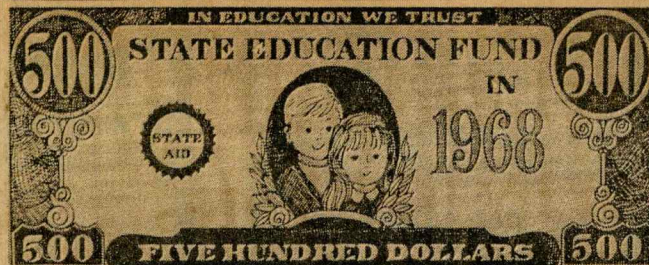
She defined "home rule" as the city or county's decision on government structure, powers and how it will be chosen. "We have home rule for cities but not counties," Mrs. Beck said.

Mrs. Frances Doubleday spoke of apportionment, and Mrs. Mary Jane Hippler discussed the short ballot.

Mrs. Hippler said the short ballot would be more advantageous because the governor could appoint certain officers.

Mrs. Mills added, "You can't hold a governor responsible for elected officials but you can if he's chosen the men."

She also spoke of off-year election of the governor so the presidential candidates would not influence the gubernatorial choices.



State Aid Request

The Decatur delegation to Springfield, which will lobby the legislature to increase state aid to the public schools

from \$400 to \$500 per pupil, drive. The General Assembly will take along these "\$500 bills" as symbols of the plans a one-day session Monday.

Group Seeking Higher State Aid to Meet

A group of Decatur parents organizing a statewide "march" on Springfield to seek more state aid to schools will meet tonight to hear about the effort's progress.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Keil Building, 101 W. Cerro Gordo St.

Mrs. Lois Raber, co-chairman of the group, said the members will be told "what we've learned, and about the bill being written up."

The group is traveling to Springfield Monday to ask the General Assembly to raise the state foundation aid level from \$400 to \$500 per student.

The parents have invited any other interested Decatur residents to accompany them, plus delegations from other school districts in the state which are having financial difficulties.

Mrs. Raber could not estimate how many persons would be going to Springfield. She said that of the about 50 school districts contacted, Kankakee has been most responsive.

"They're planning on 28 cars, two from each school," she said.

The group will also attempt to get the legislature to hold a five-day session, to give enough time for passage of an education bill or bills.

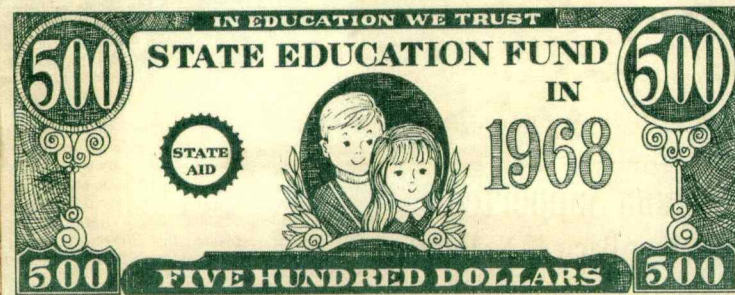
Also to be sought is legislation to permit a school board to:

—Transfer interest accumulated in its working cash fund to another school fund. Such interest now must remain in the working cash fund.

—Levy a tax to cover the cost of collecting taxes for schools.

—Raise the tax rate for its educational fund above \$1.80 per \$100 assessed valuation without referendum.

This \$500 bill was designed by Ruth Schade of the L.W.V. A large one was worn by persons taking part in the "march" on Springfield.



Decatur, Illinois, Thursday, March 14, 1968



Mrs. Keith Westenhaver

League Elects New Officers

Mrs. Keith Westenhaver of 3420 N. University Ave. was elected president of the League of Women Voters at the annual luncheon meeting Wednesday in Westminster Presbyterian Church. She succeeds Mrs. W. H. Tilley of 1421 W. Riverview Ave.

Serving with Mrs. Westenhaver will be:

Mrs. Merlin Barber, first vice president

Mrs. Robert Butler, second vice president

Mrs. R. C. Schade, third vice president

Mrs. Charles E. Hippler, secretary

Mrs. William Johnson, treasurer

Newly elected members of the board of directors are Mrs. Thomas Protzman, Mrs. W. H. Tilley and Mrs. John Wein-

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League Tells Program Women Voters to Study 6 Topics

Human resources, physical resources and government resources will be objects of concern for the Decatur League of Women Voters in the coming year.

The league has designated six general topic areas for committee study and action.

Human resources and civil rights will be directed by Mrs. Janet Beck and Mrs. Barbara Tilley, focusing on equal opportunities in education, employment and housing for all Decatur residents.

League members have already been active in supporting fair housing legislation before the City Council, and intend to pursue that project through the Human Relations Commission.

Operation of the commission itself will be studied by the league with an eye toward evaluating its effectiveness.

Support for a new Decatur Public Library will be the campaign of a second subcommittee headed by Mrs. Clarence Crow, who is also general program coordinator for the league.

Chief Librarian Robert H. Dumas will speak to the league on building needs at an April 10 meeting.

Mrs. Martha Panetti will direct a committee concerned with the public school system.

The group will support increased funding for the schools, providing for adequate space, and seek other ways of improving the quality of education.

The Oakley dam and a storm sewer system for Decatur may be the major items for the water resources and sewers committee headed by Mrs. Mildred Protzman.

Continued support for council-manager government in Decatur will be the responsibility of a committee guided by Mrs. Lois Smith.

Local government study, including evaluation of assessment practices in Macon County, will be directed by Mrs. Alice Dakin.

The government study committee will hold workshops for new members on April 23 and 24.

In addition to the six local committees, four others will operate on state and national league programs.

Study of state government will be led by Mrs. Shirley Landholt, and state child welfare services will be considered by Mrs. Florence Cox's group.

Apportionment of representative government bodies will be the topic for a committee led by Mrs. Elbert Smith, and Mrs. Marilyn Miller will be chairman of a committee on foreign policy.

Decatur, Illinois, Monday, April 8, 1968

New Library Backed League, Friends Tell Views

By Linda C. Hughes
Of the Review

Two organizations have voiced at least tentative support of the Decatur Public Library board if it decides to build a new main library building.

They are the League of Women Voters and the Friends of the Library.

Library board president William L. Olsen, who asked the City Council Monday to include a new building in the capital improvements program, said later the board would be working with the City Council on the recommendation.

"The library board can only make recommendations to the city and ask for its approval," he said.

"The council has to give the final okay before we can make plans."

The board is now looking over a draft of a report from its building consultant firm, Interior Planning & Design Services of New York City.

Mrs. Clarence V. Crow, chairman of the library resources committee of the League of Women Voters, also asked for a new library building at Monday's council meeting.

The league last week published a fact sheet on the library building, which has been mailed to all members.

1965 Study

Early in 1965 the committee made a study of the needs and operation of the library. From that study, the league recommended "constructive promotion and planning for a new main library building."

The report cited inaccessibility of much of the library collection because of lack of stairwells and floorways, and crowded stacks.

It also noted the inadequacy of reading rooms and seating capacity, lack of audio-visual rooms and music-listening facilities, poor restroom facilities, and work areas that are poorly lighted, overcrowded, cold and drafty.

The report did not recommend a method of financing a new building.

The 1965 study has been brought up to date in the past two months, and the fact sheet is the result of that updating.

Current Program

The 1968-69 local league program includes "support for a new main library building and further study of the needs and operation of the Decatur Public Library."

"We will probably keep the item as it is unless the committee chooses to do a new study," Mrs. W. H. Tilley, former league president, said.

The league has asked head librarian Robert Dumas to speak April 10. His topic will be "A Library in Transition."

Maurice Boatman, president of Friends of the Library, was the third person speaking in favor of a new building at Monday's meeting.

Boatman said the friends would support the board in whatever action it takes on a new building.

Board Support

"The real purpose of the organization," he said, "is to support the library board in its activities."

"If the board calls a referendum, we will help with the education work of informing the public of the need. The need for a new building is there. As friends we want to help library services in Decatur."

Boatman said no poll had been taken of the membership, but that the organization will base its position on library standards.

"Judging by space needs, we can see very definitely that the Decatur library falls far short of the standards," he said.

Hearing Monday Library, Hold On Taxes Asked

Pleas for a new library building and sentiment against additional taxes for persons with fixed incomes dominated discussion Monday during a public hearing on the city's \$26 million five-year capital improvements program.

The hearing, which preceded Monday's City Council meeting, didn't produce a large response, but councilmen were impressed by what they called a larger participation than usual during public hearings.

The requests for a new library were initiated by William L. Olsen Jr., president of the library board, who asked that such a project be included in the capital improvements program.

A provision for a \$1.6 million library building is included in the proposed program as part of a \$4 million civic center project, but is to be financed by non-city funds.

Others asking for a new library were Mrs. C. V. Crow, representing the League of Women Voters, and Maurice Boatman, representing Friends of the Library.

Sentiment against a new library building was expressed by Albert Spearman of 837 W. Harrison St.

"I would favor having a referendum on a new library building so that the taxpayer has a choice," he said.

"Instead of building a new library, I think we should add to the present one and use the money for something needed more, like street improvements," he said.

Spearman and others also expressed concern about increasing taxes of persons on fixed incomes.

"When you float a referendum, you hurt the fixed income persons. I think you should hit someone like me while I am still working rather than these persons," Don Maddox of 4960 Thrush Ave. said.

"I am also concerned about the person with fixed incomes. I think it should be pointed out that if a storm sewer referendum is passed, we wouldn't buy \$11 million in bonds immediately, only as they are needed," Councilman Charles W. Gallagher said.

Kelso C. Towle, Chamber of Commerce president, recommended that the council concentrate on sewer and street improvements and finance the projects in the "appropriate manner available."



Robert Dumas

Library Topic Of Meeting

Decatur Public Library will be the topic of Robert Dumas, city librarian and head of the Decatur Public Library, when he speaks at the 9:30 a.m. Wednesday meeting of the League of Women Voters in Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The public is invited to hear Dumas tell of the present operation of the library and plans and prospects for a new main building. There will be a discussion period after the speech.

After a study of the needs and operation of the library in 1965, the local league decided to support plans for a new building. The library resource committee is updating a fact sheet for distribution at the meeting.

Budget \$439,500

Higher Library Tax Levy Seen

Linda C. Hughes
Of the Review

An increase in the tax levy for the Decatur Public Library may be necessary to support the proposed 1968-69 budget of \$439,500, the Library Board learned Friday.

Albert L. Miller, board finance chairman, said the City Council questioned the budget increase over last year when the budget was presented to the council Thursday.

