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January 15, 1970

TO: PRESIDENTS

FROM: Mrs. Peter F. Connor, Jr.
Organization Chairman

RE: ANNUAL REPORTS - Due in
State Office Mar. 1, 1970

Annual Report time again!

You will receive from National seven sets of report forms. They are to be filled out by you and your Board members. Two copies are to be returned to the National Office, two copies to the State Office, three copies are for your files. Although Annual Reports are a lot of paper work, they give you an opportunity to "tell it like it was" during the past year. They give the State Board a clearer picture of each of our 81 Leagues. They give the National Board the opportunity to see nationwide League activity.

The seven sets of report forms provided by National are to be used as follows:

- 2 sets for your local League files
- 1 set for each local chairman's files
- 2 sets to be sent directly to the National Office:
1730 - M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036
- 2 sets to be sent directly to the State Office:
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STEP 1 - Assign one person on your Board to distribute and collect reports that are due March 1, 1970

STEP 2 - Remind chairmen

- the year's report should include activity from April 1, 1969, to March 31, 1970
- reports are much more readable when typed
- one copy is for her own files
- two copies are for local League files
- two copies are for State files
- two copies are for National files
- to include all materials or publications prepared by your local League
- to type name of League and State at the top of each sheet used

IN ADDITION is the enclosed State Report form
- 2 copies for Presidents - *

Send one copy to the State Office, keep one copy for your files

STEP 3 - Be prompt in returning all reports by March 1, 1970

STEP 4 - Be proud of yourself for all you accomplished last year!

* Leagues in Cook County, please fill out additional enclosed form and return to the State Office with the rest of your Annual Reports.

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LOCAL LEAGUE

Decatur

STATE

Illinois

ANNUAL REPORT, 4/1/69 - 3/31/70

LOCAL PROGRAM

Decatur's Water Resources and Sewer Systems

Please report local Program activities, one subject to a sheet, on which there has been substantial study and/or action. Do not list inactive items. Attach additional sheets if there are not enough forms. Describe in some detail if study or action was innovative; affected special legislative and/or local problems; enlisted community support; reflected a well-planned effort, even if not crowned with immediate success. List publications and attach copy. Note questions on page 29.

Action was taken under a support position under our local Water resources - Support for adequate storm and sanitary sewers.

We were asked to be part of a citizen's committee to help support and promote passage of a \$2,600,000 Storm Sewer Bond Issue Referendum. Our president, Water Resources chairman, and a member of her committee represented League and attended four meetings and helped in the planning of the campaign. We wrote a letter to the editor of our local newspaper, read a statement to the city council, which a tape of was broadcast on radio, and informed our members of our support and why. Brochures were sent to everyone in Decatur who pays a water bill by the citizens committee so was not necessary for us to prepare any fact sheets.

The referendum, February 24th was a success by a two to one margin. This is the first time a referendum has passed that set an increase in the property tax rate in some time!

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4/1/69 - 3/31/70

TO: Local and Provisional League Presidents
FROM: Mrs. Bruce E. Benson
RE: 1969-1970 Local League Annual Report

C O N T E N T S

Enclosed are seven (7) copies of the Local League Annual Report forms for 1969-70. The number to be sent to your state and the deadline for your state are given in the enclosed memo from LWVUS. Two copies are to be sent to the LWVUS.

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Thank you for your prompt cooperation in making Report time a time of productive annual stocktaking and evaluation.

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The deadline is very important because your reports are essential to your state League in making their reports to the National office. Please return promptly.

The Reports serve two important functions:

- a) They supply to national Board and staff information about activity on Program, Voters Service, and other areas of basic League work. One copy is divided by subject matter.
- b) They constitute a report to be kept as a permanent record of your League's work for your files. One copy sent to the national office goes to your League's basic file here.

When extra sheets are needed to complete your report be sure to give your League and state at the top of each sheet. One subject to a sheet please.

Estimated membership and finance figures may be arrived at on the basis of the experience of preceding years. For example, your treasurer can supply the number of members who joined your League in the period between filling out your report and March 31 in the last two or three years. The average figure for members joining in this period is added to the number of paid members as of reporting date to give an estimated figure for 3/31/70.

The Report requests the January 1, 1970 membership figure in addition to the estimated figure. Use the figures given for determining representation at the National Convention plus the number of associate members.

Provisional Leagues are asked to report their activities to date leaving those pages unused and those questions unanswered which do not apply to them at their individual state of development.

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Deadline for return: Determined by State Board

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To National Office -- two copies to 1730 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
To your file -- one copy

LOCAL LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT
For the year April 1, 1969 - March 31, 1970

Population of community (or area, if League is organized on area basis) 89,186

This League is in Congressional District or Districts Number 22nd.

