

League of Women Voters of Illinois
67 E. Madison Street, Chicago 2

DUE MARCH 1, 1960

NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES
(April 1, 1959 - March 31, 1960)

League LWV of Decatur, Ill
Prepared By Frances H. Doubleday

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4. Opposition to constitutional limitation on tax rates.

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5. Opposition to constitutional changes that would limit the existing powers of the Executive and the Congress over foreign relations.

Which national materials did you find most useful in working on the CR's? Would you like to see more materials on the CR's? If so, what?

The little booklet National Continuing Responsibilities gave clear, brief explanations. The National Voter keeps us informed on legislative action and the statements tell us what our national organization is doing.

Would you like more assistance from your State Board on National CR's? If so, what kind? These CR's were clear enough from above materials.

(use back page for explanation)

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REPORT RESOURCES
LUE MARCH 1, 1960

State Item II - Improvement of Illinois Election Laws and Procedures, with emphasis on the primary, the short ballot, and centralized supervision of elections.

League Decatur
Prepared by E. Dahlmann

Annual Progress Report - please include all work done after April 1, 1959, and work which is to be done to March 31, 1960.
(Please use back of page if necessary so that you can make full comments)

I. We need to know what areas of election laws you covered, and how thoroughly:

A. Did you have workshops? On what phase?

There were 9 in the workshop. We only had 2 meetings when we practiced a Home Talent skit and planned its presentation plus a summary report by each member in the cash.

B. Did you have unit meetings? On what phase?

skit - summarized after word by: Absentee Voting, Election Judges, Primary problems, short ballot. Two party system and knowing candidates, Illiteracy in voting, Proper marking of ballot.

C. Did you have general meetings? On what phase?

With an outside speaker? Who and what qualifications? Good?

League speaker?

Member panel? *- in summaries.*

D. Was membership participation high and discussion good?

Discussion was vivid - but total attendance at 3 unit meetings - small.

E. Was community interest stimulated?

II. What use did you make of:

A. Your local bulletin

To announce progress of State and to specify dates of unit meetings, workshop members.

B. Newspaper?

merely announcement of unit meetings

C. Any special publication put out by your committee? (we'd like to have samples!)

skit - "Polls at the Polls" by E. Dahlmann (copy already mailed to State office)

D. Radio or TV?

III. What areas need attention in your local situation?

Primary stimulus water knowledge of candidates. Training of Election judges.

State Item II - Improvement of Illinois Election Laws
and Procedures, with emphasis on the primary, the short
and long term centralized supervision of elections.

IV. What community resources have you used in your study?

A. County Officials? Who?

B. Election Board?

C. Legislators?

D. Other? Who?

Personal experience of members who served as judges of elections.

V. Have you found state materials useful? Please comment freely. Other materials? What further help do you need from the state committee, so that we can reach a program for action?

Since a workshop previously covered a great deal - we had a skit (written by me and a copy sent to state office in Chicago), which pointed up errors at the polls.

*The state publications of the League came into use in summarized reports, also:
Illinois Election Laws (1955) compiled by Secretary of State, Charles F. Carpenter.
The Legislative Commission on Election Laws, report to Governor, William F. Stratton, in 1957.*

Briefly - Participants edition on Illinois Political Parties, compiled by Institute of Government Public Affairs at University of Illinois for assembly on Illinois Political Parties at Selection House, Monticello, Illinois, 1959.

Note: It should be a voters' service of the League to place proper marking of ballot in each booth at polling places - within eye level of voter - in order to prevent improper markings which result in too many lost votes when these are discarded.

POLLYS AT THE POLL SHOP

a skit

by

Eleanora Dahlmann

presented for

Election Laws and Procedures

by

Thespians of

The League of Women Voters of Decatur

Illinois.

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BALLOT

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POLLYS AT THE POLL SHOP

a satire

based on the errors committed at the polls and pointing up what corrections should be made manifest, plus recommended improvements in Election Laws and Procedures.

