

Saturday, September 18, 1948

League to Broadcast On Voting Procedure

The Macon county League of Women Voters will illustrate the voters' registration procedure and voting methods in a broadcast over radio station WSOY at 9 a. m. today.

Decatur voters frequently pull boners at the polls, just as voters anywhere, the league will point out.

All these points will be discussed during the league's half-hour program which will feature a regular voter, a newcomer to Decatur and a veteran. Participants in the program to be given in the form of a panel discussion will be Mrs. Floyd Birt and Mrs. J. W. McEvoy

Information On Election at League Booth

A booth to distribute information and answer questions concerning the Nov. 2 election will be established in downtown Decatur and operated for three days prior to the election, it was announced last night.

The booth, sponsored by the Macon county League of Women Voters, will be operated Friday and Saturday and Nov. 1, during regular store hours. It will be located on the corner of North Water and East William streets outside the Gebhart-Gushard store. If weather is bad the booth will be moved to an inside location to be announced later.

Information which the booth will have on hand for Macon county voters includes job analysis and background on local candidates, some information on state senatorial and representative candidates, and sample ballots. The Illinois Voters' Handbook will be for sale at the booth.

The project is under the league's government in operations committee which has Mrs. Floyd Birt as

taking action if one of the Big Five disagrees with the others.

The differences between East and West have become increasingly evident in meetings of the Security Council. Russia has used the veto 28 times, France has used it twice, and the United States and Great Britain twice in combination.

IF ANY MEMBER of the Security Council gets into a dispute with another nation, that member does not vote on how to settle the dispute peaceably. If force must be used to settle the argument, the two other members of the Council, must agree.

The Security Council investigates disputes, suggests means to settle them, and if necessary may take provisional measures

The Secretariat of the entire United Nations is composed of the secretary general, Trygve Lie of Norway, who is appointed for five years by the General Assembly, and a large international staff of administrative workers.

One of Mr. Lie's most important duties is to bring to the attention of the Security Council any matter threatening peace and security.

Article 107

In the Charter, under a chapter headed "Transitional Security Arrangements," is an article which was characterized by one international law expert as "the innocent-looking words (which) may contain the dynamite disruptive of the

cisco has not been realized.

However, in the non-political sphere, in that of the Social and Economic Council, progress for the betterment of nations has been made which has had no equal in the history of the world.

Special Agencies

During the three years of its progress the United Nations has developed a network of special agencies, commissions and committees which are functioning effectively as they operate under the guidance and direction of the General Assembly and the Security Council. They work to remove conditions that lead to conflict

that they were influenced to some extent by world respect for the U. N. when they withdrew their troops from Iran.

Twenty-three nations have worked out the most significant tariff agreements ever reached. Each gave up considerable tariff protection of its home market and received in return greater opportunities to export to foreign markets. These 23 countries represent over half of the world's trade.

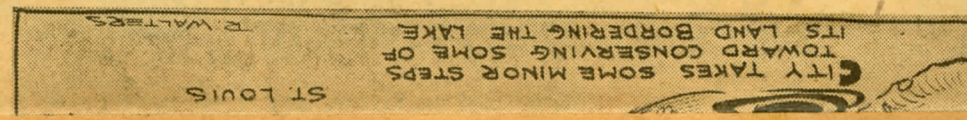
Strengthening The United Nations

The United Nations is composed of sovereign states which have given it only limited powers. The Charter prevents the U. N. intervention in matters within the domestic jurisdiction of the separate states.

be elected. He gave his reasons for saying so. Re-examine those reasons now, in the light of the actual results, and they look pretty sensible. Was Mr. Franklin just "lucky" or is he really a man of infinite resource and sagacity? I wonder if we should have his column more frequently. To the Editor of The Herald and Review: In response to "Anon" of last Sunday's paper, surely they don't have any small children or it would not have been written in the past month my two children visited both their father and their grandfather in the D. M. C. Hospital and I am sure they were quite welcome and did not disturb any other patients. I should hate to think of spending seven weeks in the hospital and not being able to see my children. Why, when a few abuse the privilege should the rest be punished. Surely "Anon" could have shut the door and tacked a "No Visitors" sign on it if they were so disturbing and unwelcome. AN INSULTED MOTHER. Oreana

Fifty Years Ago—1898
An independent Republican group met at Stoner's hall on South Park street last night and voted to work in an effort to defeat Atty. I. R. Mills, the Republican candidate for Congress in the 17th district, at tomorrow's election. A 13-year-old boy was fined \$3 and costs by Justice Provost for jumping on the street cars. Byrd L. Davis has added another new extension top carriage to his livery and board- ing stable outfit. The Travelers Protective association has rented the K. P. hall and will hold its meetings there in the future.

