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4/1/67 - 3/31/68

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF Decatur

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LOCAL LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT
For the year April 1, 1967 - March 31, 1968

Population of community (or area, if League is organized on area basis) 82,000

This League is in Congressional District or Districts Number 22nd

M E M B E R S H I P

Number of voting members (estimated) 3/31/68	<u>152</u>
Number of associate members (estimated) 3/31/68	<u>1</u>
Number of new members (estimated) 4/1/67-3/31/68	<u>29</u>
Number of members dropped 4/1/67-3/31/68	<u>22</u>
Total membership reported one year ago	<u>146</u>
Net Growth less (cross out one) since last year	<u>7</u>
Total membership (estimated) 3/31/68	<u>153</u>

What did your League do this year to increase its membership? 1. Telephoned all prospects from previous year just before yearbook was published in Sept. - urging them to join & get names in book 2. Displayed "Want To Know About?" poster & flyers in banks, library, & stationary store during finance drive. 3. sent letters to 29 new Millikin Univ. faculty wives & teachers - inviting them to our first fall meeting 4. Had 2 orientation meetings in Oct. & invited all possible prospects as well as new members 5. Called & wrote & sent League folder to all prospects = also sent them "Decatur Voter" for 3 months Describe any membership growth activities which you have found particularly effective.

Calling prospects just before membership yearbook is published in Sept. seems to produce most new members - day before book deadline I offered to pick up checks of those who had promised to join but not sent in dues - was most effective!

6. Gave a talk to "Newtowners" club about League & distributed Recruitment flyers & our local folder "Government Officials & Voting Reference."

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Did your League use "Want to Know About?" Yes How? Posters with matching flyers were placed in banks, library & stationary store during finance drive (Mayor proclaimed this League of Women Voters Week) Poster is still in library. Poster & flyers were also on display at an all-member meeting of interest to more than League women-gave out flyers at Newtowners meeting-enclosed them in letters sent to Millikin faculty wives

Did your League use "You've Been Intrigued"? Yes How? I sent these with letters to prospective members who have attended a League meeting. They were also given to all prospects at Orientation meetings.

What special efforts did your Board make this year to keep members? Describe briefly.

1. Planned interesting meetings & tried to get "out of Rut"- for instance we had an international potluck U.N. day and a report by China Committee.
2. Had more evening meetings that could be attended by our employed members
3. Had a regular morning unit with babysitting provided
4. Committee chairmen Have invited new members to be on their committees.

What services do you suggest that the national and/or state Boards provide which would help in membership growth? (Suggestions may be for some entirely new kind of help or for more of the kinds of services now offered, e.g. Membership Matters, Recruitment Flyers.)

1. I think that somehow our system of notifying Leagues of members transferred into their area could be more efficient. This could be handled by the membership chairman rather than the treasurer as the former is closer to the members and is more apt to hear if someone is moving. She could check with the treasurer for status of dues. I think it would also be helpful to inform her new communitys League of her arrival even though her dues has run out by the time she leaves.
2. We have thought of making up some kind of application form to send to prospects for membership in the League to be returned with their dues. It would help to remind them to send in their dues, give the membership chairman & treasurer more complete information on new member, clarify where to send dues, and make joining League more official. Perhaps State or National could have something like this available at a low cost but more attractive then we could produce on a mimeograph.

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LOCAL LEAGUE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 1967-68

1. What is your League membership? 154; What are your dues? \$ 8.00
2. What was the budgeted goal for contributions to be raised between 4/1/67 and 3/31/68 (including both member and nonmember contributions)? \$ 1300.
3. *How much was actually raised from contributions between 4/1/67 and 3/31/68 (including both member and nonmember contributions)? \$ 1614.33
4. Give the dates of your finance campaign: from Sept. 6 to Sept. 16
5. Number of persons who contributed:

	Total amount received from:
Members <u>54</u>	\$ <u>462.33</u>
Nonmembers (individuals) <u>63</u>	\$ <u>567.00</u>
Business Firms and other Organizations <u>44</u>	\$ <u>585.00</u>
6. Number of workers:
Actual solicitors 26; All other workers 4; Total workers 30
7. Number of gifts ** received in each of the following categories:

	<u>a) All Gifts</u> (including business gifts)	<u>b) Business Gifts Only</u>
Under \$5	<u>15</u>	<u>--</u>
\$5 up to \$10	<u>54</u>	<u>11</u>
\$10 up to \$25	<u>78</u>	<u>24</u>
\$25 up to \$50	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>
\$50 up to \$100	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Over \$100	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>

*If you are filling out this form before your drive has been held, please estimate results on the basis of last year's drive. Be sure to include all membership gifts (whether collected when dues are paid or during the drive), together with all nonmember gifts (including business gifts) when reporting both your budgeted goal for contributions and the amount raised from contributions.