Scene - Imagine it to be a Women's Apparel Shop during a "primary" sale.

Cast of Characters

Summation

- Clerk..Poll Heriss..Grace Bridges...who will urge members to observe at the polls.
- Floor Walker..Poll Star..Lillian Stivers.....who will plead for the wisdom in proper training of judges who serve at elections.
- 1st Shopper..Polly Phoney..Eleanor Dahlmann...who will interpret the absentee ballot.
- 2nd Shopper..Poll Taxed..Shirley Landholt.....who will define the two party system and defend positive thinking on the part of the voter in being sure of the selection of candidates for whom to vote.
- 3rd Shopper..Poll Lock..Ella Kuntz.....who will stress the importance of voters being able to read and understand English, and if a voter requires assistance what duties involve the judges.
- 4th Shopper..Poll Line..Milly Protzman.....who will aim to shed light upon the baffling problem of the primaries.
- 5th Shopper..Poll Fault..Meg Cleary.....who will rehash and clarify proper marking of the ballot-if an error is made what to do.
- 6th Shopper.. Poll Light..Helen Leigh.....who will unfold the long ballot to disclose what a short ballot should provide, include and exclude-whether it will be less confusing.

Note: any similarity to a living person is not a coincident.

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ANNUAL REPORT
(April 1, 1959- March 31, 1960)

League Decatur, Illinois
Prepared By Mrs. Clifford E. Smith

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NATIONAL PROGRAM

"Foreign Policy: Evaluation of U.S. foreign policy with continued support of the United Nations system, world trade and economic development, and collective security."

I. Coverage

A. Please list any meetings on the evaluation of U.S. foreign policy since April 1, 1959.

*Attended regional conference at Normal in October.
state conference in Chicago in November.*

B. What meetings did you have on economic aid to underdeveloped areas?
1. For total League membership?

Three unit meetings

2. For the community?
a. cooperation with other groups?

Participated in planning for a forum on World Responsibility sponsored by Decatur Church Council.

b. community-wide League meetings?

c. supplying programs and/or materials for other groups?

Supplied World Economic Development for use of one discussion chairman at forum mentioned above.

d. other?

C. Resource Committees

1. Does your Resource Committee function year-round?

No

2. How many meetings has it had this year?

Three. Circumstances caused us to have fewer meetings this year than usual.

D. How many times have you used radio, television, press to promote the foreign policy item?

Two members of committee presented a radio program last May on (over) economic aid for developing countries.

Foreign Policy Report (Cont.)

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E. How many times have you responded to "Time for Action" requests?

As many times as requested, I believe.

II. Materials supplied by National Board

A. "World Economic Development: Our Part in the Common Effort"

1. How did you use this pamphlet for members?

Made a copy of "FY 1960 Appropriation" chart on a large poster for use at unit meetings; also had mimeographed sheets of the material on page 28 "U.S. Participation in World

2. How did you use it in Resource Committees? *Economic Development:*

Each member of the committee (ten women) had a copy for study.

3. How did you use it or how are you planning to use it in the community?

Copies were given to each of the following: Millikin University Library, The Public Library, the Herald & Review Library (Newspaper) and a High School Social-Science teacher.

B. Plan for action on aid.

The Leaders Guide, Part 3, sent last year and Memorandum, October 21, 1959, suggest campaigns for action.

Which parts of these have you used?

I have just mentioned on page one of this report two ways action has been carried out.

Which parts do you plan to use?

C. "Foreign Policy Round-Ups"

1. Which of these, or parts of, have you used?

We have used all of them in Resource Committee study.

2. How did you use the supplement to September 1959 "Round-Up" called "Facts about Programs for World Economic Development"?

We bought copies for each member of the Committee and went over them in workshop sessions.

D. United Nations

1. How did you use "Pocket Reference on the U.N."?

We did not give it special promotion this year.

Foreign Policy Report (Cont.)

2. How did you use "The United Nations: An Appraisal"?

Encouraged members to buy copies for personal use or gifts.