Letters to the Editor
EDITOR'S NOTE: It was inevitable goods. print in this space all the letterman and R. tics received before Election. I with the letters have not been printed. They were unsigned. Letters in on county signature and address and exceed 300 words. To the Editor of The Herald and Review: I wonder if the American what they have done? They have continuation of the same kind the Lincoln decatur and ture Co. of long years. For the strikes, the disposed of a man who is to accomplish something and all of us know he can't. They have asked for the n Germany forging ahead in the



Women Voters Hear Report

The League of Women Voters of Macon county will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the basement of the Decatur public library.

Mrs. John C. Kuhns, president of the local chapter who recently attended the state league's constitu-

tional convention meeting in Chicago, will give a report.

The meeting is open to the public and legislative chairmen of local organizations are particularly invited.

Voters' League Backs School Bond Election

The League of Women Voters of Macon county yesterday took the lead in supporting passage of a bond election to provide construction funds for new public schools.

Mrs. John Kuhns, league president, announced the league's board has approved a committee resolution backing the bond issue and offering cooperation to the board of education in a campaign for victory at the polls.

The resolution came to the board from the league's education committee, under Mrs. E. L. Simmons, after a study of the two measures by which the school board plans to provide building funds.

THE BOARD DECIDED last month the money must be provided either through a bond authorization election or through an increase in the building fund tax rate.

Mrs. Simmons reported to the league board that the spread of costs over a 20-year period by a bond issue is preferable to a steeper and more immediate increase of a higher tax rate.

Plans and costs for needed schools are now under study by the school administration and the school board. The board has not yet set an election date.

Basically, the building program calls for construction of three new schools, one of them providing 16 rooms, and six-room additions on two others.

MRS. KUHNS SAID the league which supported an unsuccessful attempt for building bond authorization in 1947, is "ready and willing" to cooperate in organizing a program of public information.

In 1947, the schools needed \$1,465,000 in bonds to foot the bill for the same building schedule. Revised costs have not been announced, but schoolmen say they will be higher.

The upsurging wartime birth rate already is taxing classroom facilities in the 16 elementary schools, and constantly increasing enrollments are forecast. All the new construction is tabbed for the elementary level.

While the league is nonpartisan, it frequently takes stands on community issues. Mrs. Kuhns said the board vote yesterday was unanimous.

URGING A BOND election last fall was the Exchange club, which has carried on a vigorous campaign in favor of new schools since the 1947 bond election lost by a substantial majority.

The Exchange club was joined last fall by the city council of Parent-Teachers associations.

MRS. RUEDI NAMED

Mrs. Charles Ruedi is the new chairman of the constitutional convention committee for the League of Women Voters of Macon county replacing Miss Christine P'Simer whose teaching duties out-of-town prevent her from continuing as chairman of the committee. 1/49

Groups Study School Building Bond Campaign

Key organizations are beginning to function on the school building bond issue election announced last month by the Decatur board of education.

Yesterday afternoon the board of the League of Women Voters of Macon county voted unanimously to support the bond issue election called to provide funds for new school buildings in Decatur. A date for the election has not been set.

ROBERT GROHNE, chairman of the education committee of the local Exchange club, hoped to report on the school building question before the regular meeting of the club today in the St. Nicholas hotel.

Elementary school principals and school administrators, in a meeting yesterday, after discussing current school population and recent population shifts, decided that building plans for three new buildings and two additions as designed two years ago, were still "basically sound," Supt. of Schools W. R. McIntosh said today.

The city council of the Parent-Teachers association expects to take some action on the building question at its regular meeting Tuesday, according to Mrs. Harry A. Lichtenberger, council president.

The action will probably be to support the Decatur board of education in whatever move it plans to make, Mrs. Lichtenberger said.