** Note: "Up to" implies "Not including".

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LOCAL LEAGUE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Continued)

8. Regarding business gifts please list:

a) number received from nationwide firms 3; from state-wide firms (if any) 3; from local firms 38

b) List names of nationwide firms, labor unions or organizations, etc. which contributed to the League this year. Attach extra page if necessary.
J. C. Penney and Company
Sears, Roebuck
Borg-Warner Corp., York Division

c) List names of any state-wide firms contributing to League:
Carson, Pirie Scott and Co.
Kroger Co.
Taber & Co.

d) Did any of your business donors specify their gift was to be used for a particular type of League activity, such as Voter Service or printing a publication? How many? No. What did the total of such earmarked gifts amount to? \$ None. What type of activity were they earmarked for?

9. If you had a Men's Advisory Committee, comment on how they helped your drive.

<u>None</u>				

10. If you have an experience or a story which would help other Leagues in their fund-raising efforts, please describe. Attach an extra sheet if necessary.
We had Mayor Rupp proclaim the week of our campaign as League of Women Voters week. Our local papers carried very good kick-off, interim and success stories.
We will continue to seek contributions from local branches of national firms. Change of management is an annual problem.

Our appeal letters were printed free by Tolly's Markets and Radio Station WSOY contributed spot announcements valued at \$238. Neither of these amounts is included in total contributions. Neither organization had made any contribution in past years.

No one person can take credit for success--it required the cooperation of a large group.

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LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT - 1967-68

(Please read explanation for each item on reverse of this sheet before filling in form.)

INCOME (estimated 4/1/67 - 3/31/68)

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Dues @ \$ <u>8.00</u> (from <u>153</u> members) | \$ <u>1,224.00</u> | \$ <u>3,224.00</u> |
| 2. Member Contributions (from <u>55</u> members) | \$ <u>467.33</u> | 1. (total from dues) |
| 3. Nonmember Contributions (from <u>61</u> individuals) | <u>1,157.00</u> | |
| | (from <u>39</u> businesses) | \$ <u>1,624.33</u> |
| 4. Other Receipts | | 2.&3. (total from member & nonmember contributions) |
| a) from <u>Macon Co. Book</u> | \$ <u>300.00</u> | |
| b) from <u>Interest</u> | \$ <u>50.00</u> | |
| c) from _____ | \$ _____ | |
| d) from _____ | \$ _____ | \$ <u>350.00</u> |
| 5. From Reserve | | 4. (total from "Other Receipts") |
| (from Earmarked Reserves: For KYT <u>\$294.33</u> ; | | |
| (for delegates _____; for etc. _____) a) _____ | | |
| (from Savings to balance budget) b) _____ | | \$ <u>294.33</u> |
| 6. Total Income, including any taken from Reserve | | 5. (total from Reserves) |
| | | \$ <u>3,492.66</u> |
| | | 6. (grand total) |

EXPENDITURES (estimated 4/1/67 - 3/31/68)

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 7. Local Disbursements | \$ <u>900.00</u> | |
| 8. State and National Support | \$ <u>850.00</u> | |
| 9. Total Expenditures 1967-68 | | \$ <u>3,750.00</u> |
| | | 9. (grand total) |

CASH STATEMENT

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 10. Total Cash Balance on hand 4/1/67 | \$ <u>2,062.13</u> |
| 11. Total Estimated Cash Balance on hand 3/31/68 | \$ <u>1,500.00</u> |
| 12. How much of estimated Cash Balance is earmarked? | \$ <u>1,500.00</u> |

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Dues: _____ Fill in rate of dues, number of members and total amount received.

2. & 3. Contributions: _____ Consult Finance Chairman's report for number of contributions. Include both member (2) and nonmember (3) contributions in total amount of contributions.