The budget increase of \$54,000 represents a 14 per cent increase over the 1967-68 budget of \$385,401.

The library levy is now 10.6 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The library can tax up to 20 cents without a referendum.

Most of the increase in the library budget is due to a recent 15 per cent salary raise and an expected salary increase this year.

Miller said he was left with the impression Thursday that the council would pass the library budget as proposed.

The estimated total of regular salaries for 1967-68 is \$212,350, and the estimated for temporary salaries \$22,000. The appropriation request for 1968-69 is \$279,161 for regular and \$26,103 for temporary salaries.

In other action Friday, board member Robert Schuerman asked the board to appoint another representative to the Rolling Prairie Libraries for 1968-69, giving as his reason the press of duties as chairman of the library building committee.

The board expressed appreciation to representatives of Friends of the Library and the League of Women Voters for endorsing the inclusion of a new building in the city's Five-year Capital Improvement Program.

Board President William L. Olsen said he would attend the next meeting of the Macon County Government Coordinating Council as library representative.

The board's annual meeting was set for May 17, the date of the next regular board meeting, at which time new officers will be elected.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, April 21, 1968

CONVENTION APRIL 29 FOR WOMEN VOTERS LEAGUE

The 28th convention of the League of Women Voters will be April 29 through May 3 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. Decatur delegates will be Mrs. W. H. Tilley of 1421 W. Riverview Ave. and Mrs. Keith Westenhaver of 3420 N. University Ave.

Main business of the convention will be to adopt a national program for the coming two-year period.

Decatur, Illinois, Monday, April 22, 1968

Women Voters Set Government Structure Talks

The structure of county, township and municipal government is the topic of discussion at the April unit meetings of the League of Women Voters.

The meetings are set for: Tuesday, 9:15 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Robert L. Cole of 2230 Gary Dr.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Lester Shell of 835 W. Main St.

Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. in the First Lutheran Church, 250 W. Decatur St.

Mrs. H. W. Dakin is chairman of the local government structure resource committee which will present the program.

Any interested person may attend these meetings.

Decatur, Illinois, Thursday, May 2, 1968

Opponents Answered

School Officials, Ot Claims in Request

By Lois M. Moore
Of the Review

Statements in a letter mailed Wednesday to approximately 14,000 residences urging a no vote in Saturday's referendum, were refuted today.

The statement on Decatur's higher tax rate was answered by school officials, Decatur Education Association (DEA) and League of Women Voters.

Decatur's high tax rate provides less income than such cities as Peoria, Springfield and Rockford because of the lower total assessed valuation of the school district, they said.

For example, D. George Dodd, DEA executive director (school officials and DEA worked together on this Wednesday), said Rockford has a school district assessed valuation of \$704 million, while Decatur's is \$339 million.

The tax rates of the two cities are very close—Rockford is \$2.635, Decatur's \$2.64—but because of Rockford's assessed valuation being more than double Decatur's, its total income would be more than double.

Assessed valuations of districts in Springfield and Peoria are also higher, with Springfield's being \$431 million and Peoria's being raised from \$562 million to \$624 million.

Also Dodd said, "Every one of these districts called said

that because of their own condition, they themselves are going to be running referendums.

"Rockford has officially set next year's budget," he said, "so they can borrow money on next year's income before next year gets here."

The letter, which used the mailing address of the office of chiropractor Dr. V. W. Powell, also stated that "three years ago they started new buildings, they told us all they needed was money to build the needed classrooms; they had money to open and operate the schools on," and added before they were finished asked for more money, which was denied.

"Never did we say in any way that we had enough money to hire additional teachers," said Mrs. Mary Barnes, a member of the Board of Education at the time. "This was not true. We did not have enough."

Previously three referendums had failed, she said, so the board called in community leaders, who advised separate referendums, one for buildings and one for educational fund increase (separate categories of funds) for teachers and instructional materials.

"What happened," Mrs. Barnes said, "was the bond referendum passed and the buildings were started, then the educational fund tax referendum failed."

Voter League Sessions Set

Open occupancy and civil rights are topics for League of Women Voters meetings this month. Anyone may attend the sessions.

Information concerning the desirability of local open occupancy legislation and the functioning and funding of the Decatur Human Relations Commission will be given by the group's civil rights and liberties committee and the human resources committee.

The meetings will be:

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m. in Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1360 W. Main St.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. W. H. Tilley, 1421 W. Riverview Ave.

Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Norman Greenbert, 2399 W. Main St.

Decatur Houses for Sale

UFFLEY AREA: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, car attached garage, 1/2 acre, Co central air, dishwasher, paneled basement. Fireplace, all city utilities. 428-2626.

EAR LAKE, ideal location, 2 bedroom, full basement. Perfect condition. \$15,500. W. D. Whitacre, Realtor, E. Eldorado. 428-0222.

NEW PAINT, varnish & floors refinished. Just like new, vacant. Could be 3 rooms. Full basement, large lot. \$2 by Decatur. \$11,000, FHA or GI.

WISCONSIN: 1333 S. Silas, 1 bedroom, Lake in lovely area. Comfortable 4 room home with fenced yard, double garage with utility. \$400 down, \$87 mo.

REAL BARGAIN: Solid 5 room frame excellent condition. Medium sized 3 en with pantry, full basement, small lot. Vacant. \$6,500. 936 N. Warren.

"We money."

the board. Loudonback Realty

The League of Women Voters, through Mrs. Dennis Panetti, education committee chairman, today repeated a statement they made in 1965, also supporting separate referendums.

The statement in part read, "We recognize the difficulty of determining the exact amount needed at this time because the amount of additional funds from state and federal governments is undetermined. However, funds for building must come from local sources alone and buildings are needed immediately."

The league also, today, repeated the support of the educational fund tax rate increase that had been made as a statement prior to the Feb. 14 referendum. Because of the time, it has been working individually for Saturday's referendum Mrs. Panetti said.

The change of precincts and shortness of time was also mentioned in the letter, partial-

Decatur, Illinois, Tuesday, April 23, 1968

VOTING DEVICES TO BE DEMONSTRATED

The League of Women Voters will demonstrate the recently approved voting devices in the banks of Macon County.

County Clerk William M. Tangney said the demonstrations will be each of the four Saturdays of May and the first Saturday of June.

Power, Procedure

Rights Group Changes Urged

The Advisory Commission on Human Relations was asked Thursday to change its name, adopt new powers, and spell out procedures in clear steps.

The name change was proposed by Commissioner E. Carroll Arnold, sitting in his first session as a member.

The word "advisory" should be scrapped, Arnold said, because it perpetuates the idea that the group is a once-a-month discussion committee instead of an action organization.

The urging of additional powers again focused on authority of the commission itself to initiate complaints, subpoena witnesses and documents, and conduct hearings.

In the pursuit of complaints, several in the audience called for listing in specific layman's language the steps a plaintiff must take, and what action he can expect from the commission at each point.

Mrs. Edward Beck, of 4021 Newcastle Dr., told commissioners there would be no lack of complaints if persons know the exact procedure, and have reason to expect results.

She presented the group with a "position paper" from the Decatur League of Women Voters, supporting commission requests for expanded authority.

Her conviction that complaint situations exist in Decatur was seconded by Mrs. Alvell Mitchell, 623 S. Oakland Ave., Arthur R. Tate, 700 Oakland Cl., and Horace G. Livingston Jr., board chairman of the Local Association for Black Action.

All three said the commission

needs more authority, and should take decisive action on complaints when they arise.

The discussion was directed at revisions in the municipal code, Chapter 21, which establishes and delegates power to the commission, and to newly written bylaws.

The ordinance change, which requires City Council approval, should list powers to issue subpoenas and conduct hearings, attorney Marvin L. Lieberman said.

Commission Chairman Abe Burstein responded with an opinion from Corporation Counsel Hilmer C. Landholt that the council could not delegate subpoena power, that only the state legislature could.

Lieberman also recommended that authority for commissioners to initiate complaints be provided by the bylaws.

Mrs. Manker R. Harris, of 1341 W. California Ave., asked for a bylaw provision that would consider three consecutive, unexplained meeting absences as automatic resignation by a commissioner.

As first proposed, the bylaws would leave that judgment to the discretion of the mayor.

All suggestions Thursday were taken under advisement, and no further special meeting was planned to act on them.

The commission had earlier intended to get at least the ordinance change to the City Council before June 1, but the next regular meeting of the commission is not until June 14.

The bylaws may be adopted by vote of the commissioners themselves, according to staff member Charles Jackson, and do not require council approval.

Charles Jackson

Community Relations Head Criticized for 'Indifference'

By Coleman T. Mobley
Of the Herald

Decatur's new director of Community relations, Charles Jackson, came under fire Thursday for "indifference" toward a civil rights case referred to him.

Jackson was challenged by Mr. Alvell Mitchell of 623 S. Oakland Ave., who said she had referred a case of alleged discrimination to Jackson. On checking later she said, she found he had placed one telephone call which did not get through to the person.

Mrs. Mitchell described her experience in Jackson's office as evidence of the need for the Human Relations Commission to spell out specific steps and the obligations of officials and citizens in civil rights complaints.

The example was cited at a special meeting of the commission to discuss proposed changes in its ordinance.

Mrs. Mitchell said that she referred a complaint to Jackson, and he "appeared indifferent to the situation."

She said she had suggested Jackson call the place where the woman works but, she said, Jackson told her it was up to the complainant to come to him.

"I disagreed with him and asked him if he intended to call her. Otherwise, I would do it. He smiled," she said.

"Okay are you going to call her or not?" she asked. He apparently did call her then and make an appointment, she said.

"This example points up why we need an orderly procedure," Mrs. Mitchell said.

Jackson was present during the discussion but said nothing about the "indifference" charge.

Mrs. Manker Harris of 1341 California Ave. objected to the legal wording in the proposed bylaws which purport to set up a procedure. She called on the commission to write an "orderly procedure" that a layman can understand.

She also called for expulsion of a commission member who misses three commission meetings and cannot explain the absences and for shortening the proposed 60-day period for processing complaints.

She also asked the commission to examine the proposed ordinance and bylaws and the powers they give compared to 35 other Illinois communities which have similar boards.

The 35 communities and Decatur were studied by the League of Women Voters, which compiled a report on the subject, including a comparative table on commission powers.

Three of Seven

E. Carroll Arnold of 305 Newcastle Dr., attending his first session as a commissioner, said that three out of seven powers studied would be given to the commission under the proposed changes.

They would be the right to receive complaints, a method of filing the complaints and the obligation to prepare a written

report.

The other four powers which members of the audience supported were power to initiate subpoena, power to suspend the normal rules of evidence and power to conduct hearings.