YESTERDAY'S RESOLUTION as passed by the League of Women Voters was presented to the league's board by Mrs. E. L. Simmons, chairman of the organization's education committee.

Mrs. Simmons reported to the board that the spread of school building costs over a 20-year period by a bond issue is preferable to a steeper and more immediate increase in the tax rate, an alternative announced by the board of education should the bond issue election fail as it did two years ago.

League President Mrs. John C. Kuhns said that the league is "ready and willing" to cooperate in organizing a program of public information on the issue.

Further plans for the election will probably be made at the regular board of education meeting Tuesday, Mr. McIntosh said.

SCHOOLS GET HANDBOOKS

Twelve copies of the Illinois Voters handbook have been distributed to Decatur's four junior high schools, Decatur high school and St. Teresa high school. The booklets were presented to the schools by the government-in-operation committee of the Macon county League of Women Voters under the chairmanship of Mrs. Floyd Birt. The handbook was compiled by the League of Women Voters of Illinois. 1/49

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Women Voters Have \$400 Goal

Macon county's share of a \$30,500 League of Women voters of Illinois 1949 drive goal is \$400, according to Mrs. Robert A. Wood, finance chairman here.

The third annual drive starts today and ends Nov. 1, she said. The money will be used to support league projects and activities throughout the year.

Drive methods this year will include "direct solicitation of our friends," Mrs. Woods said.

Mrs. Harold E. Waller of Kewanee, vice president of the Illinois league, and Bertha Pabst, finance secretary, will be here today to meet with local finance committee at 2:30 p.m. in the Association of Commerce conference room.

Sunday, February 20, 1949.

DECATUR SUNDAY HERALD AND REVIEW

Interpretation Of Budget Eakin Topic Thursday

An interpretation of the federal budget and what it means to the individual family will be given by Franz Eakin, Decatur authority on economics and finance, in a public meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Thursday night.

In an educational program sponsored by the Macon county League of Women Voters, Mr. Eakin will discuss federal budget expenditures of around 40 billion dollars a year and what it means translated away from large money terms.

As Mr. Eakin described the purpose of his talk last night, he will interpret the national budget to show what affect it has on individual and family living both from the viewpoint of government services and benefits and from the viewpoint of personal taxes collected directly from families and indirectly through business and prices of goods.

A QUESTION PERIOD will follow the talk.

The League of Women Voters has been studying federal finance in recent discussion sessions on the "federal fiscal policy."

Thursday night's public meeting

is being sponsored by the League because it believes the citizen can influence such measures through legislators.

Mr. Eakin, vice president of the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., and director of Economic Accounting, Inc., has an outstanding background for interpreting finance.

HE SERVED as a public accountant and business consultant for 11 years before becoming an official of the Staley company in 1932.

His concrete analyses have included an economic balance sheet for the state of New Hampshire, a bookkeeping picture of Illinois, a balance sheet of the nation's economy and his methods in preparing earnings reports have been employed by the U. S. Steel Corp.

Some of this work has been in collaboration with other writers and economists including Dr. F. G. Dickinson of the University of Illinois.

ARTICLES BY and about Mr. Eakin have appeared in the Illinois Journal of Commerce, Business Week, Readers Digest and other publications.

He has lectured widely on national finance including talks before a New England council of business leaders in Manchester, Vt., the Illinois Manufacturers' Cost association in Chicago and has participated in research and recommendations for the Institute of America.

He has spoken many times be-

fore Decatur civic group personnel committee of the Chamber of the

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Women Voters Plan Campaign On Constitution

Members of the League of Women Voters, pinning hopes for a new Illinois constitution upon current efforts of General Assembly lawmakers, last night met in a "self education" session in preparation for a strenuous campaign, if and when a referendum on constitutional convention is called.

Mrs. John C. Kuhns, league president, told about 30 members and guests meeting in the public library that many parts of the 1870 charter are obsolete and unwieldy.

SHE SAID THE league will make no further public stand on the constitutional need until the call for vote is passed by the 66th Assembly.

Between that time, she said, and the November, 1950, voting on the issue, the league will strenuously campaign for a convention.

Reporting on a state league meeting, Mrs. Kuhns told Decatur members that lawmakers currently are violating their oath of office when they refuse to apportion the state as required by the 1870 constitution.