4. Other Receipts: _____ Show in these four spaces only net profits (receipts minus expenses equals net profits) derived from such activities as: a) sale of publications (including calendars); b) fees charged for meetings; c) fees for reporting election returns; d) any other profit-making activities.

5. From Reserves: _____ Fill in this figure only if funds were drawn from a) Earmarked Reserves (for a Know Your Town, or for future delegates expenses, or special publications or equipment, etc.) or b) drawn from savings to balance your expenses. Reserve is total cash balance on hand at end of previous fiscal year. It includes all money in all savings accounts, plus all money in all checking accounts.

7. Local Disbursements: _____ Include all expenses except state and national support.

8. State and National Support: _____ Show actual amount of pledge, plus any additional gifts to state or national. Do not include cost of state and national publications or county council pledge. Those items will appear under local disbursements.

10. Cash Balance 4/1/67: _____ Include total of cash in all checking and savings accounts even though some may be earmarked as in #5 above.

11. Estimated Cash Balance 3/31/68: _____ You will arrive at this figure by adding 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10 (Cash Balance 4/1/67) then subtracting #9 (Total Expenditures 1967-68).

12. Earmarked Funds: _____ Put in this space that portion of your estimated Cash Balance which fits description of earmarked funds in item 5 above.

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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
(Add extra sheets if necessary.)

1. Describe your League's coverage of the Development of Human Resources item (committee work, unit and general membership meetings, subjects covered, membership participation).

Sub-committee will update survey of provisions for equality of opportunity for education and employment in Decatur-a local publication.

Sub-committee to look into training and apprenticeship programs in industry and unions- questions sent to all local unions and 15 largest industries.

All-member meeting with guests December 1967. Speaker was director of CAP who spoke about OEO.

Monthly resource committee meetings for reports assigned

panel discussion at May all-member meeting with Civil Rights Resource Committee and School Committee.

2. Describe your League's response to state and national times for Action on Development of Human Resources.

Several telegrams were sent to urge support of ESEA HR7819 on May 25.

Letters sent to Percy, Dirkson, Springer responding to time for action. On June 1, letters sent to Clark, Springer, Dirkson, Percy, also to Springer June 19, 1967.

Letters sent to McCartney, Taylor, regarding Title 11 OEO Telegram in Aug. urging support of Anti-Poverty legislation

3. What local action was taken under the Development of Human Resources position? Describe. Was the national position combined with a state or local position?

Copies of our survey were sent to the Board of Education Our president made a statement before the Decatur Board of Education incorporating local and state and national Human Resources wording.

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DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (Continued)

4. How many and in what capacity have members of your League served in local programs related to the Development of Human Resources? Has this contact been beneficial to the League?

Yes

We have one member on the Community Commission on integration

One member working with the above commission.

Nine or ten volunteer workers in OEO programs.

5. In evaluating local programs to provide equality of opportunity in education and employment, what improvements in the programs would you suggest, if any?

More money. Most improvements require either Personnel or facilities which hinge on budget appropriations. No expansion can occur when we receive cuts in budgets rather than increases. Neighborhood workers need more cooperation with existing agencies in providing services for the need.

More cooperation from local business and industry in setting up job training programs-in seeking out hard-core unemployed- in changing testing standards and qualifications.

Trade unions to open its doors to Negroes.

Better program for handling (follow up) high School Drop-outs

Home study teachers for pregnant girls who drop out.

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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - CHINA

1. Describe and evaluate your League's coverage of the China study (resource committee work, kinds, and number of membership meetings, use of outside experts, participation and response of membership).

Since last February, we have held 11 resource committee meetings exploring in depth the subjects of Chinese foreign policy, Communism, overseas Chinese, U.S. attitudes toward China, problems of nuclear control, effects of U.S. involvement in Asia, China's seat in the U.N., trade, and diplomatic recognition. Two members of Millikin U. faculty spoke at 2 committee meetings (open to all members)-- subjects--post-1949 relations with C. China and effects of U.S. involvement in Asia. Of a membership of 150, 33 attended one all-member meeting, and 30 attended a set of three unit meetings. Good participation at unit meetings. At all-member meeting, members were unexpectedly quiet on subject of U.S. involvement in Asia.

2. If your League undertook any community activity (public meetings, speeches to organizations, sponsorship of conferences, etc.), please describe extent of League involvement, segment and proportion of community reached. Evaluate effectiveness.