MEMBERSHIP

- a) Total membership reported one year ago (use figure given on line g last year) 152
- b) Number of voting members (estimated) 3/31/70 143
- c) Number of associate members (estimated) 3/31/70 0
- d) Number of new members (estimated) 4/1/69 - 3/31/70 16
- e) Number of members dropped 4/1/69 - 3/31/70 22
- f) Net gain (cross out one) since last year. (If a gain, loss this figure is d) minus e); if a loss, e) minus d).) 6
- g) Total membership (estimated) 3/31/70 b) plus c) 143

If your League ~~lost~~ ^{gained} (cross out one) in membership this year, to what factors do you attribute the gain or loss?

The board of education approved and implemented an unpopular integration plan in the public schools. The League supported the school Board as duly elected representatives dulling its image somewhat in the eyes of some members. we also gained a few members because of our stand. Some League members found they were just too occured with civil rights and human relation groups to participate in the League activities on an active basis. They had to choose priorities on both a time and financial basis.

Total membership January 1, 1970
(Use the figure reported to national Board for Convention representation this year and add number of associate members paid as of January 1, 1970.)

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MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

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If you had success at getting and/or keeping members please describe techniques which you think would be helpful to other Leagues:

we had a very successful orientation Coffee in February. It is our feeling that late winter is perhaps a better time for orientations rather than fall when everyone is busy with winter schedules. It gives new members a chance to acquaint themselves with League members and helps them to have a more secure feeling asking questions about procedures they may not understand. We attempted to keep the atmosphere very informal.

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

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What special effort did your Board make to involve members in League action?

All Board members tried to find out the interests of individual members and reported their findings to the membership chairman who referred names to committee chairmen.

143	(estimated) 3/31/70	(b) Number of voting members
0	(estimated) 3/31/70	(c) Number of associate members
18	(estimated) 4/1/69 - 3/31/70	(d) Number of new members
22	(estimated) 4/1/69 - 3/31/70	(e) Number of members dropped
6	(If a gain, this figure is d minus e; if a loss, e minus d.)	(f) Net gain (cross out one) since last year.
143	(estimated) 3/31/70 plus c)	(g) Total membership

If your League lost (cross out one) in membership this year, to what factors do you attribute the gain or loss?

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.)

I think a Fact Sheet issued yearly covering all successfully lobbied legislation for the previous year and generously distributed might be helpful.

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Barbara Dumas

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LOCAL LEAGUE

STATE

ANNUAL REPORT, 4/1/69 - 3/31/70

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Has your Board any suggestions for changes or improvements in policies, procedures and services of the national Board. If so, please describe, giving reasons.

I think that the form of your Time For Action sheets could be improved so as to facilitate quick referral to pertinent information.

Under To:, FROM:, & RE: could be WHEN: and would state where bill (what committee or whether in House or Senate) is at present time and where it has already passed.

Under this could come WHO: or some similar heading and state who we were to write letters to.

Under this could come the timing and deadlines of letters.

I appreciate and read the background information and it is most valuable as are details of the above. but think the above should be stated at the beginning.

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BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS - Continued BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

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LOCAL LEAGUE FINANCE CHAIRMAN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY REPORT - 1/1/69 - 12/31/69

Please refer to 50th Anniversary Campaign Report Memo #40 dated June 25, 1969. If the June form has not been completed and returned to the national office by the suggested dates (July 23 or December 31), please do so now and attach to one copy of this report which is sent to the national office.

1. What are your dues? \$ 0.00
2. Give the dates of your spring or fall 50th community campaign:
 From March 10 to April 30 (follow-up to 8/12)
3. Give the figure which is 125% of your best drive of the last three years reported:
 \$ 2017.91
4. Please complete the following breakdown for non-member (individual and business) gifts:
 - a) Number of renewals 72
 - b) Number of new contributors ~~67~~ 8
 - c) Number of refusals 67 (incl. 27 new prospects)
 - d) Number of prospects not contacted 0
5. Please list number of gifts and in column d) amount received in each of the following categories:

	a) Number of all gifts	b) Number of non-deductible non-member gifts*	c) Number of deductible non-member gifts	d) Amount of deductible gifts
Under \$25	<u>60</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>45.</u>
\$25 up to \$50**	<u>17</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>100.</u>
\$50 up to \$100	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.</u>
\$100 up to \$500	_____	_____	_____	_____
\$500 up to \$1000	_____	_____	_____	_____
\$1000 up to \$5000	_____	_____	_____	_____
\$5000 or more	_____	_____	_____	_____

* Gifts of individuals, businesses, and foundations.
 ** "Up to" means "not including."

LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT - 1969-70

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

INCOME (estimated 4/1/69 - 3/31/70)

1. Dues @ <u>\$8.00</u> (from <u>143</u> members)	\$ <u>1,144.00</u>	\$ <u>1,144.00</u>
		1. (total from dues)
2. Campaign Contributions from all sources up to 125% of the best drive of previous 3 years		\$ <u>2,017.91</u>
		2. (Campaign contributions)
/Deficit--Publication Sales (\$99.07)		
3. Other Receipts: a) from <u>"Macon Co." \$41.50</u>	\$ <u>(57.57) Net Deficit</u>	
b) from _____	<u>---</u>	
c) from _____	<u>---</u>	
/Member Contributions--not 50th Ann.	<u>67.81</u>	
d) from <u>Dividend--over 125% after our drive complete.</u>	<u>14.76</u>	\$ <u>82.57</u>
		3. (total from Other Receipts)
4. From Reserve:		
a) from Earmarked Reserves: (for KYT _____; for delegates _____; for etc. _____)	a) \$ _____	
b) from Savings* to balance budget-- Trans. from 50th Ann. Acct. to checking acct. to meet expenses--shown as red figure since included in item 2. above.	b) <u>(1,350.00)</u>	\$ <u>(1,350.00)</u>
		4. (total from Reserves)
5. Total Income, including any taken from Reserve		\$ <u>3,244.48</u>
		5. (grand total)

EXPENDITURES (Estimated 4/1/68 - 3/31/70)

6. Local Disbursements	Admin. 827.00 Op. Ex. 170.00 Public. 502.00	\$ <u>1,969.00</u>	
7. State and National Support	Activities 470.00	\$ <u>1,058.20</u>	
8. Total Expenditures 1969-70		\$ <u>3,027.20</u>	
a/ Transferred from 50th Ann. Acct.		\$ <u>1,350.00</u>	8. (grand total)

CASH STATEMENT

9. Total Cash Balance on hand 4/1/69*	\$ <u>1,660.06</u>	
10. Total Estimated Cash Balance on hand 3/31/70* (see back of this page for explanation.)	\$ <u>527.34 (ck. acct.)</u> <u>285.65 (50th Ann. MHS acct.)</u>	
11. How much of Estimated Cash Balance is earmarked?	\$ <u>812.99</u>	

* Do not report 50th Anniversary account money beyond the 125% base to be kept by local Leagues.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT LOCAL LEAGUE TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Dues:

Fill in rate of dues, number of members and total amount received.

2. Contributions:

Consult Finance Chairman's report for the amount of 125% of the best drive of previous 3 years.

3. 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.

4. 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, except special 50th account money in excess of 125% base, plus all money in all checking accounts.

6. Local Disbursements:

Include all expenses except state and national support.

7. 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.

9. Cash Balance 4/1/69:

Include total of cash in all checking and savings accounts, except special 50th account money in excess of 125% base, even though some may be earmarked as in #4 above.

10. Estimated Cash Balance 3/31/70:

You will arrive at this figure by adding 1, 2, 3 and 9 (Cash Balance 4/1/69) then subtracting #8 (Total Expenditures 1969-70).

11. Earmarked Funds:

Put in this space that portion of your estimated Cash Balance which fits description of earmarked funds in item 4 above.

10. Explanation:

Add 1,2,3,9	\$4,904.54
Sub. 8	3,027.20
	<u>1,877.34</u>
Sub. transfer	1,350.00 from 50th Ann. acct.
	\$ 527.34 est. bal. checking acct.
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2. What has your League planned or already done to inform the community of the new position of the LWVUS on Electoral College reform (see January 1970 National Board Report)?

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STATE Illinois

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NATIONAL PROGRAM - HUMAN RESOURCES

- *1. Describe your League's coverage of the Human Resources item in all its aspects during this last year. (committee work, unit and general membership meetings, subjects covered, membership participation, responses to state and national Times for Action, local action) What has been the main focus of your League's Human Resources work this year?

In May, 1969, at an all member meeting, the committee presented a program on income maintenance. Also in May, a Community Housing Survey of the Decatur metropolitan area was compiled and distributed to local league members.

The Times for Action have received some response. In Oct. and Nov., seventy requests were distributed in the community asking for letters to our Congressmen to support full funding and no crippling amendments to the Economic Opportunity Act of 1969.

The local league has a Decatur Public Schools Committee which has supported an integration plan for the elementary schools which was implemented in the fall of 1969.