The charter now, states, she said, that the General Assembly shall apportion the state every 10 years to equalize representation in the Assembly. This has not been done for years.

SHE SAID THE 28th senatorial district, comprised of Macon, Logan and Dewitt counties, has a population of 132,575 persons. District No. 1, in Chicago, has 31,529 in population. No. 25, also in Cook county, has 574,791. The challenge for a new apportionment, she said, is "How fair a vote is this?"

League members went over the 1870 charter piecemeal during their study of the articles and sections they said should be supplemented or strengthened.

Jan 2, 1949

Women Voters Will Discuss "Defense Pacts"

The discussion group of the League of Women Voters of Macon county will have luncheon at 1 p. m. Tuesday in the Decatur Club. The evening group will meet at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in the Decatur public library.

The subject for both meetings will be "Defense Pacts." The North Atlantic pact as based upon the Brussels pact will be discussed and opposing views will be presented. Mrs. Clifford Smith, international relations chairman, will be in charge of both group meetings.

Mrs. Martin Cohen will be assistant leader at the Tuesday luncheon, and Mrs. Erich Stern and Miss Muriel Perry will assist Thursday evening.

'World Government' Discussed

League of Women Voters Hear Peace Plan

"World Government" was the topic of the League of Women Voters discussion meeting last night in the public library.

Mrs. David Wood presented a report on recent trends in the world government movement.

Many thinking people believe that for peace, world government must be tried instead of various treaties and pacts which have proved inadequate in the past, she said.

EIGHTY-FIVE per cent of the American people favor some form of world government, according to a recent Gallup poll. Several countries and 16 states have passed resolutions favoring world government, Mrs. Wood reported.

Groups supporting world government include the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Episcopal church,

Junior Association of Commerce and the Atomic Scientists, she said.

UNITED WORLD Federalists, the largest group working for world government, believes these minimum powers necessary, she said:

"Prohibit the use or threat of force in the settlement of international disputes and provide for peaceful adjustment.

"Control atomic energy and other scientific developments which might easily be diverted to mass destruction.

"Regulate and limit arms and forces of member nations to levels required for internal policing.

"Raise revenue under limited but direct taxing powers independent of national taxation."

Mrs. Clifford Smith reviewed recent developments concerning the North Atlantic Pact. Mrs. Lee Reid reported on recent developments in the United Nations.

March 11, 1949

March 1949 Voters League Plans Meetings On Constitution

The League of Women Voters of Macon county is continuing its campaign to encourage the adoption of a new state constitution.

Mrs. John C. Kuhns, county president of the organization, said the campaign is under the direction of the state group.

She said a series of meetings would be held here to bring about an understanding of the problem.

Mrs. Kuhns also indicated that state officials from this district might be asked to aid in explaining action, now underway in the General Assembly, which is aimed at a new constitution.

A RECENT ISSUE of the Illinois Voter, official magazine of the league, released statements from district officials made when they were seeking office.

Two questions were asked each candidate by the league. They were:

1. "Do you believe that the people of Illinois should have a chance to say whether or not they want to call a constitutional convention?"

2. "Would you favor passage of a resolution by the General Assembly in 1949 calling for a referendum on the question?"

ANSWERS GIVEN:

Sen. Elbert Smith, Decatur, Republican, from 28th district: 1. "Yes." 2. "If a substantial portion of the people desire a referendum such an enabling resolution should be adopted by the General Assembly."

Barrett Rogers, Atlanta, Republican, representative from the 28th district: 1. "Yes." 2. "Yes."

Felix E. Wilson, Decatur, Democrat, representative from the 28th district: "I do." 2. "I would."

Paul H. Ferguson, Democrat, representative from the 28th district: 1. "Yes." 2. "Yes."

Friday, March 25, 1949.

Women Voters To Study Use Of Tax Money

Consulting local officials will be the first step in a study by the League of Women Voters concerning the source and use of local taxes.

The Macon county league voted last night at its annual meeting to study the local tax structure as its project for the coming year. The recommendation was made by Mrs. J. W. McEvoy, chairman of the local project committee.

The annual dinner meeting was held at 6:30 p. m. in the Decatur club.

FOLLOWING consultation with local officials at the outset of the study, a pamphlet will be prepared for distribution to acquaint citizens with the need for providing funds for desired local improvements with the idea that they must be willing to pay for the services they want.