Sorry to say, nothing yet. We are presently working on script to accompany China slides from National.

3. Indicate the specific subject areas covered by membership (e.g. U.S. policy choices, U.N. Representation, China under Communist rule).

China under Communist rule (last yr.), Chinese foreign policy, relation between foreign and domestic policy, Chinese aggression, U.S. policies toward Peking and Taipei, effects of U.S. involvement in Asia, China's seat in U.N., trade, diplomatic recognition, problems of nuclear control.

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4. Please comment on the usefulness of the following publications on China:

FACTS & ISSUES

Good--reflected in memberships' understanding of the issues involved.

Mainland China: U.S. Policy Choices

Most members felt the subject coverage was good, but some felt the arguments against trade, diplomatic recognition, Chinese admission to the U.N. and Chinese Representation

U.N., etc, were not given adequate space.

China under Communist Rule

Would have been more useful earlier in study.

CURRENT REVIEW

THE CHINA PUZZLE

Still a wonderful reference for concise information.

5. Other Comments?

Script accompanying China slides was not up to usual League standard.

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NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA - FOREIGN POLICY SUPPORT POSITIONS (Aid, Trade, U.N.)

1. Describe and evaluate your League's coverage of the foreign policy support positions:

Aid Letter sent to Rep. Springer June 8, 1967.

Aid Letter sent to Senators Bigleson and Percy Dec 1, 1967.
press, radio, TV)

TRADE (response to Times for Action, if any; League or community meetings; use of press, radio, TV)

United Nations

"The U.N. Today" was given to all members attending a China meeting on U.N. day. A small portion of the program was devoted to outlining U.N. activities in areas other than peacekeeping. Remainder of order (67) was given to local high school for classroom use.

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UNITED NATIONS (response to Times for Action, if any; League or community meetings; use of press, radio, TV; use of "The UN Today")

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- 2. Comment on the usefulness of these other publications on foreign policy support positions.

With Continued Support

Voter Articles (response to Times for Action, if any; League or community meetings; use of press, radio, TV)

Current Review

Although we were happy to have all these publications, no special use was made of them.

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WATER RESOURCES (Continued)

4. Referring only to the Time for Action of May 25, 1967, on "Support of adequate funding for the federal sewage treatment facility construction grant program,"

- | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
|--|------------|--------------|
| a) Did your League send an official League letter to both your U. S. Senators? | _____ | <u> x </u> |
| b) Did your League send an official League letter to your Congressman? | _____ | <u> x </u> |
| c) Did your League communicate the T-for-A to your members? | _____ | <u> x </u> |

If so, how did you get the information to your members?

We ordinarily put notices in the local bulletin or announce it at unit meetings.

Please evaluate member response.

- | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
|--|------------|--------------|
| d) Did your League alert and encourage action by local officials | _____ | <u> x </u> |
| other local organizations | _____ | <u> x </u> |
| interested individuals (non-League) | _____ | <u> x </u> |

Please evaluate the response to (d), so far as it is possible.

5. Please write a synopsis of any activity carried on by your League (alone or in company with other people or organizations) that you think might illustrate citizen activity in connection with water resources.

Remember: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, HOW, WHY, AND WITH WHAT RESULT.

We have been inactive this year in the area of water resources.

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NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Please describe in detail any method which you found particularly successful for informing your members on national Continuing Responsibilities. (Please use another sheet if necessary.)

Announcements at meetings

Bulletin notices

Unit meeting programs devoted entirely to current agenda and continuing responsibilities

2. Describe any action your League took on any of the national Continuing Responsibilities. If you have devised any way of notifying interested members to write to Congressmen on Times for Action, other than announcements at units or Bulletin notice, please describe.

Our president, in her President's letter column in our local bulletin often gives brief background and current suggestions about Times for action. Apportionment and Washington D.C. letters have been written to congressmen. Apportionment letters have to go to state senators.

3. Three recent publications on NCRs have been available from the national office:
NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES, 1966-1968
CURRENT REVIEW OF CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES # 8 (April 1967)
FACTS & ISSUES ON WASHINGTON: THE NATION'S SHOWPLACE?, 1967
Comment about their usefulness for your League, distribution, how they were used.

All were read but Facts and Issues on Washington: The Nation's Showplace? read well as a publication, went out on subscription service.