At present, a study is underway on public housing in the Decatur community with emphasis on an urban renewal area which has the Housing and Urban Development approval, and which has received some federal funds for the planning stage. In addition to an area scheduled for total clearance and rebuilding, there is an area for spot removal, a recreational area, a park-church complex, and a shopping center.

Scheduled for study is a proposed elderly housing program which would be administered by the local public housing authority.

The Committee will report to the local membership in May, 1970.

*Continue on next page if necessary

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2. How many members of your League are serving on non-League state or local committees, boards, or councils related to Human Resources? Please list names of committees, boards or councils, names of members serving and capacities in which they serve. Many of our members belong to a citizens group "Keep Improving Decatur Schools" (KIDS) which supports the integration plan implemented in the elementary schools in Sept. 1969. Mrs. A. Shaar is on the School Board. Mrs. T. Hurst is chairman of a subcommittee (the Workable Program for Community Improvement) of the Citizens Advisory Commission. Serving on the same committee is Mrs. G. Cox. Mrs. M.E. Barber serves on the subcommittee, Neighborhood Public Relations, of the Citizens Advisory Commission. Mrs. E. C. Arnold is a member of the board of the Decatur Association for Racial Equality (DARE). Mrs. M. Cook is on the Education Committee of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. H. E. Dakin is on the Task Force for Racial Reconciliation of the state organization of Lutheran Church Women. Mrs. W. Heilman serves with the "Involvement in Action" group of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. H. Bachrach is on the City Plan Commission. Mrs. R. C. Shade is on the state Advisory Commission on Urban Area Government for the Decatur Metropolitan Area. Mrs. N. Kessler served on the Macon County section of the White House Conference on Youth and is a member of the Regional South-Central Illinois Health Planning Council. Mrs. O. E. Schlachter, Adult Program Director for the YWCA - has been instrumental in setting up an extension located in the public housing. Mrs. Clifford Smith, a YWCA board member has done work in this area.
3. Has your League published materials in the Human Resources area (related to national, state, or local items)? If so, please list, indicating price and availability. None published.

*Continue on next page if necessary

4. Has the Human Resources study brought about reevaluation of any previously established local League positions? Elaborate.

The Human Resources study has recommended a change in one item of the local program. The item for 1969-70 read, "continued study and evaluation of the Decatur Housing Authority." The recommended change for 1970-71 reads "Continued study and evaluation of housing plans and programs for the Decatur area". The purpose of the change is to permit the study of existing and proposed programs besides those of the Decatur Housing Authority.

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The League materials were good and we made much use of them in our re-evaluation of the development aid programs.

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NATIONAL PROGRAM -- WATER RESOURCES

- 1) Did the activity carried on by your League in connection with the Citizens Crusade for Clean Water (i.e. to persuade Congress to appropriate \$1 billion for sewage treatment construction grants in fiscal 1970)
- a) open any new community contacts for your League? Yes _____ No _____
- b) make the community more aware of the League? Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

- 2) Does your local League board or its water resources chairman have any questions about the change in policy on permission for action under the national water item (announced in the September National Board Report)?
- Yes _____ No _____

If the answer is "Yes," please state what it is you would like to know or what is not clear to you.

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NATIONAL PROGRAM - REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT: THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
SELF GOVERNMENT AND REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS

(Please refer to the September 1969 National Board Report about the D.C. Petition Drive for Representation in Congress. A Petition Kit will be sent to every League by national and the Petition form and explanation will appear in the February NATIONAL VOTER. Please read questions on both sides of this sheet before answering any.)

1. What has your League planned or already done to educate your members about the plight of the citizens of the District of Columbia--

-- their need for representation in Congress?

Report to members on Dec. 3, 1969 at meeting concerned with review and recommendations re. national League items

-- their need for self-government?

Same as above - oral report Dec. 3, 1969

2. What has your League planned or already done to educate your community about the plight of the citizens of the District of Columbia--

-- their need for representation in Congress?

No plans, no action

-- their need for self-government?

No plans, no action

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT: THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - SELF GOVERNMENT
AND REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS (Continued)

3. For the D.C. Petition Drive for Representation in Congress, what additional plans has your League already made to gather a large number of signatures (e.g., acquiring petition-gathering sites, arranging cooperation with other organizations, etc.)?

None - but we are thinking about it & will get organized shortly

4. To what use has your League put the August 1969 FACTS AND ISSUES--The Nation's Capital: 'A Nice Place to Visit-But'

Publications chairman ordered extra copies for use of members and attention has been called to this paper several times.