Mrs. John C. Kuhns was re-elected president of the county league for the coming year.

OTHER OFFICERS elected are:

Mrs. G. D. Cox, first vice president,

Mrs. Floyd Birt, second vice president,

Mrs. Lee Reid, third vice president,

Mrs. John Donovan, secretary,
Mrs. Howard Akers, treasurer,
Mrs. J. W. McEvoy, director,
Mrs. Martin Cohen, director.

Mrs. J. K. Flint, was named chairman and Miss Margaret Wood and Miss Muriel Perry members of the nominating committee for 1950.

DELEGATES TO the state league convention were instructed to give priority to these items for the agenda for the coming year:

"A state constitutional convention,

"A comprehensive study of state government,

"Unit school districts and state support to equalize educational opportunity to a foundation level."

Mrs. Floyd Birt reported on a legislative school in Springfield March 15 attended by eight local league members. Guests and speakers at a legislative school dinner meeting included Rep. Paul Ferguson and Sen. Elbert S. Smith of Decatur.

3/27/49

Constitutional Convention Vote Drive Underway

By O. T. BANTON
Of The Herald and Review Staff
Springfield, March 26

A state-wide drive to "let the people vote" on the question of calling a constitutional convention to revise the Illinois Constitution is being put under way this weekend.

Downstate chairman is Walter W. McLaughlin, Decatur, farm management expert, former director of the state Department of Agriculture, and a member of the University of Illinois board of trustees.

The Cook county chairman is Samuel Witwer, chairman of the Chicago Bar association's committee on a constitutional convention.

ON THE STATEWIDE group are business leaders, leaders of women's organizations, educators, publishers, lawyers, clergymen, and agriculturists. Most of these are representatives of statewide organizations.

Another part of the drive will be a series of radio broadcasts, arranged by Mr. Witwer and Mr. McLaughlin as co-chairmen of the "Illinois Committee for a Constitutional Convention." Three broadcast programs, the first in this phase of the drive, are scheduled over Chicago radio stations this Sunday.

The Illinois committee plans a quick and intensive campaign, since the lower house of the Legislature is scheduled to vote April 5 on a joint resolution which would provide for a referendum in the November, 1950, election on the calling of a constitutional convention.

THE RESOLUTION requires a two-thirds vote in both houses of the General Assembly. This means at least 102 votes in the House and 34 in the Senate. The resolution has been reported out of the House executive committee, with recommendation for adoption.

Unless the Legislature votes favorably on the resolution, the people will not have a chance to vote on the issue in a referendum. The

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and Professional Women's Clubs
Illinois Education association
Illinois Municipal league
Chicago Bar association
Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers

National Public Housing congress
Independent Voters of Illinois

A. F. of L. Locals for the Constitutional Convention (Reuben G. Soderstrom, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, has been opposing constitutional revision, but many locals in the A. F. of L. are not in sympathy with his attitude and have recorded themselves as in favor).

C. I. O. State Committee
Illinois Association of Real Estate Boards

Illinois League of Women Voters

FIRST OF THE THREE Sunday broadcasts will be over station WBBM at 11:30 a. m. The speakers will be Floyd E. Thompson, Chicago, former chief justice of the Illinois Supreme court, and Mrs. Maurice Pollock, Evanston, state president of the League of Women Voters.

At 3 p. m., in the regular "Let's Talk It Over" program over station WJJD, Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson will be interviewed by Milburn P. Akers, Chicago Sun-Times columnist and editorial writer, with Lee Schooler, regularly heard with the program, serving as moderator.

The third of the broadcasts will be at 8:05 p. m. over station WIND in its regular "Midwest Forum of the Air" program. The speakers will be Edward Lindsay, editor of The Decatur Herald and Review, and Mr. Witwer, chairman of the Illinois Committee for a Constitutional Convention.

Their subject will be, "Do We Want a Constitutional Convention for Illinois?" Joseph D. Lohman, who appears regularly on the station's forum program, will be moderator.

BOTH THE ADVOCATES of a constitutional convention and opponents have been claiming an edge in the lower house of the Legislature, and the showdown is expected April 5. Both sides agree that the margin is likely to be a narrow one.

Governor Stevenson is leading the forces in favor, and has made two radio appeals to the people. The Governor has put the calling of a convention at the top of the list in his legislative program for the present session of the General Assembly.