E. "With Continued Support"
How did you use with members?

How did you use in Resource Committee?

As a part of background material for study.

F. National Voter Articles
1. Which of these were most useful
For members?

All are helpful - no special choice.

For committee?

III. Consensus within the foreign policy item

A. Have you sent any information or observation on consensus?

Yes - submitted in November, I believe.

B. If you have not, have you any to supply now?

(The State Committee would welcome copies of any statements on consensus)

State Item III
To Work for a Constitutional Convention
April 1, 1959 - March 31, 1960

League Decatur
Prepared By Irene Mills

1. Please describe the work your league has done on State Item III since it was adopted in 1959. *We have a shortage of members who are willing to be a part of a workshop. We expect to increase in size but to date the committee workshop members are a new group in League - lawyers wives - this is their first experience. They are interested. They want to inform themselves - Reading material has been distributed. Formal workshops begin this week.*

2. How large is your committee? How many committee meetings have you had? one
6 to 10 -
4 meetings in March
1 in April } are planned.

What other meetings have you had or do you plan before March 31?

Workshop 4 Unit 3 General none this year.

Did you have any outside speakers? (Please name)

After it has been presented to the membership at Units and the members informed - the effective use of an outside speaker will be feasible -

3. Has your coverage been thorough good fair .

We have just made a beginning We hope it will be thorough

4. What percentage of your membership has participated in some way on this item by presence at meetings or by study?

8% - will - this year

5. Have you taken any information on this item to the community?

By speakers Radio Newspaper TV .

We expect to -

6. Have you found much interest in this item in individuals or groups outside the League in your community?

I will speak at AAUW - at a program devoted to League - Water - Election laws - and Con Con - 10 minutes each - Discussing it at dinner parties etc. yes - individuals are -

7. Have you been successful in locating material prepared in past years on various aspects of constitutional reform?

Yes - Our library has obtained a copy of Garvey -

8. What kind of additional help would you like from the State League?

A list of speakers with information as to availability - fees? etc.

9. Do you have a response from your own membership which would lead you to comment on the future of this item - do we have the steadiness of purpose and the enthusiasm which will be required for the long haul?

There are several persons interested, who for personal reasons have not been able to attend but expect to join us for the long haul -
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STATE ITEM I "Study and Support of measures to provide an equitable and flexible tax structure for Illinois" (April 1, 1959- March 31, 1960)

League Decatur, Ill.

Prepared By Mrs. Janet Hilcox

1. Please describe the work your league has done on State Item I since it was adopted in 1959.

We have reviewed workshop 1, 2, & 3, & studied the Introduction to taxes with the purpose of acquainting the workshop with the theme.

2. How many meetings have you had: Committee 1 Workshop 4 Unit 1 General 2 more in March

Did you have any outside speakers? (Please name) We will have at Unit Meeting

Did you use the tape recording? no

3. Has your coverage been: intensive thorough good fair ?

4. What percentage of your membership has participated in some way on this item by presence at meetings or by study? 10%
How many are on your committee? 10

5. Did you work with other groups in your community? (Which?) Literary Revenue Club
shop.

6. To which aspects of state revenue have you given most time and thought?

Review

7. Do you feel that your study has enabled you to analyse the problems clearly?

Not yet

8. Which materials and state programs have you found most useful?

Introduction to the Study of Taxes in Illinois

9. What kind of additional help would you have liked from the State league?

Organization out lines for a workshop, ~~and~~ particularly for a new member.

10. Do you think this item is one in which the League can be effective?

Yes, by educating as many people as possible

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STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES
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League Decatur
Prepared By Mrs. Hilmer C. Landholt

1. Has your league had a meeting on State Continuing Responsibilities? Yes No

If so, was it General _____ Unit Other _____

List CRs covered and give details: *We read the CRs that remained the same. Discussed the changes; CR 2, and CR 5. Reminded all members of their responsibility to watch these items during the year.*

2. If you had no scheduled meetings on State CRs, did you present them in other ways; such as through your bulletin; short presentations at general or unit meetings?
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yes, by combining it with a Unit meeting.