Attorney Marvin Lieberman declined to comment on Corporation Counsel Hilmer C. Landholt's written opinion stating that the City Council, which does not have the power of subpoena itself, could not give it to the commission.

He did, however, support the commission's asking the council for subpoena power.

In what he called a "curbside opinion," Lieberman told the commission that he felt the commission could hold conciliatory sessions on civil rights in private sessions, closed to the press and the public because the state Human Relations Commission has that right.

League Studies Housing

More Powers Urged

By Tom McNamara
Of the Review

Expanded duties for the Human Relations Commission and creation of an enforcement agency for handling complaints from Decatur's open housing ordinance have been called for by the League of Women Voters in Decatur.

The league recently completed a survey of open housing legislation and enforcement agencies in Illinois.

Establishment of an enforcement agency, such as a fair housing board, to enforce the housing legislation is suggested.

Such an agency would hold hearings and would have the right to petition the courts for issuance of subpoenas and for injunctive relief, the league said.

The league suggests subpoenas may be necessary to make persons attend the hearings if they do not come voluntarily.

The duties of Decatur's human relations commission should be expanded, the league said, because the city lacks an administrative agency for its open housing ordinance approved last March by the City Council.

The league said Decatur's ordinance is excellent for coverage, but is the only one of 36 cities studied that does not have an enforcement agency.

Decatur has no agency authorized to investigate complaints of discrimination in housing and an attempt should be made to settle such complaints by conciliation, the league said.

The Decatur ordinance provides that no person shall discriminate against any other person in regards to the sale, lease, rental or transfer of any housing.

The local ordinance also provides that no person shall discriminate in regards to financing of, or dealings concerning the sale, lease, rental or transfer of any housing.

The ordinance forbids any person from circulating or publishing any statement indicating intent to discriminate. Persons violating the ordinance may be fined \$500.

Enforcement agencies in the cities studied vary from a Human Relations Commission to a Board of Trustees and fair housing boards.

The various groups enforce the ordinance by holding hearings and by subpoenaing witnesses to hear the complaints before making a decision.

For example, both Bloomington and Normal have Human Relations Commissions as their enforcement agencies. For violating the ordinances, the commission can levy a \$500 fine and 90 days imprisonment.

Both communities investigate

the complaints registered, subpoena witnesses and then decide the complaint. If the complaint is held valid, the commission may impose either the fine or imprisonment or both, the league said.

Rockford has a fair housing board as its enforcement agency with the same powers as Bloomington and Normal except its fine is \$1,000 for the fourth offense. All previous offenses are not punished.

Conciliation

The Decatur league feels such an enforcement agency could prevent discrimination cases from going into court because the commission may be able to settle the complaint through conciliation.

Although Decatur's commission has been "relatively ineffective in eight years" since it was created, there have been

developments indicating improvement in the near future, the league said.

The league suggests the commission could be given broader powers and duties by revising the ordinance that created the group.

The group cites Charles Jackson's appointment as director of community relations as a step for improvement since he gives the commission its first professional leadership.

The league also suggests an appropriation in the city budget for the commission to cover salaries or professional personnel and educational expenses.

If a division of powers between the commission and another enforcing agency cannot be done, the league suggests that the commission provide all of the pre-court methods of enforcement.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, June 16, 19

Independent School Finance Study Wise

THE DECATUR School Board may have in mind a variation of an old saying in its decision to hire an outside consultant to study the district's financial structure: It takes money to save money.

The board has decided to spend nearly \$25,000 to employ the consulting firm of Booz, Allen & Hamilton of Chicago. The decision came at the same meeting in which agreement was reached to close Riverside and Warren schools next year to effect a savings of some \$104,000.

During tax referendum campaigns in recent years, there has been recurrent criticism, or questioning, of the school district's financial operations and its central staff level, at what is popularly known as "the Keil Building." This is the administrative center of the district at Cerro Gordo and Main Streets.

Some of the questions raised have not been easy to answer, and a good many have indicated primarily a general suspicion in an area where full understanding is not easy to the layman.

Not too long ago, the

Decatur Board of Realtors and the League of Women Voters supported a study of district finances by the Taxpayers Federation of Illinois. This resulted in no great criticism of the system, but admittedly was not an "in depth" examination.

Now, faced with a continuing increase in its financial problems, the school board is ready to pave the way—hopefully once and for all—for an independent examination of the district's financial and administrative structure.

For the money involved, this bold move by the board seems to be of considerable advantage to the community.

The study is expected to be of three to four months duration, and if it can be started quickly, the possible savings it may find can be put into effect at the time of substantial financial crisis and repay the cost of the study forthwith.

The consulting firm some years ago did a general study of the district and is familiar with the situation. This should lead to a more prompt examination and determination of findings.

Outcome of the study will be available early in the administration of the new superintendent, Harmon A. Baldwin, who can consider the findings and give leadership to any recommended reforms without prejudice of prior involvement.

Hopefully, the study could lay to rest the persistent claims of wasteful spending, or point the way toward substantial savings if there are savings to be made. This would improve the climate for the board's next effort to obtain the additional tax funds it needs.

We feel the board is wise—and courageous—in taking this step in a most sensitive area. If nothing more, it is following the steps of successful businesses, which often call in independent consultants to examine their operations.

It takes money to make money, it is said, and likewise it can take money to save money. The amount involved here, taken in context with the total budget, could well prove the district's wisest investment in years.

Candidates Tell Views

School Aid, Convention Backed

Higher aid to education, an income tax, open housing legislation, and a constitutional convention are all favored on the state level by a majority of candidates for state representative in the 52nd District.

Six of the seven persons seeking nomination in the Tuesday primary indicated their positions on a questionnaire distributed by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

Only Republican A. Webber Borchers of Decatur failed to respond to the poll.

The others are Rolland F. Tipsword of Taylorville, John W. Alsup and Paul H. Ferguson of Decatur, all Democrats; and George P. Johns of Decatur, Mrs. Jeanne Stahl of Niantic, and Everett S. Austin of Blue Mound, Republicans.

Tipsword, Alsup and Johns are the incumbents.

Only Austin, of the six who returned the questionnaire, did not favor increasing state educational aid per pupil from \$400 to \$600.

Johns indicated that he thought the level should be higher than \$600. A bill now

pending in the legislature asks only \$485 per pupil.

Johns joined Alsup, Austin, Tipsword and Mrs. Stahl in backing a state income tax, but Johns said the tax should be earmarked for education, and should exempt persons over 65 on the basis of real estate and personal property tax bills.

Ferguson did not answer the income tax question, and also indicated he did not favor annual legislative sessions.

The other five backed annual sessions and all supported the call for a constitutional convention.

Johns did not answer a question dealing with state law supporting equal housing opportunity. The other favored such a law, but Alsup, Austin and Ferguson said owner-occupied buildings should be exempt.

Only Johns and Mrs. Stahl approved of "stop and frisk" legislation.

Human Relations Chairman

Private Conciliation Favored

By Gary Wisby

Of the Herald and Review
The new chairman of Decatur's Advisory Commission on Human Relations doesn't feel the commission should seek out instances of racial discrimination, but should let complaints come to it.

"I don't feel we should drum up cases," said Abe Burstein.

"However, I think we should be attentive to all areas where cases or prospects of cases come up."

No formal complaints have come before the commission since Burstein was appointed last August, he said, but some cases have been heard "in a general manner."

He wishes the City Council would give the commission the power to hold closed hearings, "to get differences ironed out before the advanced stages where the law comes into it."

"We can do the most work by conciliation. If we can get all the parties involved to sit down together, it can do a lot of good."

Best Setting

The best setting is a private one, he said. "A lot of people are prone not to let themselves out at a public meeting," he explained.

A recent study by the Illinois League of Women Voters indicates that several human relations bodies in the state are empowered to have closed hearings. "It would be tremendously helpful," said Burstein.

Commission members attended an unannounced "get-acquainted" session with the city's new director of community relations on April 4, but Burstein says, "That was not a closed meeting."

He described the session, held in the law office of former commission chairman Robert D. Winters, as "an informal gathering to meet with (Charles) Jackson. It wasn't really a meeting."

Mayor James H. Rupp elevated Burstein from the vice chairmanship last month after the resignation of Winters, who had been receiving criticism from civil rights groups.

The commission lacks the power to enforce any decisions it might make. "It would be better if we had the power, with reservations," said the chairman.

"We're a lay group, consequently legal enforcement should be left to the legal powers that be."

He said several Illinois cities rights commissions do have enforcement powers, though he does not know their extent.

Burstein believes the commission ought to hear cases privately, and hold a public hearing only if the private effort fails. If the differences still are not settled, the City Council

should be asked to pursue the case, he said.

Pressures Trivial

Does Burstein, as a Jew, have a better idea of the nature of prejudice than most whites? He said he is sometimes aware of discrimination, "though not as much as in the past."

"I've had pressures, mostly when I was a boy, but they have all been of a trivial nature," he added. "It's something I haven't thought a hell of a lot about."

Asked his assessment of the racial climate in Decatur, he said "good," then changed it to "fair." "It has shown considerable improvement," he added.



Abe Burstein; Decatur racial climate improving.

Powers Differ

Human Relations Units Vary From City to City

By Robert H. LeMay

Managing Editor
Herald and Sunday

IN ILLINOIS' downstate cities there is no unanimity in powers given to their human relations commission.

Last Monday night the Decatur City Council granted one of four powers requested by the Commission on Human Relations.

A survey of seven other major Downstate cities taken last week showed that they vary widely on granting all or some of these four points.

The Decatur City Council authorized the local commission to write its own bylaws and rules governing procedures.

Four of the other seven cities allow their commissions to write their own bylaws.

They are Peoria, Rock Island, East St. Louis and Urbana. In Rock Island the ordinance creating the commission is silent on bylaws. The commission there took that to mean it could write its own.

Rockford, Galesburg and Champaign do not allow the commissions to write bylaws.

Other Powers
The other three powers requested by the Decatur commission included: 1. elect its own chairman, 2. file its own suits in court if conciliation efforts failed, 3. publish findings of its investigations and produce its own publications.

Five of the other seven communities allow the commissions to elect their own chairmen.

These are Peoria, East St. Louis, Galesburg, Rockford and Urbana.

The Rock Island ordinance is also silent on selection of the chairman. Consequently, the mayor appoints this person.

The mayor appoints the chairman in Champaign also.

All seven of the other cities allow the commissions to produce publications and make reports of investigations and other activities without council approval.

Two of the cities specifically said, however, that the human relations commission depends

upon the city council for financing to produce brochures and other publications.

The Galesburg council gives its commission a budget of a couple of hundred dollars per year. The Urbana council must finance spending for publications.