Friends of "con con" believe opposition to the proposal has shown signs of softening in the last 10 days.

State Charter Debate Planned, Seek Speakers

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Sponsoring organizations of a local Constitutional Convention debate scheduled for Decatur high school auditorium on April 11 have written to Rep. Reed Cutler and to Samuel Witwer, chairman of the Chicago Bar association, to supply speakers for the debate, Attorney Charles Lippert announced today.

Mr. Witwer has been asked to send a representative from the constitutional convention committee of the Chicago Bar association's speakers' bureau to discuss the affirmative side of the "Con Con" issue.

Representative Cutler has been asked to speak or to supply a speaker for the negative side. Cutler is a leader of the opposition side of the issue in the State Legislature.

The five local groups sponsoring the debate are:

Junior Association of Commerce,
Legislative Committee of the
Association of Commerce,
Macon county League of Women
Voters.

Decatur Library forum,
Decatur Bar association.

Dr. Daniel Gage of Millikin university will serve as moderator at the debate. The program is open to the public.

April 24, 1949

Economic Talk Series Slated

A series of four discussion meetings on economic problems led by Franzy Eakin, vice president of the A. E. Staley Co., will open May 5 at Millikin university under the sponsorship of the Macon County League of Women Voters.

Two questions to be discussed are: what is a fair distribution of economic benefits to families and individuals, and how can we attain that fairness?

The first session, which will be held at 8 p. m. May 5, in room 119 of Millikin university, will study production and distribution of goods in 1947-48.

The second session on May 12 will discuss business, governmental and other institutions, including the family, which contribute to production and distribution of goods.

The May 19 meeting will be on social and economic relationships to discuss varying benefits to individual families.

The fourth session, May 26, will attempt to answer the questions of fair distribution in the light of American democracy and capitalism.

Persons interested in attending the series should notify Mrs. Clifford E. Smith, 1684 West River-view avenue.

The series is open to non-league members, both men and women, but attendance will be limited to about 20 persons to allow easy discussion.

Women Voters League To Discuss I.T.O. 5/4/49.

The regular general meeting of the League of Women Voters will be held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in the public library to discuss the international trade organization, an agency of the United Nations.

Mrs. Julia Bock Miller will attend to take part in the discussion and to answer questions in the light of her personal observations in a recent round-the-world trip.

League Talks Trade Charter

Women Voters Discuss Congressional Bill

Several of the "escape clauses" in the International Trade organization charter were written in at the insistence of the United States, Mrs. John Donovan of the Macon county League of Women Voters said last night.

The trade organization charter, which will soon be up for Congressional approval, was the topic of the league's regular discussion meeting held in the public library last night.

MRS. H. J. PETTEE showed a chart of the United Nations to demonstrate how the trade organization is affiliated with the U. N. through the Economic and Social council. The League of Women Voters supports the U. N. and its specialized agencies, Mrs. John C. Kuhns, local president, explained.

The multilateral trading system, the goal of the trade organization's charter, was explained by Mrs. Floyd Birt.

Mrs. Julia Bock Miller, recently

returned from a round-the-world trip, gave her impressions of what many of the peoples of the world think of Americans.

THERE IS a need for Americans to know more about the geography and the people of the world, and vice versa, she said. There is danger of Americans getting the impression that some countries do not have cultured and clever people, many of them more versed in the art of living than we are. This danger is based on Americans constantly hearing of the need of the masses abroad, she said.

Americans are outstanding in their concern for other people, she said. Foreign people are pre-occupied with their own problems, in some cases simply with where the next tablespoon of rice is coming from.

Questions on the International Trade organization were discussed by Mrs. Martin Cohen. Mrs. G. D. Cox was the discussion leader.

Women Voters Meet on May 18

Mrs. John C. Kuhns, president of the Macon county League of Women Voters, will be one of the county league presidents throughout Illinois honored at a dinner May 18, opening day of a three-day state league convention in Chicago.

Mrs. Floyd Birt and Mrs. John Donovan of the Macon county league will also attend the convention.

Clifton M. Utley, radio commentator, will speak at a luncheon meeting May 19. His subject will be "The Road Ahead—The Future Course of American Foreign Policy."