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yes, especially for helping new members

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5. Was the questionnaire sent you in advance of the Presidents' Council, Dec. 1958, and the subsequent discussion at the Council meeting, helpful to you in your work on State CRs?

6. What additional help would you have liked from the State League?

7. Do you feel CRs are a helpful tool for orientation of new members?

yes, very definitely. It is a quick summary of our past workshops.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
(April 1, 1959 - March 31, 1960)

League Decoratur

Prepared By M. Jane Huby

1. What is the most recent estimate of the population of your community?

2. What is your total membership? 112

How many, if any, are associate members? None

How many attended no meetings this year?

3. How many new members since April 1, 1959? 22

What is the number not renewing membership in this period? 15

How many of these were members only one year?

4. What have you found to be the best method of attracting new members.

Coffee & direct contact; i.e. bringing them to unit meetings

How do you orient them?

5. Do you have units? Yes

If so, how many? 3

Do they meet monthly, or semi-monthly? Monthly

6. How often do you have general meetings? 3 or 4 year

7. Are both these types of meetings for discussion of League program? Yes

In what respect do you feel that units have helped your League most?

↑ interest of discussion each month prompts members to bring guests; particularly true of Bring the Children unit.

Please attach to this sheet any examples of or more lengthy explanations of the above answers.

PUBLICATIONS REPORT
(April 1, 1959 - March 31, 1960)

League Decatur

Prepared By Dorothy Booth, pub. chair.

League Publications for League Members:

- Total number of publications sold: 50 (approx. with 10)
Given away: 195 (accurate with 3-0)
- How do your BOARD MEMBERS get National Publications? Publication Service X
Subscription Service 1
Individual orders _____
- Does your League have a Local Subscription Service? no
Price of Subscription service _____
How many subscription services sold? _____
List publications included in your subscription service this year. _____

Does your League expect to continue a local subscription service next year? _____

If not, explain why _____

- In what ways do you tell your League members about publications?
Make a review at Board meetings X (sometimes)
Make a review at General meetings No review - most times a display however.
Make a review at unit meetings X (sometimes)
Put review in your League Bulletin X (regularly)

League Publications for your Community:

- Do you review League publications in your local newspaper?
no
- Is there a shelf or display of League materials in your public library?
There is not a specific shelf in our library for League pub. but we do regularly donate materials. They always have current pub. lists for both ^(over) nra. and state publications.

Publications Report (Cont.)

3. Do your schools know about League publications? Yes, I am sure they do. We have given many copies to both Jr. and Sr. High Schools.

4. Other ways?

General Comments about Publications

1. List League publications you consider most useful:

National: _____

State: _____

We use a wide variety of available publications. I could not list one or two in particular - other than possibly the Handbook.

2. What suggestions have you for new state publications?

3. What comments have you about state publications put out this year?

4. What recommendations do you have for your League's next publications chairman?

Personally, I feel I have not pushed pub. at Unit meetings either enough or effectively. I always mention to, but this was not easy for me.

5. How can the State Board be more helpful to the local publications chairmen?

6. Be frank. Additional comments and suggestions.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
(April 1, 1959 - March 31, 1960)

League Decatur, Ill.
Prepared By Mrs. C. E. Barnes

I. Organization of your Public Relations Program

A. Do you have a Public Relations Chairman? *yes*

B. Do you have a Public Relations Committee? *no*

What responsibilities does your committee have?

What are the specific jobs of its members?

*Newspaper TV Programs
Radio*

C. Does your League budget a specified sum for Public Relations?

no

II. Resource Materials

A. Do you have a file of League publications for use by your committee? *yes*

B. Do you receive a copy of the President's mailing from National? *yes*

C. Do your local Board members and resource chairmen supply you with materials? *yes*

III. Your local Public Relations program

A. Newspaper publicity

Newspapers: Decatur Herald Daily () Weekly ()

Review Daily () Weekly ()

About how often do you submit stories to your local paper (s)? *Frequently*

What types of stories are you writing (news, features, column, etc.)?