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VOTERS SERVICE

As in recent years, the national Board is differentiating between election Voters Service and other Voters Service not related to specific elections.

You may need extra sheets on which to report all your Voters Service work. (Label each extra sheet "Voters Service.") Please read all the questions before beginning to answer any.

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1. Describe how your League promoted party precinct participation. With members? With the public?
Nothing done in this area.

2. a) What did your League do in election Voters Service?

Our League co-sponsored with a local TV station a one-hour "Meet the Candidates" program last April. Some 30 candidates for City Council, Park Board, and Decatur Township offices participated. All candidates were introduced, but because of the large group, only non-political candidates for city offices were questioned by a panel of four newsmen and by interested viewers who telephoned in questions. Viewer interest was high.

League members demonstrated and explained a voting device at polling places throughout the city to acquaint citizens with new method of voting under consideration for future elections.

- b) What did your League do in nonelection Voters Service?

"A Government Officials and Voting Reference" listing state, city, county, and township offices and committees was compiled and printed this fall. Some 5,000 copies were distributed to Council of Churches, County Clerk, library, city and parochial^{school} personnel, banks, League finance drive contributors, Welcome Wagon, PTA and Church groups, YWCA, League members, etc.

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- c) Describe in particular the Voters Service activities undertaken to help inner city and other less easily motivated groups.

None undertaken.

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- 3. Please describe in detail your Voters Service success stories. (Attach clippings and agendas of meetings, if available.)

Described under 2 (A).

2. a) What did your League do in election Voters Service?

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- 4. How can the national Board be most helpful to your League's Voters Service work in the coming year?

No suggestions.

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NOTE TO PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

Due to the upcoming 50th Anniversary a special public relations report form will be sent you at a different time and with a different deadline from the regular Annual Report.

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STATE PROGRAM

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Support of improved local, regional and statewide welfare services by Illinois state agencies serving children and their families.

Due to lack of woman power and member interest this item was not active.

Position paper put out by state was sold as local publication chairman attended unit meetings for other items other than welfare.

How useful were the state Board's materials, if any; state area conferences or workshops, if any; and state Board services on the state Current Agenda in general?

Position paper was clearly written. I hope to attend a meeting in Chicago on March 21. We hope to send copies of the flyer giving the program of this meeting to our juvenile officer and our legislators.

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Protection of the individual in his civil rights and liberties.

Times for Action have been answered by our local League president and interested members of the League. We have been studying housing and employment under a local program item.

How useful were the state Board's materials, if any; state area conferences or workshops, if any; and state Board services on the state Current Agenda in general?

Two letters from the State Board dated March 30, 1967 and August 1, 1967 have been used. The first pertained to ~~the failures of open occupancy legislation, the second to~~ Fair Employment Practices legislation, the second pertained to failures of Open Occupancy Legislation in the legislature and the outlook for the future.

There was one Conference on ~~200~~ local Fair Housing Ordinances held in Chicago. I did not attend. Transportation is difficult.

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Local Government Structure within Illinois
resource committee has studied county and township government. We had three committee meetings, when reports on assigned items have been given with group discussion following. Committee members have been visiting city council and Co. Board of Supervisors meetings as spectators.

How useful were the state Board's materials, if any; state area conferences or workshops, if any; and state Board services on the state Current Agenda in general?

The government kits have been very helpful. But feel lack of material on school districts and special districts. With the workshop coming in spring, we feel this is late for this year's report.

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LOCAL PROGRAM

(Please use a separate sheet for each local Program item. Three forms, including this one, are provided. Use extra pages if needed. Give local League and state at top of each page. Note questions on back of page 22.)

Subject: Decatur Public Schools

1. League support position (if any).

Support of increased funds to provide quality education and adequate space. This year, we have worked for passage of a school tax referendum-it would increase the Educ. fund tax rate from \$1.80 to 2.20

2. Publications issued (attach copy).

Our committee prepared two publications:

1. fact sheet pertaining to the proposed tax referendum

2. a publication giving position statements from school board candidates, obtained in reply to a letter questionnaire sent to the candidates. It was distributed through banks and stores prior to school board election April, 1967.