5. What are your distribution plans for the D.C. Petition flyer--Washington, D.C. The Last Colony?

None probably through organizations

(Note: No questions are included in this report on national League apportionment, tax rates, or treaty making items since action on these are most likely to occur at the state level. State Leagues are asked to report, however.)

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VOTERS SERVICE

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Throughout the report, please star those activities of which you are particularly proud - innovative, overcoming special local problems, areas of specific concentration. Please double star the areas in which you need help. Please read all questions before beginning to answer any.

Nonelection

1. Did you do a community survey to determine voting patterns, areas needing League service, etc.? Yes. What did it indicate to you?

no No. Do you plan one for 1970? possibly

2. Did you offer leadership training or courses in political effectiveness or practical politics to your community? General topic/title _____
Registration (indicate number) _____ Number of sessions _____ Type of group reached _____
This is offered by Jr. Chamber of Commerce

3. Did you provide forums (open meetings, speakers bureau, radio series, etc.) for discussion of issues other than those on League Program? yes
Give subject matter, format, and attendance figures if possible.

Community Conversation ----- an all day program on the radio
Various people and groups in the community talk about local subjects of interest. Candidate Meeting - Con.Con. - Speakers bureau, radio interviews, T.V. panel with candidates

4. Did you service new citizens? yes new residents? no
folders on League are distributed through Welcome Wagon

5. Did you promote party precinct participation? We have cooperated with the county clerk

6. Do you have an observers program? yes List governmental meetings (Council, School Board, Planning Commission, etc.) regularly attended.

School Board - School committee covered it

Decatur Housing Authority - Human Resources Committee covered it

(OVER)

Voters Service Annual Report - Local (cont.)

Election

1. What LOCAL elections or referenda do you anticipate in 1970? (Do not include statewide elections.) Attach calendar.

School Board - Second Saturday in April
Storm Sewer Bond referendum - February 24th

2. Did you have registration drives? yes How many? 2 Any new techniques, new problems? (Groups reached Public Housing Area

Hunger Rally - Registration ADC Mothers by having registration booth set up for kindergarden registration

* Estimate of League-registered voters (through deputized League registrars, cooperation with Board of Elections, work with other organizations, etc.)

50

3. Candidates meetings:

Live (indicate how many meetings of each type/attendance total/types of offices):

Debate 1 / 1 / ~~Candidates for delegates to Con Con on T.V.~~

Open meeting one meeting 250 attendance

Candidates Fair Constitutional convention candidates

Radio/TV (indicate format, types of offices, time of program, length).

How many stations in your community? Radio 2 TV 1 (on Con. Con.)

interview, call-in type program, 1:00 p.m., $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. - 1 program on each sta.
T.V. Debate between candidates, 3:00 p.m. Sun., $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.

4. Did you give instruction in technique for, supervise, or do:

a. Elections designed to provide representation for disadvantaged areas such as CAP or Model City? no

b. Voting machine demonstrations? yes

c. Poll watching? yes

5. Services to special groups: Absentee voters? Military? Hospitalized? College community? Disadvantaged? (not mentioned previously)

Publications

1. Indicate number printed, selling price, method of distribution for:

Voter Guides: Free - distributed at Hunger Rally and voter registration drives

Directory of Public Officials: Free - Schools, library, county building every member, contributors

Summary of voter qualifications: distributed free at Candidates meetings and voter registration drives

Pro/con ballot issues: (Foreign language? Simplified version? X)?

Other: Con Con information sheet "The Illinois Constitutional Convention" - 7,000 copies were distributed

2. What other methods did you use to distribute voter information? Booths?

Parade? Newspaper column? X Libraries? X Telephone service?

Other organizations? Businesses? X Political parties? Other schools

Voters Service Annual Report - Local (cont.)

LOCAL LEAGUE Deer Park, Illinois
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General

1. What national publications have been most useful in Voters Service?

Voting is People Power

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2. If not indicated above, what organizations or institutions did you work with and how?

PTA on school board candidates and on con con candidates

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3. List any other Voters Service-related activities or special projects not covered above.

*distributed 3,000 each { School board candidates information sheets
City Council " " "
Constitutional Convention candidates information sheets before primary
- also filled requests for these from other communities in Senatorial District
Are selling "This is Macou County" books to schools & through local book stores
& to individuals
Presented library with copy of "Illinois Voters Handbook" & county clerk*

4. What are your plans for 1970 for new or expanding services in the Year of the Voter?

Increased registration and voter information

*Give subject matter, format, and attendance figures if possible.
Community Conversation - an all day program on the radio
Various people and groups in the community talk about local subjects of interest. Candidates Meeting - Con. Con. - Speakers Bureau, radio interviews, TV panel with candidates
Did you service new citizens? (New residents, new voters)
folders on League are distributed through Welcome Wagon
Did you promote party growth participation? (Have you participated with the community)*

5. How can the state and national Boards help you to implement these plans?

new ideas

*School Board - School committee covered it
Decatur Housing Authority - Human Resources Committee covered it*

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. What effect is the 50th Anniversary Drive having on your public relations efforts? Has it significantly increased media coverage? Did it help to establish new public relations contacts (if so, how)?