News & Announcements

Have you used any pictures? Letters to the Editor?

yes

yes

B. Radio and TV

Do you have a regular radio or TV program?

not regular

If so, on what station and at what time?

Public Relations Report

What types of programs are you doing?

Have you used spot announcements?

C. Tapes - Has your League used any of the tapes put out by the National or State Offices in the last year? If so, which ones and how were they used? Have you made any tapes of your own?

D. What other PR tools did you use? Describe briefly

Speakers Bureau (do you contact others or wait for requests?)

Exhibits, posters, displays

Special letters or flyers to members or community

Calling lists or card file for personal contacts (other organizations, etc.)

Awards and prizes

Publications

Others

IV. Evaluation of your program

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

B. What do you think was the weakest feature?

V. State Services

A. Are you sending clippings regularly to the State Office?

at times

Do you keep a local scrapbook?

yes

B. In what ways could the state Public Relations Committee be of help?

C. Have you found the issues of "GUIDELINES" helpful? Any suggestions?

yes.

D. What type of state meetings for local PR chairmen would you suggest for the future?

ones in the past have been of great help.

Mrs. L. Colver

Public Relations Report

B. What do you think was the weakest feature?

559 So. Taylor

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VOTERS SERVICE REPORT
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League Decatur
Prepared By Irene Miller

1. What part of your VS program do you consider was most effective in reaching your community?

Candidates meeting

Your membership?

108

2. Has your VS program included basic information on local, state, and national government?

Local

Political parties?

Association of Commerce asked for information on political parties, posters etc. for their political action study.

How was this presented to your members?

How was this presented to your community?

3. Was your VS work influential in your League having:

Greater interest in issues and candidates at elections?

yes

Increased prestige in the community?

yes

Increased membership?

Some members came from this

Successful finance drives?

yes

4. How do you feel the League in general could be more effective in its Voters Service work?

5. Were your newspapers cooperative?

yes

6. What was your experience with TV and radio?

7. Do you have candidates' meetings?

yes

If you do not have them, why?

8. Do you publish and distribute information on candidates and issues at the time of elections? How is this done?

We have an extensive program printed for our candidates meeting. Remaining copies are taken to the public library and other places of information for distribution.

9. What is your League doing with the Defense Project? How many requests have you had from service personnel?

1

10. Which VS materials, state and national, were most useful and why?

What suggestions do you have for improved services from both state and national?

We have an extensive bibliography for our candidates meeting program. We would like to see State consider adopting parts of it.

11. Has business and industry in your area used VS material in quantity? If so, list the names and types of industry, specify if they are national concerns, and explain how the material was financed?

We are cooperating with the chamber of commerce members in their "practical politics course". They have purchased all our extra Illinois Voters Handbook.

12. Please describe any unusual or outstanding services to voters offered by your local league. Why do you think they were successful?

13. What important problems have you encountered in your VS activities?

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LOCAL AGENDA

April 1, 1959 - March 31, 1960
(Please anticipate work not
accomplished by March 1, 1960)

League Decatur, Illinois

Prepared by Mrs. Lloyd D. Ater

1. What was the local agenda for 1959-1960?

Urban Renewal

2. What method or methods were used to carry the program out?

Held workshops regularly; had City Planner and Housing Authority speak at Unit Meetings to arouse interest; took a "go see" tour of city to observe blighted areas; attended City Council meetings when Urban Renewal was on agenda.

3. Describe outstanding local league activity on local program items. (Use back of page, if necessary)

This, I believe, was our "go see" tour. For several weeks, we had been studying about blight and how undesirable such a situation is. However, until we observed this condition first-hand, we could not truly appreciate our Planning Department's, City Manager's, and City Council's efforts to combat blight in Decatur.