3. Activities during the year, including League meetings, action taken by League (testimony at hearings, ballot campaigns, letters, public meetings, important publicity, etc. Attach any pertinent materials, clippings). Please report whether any action campaign was successful.

a. The league has been supporting the "Vote Yes for our Children Committee", a cooperative local group, including PTA, Chamber of Commerce, etc. who are campaigning for the school tax referendum. Voting is Feb. 14.

b. Unit meetings were held Jan. 23 & 24. Our program was three-part:

(1) Consensus question-Would the schools benefit by having school board elections every other year instead of every year and the term of office extended from 3 to 6 years. The feeling of the group was that, although every other year elections would be beneficial, a six year term would tend to discourage good people from running for office.

(2) School finances - need for a successful referendum, and the enclosed fact was used to explain the various school funds, and our financial position. A report was also given on cuts which have been made in our educational program due to the failure of past referendums.

(3) Report on the work of the local Community Commission of Integration by league members who are also on the CCI.

The school tax referendun failed Feb. 14, 1968

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURVEYS: List those done by your League now currently in print.
Give date.

A booklet entitled facts about Decatur Schools was prepared by the League School committee in 1963, but due to changes is now partly out dated.

a. Which of these, if any, are used in schools? libraries?
distribution by others? groups or agencies? Comment fully.
I do not know if it is still used outside of League

b. What cooperative financing arrangements, if any, has your
League had for publication of local surveys?

OBSERVERS PROGRAM: List governmental meetings (Council, School Board, Planning
Commission, etc.) regularly attended by your League. If you
have an observer program, in what ways is it useful? Describe.

Committee members sometimes attend school board meetings, but
attendance and observation have not been formally organized this year.

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Subject: *Council Manager Form of City Government: Support of Council-Manager Form of government for the city of Decatur.*

1. League support position (if any).

Above.

2. Publications issued (attach copy).

none.

3. Activities during the year, including League meetings, action taken by League (testimony at hearings, ballot campaigns, letters, public meetings, important publicity, etc. Attach any pertinent materials, clippings). Please report whether any action campaign was successful.

none.

This item was kept as a holding item only during a change over in city managers.

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Subject: Human Resources: Study and evaluation of programs in Decatur and Macon County to provide for all persons equality of opportunity in education and employment.

1. League support position (if any).

none

2. Publications issued (attach copy).

Survey of Provisions for Equality of Opportunity for Education and Employment in Decatur was done in April 1967 and is being revised this year. Revision will not be finished until April.

3. Activities during the year, including League meetings, action taken by League (testimony at hearings, ballot campaigns, letters, public meetings, important publicity, etc. Attach any pertinent materials, clippings). Please report whether any action campaign was successful.

General meeting of the League where all members and guests came to hear Kenley Wade director of CAP spoke in the work of the program and answered question from the audience. In May of this year we will have a panel discussion on Civil Rights, Schools, and Development of Human Resources. We work with the Civil Rights committee (local program)

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Survey of Provisions for Equality of Opportunity
for Educational and Employment in Decatur

- a. Which of these, if any, are used in schools? libraries?
distribution by others? groups or agencies? Comment fully.

Local CAP agency uses this survey as part of their training
program for neighborhood workers. It was also used in a
sociology class at Millikin University.

- b. What cooperative financing arrangements, if any, has your
League had for publication of local surveys?

none

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Community Commission on Integration of Decatur Public
Schools.

Human Relations Commission Meetings

Decatur and Macon County Opportunities Corporation
School Board

Members of our committee attend the above meetings and find
it helpful to gain the feel and tone of human relations in
the community.

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Subject: Study and evaluation of the need for funds by the Decatur Human Relations Commission
Evaluation of the fair housing ordinance in Decatur.

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Meetings were held with the Human Resources study group and some as separate study meetings on our item. We have done interviews with Human Relations Secretary and the city attorney who is writing up a new housing ordinance for the Decatur City Council. We prepared a statement to be read at the city council meeting when the ordinance was to be read. We distributed copies of the State consensus on equal housing to city council and the press. We will be part of a Panel Discussion in May on, "Civil Rights, Decatur Schools, and Development of Human Resources." a League all member meeting.

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Subject: Operation and Needs of the Decatur Public Library

1. League support position (if any).

Following a comprehensive study, on February 15, 1965 the Decatur LWV recommended construction planning and promotion for a new main library Bldg.