A Rock Island source pointed to one booklet published by that human relations commission. It listed and pictured houses that were condemned or should be condemned.

The source said this prompted the city council to get moving on tearing down these substandard structures.

One report made by the Champaign commission caused some commotion on the part of the mayor and council. The report concerned a disturbance in 1964 in which a policeman was permanently disabled.

Three of the cities forbid its commissions to file complaints in court. These are Peoria, Rock Island and Galesburg.

Housing Boards

However, Peoria and Galesburg have fair housing boards to enforce the open housing ordinances. In both cities the boards may go to court without prior council approval.

The question of filing suits in court is somewhat up in the air in East St. Louis, Rockford and Champaign.

The Champaign source said the commission might be able to, but this has neither been done nor contemplated.

There is a situation pending in East St. Louis.

The city council had been urged to set up a police review board. It did not.

Subsequently, the commission set one up. The policemen never attended any of the sessions, and the council would not order them to attend.

The chairman of the commission filed a charge of brutality against one policeman. He filed as commission chairman, but no one knows if he actually has that authority.

Rockford has a fair housing board.

Urbana commission can file its own suits.

Letters

Disappointment Expressed

To the Editor:

The Decatur League of Women Voters wish to express their disappointment at the manner in which the Human Relations Commission Ordinance was passed.

We believe that any time an ordinance is proposed which may affect a number of Decatur citizens, those citizens should have an opportunity to appear at the council meeting and express their views.

In this case, some interested individuals and groups were

limited in this opportunity since this item was not entered on the agenda, either as given out by the city clerk's office or as published in the newspaper.

In May 1968, following a study of Human Relations Commissions, the league adopted a position calling for an expanded role in the community and expanded duties for the Decatur commission.

In line with this position, we would have preferred passage of the ordinance in the form presented by the Human Relations Commission. However, we are hopeful that some progress may be possible with the ordinance passed by the council.

It is the hope of the League members that the Human Relations Commission will make full use of their added authority and become a much more effective force in the community than they have been in the past.

Mrs. Keith Westenhaver
President
Decatur

Referendum Okay Sought Committee to Promote Con-Con

Promoting a "yes" vote for a constitutional convention on the November ballot will be the task of 11 Decatur residents who organized Wednesday.

Approval of the referendum will require a lot of selling, John Alexander told the group. He is field representative for the Illinois Committee for a Constitutional Convention.

"The issue has been obscured by the national political circus," Alexander said, "and a real educational drive will be needed."

Alexander said the convention has strong support from business, labor, farm and civic organizations.

A convention by itself will have no effect on any interest group, Rep. John Alsop, D-Decatur, told the committee. Its purpose would only be to draft constitutional proposals.

Ratification of the changes would be up to the Illinois voters in special elections, he said.

Members of the committee

for promotion of the convention include:

Gene Brown, owner of F. G.

Brown Insurance Agency

Basil Greanias, attorney

Dennis Rogers, attorney

Joseph Ramsey, retired officer of International Association of Machinists

Walter Morenz, retired fire department captain and representative of the local Teamster's Union.

Edward Lindsay, vice president of planning, Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers, Inc.

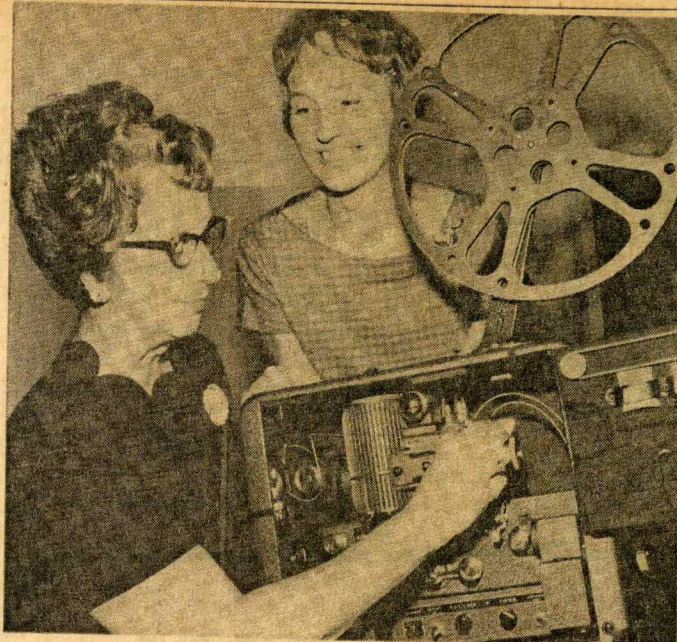
Marshall Braddix, sanitarian for the Macon County Health Department.

Mrs. Susan Walters, homemaker

Mrs. Hilmer Landholt, League of Women Voters

Jan W. Anderson, Anderson Advertising Agency

James C. Patrick, executive vice president, Decatur Chamber of Commerce.



Mrs. Merlin Barber, left, and Mrs. Robert Schade check water resources film. Staff photo by Ken Kiley

Water Resources Meeting Topic For Voter League

The Decatur League of Women Voters all-member meeting is 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Millikin Alumni Lounge in the Southeast end of the Liberal Arts Building. The public is invited to attend.

Speaking of the proposed five-year capital improvements program will be Charles Reed, director of community development.

William Sands, public works director, will discuss the part of the improvements program related to storm drainage, sewers and water main extension.

Also on the program is Charles Hughes, director of the sanitary district. He will discuss present sewage treatment and

proposals for future treatment.

Chairman of the program is Mrs. Thomas Protzman, water resources chairman.

Voter League Plans Tea

The Decatur League of Women Voters membership tea will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Westminster Presbyterian Church parlor. Membership is open to any woman of voting age. Mrs. Robert Dumas of 1346 W. Macon St., membership chairman, will arrange transportation for anyone needing it.

A film will be shown on water resources which will be pertinent to this fall's election. The principles and activities of the league for the coming year will be explained to new and prospective members.

The league works only in the public interest without concern for party positions. Political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government is promoted.

The league prepares accurate, non-partisan information on candidates and issues to help the voter make wise choices. A meeting, to which the community is invited, to meet and question candidates seeking public office in the November election will be sponsored by the league in October.

Council Meeting *Herald*

'Human Investment' Needs Cited at 5-Year Plan Hearing

By Coleman T. Mobley
Of the Herald

Promoters of more investments in "human capital improvements"—such as low-cost housing, public housing, neighborhood services, rat and weed control—turned Monday's City Council hearing on the five-year capital improvement program into a plea for a total reassessment of the community priorities.

The council had expected to hear, as last year, suggestions for improvements in streets, a civic center and a mall, and these projects were all mentioned by various witnesses.

But the focus of the hearing centered around support for housing and social programs which would help improve the human conditions of Decatur.

"Those who need the most have received the least," declared Arthur R. Tate, chairman of the Decatur Association for Racial Equality (DARE), as he reviewed and praised the city's effort to improve streets and street lights. **Priorities Asked**

Tate called on the council to broaden its view and include the human element which has been forgotten and to set high priorities for low-income housing and housing for the elderly.

His position was backed up by the League of Women Voters, the Decatur Area Council of



CHARLES YOUNG
...Youth Center Asked

Churches, The Decatur-Macon County Opportunities Corp., the Local Association for Black Action (LABA), and various citizens speaking just for themselves.

Earl Frey of 21 Peggy Ann Dr., a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 99, 925 N. Water St., asked that the alley serving his club be paved.

Robert Linrothe, executive secretary of the Downtown Decatur Council, reiterated his group's support for a Water Street mall and a cultural-civic-convention center and the necessary taxation to finance them.

Paul E. Pulliam, representing local architects of the Decatur Architects Association, called for a Water Street mall, and also for a tree planting program to beautify Decatur's streets.

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Needs Cited

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League member



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...Emergency Fund Sought



HORACE LIVINGSTON JR.
...Don't Hide Ghettos

Total Now 15

DIA Board Selects Three

Three persons, Rev. Ben Anderson, Mrs. Manker Harris and Steve Grout have accepted membership in the Decatur Improvement Association (DIA).

That brings the membership in the DIA to 15, in addition to the board members. The board is composed of Decatur Housing Authority commissioners.

The three replace three others who declined invitations to join because of other commitments.

DIA is a private nonprofit corporation interested in low income housing.

In expanding its membership, the DIA board followed a recommendation from the state housing board.

The state board has also recommended the DIA charter be changed so that the new members may be voting members.

Under the present charter, only DIA board members can vote on projects.

Rev. Anderson is associate pastor at First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Harris is a member of the League of Women Voters. Grout is an engineer with General Electric.

Their names were suggested to the DIA board by groups and organizations interested in housing who submitted names of prospective DIA members.

The DIA board did the selecting.

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In addition to more low-cost housing and neighborhood services, DARE called for more funds and staff for the department of community development to help it deal with housing problems.

Funds Asked

The new housing director of the Opportunities Corp., Mrs. Shirley Mitchell, asked the council to set up an emergency fund to aid those in need of rent money and food, and also to provide funds for those displaced by urban renewal projects. (That is done under federal regulation.)

Charles Young, youth director of the Opportunities Corp., called for a youth center for recreational purposes.

Mrs. Keith Westenhaver, speaking for the League of Women Voters, supported low-income housing and public housing and also appealed for the inclusion of a new library building in the five-year program.

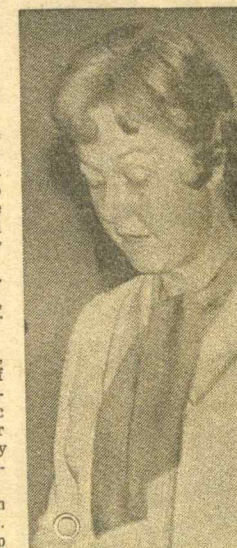
Illinois Youth Commission community worker George S. Grayned called on the city to spend less on riot-control equipment and more on the problems "that can lead to one."



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...Emergency Fund Sought



HORCE LIVINGSTON JR.
...Don't Hide Ghettos



MRS. KEITH WESTENHAVER
...Housing, Library Needed
League President

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, September 29, 1968

Founder: 'Don't Knock Horns'

Frontiersman Asks Restraint

"Don't knock horns," Nimrod B. Allen, 81, founder of Frontiers International told some 200 Yokefellows and their guests during their annual dinner Saturday night.

"We dare not lose our heads," he continued, and "rioting, looting and burning is an indication that somebody is losing their head," Allen said.

Revolutions are started by those who have but always want more, he said. Emotions of people must be aroused to come forth and combat forces which preach and advocate disorder, he explained.