Edward E. Lindsay, editor of the Herald and Review, will be one of the principal speakers on the closing day, May 20, speaking on "Reaching the Public."

Illinois state senators and representatives will speak during the convention on the theme "Paying for Government." Women representatives of Latin America and Italy will also speak.

Women Voters

Members of the League of Women Voters will meet for a luncheon at 1 p. m. Tuesday in the Decatur Club. Reports of delegates to the state convention held in Chicago last Wednesday through Friday will be given.

Women Voters

Hear Lindsay

Chicago, May 20 (AP)

Edward E. Lindsay, editor of the Decatur Herald and Review, gave the League of Women Voters of Illinois tips today on how to improve their public relations program.

He told the league's 24th annual convention that this could be accomplished by "improving techniques" in distributing news of the group's affairs. Among these, he said, are "getting acquainted with your local newspaper editors and improving the style of presentation of your group's ideas."

"The league can and already has done a great deal in educating people on the vital issues. It is now important to simplify the issues and drive in the ideas."

"The people are amazingly ignorant and uninformed. It is important to the league to select a few things and to dramatize them and to stay doggedly at them."

Franzy Eakin Opens Series

No social system has benefited more than one based on private enterprise, Franzy Eakin, economist and vice president of A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., said last night.

He spoke at Millikin university before a group of 18 persons attending the first in a series of four discussion meetings on economic problems. The series is sponsored by the Macon county League of Women Voters.

Mr. Eakin said he did not believe political and economic systems such as socialism and communism would work in the U. S. to the betterment of society as a whole.

He pointed out that all of the economic benefits of American society today exist because people have worked to make them possible.

"If we all quit working, substantially the entire population would be dead within 18 months," Mr. Eakin said.

"If no business and commercial improvements were made, the nation would be bankrupt within 10 years."

Mr. Eakin said that more consideration should be given to increasing the incomes of families and individuals in the lowest income bracket.

Nearly two million people in the U. S. earned less than \$500 in 1947, he pointed out.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, June 26, 1949.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS had the first meeting of its new board Thursday with luncheon at noon on the porch dining room of Mrs. Floyd Birt, 429 North Summit avenue. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. C. E. Smith, Mrs. Howard Akers, Mrs. J. W. McEvoy, President Mrs.

John Kuhns, Mrs. G. D. Cox, Mrs. R. B. Stauber, Mrs. Ralph E. Lewis, and Mrs. L. A. Reid. Mrs. Martin Cohen and Mrs. Birt are standing. Members of the board not present when this picture was taken are Mrs. Robert Wood, Mrs. William Donovan, and Mrs. Charles Ruedi.

Saturday, August 13, 1949.

Women Voters Seek Margarine Law Repeal

The League of Women Voters is seeking repeal of the 63-year-old federal anti-margarine laws, Mrs. Gerald Cox of the Macon county league announced today.

Mrs. Maurice A. Pollak, state president of the league, has written to Sen. Scott W. Lucas (D.-Ill) expressing the league's hope that the bill passed by the House of Representatives and approved by the Senate Finance committee will be brought before the Senate before Congress adjourns.

The board of the Macon county league recently visited WSOY to hear a transcription of a discussion between league members and senators on the subject of colored margarine, Mrs. Cox said.

Sunday, August 21, 1949.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AUG. 21-28

TODAY

Farewell dinner for E. H. Hallman, 6, Orlando.
Althoff-Page wedding, 2, St. James
Greb-Miller wedding, 2:30, St. Paul's Lutheran.
Hawkins-Wilson wedding, 2:30, Central Christian.
Laws-Noland wedding, 4:30, Hillsboro Presbyterian.

TUESDAY

Service clubs golf tournament, dinner, 1, Scovill.
Voters League special board meeting, 9:30 a. m., Scovill.
Country Club bridge-luncheon.

WEDNESDAY

Golf in all clubs.

THURSDAY

South Side playday and guest stag.
Sunnyside bridge - luncheon, Decatur Club.

FRIDAY

Debonnaire club benefit style show, 2, South Side.

SATURDAY

Decatur Commies vs. Evansville, 7:45 p. m.
South Side women's bridge-party and dinner.
Beck-Mueller wedding, St. Patrick's rectory.

Wednesday, August 24, 1949.