The 50th Anniversary was emphasized in coverage of last year's finance drive. It is mentioned, whenever appropriate, in current news releases. I do not think it has significantly increased media coverage.

2. Do you find that a particular segment of local, state and/or national activities or programs elicits superior media coverage? which?

Generally speaking, our local media cover only local activities. Our candidates' questionnaires, primarily because of local candidates and issues, receive excellent newspaper coverage.

Candidates Meetings receive good coverage from all media.

ConCon activities have received good coverage. The State LWV has been mentioned many times by reporters covering the Convention.

3. Is there a significant difference in the type of story covered by newspapers and radio/TV stations? What has the most appeal for: Newspapers? Television? Radio?

The Newspaper gives best coverage to answers to questionnaires. Our radio stations concentrate on question and answer "Hot Line" shows. We promoted our Candidates Meeting for ConCon delegates in that way - League members answered questions about the Convention, and the election.

The TV station presented a panel discussion by the candidates.

There is no significant difference in the type of story covered. Each of the media handle local stories in their own way.

4. Do you prepare special materials for editorial writers? How often was the League mentioned in editorial columns in the past year? (Please enclose clips if possible)

No. (In a conference with the Editor of the Herald and Review, we were informed that the newspaper library contains LWV material.) Never.

5. Does your League sponsor a regular radio or television program or newspaper column? How often does it appear? What kind of materials from the National Office would be helpful?

No. A suggestion for a League question and answer column on ConCon was politely ignored. I don't believe material prepared at the National level would be helpful at this time. Everything must be tied in to a local interest story.

Press releases from National have been passed along to the media (with some slight changes) and have not been used. I feel they serve as valuable background material for the reporters, however, and they are very helpful and worthwhile.

6. Did your League conduct any major public relations programs with other organizations during the past year? If so, please describe.

Community Conversation on WDZ was sponsored by the LWV, and the Decatur Area Council of Churches. The "Conversation" lasts from 6:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. Government officials from all areas of government (Police, State Representatives, Mayor Rupp) talk about their work and answer questions called in by citizens.

A voters Registration drive in a low-income area was sponsored by the LWV and the Responsible Citizens Committee. The County Clerk said it was the first time such a drive had been conducted in a non-election year.

We have most recently cooperated with a Citizens Committee for storm Sewer Improvements. The referendum passed yesterday!

7. What kinds of materials or help do other organizations most often seek from your League -- i.e. speakers, publications, etc.?

Publications such as fact sheets, questionnaires, voters service material.

8. What was your most effective public relations effort of the past year? Describe.

The previous Public Relations chairman made contact with organizations in the black community and worked with them for voter service projects, with gradually increasing success.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. What effect did the 1967 Anniversary Drive have on your public relations efforts? Has it significantly increased media coverage? Did it help to establish new contacts (if so, how)?

9. Did you utilize any new public relations techniques or tool that proved particularly helpful? If so, please describe.

We have been in touch with Public Relations officers at the various manufacturing plants in Decatur and hope to increase distribution of candidate information, fact sheets, etc. through their bulletin boards or plant newspapers.

21. Do you think that a particular segment of local, state and/or national activities or programs attracts superior media coverage? Which?

Generally speaking, our local media cover only local activities, our candidates' questionnaires, primarily because of local candidates and issues, receive excellent newspaper coverage,

candidate meetings receive good coverage from all media,

and our candidates have received good coverage. The State has also been mentioned many times by reporters covering

22. Is there a significant difference in the type of story covered by newspapers and radio/TV stations? What has the most appeal for newspapers? Radio? TV?

The newspaper gives best coverage to answers to questionnaires, and our candidates' questionnaires on question and answer "hot line" items. We presented our Candidates Meeting for Gordon delegates and in this way a large number answered questions about the Convention and the election.

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PUBLICATIONS

1. How does your League promote publications to non-League outlets?

The Decatur League sends notices of some of the available publications to many local individuals and groups (such as news media, libraries, political parties, schools, city officials), as well as to all contributors. Also, when the budget permits, we give away some publications as a public service to contributors or to specific groups or offices. For example, this year copies of the Illinois Voters Handbook were given to the Library and the County Clerk's office, and a local publication entitled Government Officials and Voting Reference was given to all contributors.