"People must take the first step because it seems that our leaders are abdicating," Allen said. "Where are our statesmen in Congress," he asked? "You can count them on five fingers."

"We may lose our patience, but we dare not lose our head," Allen warned.

"Where do we go from here," Charlie Jackson, director of community relations for Decatur and the keynote speaker asked the audience.

Jackson, who came to his post in April, said he sees something in Decatur that he hasn't seen in many cities — people who are concerned.

"I am sure we want to live in a community that is concerned with the needs of man, and where all men are respected."

There is a need for a department of community relations to promote good race relations, Jackson said.

Two aspects of community relations cited by Jackson are modifying attitudes and developing new functions.

"Fired by conscience, we should attack conditions; there is no other way to achieve a decent order in society," he concluded.

Frontier International awards for community service were given to Charles Young of the Decatur and Macon County Opportunities Corp. and Rev. Ronald Trojack, a former



Young, left, and Mrs. Pipher receive plaques from Al Dobbins

assistant pastor at St. Patrick Church who is now studying in Chicago.

Mrs. Mary M. Pipher, acting director of the Opportunities Corp., accepted the plaque for Rev. Trojack.

Citations for service were given to Kelso C Towle, general manager of the Herald and Review; Manager G. W. Aucott of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.; Mrs. Clifford Smith for her tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. following his assassination, and Mrs. D. W. Jones, president of the Big Sisters Club.



Nimrod B. Allen

Decatur, Illinois, Thursday, October 3, 1968

Women Voters League Backs Referendum

"Yes" votes are being urged by the Decatur League of Women Voters on both Illinois referendum issues in the Nov. 5 general election.

The league is supporting the call for a constitutional convention. If approved by the voters, the referendum will provide for drafting revisions to the 1870 state constitution.

The other issue is the Natural Resources Development Bond Act, aimed at combatting air and water pollution and mismanagement of land.

Decatur, Illinois, Monday, October 14, 1968

WOMEN VOTERS HAVE ALL-MEMBER MEETING

The League of Women Voters will have an all-member meeting Oct. 16 at 12:45 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Thomas Proszman of 332 S. Linden Ave.

There will be an international pot luck luncheon for members and guests. Interested women are invited to attend the program featuring three speakers starting at 1:45 p.m.

Decatur, Illinois, Monday, October 7, 1968

Women Voters Plan Program

Fifteen political office-seekers will attend the 20th annual "Meet the Candidates" program sponsored Oct. 23 by the Decatur League of Women Voters.

The group includes Carl F. Firley, Urbana Democrat who is challenging U.S. Rep. William L. Springer for the 22nd Congressional District seat. Springer is unable to attend because of other commitments.

All four candidates for General Assembly representative from the 52nd District will also be present.

They are incumbents John W. Alsop, D-Decatur; Roland F. Tipword, D-Taylorville; and George P. Johns, R-Decatur; and challenger A. Webber Borchers, Decatur Republican.

Both the Republican and Democratic candidates for Macon County circuit clerk, recorder of deeds, state's attorney, coroner and auditor will also attend.

Dick Westbrook, WDW radio news director, will moderate the 8 p.m. session in the Hotel Orlando ballroom. In addition to brief introductory remarks from candidates, the meeting will feature questions and answers from the public.

An informal coffee hour will conclude the program.

Candidates Program Set By League

The 20th annual nonpartisan "Meet the Candidates" program sponsored by the League of Women Voters will be at 8 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Hotel Orlando.

Dick Westbrook, news director of Radio Station WDW, will serve as moderator.

Candidates of both major parties for various national, state and local offices will participate in an open question and answer period.

Each candidate will give a brief talk.

An informal coffee hour will conclude the program.

The league sponsors the meetings with candidates in an effort to allow voters an opportunity to meet in one night as many of the candidates as possible.



Voters Program

Details of a League of Women Voters program to bring political candidates to the public are planned by

Mrs. John F. Homan, voter service chairman, and WDW News Director Dick Westbrook.

Women Plan Session

'Meet the Candidates' Scheduled

Candidates form both major voter questions tonight in a nonpartisan gathering sponsored as a public service by the League of Women Voters.

The public is invited to the Hotel Orlando at 8 p.m. today to "Meet the Candidates." The session will include no League endorsements on either issues, parties nor candidates, a spokesman for the group said.

"Our purpose in conducting

these programs is only to permit as many voters as are interested to get first-hand personal information from candidates," said League President Mrs. Keith Westenhaver.

Those candidates who have said they will attend include:

Carl L. Firley, Urbana, Democratic challenger for the 22nd U.S. Congressional District seat

George P. Johns, Decatur, incumbent Republican state representative from the 52nd District

A. Webber Borchers, Decatur, Republican candidate for state representative,

John W. Alsop, Decatur, Democratic incumbent state representative

Roland W. Tipsword, Taylorville, Democratic incumbent state representative

John T. Curry, incumbent Democrat, and Thomas Henebry, Republican, candidates for Macon County circuit clerk

Basil G. Greanias, incumbent Democrat, and W. A. Sappington, Republican, for state's attorney

Dr. V. T. Turley, incumbent Democrat, and Phares G. Thompson, Republican, for county coroner

Richard D. Ferre, incumbent Democrat, and Patrick C. Nolan, Republican, for county auditor

John H. Bohn, incumbent Democrat, and Robert W. Davis, Republican, for recorder of deeds.

All county office candidates are Decatur residents.

U. S. Rep. William L. Springer, Champaign Republican who is seeking re-election Nov. 5, has said he will be unable to attend the meeting.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, October 27, 1968

Voters League

Voting Instructions Given

League of Women Voters volunteers, for the past two days, have been instructing people on the use of a new voting device in the Nov. 5 presidential election.

Assisting in the instruction was the Decatur and Macon Counties Opportunities Corp. and county clerk's office.

The four centers, where instruction was given included the Northside Baptist Church, 1901 N. Railroad St.; Church of the Brethren, 1306 N. Warren St.; Jackson St. Church of God, 759 S. Jackson and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1010 N. Brush College.

"It was the first time we had done anything like this," said Mrs. Edward A. Beck, 4021 Newcastle Dr., chairman of the human resources committee for the league.

While there was not any "real large number" who stopped at the centers during the instructional periods, Mrs. Beck thought the practice might be continued.

Each person who entered the centers was instructed on how to place the voters card in a slot making sure the stiletto will perforate the proper area on the card for computers tabulating the results on election night.

In addition the Blue Ballot for a constitutional convention was explained as well as those referenda on a banking amendment and the control of pollution.

After completing her instruction one woman said, "Why can't we have it like this in school, maybe we'd learn more."

Written Question

State's Attorney Candidates Deny Racial Bias Allegation

By John R. Harpster
Of the Herald

Both candidates for Macon County state's attorney denied at Wednesday night's 20th League of Women Voters "Meet the Candidates" program in the Hotel Orlando that racial considerations are involved in criminal prosecutions here.

The accusation was contained in an anonymous written question presented to State's Atty. Basil G. Greanias, a Democrat seeking reelection, and Republican W. A. "Art" Sappington, his opponent.

"In the past, laxness has been noted (in the office) when blacks are the accusers, but when blacks are the accused efficiency is manifest," the question read. "How will you eliminate this double stan-

dard?"

Sappington, replying first and apparently referring to the fact that he is only a candidate, not the incumbent, said:

"I deny the accusation."

Greanias, holder of the office since 1960, said the question "assumes something that is not a fact — it makes a false assumption."

'Equal Treatment'

"All cases are handled on the same basis, and I live by the creed of equal treatment to all."

Sappington, asking to speak again after Greanias concluded, said he agreed.

"With what he (Greanias) has said I have no disagreement — as far as I am concerned we are in accord on this."

Sappington was critical of

Greanias' administration earlier, saying stronger efforts should be made to collect personal property taxes, that stronger enforcement of zoning laws is needed, and that "neither the public nor the police is told why cases are reduced or dismissed."

Greanias replied that his office only assists the treasurer in collecting delinquent taxes, that \$1.5 million has been collected during his administration, and that charges are reduced on the basis of "lawyers' judgment" that such action is indicated in view of all the considerations.

Sappington later said that the requirement that criminal defendants be proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt is "a pretty heavy burden," and that if a prosecutor doesn't have enough evidence to convict on the original charge, "I think you're doing your duty when you reduce the charge."

Ferre Comments

Democrat County Auditor Richard D. Ferre, seeking reelection, said earlier that he will continue to administer the office "free of politics, politicians and interest groups" and that he will leave "my faith, trust and re-election to those people who seek as I do a better county government." The statement drew applause.

Patrick C. Nolan, his GOP opponent, said he will depend upon his experience and education to seize upon, as they present themselves, opportunities for economy.

"And I will develop a rapport with the county officials with whom I have been working — there has been an awful lot of rubbing against the grain."

Other county candidates appearing on the program were Democrat Circuit Clerk John T. Curry; Thomas L. Henebry, his Republican opponent; County Recorder John H. Bohn; Robert W. Davis, the GOP nominee, and Phares G. Thompson, the Republican candidate for county coroner.

Dr. V. T. Turley, the incumbent Democrat coroner who is seeking reelection, did not attend the meeting.

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Circumstances Vary

All House Candidates Could OK Income Tax

The four candidates for three state legislative posts from the 52nd District said here Wednesday night that, under varying circumstances, they would vote for a state income tax.

The statements came at the 20th League of Women Voters "Meet the Candidates" meeting in the Hotel Orlando.

The candidates are incumbents John W. Alsop, D-Decatur; Roland Tipsword, D-Taylorville; George P. Johns, R-Decatur; and A. Webber Borchers, a Republican seeking one of the state House of Representatives seats.

All four said they would not favor a state income tax unless other taxes — sales, real and personal property taxes — were reduced or eliminated.

Borchers said he believes all forms of property taxes should be eliminated and all state taxes be income only.

The question of whether a state constitutional convention will be convened after the Nov. 5 election is a major factor in the revenue legislation which will be considered by the legislature, the four candidates agreed.

Alsop said that if the voters approve a convention in the Nov. 5 balloting, major changes in the state's revenue structure could perhaps be put off until a new constitution is drafted.

But all four agreed that, con-

stitutional convention or not, revenue is the state's major concern, upon which all other problems rest.

The four candidates, for example, said they favor higher state aid payments to schools and higher expenditures for highway construction and modernization.

Tipsword said that:

"I will support the recommended \$600 state aid level for schools if we can find the money."

And Johns noted that, whether the problem is highways, education, welfare or other state needs, "our whole problem is money."

Asked in a written question from the audience, which moderator Dick Westbrook referred to as "loaded," whether first priority should be given to highways or education, the four candidates said each is equally important.