2. Publications issued (attach copy).

None

3. Activities during the year, including League meetings, action taken by League (testimony at hearings, ballot campaigns, letters, public meetings, important publicity, etc. Attach any pertinent materials, clippings). Please report whether any action campaign was successful.

The library resources Committee was continued as a local item to follow the City Plan Dept's proposed plans for a civic cultural center including a new main library. Public hearings were held on May 9 and 10 and this hearing was attended by committee members.

Committee meetings are to be held on a weekly basis beginning the end of February to prepare for a program for an all-member meeting of the local league on library on April 10, 1968.

Chairman of this committee appeared on half hour segment of the local radio "Community Conversation" program in May, 1967 with the Head Librarian on Needs and Operation of the Decatur Public Library. Other committee members also worked in preparation of the program.

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During the past year committee members of the chairman have attended meetings of the public hearings by the City Plan Commission on the proposed civic center, a public meeting for preliminary hearings before this group. Committee chairman has appeared as a participant on the local "Community Conversation" radio program section on Library with the head librarian, and interviewed the president and secretary of "Friends of the Decatur Library" on prospects of a referendum in the Fall for funds for construction of a new main library building.

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Subject: Macon Conty Nursing Home: Continued evaluation of the need for a Macon County Nursing Home.

1. League support position (if any).

none

2. Publications issued (attach copy).

none

3. Activities during the year, including League meetings, action taken by League (testimony at hearings, ballot campaigns, letters, public meetings, important publicity, etc. Attach any pertinent materials, clippings). Please report whether any action campaign was successful.

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued

Has your Board any suggestions for changes in basic League policies. If so, please describe, giving reasons.

Some of us feel that the meetings throughout the year should be located at different places over the state. Chicago is too far for many of us to get to easily.

Has your Board any suggestions for improvements in procedures and services of the National Board? If so, please describe the improvements, giving reasons.

Our publications chairman feels that she should get new publications or information concerning publications as soon as possible. At this time, it seems that those on duplicate mailing receive such information a week or two before she does.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS
67 East Madison St., Chicago 60603

January 17, 1968

Central 6-0315

TO: Presidents

FROM: Janet Connor
Organization Chairman

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT April 1, 1967 to March 31, 1968

LEAGUE DECATUR

In looking over the past year's activities, would you consider it a successful year? **Yes. I feel that we have excellent rapport with the community, and that the influence of the League is strong and respected.**

What do you consider your League's major accomplishments?

"Community Conversations", an all day radio program, refreshed our close relationship with civic affairs, and greatly helped toward an extremely successful finance drive. Our work on the school referendum was highly praised. We're also proud of a book This is Macon County, completed this year.

What do you consider your League's unfinished business?

I feel that our League has not moved ahead enough in the field of Human Resources this year.

Does your average member feel more involved in and knowledgeable about the political process because she is a League member?

I hope so, though some good League members are amazingly unaware of facts of the political process.

Which program item has stimulated the most member interest?

I believe Human Resources has attracted the most interest, and been responsible for new member interest.

Which program item has stimulated the least member interest?

Hard to say. Too much depends on the leader of the particular group.

Of what League activity is your community most aware?

"Community Conversations" and the school referendum work.

Have you cooperated with nearby Leagues in any way--program exchange, joint resource committees, voters service? No.

If so, please enumerate.

Did you have a Board Training this year? No. In what ways was it helpful?

How many general meetings have you held this year? 6 Unit meetings? 6
Board meetings? 13

Do you send out advance agendas for Board meetings? Yes

Are there any program items you did not cover this year? _____

Please enumerate. **Only local holding items, and state child welfare, all of which we try to summarize yearly in our local Voter.**

How many years have you been a League member? 13 Board member? 7 yrs.

How many Board members do you have? 18 How many are serving their first year on the Board? 6

Did your Board understand and assume its role? For the most part, beautifully.
Our Voter editor was a new League member, and this resulted in some misunderstanding as to her role.

What State services do you find most helpful? State services were of great value. I particularly found the President's letter helpful to give a closer relationship to the State Board, and a knowledge of the directions to follow in state items.

What State services do you find the least helpful? _____

Have you found being League President a rewarding experience? _____

More than rewarding, - it has been a personally gratifying experience. And I know of no better way to learn how the League functions, and why it has earned the respect that it has.

What was your favorite League experience this past year?

