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held in the Westminster Church Parlor September 4. The committee plans to follow up the invitations with phone calls. Mrs. Schade asked for help from the board on this project.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mrs. Barber, Public relations Vice President, said State has suggested we send copies of Get Ready to Vote to the news media. It was also suggested we work up a slide for use on TV, showing a hand holding a pencil placing an X in the "yes" square for Con Con. On Tuesday September 3, Barbara Dumas will be interviewed on TV concerning plans for the Fall Coffee. This will be seen on the 6 PM WAND News. She will also be interviewed on WJZ's Hot Line. Spot announcements are being sent to WSOY. She is hoping to get an article in the paper asking people to buy the Voter's Handbook. She will inform the news Media that we have copies which they can buy for their own use.

UNIT ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS: Mrs. Heilman informed the board that the rolling Prairie Library Board will not be able to allow refreshments to be served at meetings held there. The Alumni Lounge at Millikin was suggested as an alternative meeting place for All-Member meetings.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Weisman announced that Subscription Service starts in September. It was decided that copies of Choosing your President will be available at the Candidates Meeting.

VOTERS SERVICE: Mrs. Homan announced that of the 16 candidates contacted for the Candidates Meeting, 11 have replied. Congressman Springer will be unable to attend due to prior commitments, but the other 10 have said they will attend. Dick Westbrook of WJZ has agreed to be moderator. The Board agreed that County Candidates would be allowed 2 minutes speaking time. Mrs. Homan announced the names of the committee members who prepared questions to ask the candidates. They are: Mrs. Redford, Mrs. Pauline Smith, Mrs. Tenney, Mrs. Ohlson and Mrs. Landholt. Mrs. Hurst helped on the 3rd question, on Education. Following are the questions as approved by the board:

For the State Candidates - 5 minutes speaking time,

1. As a State Legislator, what changes in the tax structure would you support or work for in the next Legislative Session?
2. What would you as a legislator do to improve highways for Decatur?
3. These questions relate to the Legislature's Task Force on Education and its recommendations for improving elementary and secondary education in Illinois.
 - a. What factor or standard other than Average Daily Attendance would you approve as the basis for State Aid to Education?
 - b. Would you favor setting a minimum of at least \$600 for each pupil in average daily attendance?
4. Do you think that equal housing opportunity should be guaranteed by State Law? If yes, what enforcement procedures would you include?

Questions for Congressional Candidates.

1. What changes, if any, would you advocate in Federal policies to solve the problems of the cities?
2. What should be the role of the Federal Government in the welfare field? Should it establish uniform state standards, family allowances, guaranteed annual wage, negative income tax?

Questions for Congressional Candidates, cont.

3. Can you suggest ways in which the J.S. can work within the UN to improve its peace keeping effectiveness.

4. What is your attitude toward the Trade Expansion Act of 1968?

Some questions not recommended for inclusion in the above list, but which individual League members might ask from the floor are: 1, "What will you, as our Congressional Representative do to bring Interstate Highways through Decatur?", and 2, "Do you favor the Oakley Dam Project as currently approved?"

Questions for States Attorney:

1. What changes if any are needed in the operation of the office of States Attorney?

2. Because of the need for a better public understanding regarding reduction of charges, please explain the considerations that enter into such decisions.

Questions for Circuit Clerk, Recorder and Auditor:

1. In the office you are seeking, what are ways to economize and improve services.

2. What are your special qualifications for this office?

Questions for Coroner Candidates:

1. Do you feel it necessary for the Coroner to be an M.D.?

2. Do you favor an autopsy in all cases of accidental death?

PROGRAM: Mrs. Crow announced changes in the program for 1968-69. Mrs. Protzman should be listed as Chairman of the Water Resources Committee in the announcement of the All Member Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 18. On Thursday, Sept. 26 there will be a State Regional Workshop in Springfield at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The morning meetings will be on Membership and Local Agenda. In the Afternoon, Mr. Charles Marshal, Vice President of Illinois Bell will speak on "A Businessman Looks at Civil Rights." On Wed. Oct. 16, an All Member Meeting, "Foreign Policy, China" should be struck out and it should be added that "Mrs. Clifford Smith will speak on League and the UN." Regarding the Candidates meeting, October 23rd, Mrs. Homan should be listed as chairman and Dick Westbrook, WJZ as moderator.

The Jan. 14-15 unit meetings will be on China-Asia Foreign Policy instead of Local Government.

There will be a Program Conference Oct. 9 at the Pick-Congress in Chicago from 10 AM to 3 PM. Registration is \$5.00 apiece. There will be a 4-member panel discussion entitled "Dialogue with a City." Both Gubernatorial Candidates will appear and answer questions from State League and from the floor.

The State Housing Authority is meeting in Chicago August 29 at 4 PM at 160 N. LaSalle to consider the Decatur request for funds. The DHA will provide transportation for anyone desiring to attend. There is more information at the DHA Office.

The August 28 Decatur City Council Meeting will include a hearing on the Master Plan for housing. League Members are urged to attend.

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There is a September 19th and 20th meeting in Springfield on Public Housing. The DHA is attending. There will be National speakers present. Reservations must be in by Sept. 9.

Agnita Wright has been monitoring DARE meetings for League. However, she occasionally feels she should make statements at the meetings. She wanted to know if it is proper for her to remain as League monitor. It was decided she should not.

The next Board Meeting will be September 11 at the home of Marilyn Miller, 1830 W. Riverview.

Adjournment, 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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