"But if the question assumes that there is a choice," Borchers said, "the answer must be education, because it is the basis of civilization."

'Con Con Call' Backers Confident

By Richard H. Iccen
Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers
Editorial Writer

BACKERS OF the drive to "reconstitute" Illinois' 98-year-old Constitution now appear confident the voters will approve a convention call referendum Nov. 5.

One supporter, Maurice Scott, director of the influential Taxpayers Federation of Illinois, reports that more people appear to be taking an interest in the referendum than was the case a month ago.

"I've noticed this in particular at speeches I've given before such groups as luncheon clubs and fraternal organizations," Scott said. Once the need for the convention is explained, Scott said, most people appear to favor the convention call.

Mrs. Barry Norton, executive secretary of the Illinois Committee for Constitutional Convention, appears more than confident that the referendum will pass.

"My goodness yes — all the good guys are for it," Mrs. Norton said. Her office, she said, has been overwhelmed with requests for literature about the convention call.

In addition, she reported that 50 copies of one film supporting the need for a convention call have been booked solid by organizations throughout the state.

Interest Is 'Significant'

This kind of interest, according to Mrs. Norton, is significant even if it should rouse some to vote against the issue. "Our research has indicated that we'll get eight supporters for everyone who votes against it when they become informed about the issue," Mrs. Norton said.

If this is the case, then their strategy may pay off since, in effect, those who fail to vote on the referendum actually will be casting a "no vote."

This is because the referendum must receive a majority of those voting in the election in order to pass. Thus, if five million people vote in the election, and the vote on the question is two million in favor and one million against, it will not pass.

In this hypothetical example, the two million who failed to vote one way or the other on the question could actually decide the question. This, in fact, was the case in 1934 when Illinois citizens last voted on a convention call.

The "yes - no" vote that year was 691,021 to 589,879, according to those who voted on the issue. However, another 1,658,292 cast ballots in the 1934 general election, but did not vote on the convention referendum, and, therefore, carried the referendum for convention opponents.

Vote Yes or No

By stressing an "informational campaign" — get out and vote yes or no — supporters of the current effort hope to avoid defeat through apathy among the electorate.



Maurice Scott

Their promotional literature — and almost all of it is being funneled through the Illinois Citizens for Constitutional Convention — stresses in particular the point that a vote in favor of the convention call will in no way change the present Constitution.

All people are being asked to do is approve a convention call where constitutional reforms can be debated, put into final form, and then be submitted to the voters in a second referendum called for that purpose.

So far their campaign appears to have been reasonably successful, although some critics contend that the refusal to stress substantive issues may result in the apathetic public they want to avoid on election day.

Organizational Opposition

Aside from certain segments of organized labor, notably Reuben Soderstrom, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor and the United Steel Workers, little organizational opposition has developed.

Further, a number of unions, among them the United Automobile Workers, the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the Quad City Federation of Labor, are supporting the question.

Among organizations for governmental agencies, only the Township Officials of Illinois have come out in opposition, although others may take a stand — perhaps in favor — later.

At least seven boards of supervisors in rural counties in Central and Southern Illinois have passed resolutions opposing the convention call.

At the same time, however, their state organization, the Illinois Association of County Supervisors, has taken no official stand.

Executive Secretary James Walsh of Springfield is "uncertain" about which direction the organization may be leaning. It seems likely that some county boards in urban areas will probably support the convention call.

Many Supporting Group

For every organization opposing the convention call, it appears there may be as many as 50 in favor of the referendum.



Reuben Soderstrom

Some — as an example the Illinois Manufacturers Association and the United Automobile Workers — rarely find themselves on the same side of an issue.

Other supporting groups include the Better Government Association; the Chicago Urban League; the State Chamber of Commerce; Illinois Municipal League; Illinois City Managers Association; American Association of University Women; League of Women Voters; the Chicago and Illinois bar associations; the Young Republicans and Young Democrats; Illinois Education Association; and the Illinois Agricultural Association. These are just a few.

With all this, backers of the referendum believe they have a wide base of support. But the nagging question — and this will not be answered until Nov. 5 — is whether this can be translated into rank and file enthusiasm for the convention call.

How are the people of Illinois going to be convinced that a convention call is in their best interest? A major thrust will be made through the mass media.

Beginning early next month the Illinois Committee for Constitutional Convention will begin a massive newspaper, radio and television campaign to try and reach the mass public.

For the most part, the radio-television advertisements — and all this, by the way, is being paid for through private donations — will consist of 30 and 60-second spot messages.

Detailed Information

Newspaper advertisements, according to Mrs. Norton, will have detailed information on why they feel a convention call is necessary at this time in Illinois' history.

Meanwhile, local committees which have been organized in most parts of the state will also distribute pamphlets and provide speakers for appearances before local groups.

Some "behind the scenes" work is also being carried out by the Constitutional Study Commission which will begin playing a significant role if the referendum passes.

Efforts are also being made to resolve the question of whether members of the legislature can also be delegates to the convention, a point which commission chairman Thomas G. Lyons, a former member of the Senate, said may have to be resolved by the courts.

2 Delegates From District

About all that can be said with any certainty is that two delegates will be elected from each of the 58 state senatorial districts. A bill which would have assured the non-partisan election of delegates was defeated during the July session of the legislature.

Just when the election of delegates will be held is also up to the legislature. But it's expected that the timetable probably will be similar to that followed for the 1920 convention.

In 1919 the General Assembly provided for a delegate primary election on Sept. 10 with the general election following on Nov. 4.

Delegates are required by the constitution to convene the convention within three months of the election. In 1920, they met for the first time on Jan. 6.

Once convened the convention is a body unto itself with the authority to make its own rules and set up its own procedures. It could break into committee, meet continuously in general sessions or set up a combination of the two approaches.

Another important option open to the convention involves the scheduling of the vote to ratify — or reject — their recommendations.

They can order a special election at which their recommendations are considered alone or have it held in conjunction with another general election. In both cases, passage is dependent upon a majority of those voting at the election.

If it coincides with another election, however, the "non-vote" — that is those who vote neither yes nor no on the question — once again becomes a factor.

Delegates to the 1920 convention decided to hold a special election on Dec. 12, 1922, about a month after the regular general election that year.

But it didn't help. Voters turned back their efforts by a substantial margin, 921,388 to 785,294, and the 1870 Constitution continued as the basic legal charter of the state.

It can be seen that more than three years elapsed between the time of the convention call in 1919 and the ratification vote in December 1922. If the constitution had been ratified, it would not have gone into effect for a while longer.

If everything proceeds according to schedule, it would probably be 1971 or 1972 before a new constitution could be in effect for Illinois.

Letters to the Editor

Voter League Backs Con-Con

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters of Decatur urges your readers to vote "yes" on the Con - Con Blue Ballot Nov. 5.

Our present state constitution is not responsive to the needs of the people. Our legislators find it all but impossible to operate within the boundaries of the constitution and still meet their obligations to the people.

Our state is experiencing a financial crisis because of the obsolete revenue article. A constitutional convention could re-work this article to provide a more equitable tax structure. Public schools, of particular concern to the league for several years, could be helped immeasurably with

the up - dating of the revenue article.

The expense of modernizing our constitution has been estimated at between \$2 to \$4 million. When you consider that the state of Illinois currently spends \$6 million every day of the week, you see that Con - Con is a bargain.

Assuming the Con - Con proposal passes, we would elect our delegates in 1969. When they assemble as a convention, the people will have plenty of opportunity to make suggestions to them.

When the recommendations of the convention are ready, the people will vote on them. The whole process is clearly in control of the voter.

Mrs. Keith G. Westenhaver
President

Decatur, Illinois, Monday, November 4, 1968

Precinct 16
Ballots to Give
Vote Indication

Decatur's Precinct 16, whose residents cast their votes at Mary W. French School, has been selected in the analysis sample for use by American Broadcasting Co. on election night Tuesday.

The network will use returns from that precinct along with others chosen around the state and nation to evaluate partial returns and predict election results.

ABC's Decatur liaison person will be Mrs. Keith Westenhaver, 3420 N. University St., president of the League of Women Voters.

She will telephone voting returns from French School to ABC election central in Chicago as they become available.

Precinct 16 was chosen as a "key precinct" on the basis of past voting history, geographical and population factors.

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League of Women
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By Ellis Arnold

On Wednesday, October 23, in the Hotel Orlando Ballroom, the League of Women Voters presented local candidates to the public. Incumbents spoke from experience, the others told how they would improve things if elected.

U. S. Congress

William L. Springer, U.S. Representative from the 22nd Congressional District which includes Decatur, could not attend. He has served in Congress since 1951. Before that, he was State's Attorney for Champaign County and then County Judge. He has given active support for both the Champaign - Decatur - Quincy highway and for Oakley.

Springer's challenger is Carl F. Firley, Assistant Dean of Student Programs and Services at the U. of I. He favors an Oakley Dam level of 621 feet instead of the presently planned 636. "I realize that is not a popular thought in Decatur," he said, "but I am willing to listen to other viewpoints."

Problems of the cities, air and water pollution, housing, education, and transportation - all are unsolved and underfunded because of Vietnam, according to Firley. "The end of the war would free 30 billions for these other programs," he said.

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Circuit Clerk

John Curry, present clerk of the Circuit Court said his department never has been in the red, and surpluses up to \$145,000 has been turned over to the County. He said he had, "saved thousands by sending jury summons by card rather than by deputy service."

"My filing system couldn't be more simplified," Curry said. "I haven't lost a record yet although one may take a couple of days to find sometimes. I have 7 courts to care for, and each of the girls is trained in 4 or 5 jobs."

Thomas Henebry, Republican Clerk candidate, had said he would, "make changes in the bookkeeping and accounting system so records could be kept in balance every day." He would make the "100,000 court records more readily accessible to the courts and insist that each employee have knowledge of at least 2 or 3 offices."

Recorder
of Deeds

John H. Bohn, Democrat, Recorder of Deeds, said that fees collected since he took office had increased from \$8,000 to \$34,000 annually. He said records were now microfilmed at great savings in cost and time and room.

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Webber Borchers, speaking on education, stated, "We can't spend more than we take in." Trying to answer which should have priority - highways or education - he said, "If there is a choice, it must be education because it is the basis of civilization."

Rolland Tipsword said, "I voted for open housing on the last Illinois bill. We should supplement the federal law, but it should be handled here. First, we should seek compliance, then take other steps if necessary."

John Alsup, asked if he favored equal housing by state law, answered, "Yes. It shouldn't depend on sex or color or religion, anyone qualified should be allowed to buy." On the education question he said, "The schools should get the \$600, we can find the money."