Women Urge Senate Action

Senate action on extension of the reciprocal trade agreements act before adjournment of the 81st Congress was urged yesterday by the League of Women Voters' board of directors.

The board communicated its action in a telegram to Sen. Paul H. Douglas of Illinois. The board approved the move during a meeting with its membership committee at Scovill Gardens.

At the same time, the board and the committee made plans for the league's fall membership meeting. The Little Theater & Guild will join the league in the meeting by presenting a pageant, "One Hundred Years of Growing."

The pageant is a series of scenes showing milestones in the movement which has educated women to assume more responsibility as citizens. It is written by Ione Snod-

grass, Rye, N. Y. journalist and league member.

Mrs. Kenneth Flint is the league's membership chairman. Her committee members are Mrs. Eric Stern, Mrs. C. Albert Altwegg, Christine P'Simer, Mrs. Merle Borden, Mrs. Ivan J. Hutchens, Mrs. W. H. Hipsher, Mrs. William Beall and Mrs. Martin Cohen.

August 29, 1949

Voters Seek Old-Time Gowns

League Plans Pageant Sept. 12 in Kaeuper Hall

The League of Women Voters will give a pageant, "One Hundred Years A'Growing", on Sept. 12 in Kaeuper hall at Millikin Conservatory of Music, at the annual membership meeting, and all women interested in the League will be invited.

The pageant will cover the period from 1848 to 1948, the century in which women changed from purely household duties to community affairs as well.

Members of the Little Theater members will take the parts, and Mrs. Richard Sunkel announces that Miss Norma Young, Mrs. Lysle Sriner, Miss Ann Hinkel, Miss Suzanne Nichols, Mrs. Lyle Marshall, Miss Joan Meisner, Mrs.

William Gallagher, Lysle Sriner and Donald Ferry. Mrs. Sunkel will direct the pageant and serve as narrator.

ANYONE HAVING women's dresses of 1848, 1870 and 1900, and willing to loan them, is asked to telephone Mrs. Lowell O. Gill, who will collect them.

Also needed for the pageant are an old gramophone with a tinny record, an early fashion magazine such as Godey's, and two modern grocery carts such as are used in super markets.

Girls in the cast say that if someone will loan them the wasp-waist dresses, they will take a deep breath and try to get into them.

Thursday, August 25, 1949.

Women Defend Registration

The League of Women Voters is coming to the defense of permanent voters' registration offices.

The League is requesting permission to attend a meeting set for 3 p. m. tomorrow of the Macon county board of supervisors' efficiency and economy committee and representatives of the Farm bureau.

THE WOMEN voters mean to safeguard the registration offices against a suggestion Supervisor Don F. Muirheid of Long Creek township has made to the effect that the county office is not efficiently safeguarding the rights of voters and the possibility that economies could be achieved by amendments in the law, Mrs. Forrest W. Cox, vice president of the league, said.

The league wants to make sure that the office is not abolished, she said.

Mrs. Robert E. Lewis, chairman of the government in action committee, has gathered information to support the continuance of the office.

"**THE LEAGUE** supported the installation of both the city and county registration offices and always has taken a stand in favor of permanent registration," she said.

The organization also would be interested in taking an active part in the county committee's search for economy and efficiency ideas, Mrs. Cox said.

The 60-member group makes a policy of attending meetings on matters affecting voters, she said.

**Little Theater Tickets
For Sept. 12 Ready**

Tickets for the Little Theater production, "100 Years A-Growing," to be given Sept. 12 for the League of Women voters are at the Association of Commerce building and may be picked up by members of the League of Women voters there. These tickets are invitations to join the League of Women voters for the year 1949-50.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, September 11, 1949.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS is having a membership program Monday at 8 p. m. in Kaeuper hall at Millikin conservatory, with a pageant depicting the founding and growth of the league from 1848 to today. All interested are invited. Little Theater Guild members will put on the pageant, using costumes loaned by Mrs. William

Barnes, Sr., Mrs. William Heer, Miss Mary Boyd, Mrs. Horace Garman, and Millikin university, and properties loaned by George Kuhns and Pollard's antique shop. Left to right in this episode of the pageant are Mrs. Lysle F. Srinier, Miss Norma Young, Miss Joan Meisner, Miss Ann Hinkle.
(Herald and Review photo)