I believe that it was the meeting for presidents at Springfield. It was group small enough to discuss easily the various problems, combined with a solid informative afternoon meeting on Con-Con. Private home pleasant.

How could the State League serve you and your League better?

The meetings for presidents, and other informative meetings are extremely helpful but so hard to get to, with dwindling train facilities, and unpredictable weather for flying, or driving. Would such meeting in the various areas be feasible. (As I write this, I can think of all sorts of problems!)

DUE MARCH 1, 1968

Central 6-0315

LEAGUE ~~Decatur, Ill.~~

PREPARED BY ~~Kaye Butler Publications Co.~~

PUBLICATIONS ANNUAL REPORT
April 1, 1967 - March 31, 1968

I. Does your League have a local subscription service (members automatically receive publications on a regular basis in return for an annual fee). Yes

If Yes, a. What is the price \$ ~~1.50~~

b. How many subscribers 14

c. List any non-League publications which went to subscribers this year.

None so far

d. If you are on an anniversary dues plan, how have you adjusted your subscription service. Please explain on reverse side.

If No, a. Would you recommend one for your League? _____ Why, or why not?

II. List your League's own publications which are available or in preparation:

<u>Title:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Price:</u>
This is Macon Co., A Handbook of Local Government	Oct. 1967	75¢
Decatur School Fact Sheet	Jan. 1968	postage
Survey of Provisions for Equality of Opportunity for Education and Employment in Decatur	April, 1967	Free. No longer available, revision may be made in 1968

III. Can you suggest ways in which State can be more effective in helping you to do your job?

It seems that we are receiving our publication orders more quickly this year; this is very important, hopefully it will continue. The main problem this year is that the resource chairman are not receiving their material and publications early enough in the year. There have been delays and confusions about when State Publications will be available for us to order; this makes it difficult to plan our program calendar and to insure our subscribers to Subscription Service that they will receive study material before a unit meeting.

I. d. So far, we have had no problems by just keeping records. Most of our subscribers do not pay with their dues, but during our subscription service campaign in the fall. I send all of our publications out between Sept. and June; I keep very close records and this method has ~~worked~~ worked best for me. (However, I think I give our treasurer some headaches) There is bound to be a better way, any suggestions will be most welcome.

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STATE Illinois

REPORT PREPARED BY Geneva Barber

PUBLIC RELATIONS ANNUAL REPORT
(April 1, 1967 - March 31, 1968)

1. Do you have a Public Relations Committee? Yes

Do you plan an overall public relations program? Yes

2. Newspaper Publicity? About how often do you submit stories to your local paper? Monthly

Please check the kinds of publicity you have used this year:

Advance publicity for meetings

"Follow-Up" stories

News of League activities (other than meetings)

Feature stories

Letters to the Editor

Pictures

Sample Press Releases from State and National

A regular column. If you have a column, how often does it appear?

What problems (if any) have you had in dealing with your local press?

Have you sent your news clippings to the State Office?

3. Radio and Television: To what extent does your League use radio and television? To announce meetings

Had a candidates meeting on T.V. for the viewers to phone in questions to City Council Candidates
If you have a regular program, when is it broadcast?

What kinds of programs are you doing?

Have you used any radio spot announcements? What kinds?

4. Do you have a Speakers Bureau? Give names of organizations to which you have spoken.

How have you promoted it in the community? *Con Con speakers program being promoted*

What has been the response to your Speakers Bureau activities?

5. What other Public Relations tools did you use?

Exhibits, posters, displays: *This is Macon County Book*

Special letters or flyers: *"Want to Know About" poster and fliers on membership and League*

Publications: *Facts about the League to prospective members*

Community organization file:

Others:

6. What would you say was your most outstanding public relations effort this year? Describe briefly.

Prepared a book on Human Resources *Community Conversation Day in Cooperation with Radio Station W P Z*

7. Did you take action on a local agenda item? *Local School Tax Fund Referendum*

Local T. V. Candidates meeting L. W. V. was active in seeking views of candidates for Board of Education

8. Which publications materials are distributed to the community? To whom?

Sent to non-members contributors, Local newspaper, Public Library, Local Radio and TV stations:

This is Macon County Book

School Fact Sheet on Education Tax Fund

October National Voter

Jobs and Hard Cash

To various organizations:

Illinois needs a Constitution