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OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY

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Women Take the Lead

On Wednesday evening, October 23, 1968 the Women League of Voters did their usual good job of presenting political candidates to the community. This is truly one of the better organizations in Decatur and its unbiased activities and actions should encourage and perpetuate this same attitude among other groups existing here. To search for the truth and to manifest the same is a quality lacking in many of Decatur's civic and social organizations. I am quite sure the good work of the League of Women Voters is appreciated by L.A.B.A. and those who support L.A.B.A.

Decatur, Illinois, Friday, November 8, 1968

HUD Official

Housing Act Rules Outlined

Provisions of the 1968 Housing Act and the method to follow in forming a nonprofit group to build housing were explained at a special meeting on housing sponsored by the League of Women Voters at Westminster Presbyterian Church Thursday night.

Present was Inez Tremaine, field representative for the Chicago regional office of the federal Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

She outlined the organizational set up of HUD and explained which programs each department has control of.

Discussing the 1968 Housing Act, Miss Tremaine said one of the important changes in it is that it releases more funds for more communities.

Previously, when a city's project was approved by HUD and a contract between the local government and the federal government was signed, all the monies needed for that project were held in reservation.

Thus, she explained, if a city had a \$10 million project, that money would be reserved for that city until the project was completed no matter how many years it took.

No other city could use any of that reserved money, she said.

1968 Differences

Under the 1968 act, once a city's program is approved and the contract signed, the money needed for a year is granted and the anticipated budget for

the next year is reserved. That practice continues year to year until the project is completed.

"Also under the 1968 act, a city can be both in planning and execution at the same time," she said. Previously a city's program had to be completely planned before execution started.

Outlining the steps to follow in forming a nonprofit corporation, Miss Tremaine said the first thing is for a group to get a lawyer and incorporate under Illinois laws.

Once the corporation is formed, the group can go to the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) for a mortgage of some kind, get their plans set up for a housing project, and determine if the project is to be for low or moderate income families.

Any group — church, labor union or a woman's organization — can form a nonprofit corporation, she said.

To obtain a low interest mortgage from FHA, the group will have to show some assurance of continuity.

Financial Statements

The officers of such a group would have to file financial statements with FHA showing they are solvent and have enough financial backing to carry it out.

The state of Illinois, said Miss Tremaine, has funds to back nonprofit groups. That seed money is used for planning, she said.

A nonprofit group would fit in

with the Decatur's urban renewal plans, she said, because before a city can begin an urban renewal project in which houses would be demolished, there has to be housing for the families affected.

Providing that housing is one of the tasks a nonprofit group can undertake, she said.

Other new provisions in urban renewal, she said, are national goals. Any urban renewal project a city has, other than the first, must meet one of the national goals.

Those goals are to provide housing for low and moderate income families, employment for low income persons or meet an emergency need of the community.

Equal Opportunity

"A project built with federal funds should be an equal opportunity employer," she said.

Asked whether that meant employment at all levels, she replied that it did. If it doesn't, then a complaint should be made, she advised.

Under an administrative directive issued by HUD in August, a committee of the residents of an urban renewal area has to approve the project.

The majority of the residents have to approve the project before it receives HUD approval, she said. She explained that she thought the provision includes nonresident land owners.

Decatur, Illinois, Friday, November 8, 1968

Inez Tremaine Outlines Plan To Aid City

Forming a non-profit corporation to take advantage of new program offerings in the 1968 federal housing act was outlined in Decatur Thursday by Inez Tremaine of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Miss Tremaine, a field representative from HUD's Chicago office, told a gathering at Westminster Presbyterian Church that Decatur could benefit from such groups acting in partnership with the city.

"First you have to get legal advice and incorporate under state law," she said.

"Then you are ready to take a place in coordinated city plans for housing rehabilitation, renewal and new construction," Miss Tremaine said.

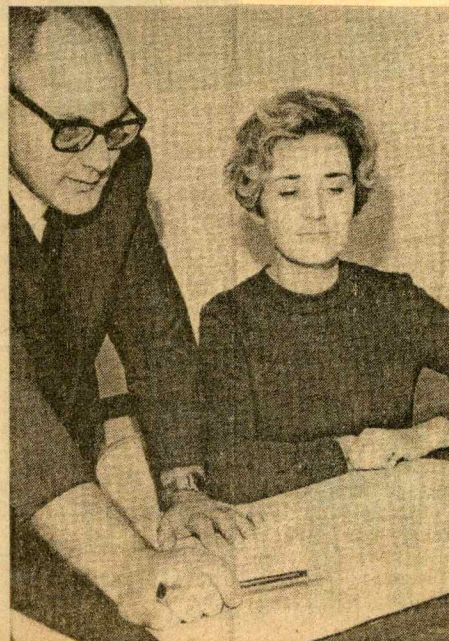
Churches, labor unions, women's organizations and many other types of groups can qualify as non-profit corporations, she said.

A major contribution of such groups is to provide additional public housing or low-cost private housing for relocating families in urban renewal neighborhoods.

Financing for construction, she said, is built on initial state backing through seed money for planning, and then long-range grants or loans from the federal government for execution of the project.

The Decatur meeting was sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

Miss Tremaine visited the city's department of community development office Thursday afternoon.



Staff photo by Ken Kiley

Frank Beaman and Inez Tremaine examine Decatur map.

Women Voters League to Study Decatur Housing

The human resources committee of the League of Women Voters will discuss housing in the unit meetings today and Wednesday.

The meetings are 7:30 p.m. today in the home of Mrs. Robert Forbes of 1420 W. Sunset Ave. and 9:15 a.m. Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Robert Semple of 419 Timber Dr.

The committee has studied and made an evaluation of programs in Decatur and Macon County to provide equality of opportunity in education and employment.

Interested persons may attend either meeting.

Decatur, Illinois, Wednesday, November 13, 1968

Rumor Unit's Numbers Announced

Telephone numbers of the city's new emergency rumor control agency were announced Tuesday.

Police officials met with representatives of the Decatur Jaycees and the League of Women Voters for a preliminary organizational meeting Tuesday.

The latter two groups will provide volunteers to help man the service.

The two numbers are 423-3421 and 423-3422. They are available through the telephone company's directory assistance operators.

Appointed coordinators for the service were Mrs. Charles Hippler for the league and Jerry Overton for the Jaycees.

Police Chief Harold G. Lindsten referred to Saturday's earthquake incident as an example of the service Rumor Central can provide.

He said that all five trunk lines to the police department were swamped for four hours Saturday with calls seeking information about the tremors.

The chief himself couldn't get a call through to the station to check up on the situation.

Lindsten said that in future emergency situations, Rumor Central will relieve police telephones of the overload of calls normally experienced during such an occurrence.

It is expected that four persons will be needed to staff the center. Information to be given out by the center will be sanctioned by the police department, Lindsten said.

TO THE EDITOR: The request of Jess Vande... senior and president of FSO, came after students and faculty

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The announcement was made at the preliminary organizational meeting with representatives of the Jaycees and the League of Women Voters. The two groups will provide volunteer's to man the service.

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Five members of the league and one member of the Jaycees met Tuesday with Police Chief Harold G. Lindsten, Capt. James T. Slade, Charlie Jackson, director of community relations; and Abe Burstein, Human Relations Commission chairman.

Mrs. Charles Hippler was appointed coordinator with the league and Jerry Overton was appointed for the Jaycees.

Lindsten said the purpose of the bureau, which will be located in the fifth floor office of the community relations director, is to relieve police telephones of the overload of calls from citizens seeking information during an emergency.

For example, the chief said, all five trunk lines to the police department were swamped with calls seeking information about Saturday's earthquake for four hours after it happened.

The chief himself could not get a call through to the station to check up on the situation, Slade said.

At present, it is expected that four persons will be needed to staff the center. City personnel will be sanctioned by the police times and information given out will be sanctioned by the police department, which will check out rumors at the source, Lindsten said.

De Facto Segregation Shows Increase: Voter League Report

By Mary Anne O'Connell
Of the Herald and Review

De facto segregation in Decatur's elementary schools has been increasing at a steady rate, according to figures published by the League of Women Voters in a school integration fact sheet.

The fact sheet published Saturday is presented by the League "with the hope that the background information will help the community evaluate the CCI (Community Commission Integration) proposals when they are presented," said Mrs. Dennis J. Panetti, chairman of the school committee.

The League presents figures on enrollment of black students in five central city schools for 1950, 1960 and 1968. Figures for Durfee, Oakland, Pugh, Ullrich and Washington schools are cited.

Ullrich school in 1950 had 3 per cent black students enrolled, 1.8 per cent in 1960 and 50.4 per cent in 1968.

Washington School in 1950 had 25.1 per cent black enrollment, 53.9 per cent in 1960 and 76.8 per cent in 1968.

Durfee School in 1950 had 15.1 per cent, 50.8 per cent in 1960 and 69.3 per cent in 1968.

Total Enrollment

Oakland School had 16.1 per cent in 1950, 25.3 per cent in 1960 and 66 per cent in 1968.

Pugh School in 1950 had 2.3 per cent, 11.8 per cent in 1960 and 23.5 per cent in 1968.

Black students constitute 30.6 per cent of the student enrollment in the city's elementary schools excluding the suburban schools, Mrs. Panetti said.

The League found that the total enrollment of black students went from 7.2 per cent

in 1950 to 17.3 per cent in 1960.

The sheet notes that if there were an exact racial balance in all elementary schools, each school would have a white enrollment of 82.7 per cent and a black enrollment of 17.3 per cent.

The fact sheet is based on interviews with school personnel and reports that have been published relating to school integration, said Mrs. Panetti.

"There are white areas in Decatur where the racial makeup of the neighborhood has not changed significantly, but where the socio-economic level has dropped. In these areas, the achievement level of students has dropped along with the drop in socio-economic level, according to Dr. Inabell Kirby," the sheet said.

The League has found that many educators agree that compensatory education programs for disadvantaged children must be combined with school integration in order to obtain significant gains in student achievement.

Answering the question why schools should be racially integrated at the elementary level, the fact sheet notes that sociologists and psychologists maintain "that basic attitudes are formed during the early elementary years."

According to available evidence the high achieving student will continue to progress at the same rate when in a classroom integrated along socio-economic and racial lines, the sheet states.

The Board of Education created the CCI and charged it with presenting a workable program for integrating the city's secondary and elementary schools, the sheet explains.

The secondary integration plan was out into effect this fall and the CCI's proposals for integrating the elementary schools will be presented later this month.