4. Did your local agenda develop good public relations?

Excellent.

5. Did you have observers attending local government bodies?

Yes --- City Council meetings.

6. What techniques did you use for reporting to your membership information obtained from these observers?

Unit meetings.

7. List your local CR's, if any.

Continue studying and assist our City Planner in any way possible.

8. What were your most valuable sources of information on local agenda? (Specify names of pamphlets and titles of people.)

**ABC's of Urban Renewal - published by Sears, Roebuck & Company
All literature from the Housing & Home Finance Administration, Washington, D.C.
A Program of Action for Decatur, Illinois - published by Decatur Association of
Commerce**

City Planner - Mr. C. Ferd and his assistant, Mr. John Schafgen, answered many questions and loaned us visual aids for use in reporting at Unit Meetings.

9. Please attach a summary of your study for state files. If not completed, when will it be finished?

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TREASURER'S REPORT
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League Decatur
Prepared By S. H. Cohn
Treas.

It is necessary that we have figures for a 12-month period in our report to the national office. Therefore, please estimate your receipts and disbursements for the balance of the fiscal year, and fill out and return the form below by March 1, 1960.

Report for the 1959-1960 fiscal year

Receipts

Dues	\$ <u>560.00</u>
Member Contributions	<u>189.50</u>
Non-Members' Contributions	<u>915.50</u>
All other receipts	<u> </u>

Disbursements

Local disbursements*	\$ <u>879.34</u>
State and national services	<u>675.00</u>

*This includes all expenditures made by your League during the year except your pledge to the state League for state and national work.

Cash Statement

Balance on hand at beginning of year April 1, 1959	\$ <u>639.86</u>
Balance on hand at close of year March 31, 1960	\$ <u>751.52</u>

P.S. You will be sent a form for reporting your actual income and expenditures after the close of your fiscal year.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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League Decatur
Prepared by Irene Colvis (Mrs. L.)

1. Do you have difficulty in securing membership participation in League responsibilities? Give a brief description of techniques used to remedy this.

The usual methods of getting committees (10 members and swell them up)

2. Does your board share responsibility of overall league planning?

yes willingly

3. Have you developed a method of delegating board responsibility which helps you in covering all league work? Attach chart or describe briefly.

There is a chairman for each item, for programs and units, membership, finance, bulletin, publicity etc.

4. In what area or areas do you think your League has improved this year (e.g. membership participation in program coverage, program selection, consensus reaching, public relations, Voters Service, more active resource committees, year-round resource committees, distribution of publications among members or among community.)

Participation of new and younger membership in work shops and programs.

5. Are there one or two important areas in which you would like your League to improve? Why? Are these areas that the state and/or national Boards can help you with? How?

Voters Service needs constant attention. I believe it is our own problem. I believe it is our responsibility to see that, at least, every League member's vote counts.

6. What are the major recurring problems in your league?

Shortage of woman power.

7. Have you any suggestions for basic changes in national or state policies or procedures which would increase the effectiveness of the League or improve the service from national or state Boards? If so, please describe, giving reasons for suggestions and possible solutions or methods for improvements.

8. What has been your proudest achievement?

for a job.

When someone volunteers

9. Does your League have a local bulletin? yes How frequently published? monthly

except for July, Aug & Dec

10. Date of your 1960 Annual Meeting March 28

11. What could state or national have done to make your job easier or more satisfying during the past year?

I would suggest that State office revise their bibliography for candidates to be more inclusive. We have a model we would like considered

12. Have you any suggestions how the state organization committee might be developed to serve you better?

13. Did you find the regional meetings helpful? What areas would you like to have discussed at future regional meetings?

The regional meetings were helpful because more of our members could attend but I did not find them as stimulating as state meeting

14. Have you any comment on State Council meetings and on how they could be made more useful?

15. Has your role as League president been a satisfying one?

Yes. Especially when I try to measure success by value instead of by amounts.