2. What National publication did you find easiest to promote?

Local? State? Why?

Because of the emphasis in Illinois this year on Con Con, most of the literature distributed throughout the community dealt with the Constitutional Convention. We distributed approximately 7000 copies of a sheet entitled The Illinois Constitutional Convention, put out by the LWV of Illinois, which was short, concise, and readable by the general public. This fact sheet was easily distributed through local PEA's, as well as through our own members, and the PEA's were willing to help defray the cost, especially because the price per copy was so low.

There was no single national publication which seemed easier than any other to promote, although the "Facts and Issues" publications have always been popular, perhaps because of their relatively low cost and concise information. School Desegregation: North and South, and Development Aid, Images and Realities were chosen by our League to go out on Subscription Service.

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STATE PROGRAM

Study of local government in Illinois

Please report any study and/or action on state Program, one subject to a sheet, in which there has been any activity since April 1969.

A committee of 6 met every two weeks from August 1969 through January 1970 to continue the three year study on local government in Illinois. Three sets of consensus meetings were held in ~~Illinois~~ for the entire membership covering all levels of local government including philosophy of local government.

Letters of support were sent to the state legislators urging passage of a state income tax and raising the level of state aid for public schools. Both bills were passed by the legislature.

Were there materials from the state Board? Yes No
state-wide or area conferences or workshops? Yes No
other state Board services? Yes No

Which were most useful? Comment.

What other kinds of help would you like? Conference and workshops

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STATE PROGRAM

Please report any study and/or action on state Program, one subject to a sheet, in which there has been any activity since April 1969. In September

Decatur Con Con Resources Committee began meeting on a regular basis to study convention issues and for action in the community. Members gave talks to 15 different organizations, helped with Voter Service, and helped present a "Meet the Candidates" meeting before the elections. The committee provided a Con Con speaker for an all-member League meeting on Sept. 3, presented a "Con Con Review" to an all-member League meeting on Oct. 22, and two unit meetings on the Legislative Article and Amending Process for Consensus on Nov. 19. Discussion and consensus on Cumulative Voting, Executive Article, Apportionment and Suffrage were done in a series of open committee meetings during January. Plans are underway for a trip to Springfield to watch the Convention in Action and plans are also being made to ask our local delegate, Elbert Smith, to speak at an all-member League meeting later this Spring. Our 10 committee members, some of whom have worked toward Con Con for 10 or 15 years, have dedicated themselves to the task of completing the job of providing Illinois with a fine new state Constitution.

Were there materials from the state Board? Yes _____ X No _____
state-wide or area conferences or workshops? Yes _____ No _____
other state Board services? Yes _____ No _____

Which were most useful? Comment.

What other kinds of help would you like?

We used the "Issues of the Constitutional Convention" series extensively. We found the regional workshop in Springfield very helpful and the all-day Con Con meeting in Peoria on Oct. 14, inspirational. The personal rapport between the state Con Con Chairman, Mrs. Alice Ihrig, and our League was invaluable. We contacted her by letter or personally several times and found her most helpful. Materials from state such as the blue and white sheet "The Illinois Constitutional Convention" were used extensively and over 7000 copies distributed of the sheet made. The \$2 Con Con kits were very helpful and gave a sense of unity to the committee. Members used the library for additional study material suggested in the bibliography included in the "Issues" series. We were pleased to get the positions sheets back on the consensus items so quickly and will find them helpful in following the convention.

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We helped the State Welfare Committee gather information concerning day care in this area by contacting the local District Administrator of the Department of Children and Family Services, Rudy R. Reed. He supplied the information called for in the questionnaire. *State representatives were contacted in response to "Time For Action" sent from the state.*

Were there materials from the state Board? Yes X No _____
state-wide or area conferences or workshops? Yes _____ No _____ Planned for April.
other state Board services? Yes _____ No _____
Which were most useful? Comment.
What other kinds of help would you like?

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LOCAL PROGRAM

Decatur Public Schools

Please report local Program activities, one subject to a sheet, on which there has been substantial study and/or action. Do not list inactive items. Attach additional sheets if there are not enough forms. Describe in some detail if study or action was innovative; affected special legislative and/or local problems; enlisted community support; reflected a well-planned effort, even if not crowned with immediate success. List publications and attach copy. Note questions on page 29.

Public Schools-

Study this year was directed at learning about the educational program offered in the Decatur schools. The School Program section of the "School Survey Guide" was used as the basis for interviews and written questions to the administrative staff of the district. In order to evaluate the program offered, we sent a questionnaire to other school districts in Illinois of comparable size or community make-up. This questionnaire used some of those from the Guide. A compilation was made from this to help members evaluate Decatur schools.