"We felt that right now there is so much emotion on the question and a lot of people don't have the information on the whys and wherefores of school integration," Mrs. Panetti said. The League "hopes people will read this fact sheet and make up their minds on the basis of the

facts."

"Our purpose was to present the facts. After the CCI makes its recommendations we will evaluate them and formulate an opinion," she said.

The nine member committee began gathering information and facts for the report in October.

About 500 copies of the fact sheet are being distributed to PTA officials, school administrators, community leaders in education and League members, she said.

11 Remain Candidates For Council

With the passing of the final deadline, 11 of the 12 City Council candidates filing nominating petitions during the first filing period have filed a second time during a second period ending at 5 p.m. Saturday.

The only one not filing a second time was Robert N. Hughes, Jr. of 1953 Dagmar Pl. Hughes had several reasons for his decision to drop out of the race.

First he said, "I don't have the funds to run a campaign that would win." He also said that he didn't feel he was well enough qualified to deal with such major subjects as taxes, bond issues and zoning. "I don't know anything about them," he said.

He noted that he is involved in certain other local issues that also might have interfered with future council duties. Among these he listed his personal disagreements with the Decatur Board of Education and the Community Commission on Integration.

Corporation Counsel Hilmer C. Landholt says that because of the confusion over the two filing dates, Hughes may file a withdrawal during the next five days, preventing his name from appearing on the ballot. Hughes said, "I probably will file a withdrawal."

The 11 city council candidates competing in the Feb. 25 city primary are: Frank J. Grossman, Elmer W. Walton, Robert W. Mallow, the three incumbents; Marvin B. Teske, Charles A. Taylor, T. Spencer Jeter, Norman E. Gaddis, O. George Ryan, Rev. I. M. Muse, Douglas C. York and Leland H. Henderson.

League of Women Voters

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We applaud the Board of Education's action in their efforts to comply with the Armstrong Act, enacted by the 1963 session of the Illinois General Assembly, which requires school boards "from time to time" to change or revise attendance units within a district in a manner which will prevent segregation and eliminate the separation of children in public schools because of color or race. The question is not shall we but how shall we.

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More Protests

To the Editor:

I must protest your interpretation of the statement by the League of Women Voters. The Decatur Tribune of February 5, 1969, stated that: "The League of Women Voters read the often-published statement supporting the school board and endorsing the C.C.I. plan."

For the League to endorse anything, we must have an extensive study by a resource committee, a report to the general membership, and a consensus must emerge from the discussion. We have done none of this concerning the proposals of the C.C.I. Time has not permitted us to come to any decision on the specifics.

What we did say was this:

a.) The League supports the Board of Education in their commitment to the philosophy of racial and socio-economic integration.

b.) The League also supports the Board of Education in their attempt to comply with the law: namely the Armstrong Act.

c.) The League of Women Voters believes in representative government. The Board of Education, as our duly elected representatives, is charged with the responsibility to determine educational policy for District 61. The League expressed confidence that the Board of Education and the school administration will be able to make a decision which will be educationally sound for all children.

Mrs. Keith Westenhaver
President, L.W.V.

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THE VOICE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Decatur, Illinois

January 31, 1969

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Decatur, Illinois, Friday, January 31, 1969

Women's Unit Reaffirms Board Support

The League of Women Voters board of directors has reaffirmed support of the Board of Education's commitment to the philosophy of racial and socio-economic integration.

The board, in a meeting Thursday, stated, "The League of Women Voters of Decatur supports the Board of Education's commitment to the philosophy of racial and socio-economic integration of the public schools. The Decatur League has been actively concerned with equality of opportunity for education."

The board also referred to laws regarding integration.

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Thursday, February 13, 1969

Decatur, Illinois, Monday, February 17, 1969

League Unit Meetings Set

February unit meetings of the League of Women Voters, open to interested persons, will cover structure and financing of the Illinois public school system.

The discussion will concern what changes may be needed to insure opportunity for all children in Illinois to obtain quality education.

Topics will include special education, junior colleges, vocational training and redistricting.

Unit meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m. in Westminster Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Elliott Day of 1680 W. Main St.

Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Stephen Dodge of 1615 W. Harrison St.

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The unit meetings will be at the following locations:

Tuesday, Feb. 18th
9:15 a.m.
Westminster Presbyterian
Church Parlor

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7:30 p.m.
Mrs. Elliott Day
1680 W. Main St.

Wednesday, Feb. 19th
9:15 a.m.
Mrs. Stephen Dodge
1615 W. Harrison

Babysitting provided at the Tuesday morning meeting.

Visitors welcome, for further information please call

Mrs. Jo Ann Day at 429-1108.

Geneva Barber (Mrs. Merlin)
Public Relations

Rights Action Delayed

City Lacks Authority

The city may be helpless in taking any action on a list of Decatur Human Relations Commission suggestions to eliminate discrimination, Corporation Counsel Hilmer C. Landholt said Monday.

Landholt said that he is having a difficult time finding sufficient authority delegated to the City Council to enact some of the suggestions.

His statement came Monday after representatives of the League of Women Voters presented a letter endorsing the ordinance recommendations.

The league supported the commission's request for "equal participation" clauses in city contracts and for a re-appraisal of the Civil Service testing program.

"The legislation proposed (by the commission) is designed to increase opportunities for citizens of the minority group in Decatur. Therefore the Decatur League of Women Voters urges the council to adopt these proposals," the letter signed by Mrs. Merlin Barber, first vice president, said.

The league also endorsed the commission's suggestion for a "residential - lessor" licensing ordinance and an ordinance re-

quiring homes for sale to meet the City Housing code standards.

Landholt asked the representatives if the league would still endorse the proposed legislation if it knew the council had no power to enact them.

"I know that the league stands for constitutional authority," he said.

Landholt said that he is in the process of investigating the commission's requests and has not yet uncovered any power delegated the City Council by state law to enact them.

"I would hope an investigation of the matter would precede any blanket endorsement of things the council has no authority to enact," he said.

The league representatives said that they would relay Landholt's statement to their official board before commenting on whether or not they would continue to endorse the proposals in light of the council's apparent inability to act.

The commission recently adopted 12 recommendations in launching an assault on discrimination in Decatur.

Five recommendations were officially presented to the City

Council, along with requests calling for two new ordinances.

Herald 2/25/69

Landlords

League Asks Licensing

The Decatur chapter of the League of Women Voters Monday night asked the City Council to adopt an ordinance requiring landlords to obtain a city license in order to rent their properties.

The Decatur Commission of the Human Relations recommended such an ordinance at last week's council meeting.

Under the commission proposal, landlords must show proof of non-discriminatory leasing practices in order to obtain lessor licenses and annual renewal of such licenses.

The proposal seeks to assure equal opportunities for all tenants — regardless of race, color or creed — in obtaining rental housing.

City Corporation Counsel Hilmer C. Landholt asked Mrs. Robert C. Shade, who presented the league's recommendations,

to have the league investigate whether or not the council is empowered to approve the recommendations.

"I am finding difficulty in locating within the authority delegated by the state to the council the power to adopt such recommendations," Landholt told Mrs. Shade at the council meeting.

In calling on the council to approve the commission's recommendations, the league's statement, read by Mrs. Shade, said:

"The residential-leasing licensing ordinance submitted by the human relations commission, as well as the proposed ordinance requiring homes for sale to meet city housing code standards, could greatly increase the effectiveness of the Decatur fair housing ordinance."

The statement said the league issued a statement last May "calling for effective enforcement measures to insure elimination of unfair housing practices."

In its Monday night statement, the league urged the council to approve two other measures proposed by the human relations group:

1) Inclusion of "equal participation" clauses in all city public improvement contracts

2) Re-examination of the city's civil service testing program to increase employment opportunities for minority groups.

The amount of the fee required to obtain a lessor license, under the human relations commission proposal, would depend on the size and number of rental properties.

The Voice Feb 25/69

Landholt Lashes Out At League

Last Monday evening at City Council meeting Mrs. Schade, a member of the League of Women Voters read a statement endorsing the recommendations presented the council the previous week by the Human Relations Commission. These recommendations, if adopted would insure some of the rights of black people in the city of Decatur.

She was immediately attacked by the silvery tongued oratory of Corporation Council Hilmer Landholt. On radio the next day he alluded to more of the same. The basis of Mr. Landholt's attack was the constitutionality of the recommendations and if Mrs. Schade knew whether the recommendations conform. I was of the opinion that citizens had the right to make and endorse recommendations and that we pay the Corporation Council to judge their constitutionality.

The recommendations made by the Human Relations Commission, if passed by the Council, will go a long way toward making this a better and more progressive community the endorsement by the League shows continuity in the good work they are accustomed to. Other groups, organizations and individuals could learn a great lesson from them.

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**Women's Group
Tells Program
For Next Year**

The Decatur chapter of the League of Women Voters will concentrate on a five-point improvement program during 1969-70.

Programs to be studied include Human Resources and Civil Rights. Support will be given to enforcement of the city Fair Housing ordinance. They will also continue to study and evaluate the Decatur Housing Authority as well as give support to funds for the Human Relations Commission.

Programs involving the public schools will also come under the League's scrutiny.

Decatur's Water Resources and sewer system will also be on the agenda, in addition to the evaluation of assessment practices in Macon County.

Another committee will study the council-manager form of city government.



MAR. 1969
Mrs. Robert Schade

Voter League Officers Told

Mrs. Robert C. Schade was elected president of the League of Women Voters for 1969-71 during the annual meeting Wednesday. Other officers are:

Mrs. Edward Beck, first vice president

Mrs. David S. Mann, second vice president

Mrs. William H. Heilman, third vice president

Mrs. J. William Coberly, secretary

Mrs. William D. Johnson, treasurer

Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Coberly are newly elected. The others are in the second year of a two-year term.

Those elected as directors Wednesday include Mrs. Robert G. Bowers, Mrs. H. W. Dakin and Mrs. Robert A. Ohlson. Continuing terms as directors will be Mrs. Frank Verbanac, Mrs. William D. Johnson, Mrs. John C. Weinman and Mrs. Thomas Protzman.

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DECATUR SUNDAY HERALD

Voter League Participates In Fund Drive

Decatur members of the League of Women Voters are participating in a nationwide fund drive to finance expanding operations in the group's 50th anniversary year.

That milestone will be observed in 1970, during which the league plans to undertake programs which will cost an estimated \$642,000.

The budget will be nearly \$200,000 higher than the figure for 1968-69, with about \$423,000 expected to come from League Support.

Other gifts are hoped for from the general public to support nonpartisan political education, combat water and air pollution, and revitalize state and local government.

In Decatur, contributions may be sent to Mrs. Robert G. Mee, finance chairman, at 279 Victoria Court.