The school committee regularly sends an observer to Board meeting, which are held twice monthly. We are given a copy of the press packet the board supplies, and attach newspaper clippings about the meeting as well as the observer's notes.

The committee organized an all-member meeting Mar. 4th to hear the Superintendent of Schools speak on the district's problems, programs and future. This was informational.

The committee sent a questionnaire to each of the candidates for the School Board election in April, to be distributed to the public as a voter's service.

Questions for School Board Candidates

1. What has been your previous commitment to improving education, such as through community work?
2. How will you go about getting support for the school district from local business and industry?
3. To what extent should board members try to reflect the attitudes and desires of the community?
4. Do you agree that organizations should deal with the Board through the Superintendent rather than directly with the Board?
5. What are your priorities for using available funds to improve the quality of education in this district?
6. Do you favor a State Board of Education? Why?

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LOCAL PROGRAM

Decatur's Water Resources and Sewer Systems
Please report local Program activities, one subject to a sheet, on which there has been substantial study and/or action. Do not list inactive items. Attach additional sheets if there are not enough forms. Describe in some detail if study or action was innovative; affected special legislative and/or local problems; enlisted community support; reflected a well-planned effort, even if not crowned with immediate success. List publications and attach copy. Note questions on page 29.

Action was taken under a support position under our local Water resources - Support for adequate storm and sanitary sewers.

We were asked to be part of a citizen's committee to help support and promote passage of a \$2,600,000 Storm Sewer Bond Issue Referendum. Our president, Water Resources chairman, and a member of her committee represented League and attended four meetings and helped in the planning of the campaign. We wrote a letter to the editor of our local newspaper, read a statement to the city council, which a tape of was broadcast on radio, and informed our members of our support and why. Brochures were sent to everyone in Decatur who pays a water bill by the citizens committee so was not necessary for us to prepare any fact sheets.

The referendum, February 24th was a success by a two to one margin. This is the first time a referendum has passed that met an increase in the property tax rate in some time!

LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENT - ANNUAL REPORT
April, 1969 - April, 1970

1. What was your best League experience last year? It is difficult to pinpoint my best League experience as most of year was more exciting, challenging, and rewarding than I could have anticipated - much of this due to Con. Con. I gained much from the President's meetings & Structure and Procedure meeting about League as a State and National organization and have tried to pass on my impressions to our board. I feel fortunate to have had an unusually cooperative, conscientious, and congenial board to work with.

2. What was your worst League experience last year? Probably my worst League experience took place one week after I took office - that of having to organize printing & distribution of 3 or 4 thousand each School Board candidates and City Council candidates sheets (information) during a five day Easter vacation period when most of our board members and other usually helpful members were out of town! Our new Voter Service chairman resigned in the middle of this campaign. In fact, refilling this chairmanship as well as several others was very time consuming and frustrating. As stated above, however, we ended up finally with an excellent board.

3. How did you involve your members in League action? This is an area where our League could be much stronger - much emphasis has always been put on Program study but not enough, I think, on action. However the Con Con committee, themselves, spoke before groups, and distributed much information on Con Con and a few members have been involved in distribution of candidates information for various elections. I have written some condensations of Time for Actions and mailed to members as well as including them in our "Voter" urging them ^{to write} to write. Our Human Resources chairman has also done this. I feel that an Action Chairman is a necessity and am glad you are making it an official portfolio although as of this moment I have not found anyone to take this responsibility but will keep trying!
4. Are you planning to consider a change in your local nonpartisan policy?
If so, what change? This past year's board and most League members with whom I have discussed a possibility of change in nonpartisan policy favor liberalizing it and letting board members other than Pres., Voter Service Chairman use their own discretion on this. At present, we do not plan to change our policy unless it's decided Nationally that we may do so. However, some of our chairmen plan to resign temporarily to back positive thinking school board candidates.

5. Did your Board have an Orientation with a State Board member this past year? If so, what were the benefits of that orientation? Yes. It is beneficial and stimulating to a local board to meet and communicate with someone from the state board on a personal basis such as this period! The most important question that we had answered was as to when it is a conflict of interest for a program chairman to be on certain civic committees outside of League. Since orientation with a State board member is scheduled for every other year, I hope to have our communicator come to one of our board meetings early this year.

How could Board Orientation be more meaningful? Have no suggestions.

6. Do you have a local subscription service? yes How many subscribers? 47
 How much does it cost? \$1.50

7. Do you consider your League had a good year? Yes.

Date February 25, 1970 Signed _____

LWV of Decatur